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MO State Rally

It's that time of year again! That time when you're suffering from a severe case of cabin fever, when you're itching to get out on your bike, but the cold, wet, snowy weather seems unending. You're feeling it right?

Well, believe it or not, the Missouri Women On Wheels® State Rally is just around the corner. The registration forms have been sent out or are in the mail and will soon be on the MO Women On Wheels® website.

This year the rally is being hosted by the Golden Valley Gals and will be held in Clinton, MO.

Rally Information:

Dates: July 5-6, 2010

Motel: Hampton Inn

Address: 900 Kansas Avenue

City: Clinton, MO

Phone: 660-885-4488

Rate: \$70.00 per night

Your room rate includes Continental Breakfast, in the Hospitality Suite, good parking and an indoor pool.

Additional lodging at:

Parkfield Inn-506 Kansas Avenue- \$69.95 for 2 people (+ \$5 for each additional person)

Camping

Cozy Corner, RV Park, 460 SE 91 Road, Clinton, MO 660-885-8824. Tent Camping: \$16.00 per night RV or Trailer: \$28.00 per night (Discounts available w/Sam's Memberships, etc)



There will be a scheduled lunch, on Saturday, during the group ride at the Toadsuck Grill.

There will be a 50/50 drawing, a raffle for a handmade quilt (made by Donna Harris), a scheduled ride, on Saturday, some White Elephant Fun a dinner and

award ceremony on Saturday night.

If you want to submit a t-shirt design for the rally, all submissions must be received by May 1st to qualify for a special prize.

Of course, the best thing about the rally is the chance to reconnect with old friends, start new friendships and ride to our hearts content.

Pertinent Rally Information:

Register: \$5.00

Banquet: \$11.00

Patch: \$4.00

T-shirt: \$15.00 (S,M,L)

\$17.00 (XL, XXL, XXXL)

Mail your registration, checks (be sure to designate the t-shirt sizes), and t-shirt designs to:

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Deana Foster-Introduction

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It's a strange new world, in so many ways. The economy still stinks; people are losing their jobs; motorcycle sales are down; the weather has been lousy...you name it, we got it.

You also have me as your new State Ambassador. Most of you know me, but if you don't I live in Southwest Missouri around the Purdy area. I have been riding for ten years now and have been a member of Women on Wheels® for eight. I was the

Director of Lady Cruisers of the Ozarks for seven years I believe (time sure flies)...blah blah blah. Enough about me.

I'm starting this new position and new year off with some old and new ideas. One being this Newsletter which has been around but lost in a closet for some time. I want YOU to be the writers so please submit your stories. They don't have to be long. A paragraph or two will do. Whatever you want. Know this,

if YOU don't send me your stories, you are going to get A LOT of articles written by me and let me tell you sisters, you don't want that...so send them IN!

I want to hear about what is going on in your lives. What you think, your summer riding plans, places you've ridden to that were amazing or just a crazy riding experience. Send in your Chapter events and I will add them to the Newsletter and the State Website Calendar.

Deana Foster-Introduction, continued.

Send Items for sale and your motorcycling Tips. Don't Forget PICTURES! Really, it is YOUR newsletter so send me what you would like to see in it. So lets get started again...

We have great plans for the summer. A Kickoff for the Annual Riding Contest (specifics to be worked out.) A new Ride Lunch once a month. State Rally in Clinton, Ride-In Stratton, Vermont. Fall foliage rides and just miles of miles of good roads. Hope to see you at ALL of them.



Deana Foster on Pink

Deana will write an article for each newsletter issue under the title of "Cycle Chirps". Look for it!



*April 3rd
MO Kickoff of the
Annual Mileage
Contest
Further information
will be forthcoming
via e-mail.*

**On the
road, oh
yeah!**



Coming Events

March 19th-21st-Cabin Fever Rally, Ames, Iowa

March 21st-Women's Garage Party, Gateway H-D, 1-5 p.m., 3600 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis, MO

April 1st-Start of the Annual Mileage Contest

April 3rd-MO Kickoff of Annual Mileage Contest: A Missouri chapters picture will be taken on the steps of the capital, in Springfield with BBQ late lunch to follow.

April 3rd-Third Annual Awareness Ride, Springfield, MO-See State Website Calendar for details.

April 10th-Blessing of the Bikes, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 718 Old Route 66N, Litchfield, IL (free food, DJ)

Apr 25-18th Annual Blessing of the Bikes, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at Bald Knob Cross - Alto Pass, IL

May 21st-23rd-Women's Month Rally, H-D Museum, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

May 23rd-MO WOW 1st Ride to Lunch. Check State Website Calendar for details.

June 5th-6th-The 11th Annual MO WOW State Rally, Clinton, Missouri

June 27th-MO WOW 2nd Ride to Lunch. Check State Website Calendar for details.

July 6th-8th-24th Annual International Women On Wheels® Ride-In, Stratton Mountain, Vermont

July 25th-MO WOW 3rd Ride to Lunch. Check State Website Calendar for details.

August 7th-President "Croozapalooza" (A get together of Illinois and Missouri chapters for a ride of the President's favorite roads). More information in the next issue or go to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wow_members/files/croozapalooza.pdf to see the event flyer

September 11th-12th: Trail of Tears Ride



Top of the World!!

By Irene Hargett

When I was asked to write up a little article about myself and being the past State Ambassador, I had a lot of thoughts come to mind. Too many, that I can't write them all down.

Have you ever asked yourself, "What is the reason behind riding a motorcycle or even being in a Motorcycle Organization?"

When I first heard about Women On Wheels was from a customer that came into the store where I work. He rode his motorcycle everyday back and forth to work. He informed me his wife also rode and had joined this organization. He bought me some of her magazines and I read them. I was interested, but questionable about it. I waited a few years before I actually joined. I wanted something to commit to. Something I would enjoy and my husband would also.

-My first journey was finding a Chapter.

-My second journey was meeting new friends and riding with them!

-My third journey is the satisfaction it has given me.

We all remember the first actual ride we

took on our bikes, after we got our license, don't we? That's a memory we will never forget. Think about it, are you smiling? You bet you are, because it made you feel like you were on TOP of the WORLD.

I remember riding behind Jerry, my husband, going to bike rallies and meeting girls that rode and being so jealous of them, cause they rode by themselves. I was impressed! And the thing about it was, they all told me I could do the same! Look at me now!! Yes!! I can do it and I am.

As a State Ambassador, I have to thank Joyce Shook for having the faith in me to do the job. Although at the time I thought she was out of her head or just wanted to get rid of the position so badly. Love you Joyce!!

It can at times be a very trying position, but in the long haul it is well worth your time.

I have enjoyed it, and sometimes I must admit I regret giving it up, but others have to expand their horizons. They too must laugh, stress, and cry over things as I

have. Congratulations, Deana!! You will be great!

I love meeting people, talking with people, riding with people, this organization has just been that for me. I have made a lot of friends and a lot of them I will never forget. They mean a lot to me. I have seen a lot of the country going to the Ride-Ins, but you can do that by yourself right? Well the difference here is you get to see people from the year before, just like a family reunion!! And make more friends as well.

So to answer the questions, "What is my reason for riding?" "Why am I a member of Women On Wheels?" Because I love it! I love the freedom, the smell, the way it makes me feel.

I feel good, no matter how bad my health or my day has gone. It makes all my worries go away. It is like no other. The group has been like another part of my family and I want to thank you all for that. It means a lot to me.

"I am at the Top of the World" when riding with my best friends from "Women On Wheels".



To Inspect or Not to Inspect??

In case you haven't heard, the law concerning motor vehicle inspections has changed in Missouri, as of January 1, 2010.

Under the new law, motor vehicles are exempt from safety inspections for the first five years following the model year of manufacture. For example, a vehicle made in 2007 will be exempt from the safety inspection through 2012.

The change in law does not affect the emissions test requirement (for cars and trucks), in the St. Louis area.

When safety inspections are required after five years, the inspection must be conducted at an au-

thorized inspection station.

The license can be purchased for one year @ \$12.25 or two years @ \$24.50.

Vehicle Registration Renewal can now be accomplished On-Line, if you receive your renewal notification, in the mail, and it has a PIN #.

If you pay by e-check it will cost you a sixty cent service charge. If you pay by credit/debit card the cost is based on the amount of the registration fee, a minimum of one dollar. You can see the table of graduated cost at

www.plates.mo.gov website. Not all counties are eligible to participate in the on-line registration yet,

but new counties will be added over the next year.

There are several other stipulations for on-line renewals that you might want to check out on the website.

Your renewal stickers will be mailed to you; if you order close to the end of your renewal term, you will be able to print off a temporary vehicle registration receipt good for thirty days.

If you have personalized plates you will not be able to renew your registration on-line.

No inspection required for the first five years of following the model year of manufacture.



Getting to Know.....

By Sandy Richey



Cris @ Halloween as a "Biker Chic". Check out those feathers! Bet she got some strange looks while on the road.

"I ride because nothing else in my life satisfies me in a way that having the freedom of the open road does".

Cris in her new leathers with her "dream bike".



Cris Baldwin (nicknames: "Enforcer" and "Legs") is an assistant dean and registrar at the Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts at Washington University, a wife and mother, and is serving her second term as the President of the International Women On Wheels® organization. All of this keeps her pretty busy, but she always finds time for her life's passion, riding her 1996 Harley-Davidson Soft-tail Custom that currently has over 207,000 miles. Add to her busy schedule the fact that she does an inordinate number of miles on WOW business and travels a great deal to different chapter locations, as President of WOW, I imagine her "dream bike" will top 300,000 miles very soon.

Baldwin has been riding for forty years and has had more bikes than she can remember, but now rides her "dream bike" (H-D Soft-tail). She has been a member of Women On Wheels® for thirteen years and has belonged to the Heartland Chapter in St. Louis county for twelve years.

In her "Getting to Know Missouri Biker Babes" questionnaire, Cris said, "I found the benefits of riding with women from a group I belonged to prior to WOW. When that group disbanded, in 1996, I researched the many organizations aimed at riders, both women only and co-ed, and settled on Women On Wheels® over them all due to it's focus on women riders, it's welcoming attitude to riders of all makes and models, it's international

presence, it's positive reputation and because my husband and daughter (then seven) would also be welcome."

Her favorite ride memory was from the 12th International Women On Wheels® Ride-In, in Canon City, Colorado held in 1998. "It was Heartland's first Ride-In as a chapter and for some, their first ride outside of Missouri. The day several of us made it to the top of Pike's Peak together is a moment I will celebrate always!"

Her favorite destination, "that's a hard question, because it's more about the journey for me. If I had to pick one place, however, it would have to be my parent's farm, in west central Wisconsin. Riding the Missouri, Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin river roads to get there can be breathtaking, especially in the spring and during the fall foliage."

Why does she ride? "I ride because nothing else in my life satisfies me in a way that having the freedom of the open road does. Even the roads I've ridden dozens of times become new and exciting with each ride. My off-road life is very hectic, so the removal of computers and cell phones from it for a few hours is the best stress-relieving medicine money can buy."

Her Scariest Moment on a Bike: Riding into a thunderstorm turned tornado! That's one time I pushed the envelope a bit to far! Very dumb....and

scary!

WOW member she looks up to and why? "WOW! There are so many. Seriously, it's hard to pick just one because they all have something unique and wonderful to offer. If I have to choose....Arlene Crawford. Her bike is cool; she's cool....and she puts me to shame each year on the ABC's of Missouri Touring Contest. (Love you Arlene!)"



Commentary

If you have had the opportunity to meet and get to know Cris, you know that she lives her life according to the same values stated in the WOW mission, especially as it relates to education, mutual support and promoting a positive image. I cannot presume to speak for my fellow members of the Heartland chapter, but for me, Cris is the epitome of someone everyone would like to share a ride with.

She is a down-to-earth lady, who never puts on airs. She helps new riders and experienced riders new to WOW and reaches out to those who would like to know the thrill of riding a bike. She leads with a calm, gentle manner, but can also show her "Enforcer" side when necessary. She is a pleasure to ride with and a fun person to be around, ask anyone who knows her. You couldn't ask for a better mentor, friend or president.

Restarting the Missouri State Newsletter

Do you have a travel story, a bike repair antic-dote, a club trip you want to talk about, a fundraising event your club has just participated in or will participate in? You could have your article published in this quarterly newsletter.

All submissions should be:

- Typed.
- Double spaced.
- Between 100-200 words.
- Submitted, at least, 1 month prior to scheduled date of

newsletter publication. With your submission be sure to include:

- Article Title.
 - Your First and Last name.
 - Your e-mail address.
 - Your phone number.
 - Your club affiliation.
- Photographs are encouraged. If you submit photos with your article, please:
- Send in jpeg format.
 - Tell us what the photo is

about.

- Tell us who is in the photo?

You must have permission to publish photos from those shown in the picture. You should have a disclaimer form in your files for at least one year after publication.

We will try to include your complete article, but please keep it between 100-200 words. Please, check your spelling and punctuation before submitting. If you have a good feature article, it can be up to 350 words.

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Cycle Chirps Winter Woes! By Deana Foster

Do you ever have one of those days when you can't get your brain on work? I do (today is one of them) and quite frequently. Winter is the worst and I spend many days just day-dreaming about getting out there on my bike; feeling the wind, feeling the sun, hitting the curves hard.

I'm rather lucky, living in Southwest Missouri, because there are a few days all during the winter when the temperature gets above 40 degrees and I can put on the cold gear and go for a spin. I am relieved at last and even if it's just "around the block," I can come back to the desk and feel instantly better and ready to focus on what must be finished. I feel sorry for those people who live in the northern part of the United States as they aren't given many days to relieve their stresses in the winter. I wonder if they just

stand in the garage and stroke their bikes while making VROOM sounds. I know I do periodically and that alone can make me feel better, if not a little nuts. I just push the bike to the middle of the garage, sit on it, talk to it and sometimes roll it back and forth.....

Just dreaming of what the summer will be. I can't remember what I did before motorcycling to relieve stress; I pretty sure it wasn't anything physical, though I heard running is good for that. There are so many great things about motorcycling! Empowerment! Focusing skills! Laughter! Friendship! Women On Wheels®. If not for my bike and the Lady Cruisers of the Ozarks, my winters would be pretty blahhhh. Those women have a way of making my month ok just by having a single monthly meeting. We laugh, we cry, we encourage

each other and we sustain each other by making riding plans for future dates. I am so very thankful for them.

So, it's another cold day and I'm sitting here writing down my thoughts instead of working. I think it's time to go to the garage and get re-energized.

"There are so many great things about motorcycling!"



Deana Foster
MO State Ambassador.



Women On Wheels®

Missouri WOW Chapters

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Heartland

Lady Cruiser of the Ozarks

Lady Road Riders

Show Me Riders

A new chapter is forming in St. Robert, MO

Hope you plan to attend the

11th Annual Missouri WOW State Rally, in

Clinton Missouri and the 24th Annual

International Women On Wheels® Ride-In,

in Stratton Vermont.

Missouri

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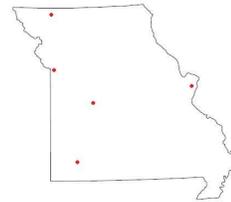
Our Mission:

To unite all women motorcycle enthusiasts

for recreation, education, mutual support

and to promote a positive

image of motorcycling.



Spring-Where is it? *By Sandy Richey*

I don't know about anyone else, but even in St. Louis we usually get a couple of days every winter month where the temperature is warm enough for a half day ride. Not this year!

Oh, I got out on a couple of 45-50 degree days for a short jaunt of about ten miles, just to run some oil through my baby and let her know I still care. I like to froze my woutsee-toutsee off (no I don't have heated gear). However, those usual 60-70 degree days that we get a couple of times a month just didn't materialize.

I bought several new goodies for my bike, in December and January (that's when the best on-line sites have their big sales), but I haven't been able to install them because I can't get the Loctite to come out of the bottle and trying to handle tiny screws and bolts isn't easy in winter gloves, even if I could feel my fingers.

When I bought my baby (a Kawasaki Vul-

can) eighteen months ago, I made it clear that she would be the only bike in my life (unless I win the lottery or Publisher Clearing House), but she's been on the trickle charger so long I think they've developed a relationship. I just hope she'll be willing to get back on the road with me.

Finally, the temperatures are starting to go up, slowly. I've had cabin fever before, but this year it's severe. I wonder if they have a "snowbird" group for motorcyclist.



I spent today conditioning my new saddlebags and my old chaps. If you've not had the opportunity to condition your leather accessories, you've just not lived. It took me about six hours to apply, let stand "to permeate the leather", wipe off and then brush to a subtle glow. If I didn't have carpal tunnel before, I can guarantee you that I do now.

Tomorrow I'll go out to find four quarts of 4T Mobile 1 10W40 (not an easy task, believe me!) and a new K & N oil filter. I'll work on getting my luggage rack installed, tightening the spokes, snugging down the nuts and bolts (hint, hint) and hopefully hit the road Friday through Sunday. Maybe by Monday the "screaming memes" will have subsided enough to make it to the next good weather day. **Ride Safe!**

