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Chapter T Cleans Up At State Rally! Spring Fling 2014 Cartoon Town

Hi All

Wow!!! What a weekend we had at Spring Fling 2014. The weather was beautiful and the rides were grand. It was windy each afternoon, fairly strong at times, warm and gorgeous. It actually tried to make a kite out of "Taj Matall," but we were lucky and it was not damaged. No, I had not staked it. But I *was* reaching into the trailer to get them when it took off, does that count?

Well enough bad news let's get to the good stuff... Chapter T really did clean up this year. Here are the winners and categories and subsequent story line.

Chapter T won for the following categories:



BEST CAMP DECORATIONS... CHAPTER "T"

We had several helium balloons and a Mickey and Minnie Mouse helium balloons about 50" tall. Well, Mickey got-over heated and blew out his arm pit, and Minnie seeing this, "LOST HER HEAD." Well, actually a big gust of wind separated it from her body and even though Jenny tried valiantly to catch it, another gust made that impossible. We had no choice but to have Dr. Baloonenstein come over and do head transplant surgery. It was successful...and everyone got a kick out of our cross dressing Mc-Minnie Mouse!

LARGEST CHAPTER IN ATTENDANCE CHAPTER "T"

There were 11 members and 4 Guests. This was a tie with Chapter V, so the tie was broken by percentage of roster: Skip & Teri T, Skip & Sue P. Al Mazon and Gloria, Joe & Jenny Francis, Stu & Brendon Stewart and Lou Ramirez, Ed & Clare Drummond, Jim & Kathy Aldridge.

BIKE SHOW WINNERS

BEST OF SHOW 2 WHEEL... STU STEWART
BEST IN CLASS OVER 1100CC... STU STEWART
BEST IN CLASS GL1500 STOCK/CUSTOM/PINSTRIPING.... SKIP TRAUTMAN



GENERAL PLAQUES AND AWARDS

OLDEST FEMALE RIDER... TERI TRAUTMAN
YOUNGEST FEMALE RIDER... TERI TRAUTMAN
FURTHEST (traveled) FEMALE RIDER... TERI TRAUTMAN
(Obviously she was the only female rider. And she won a quilt in the raffle.)



TOMAHAWK THROWING.... FIRST PLACE.... SKIP TRAUTMAN



CHAPTER DIRECTORS GAMES

TP & PLUNGER GAME... SKIP AND TERI TRAUTMAN
SPRING FLING SPIRIT AWARD... SKIP & TERI TRAUTMAN
\$100 EARLY REGISTRATION DRAWING... SKIP TRAUTMAN



And the one we are most proud of:
Mr. & Mrs. GWTA for 2014-15
SKIP & TERI TRAUTMAN



This came as a total surprise, just like I suppose it should. The selection is decided by the 3 previous years' winners. You attend these rallies for fun, friendship and rides and never really think anyone is watching, well guess what. Teri and I are very honored with this award and will do our best to live up to what it stands for. We cannot tell you how much we enjoy all of your company and the new-found friendships we have in the GWTA community. We are pleased to have been accepted as openly and lovingly as we have been. Thank you very much for this honor.

And last but not least, I have been asked to be the new state webmaster. We will be rolling out a new State Web Site later this year. So I am also STATE STAFF now, as if I don't have enough to do. I am sure Dave will be a great leader (can't hurt, and yes I know he gets a copy) and will keep me busy with doing, redoing, updating, un-updating, fixing, changing and other assorted tasks as required. And as state staff I will get to help cook for all of you too!

We were also treated to a very enjoyable evening of Karaoke by our very own Stu Stewart, there were many participants and I believe everyone had a good time. Thank you, Stu, for your time.

Because it was Memorial Day weekend Sue P. "read" the words to TAPS. It was very moving to see all the Vets at attention while she read and saluting when she was done. Thank you, Sue, we could hear the tremble in your voice. You honored every lost warrior, Veteran and word. THANK YOU.

Sue, Jenny, Joe, Skip P., Ed and Teri all participated in Karaoke as did many others. If I have forgotten something or someone, I apologize. It was a very busy weekend.

Hope to see at least some of you at the "Redwood Run" coming up June 9-13. Teri and I will be leaving after the meeting this morning to make sure all is ready to go when the rest arrive on Monday morning. WOOD!!!! WE NEED MORE WOOD!!!! Sorry Ed, I got carried away after hearing you sing "BIGGER T FIRE!" at karaoke.

Important Dates to Remember (See Coming Events, page 4)

Redwood Run 6/9-13/2014
Father's Day campout 6/19-21/2014
Dinner meeting 6/22/2014
Fireworks booth set up 6/28/2014
Fireworks booth operations 7/1-4/2014
Fireworks & pot luck dinner 7/5/2014 5-9 PM, or come early if you like.
Breakfast meeting 7/5/2014
Well I am bushed!!!

TTFN



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Celebrate!

June Birthdays

02 John Lopez
 11 Dale Wilkerson
 26 Teri Trautman
 30 Jenny Francis

June Anniversaries

05 Adrien & Jenny Genesoto
 20 Joe & Jenny Francis



July Birthdays

08 Toni Chigas
 12 Traci Ames
 27 Jan Ageson

July Anniversaries

10 Sam & Merci Uriarte
 12 Mac & Adrienne McWhorter

Anyone else have a birthday or anniversary in June or July?
 If we miss or don't have your birthday and anniversary dates, please let the editor know.

Coming Events

- June 3+4,16+17+18,24+25 Candy sales Sam's club
- June 9 – 13 Chapter T Redwood Run, camping at Klamath RV Park
- June 14 Dinner ride TBD
- June 20 – 21 Father's Day Campout, Sycamore Campground
- June 22 Chapter T Business-Dinner Meeting
- June 28 Set up Chapter T Fireworks Booth
- July 1 – 4 Fireworks Operations
- July 5 Chapter Fireworks & Potluck dinner
- July 5 Chapter T Breakfast Meeting
- July 19 T Dinner Ride
- July 21-24 Gold Rush at Boyne Falls, MI
- Aug 2 Chapter T Breakfast Meeting
- Aug 8-10 Chapter S Campout by the Lake
- Sep 12-14 T Chapter Appreciation Weekend
- Sep 26-28 Fall Fiesta (Includes State Staff Meeting)

Watch for more events to be announced.

Membership Expiration Dates 2014

Sam & Merci Uriarte	09-30-2014
Ed & Clara Drummond	10-24-2014

Drunken Englishman in France

A French policeman stops an Englishman's car and asks the gentleman if he has been drinking.

With great difficulty, the Englishman admits that he has been drinking all day, that his daughter got married in the morning to a French man, and that he drank champagne and a few bottles of wine at the reception and a quite few glasses of single malt thereafter.

Quite upset, the policeman proceeds to alcotest (breath test) him and asks the Englishman if he knows under French Law why he is going to be arrested.

The Englishman answers with humor: "No sir, I do not! But while we're asking questions, do you know that this is a British car and my wife is driving ... on the other side?"

Making the Bike Fit the Rider *From Back to Basics* by Jerry Paladino



Unlike most automobiles, which have endless adjustments to the seat and steering wheel, and in some cases even the brake and gas pedals, the ability of a motorcycle to fit the rider is limited. If a person is small of stature or even extremely tall, finding a comfortable riding position can be a problem. Sometimes though, a few small adjustments can be made that will greatly improve your riding comfort.

Let's start with the clutch and front brake lever. Even if your bike is not equipped with adjustable levers which bring them closer to, or farther away from the handle bars, the angle of the lever always can be adjusted. I've seen a lot of bikes with the clutch and brake levers turned almost under the bar, which places your wrists at an uncomfortable angle and also makes it much harder to safely manipulate them. It's an easy adjustment, usually 2 Allen screws to adjust the levers up or down. Try it sometime and I'm sure you'll find a comfortable position. If, as in the case with many women, the levers are too far away from you for a comfortable grip, smaller after-market levers are available for a nominal price. If you're having a problem reaching the handle bars without leaning forward, try adjusting their position up or down. If that doesn't work, after-market bars with more pull back or pull back risers are readily available for almost all cruisers.

Let's talk about lowering the bike now. A lot of riders feel more comfortable with their feet flat on the ground. If they can't touch easily, the first thing some people do is lower the shocks. What a lot of people don't realize is that this can and will cause other problems especially if you lower the bike more than one inch. All cruisers are designed to have that long low look and to achieve that look, compromises must be made. Think about it – manufacturers have scores of engineers working on the suspension and seat height, and the bike turns out the way it does because compromises can come up when ground clearance, ride, and comfort are considered.

The easiest and safest way to get your feet closer to the ground is to lower the seat. If you want to use the stock seat, take it to a professional upholsterer. Once the seat cover is removed, it's easy to cut foam from the top and sides of the seat. Cut a little at a time and keep trying the seat until it feels right. On my wife's bike, we were able to lower her stock seat 3 inches with ease. You can also purchase an after-market seat which will bring you considerably lower to the ground. Corbin comes to mind when lowering seat height, as almost all of their seats are lower than stock seats.

As a last resort, you can buy lower shocks and fork springs, but keep in mind that lowering any more than one inch will severely limit your lean angle and will cause hard parts to touch down and possibly lever a wheel off the ground when you least expect it. I've seen people lower their bikes so much that they can barely lean the bike even slightly. While this may be fine for a show bike that spends most of its time on a trailer, if you plan on **actually riding** your bike, use a little common sense. Always contact the manufacturer and ask just what a certain shock absorber will actually lower the bike. If your stock shocks are 12", an after-market 11" shock doesn't mean your bike will only be lowered one inch. Make sure you talk to the professionals and ask the right questions. Ride safe and be comfortable while you ride.





Just for Fun



WOMEN ARE UNIQUE ...

Husband's (cell phone) Text Message:

Honey, a car hit me while I was out of the office. Paula brought me to the hospital.

They've been running tests and X-rays. The blow to my head was very strong, but fortunately it seems that it did not cause any serious head injury. However I have three broken ribs, a compound fracture in the left leg, and they may have to amputate my right foot.

Wife's Response:

Who's Paula?



COCKROACH

A man was sitting at home one evening, when the doorbell rang. When he answered the door, a 6-foot tall cockroach was standing there. The cockroach immediately punched him between the eyes and scampered off.

The next evening, the man was sitting at home when the doorbell rang again. When he answered the door, the cockroach was there again. This time, it punched him, kicked him, and karate-chopped him before running away.

The third evening, the man was sitting at home, when he answered the door the cockroach was there yet again. It leapt at him and stabbed him several times before running off. The gravely injured man managed to crawl to the telephone and summon an ambulance. He was rushed to intensive care, where they saved his life.

The next morning while doing his rounds, the doctor asked the man what happened. The man explained about the 6-foot cockroach's attacks, culminating in the near-fatal stabbing.

The doctor thought for a moment and said, "Yes, there *is* a nasty bug going around."

Polish Moose Hunt

Two Polish hunters named Stosh and Thad hired a pilot to fly them into the Canadian wilderness, where they managed to bag two big bull moose.

As they were loading the plane to return, the pilot said the plane could take only the hunters, their gear, and one moose.

The hunters objected, saying, "Last year we shot two, and the pilot let us take them both, and he had exactly the same airplane as yours."

The pilot, not wanting to be outdone by another bush pilot, reluctantly gave in and everything was loaded.

However, even under full power, the little plane couldn't handle the load, and went down, crashing in the wooded wilderness.

Somehow, surrounded by the moose, clothing, and sleeping bags, Stosh and Thad survived the crash. After climbing out of the wreckage, Thad asked Stosh, "Any idea where we are?"

Stosh replied, "I think we're pretty close to where we crashed last year."



THREE GOLFERS

A pastor, a doctor, and an engineer are waiting one morning behind an exceptionally slow group of golfers. They see the course marshal and ask why he isn't doing something to expedite play.

"They're blind firefighters," says the marshal. "They lost their sight when they saved our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we give them free access to the course any time they want."

Pastor: "That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight."

Doctor: "I'll contact an ophthalmologist friend, and see if there's anything he can do for them."

Engineer: "Why can't these guys play at night?"

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June 14: Flag Day



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Next General Meeting	June 6, 2014	9:00 a.m.
	Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Next Business Meeting	June 22, 2014	7:00 p.m.
	Dinner	6:00 p.m.

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