

EASTERN KANSAS TOUR RIDERS CHAPTER B



MAY 2018 MINUTES

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GEORGIA RIDE UPDATE: There were 11 people on the ride (plus an additional few old friends from Florida joined for a few days). They started every day at 8am and had great weather throughout the trip. The most beautiful part was "Grand Canyon of Georgia". Some of the most beautiful scenery they'd ever seen. A couple bikes went up to Stone Mountain. Due to terrible traffic they wouldn't recommend going back again (at \$15 per bike). Helen Georgia was John's favorite spot. Along the way they even saw an alligator (not to mention tons of armadillos). Jekyll Island is VERY upper crust. But it had a nice turtle sanctuary. Best advice they gave was to stay away from Atlanta. Traffic was horrendous. We were happy to hear that although Dan and Ellen had a mishap and their bike went down, other than Dan still having right sided rib pain they are doing well. Ellen's shoulder was better a few days after the mishap.

RIDE AROUND WISCONSIN: There are 28 bikes and 39 people (plus another bike with 2 riders for the first day) registered. They leave June 16 with the rider meeting at 7:45 at the McDonalds 152 Highway and I-35 (near Liberty).

RIDE IDEAS: Bogie and Maryrose told us of some ride ideas they have gone on recently. **Top of the Rock:** they took out 70,000 truckloads of dirt from a sinkhole where they saw tons of stalagmites. Springfield also has the largest and best aquarium in the US. (worth the \$35 per

person). You can visit Arnold Palmers barn there which was transported from Pennsylvania to Springfield. **Tulip Festival** in Pella, Iowa. There are 250,000 tulips that bloom the 1st weekend of May with all sorts of celebrations including a parade (people dressed up in authentic Netherland clothes). The parade is started when the entire town gets together to “clean the streets”. You can visit lots of windmills. They taught us that the windmills were used not just used as grinding mills they were also used as signaling devices (based on the angle the arms were placed). If you do go to Pella Iowa make sure to stop by Wyatt Earp's Home.

UPCOMING RIDES: Guns and Hoses June 2 - from the Lenexa American Legion. This is a ride to support Police and Fire Fighters: **Smack Dab** Ride June 23 (see our website for more details): **Color Ride** - October 19 - 21. We will plan a meal at Lamberts (everyone loves the “throwed rolls” - just remember they don’t take credit cards) Jim Smith is bringing more details at our next meeting.

DINNER RIDES: Dan is leading us to an as yet undisclosed location May 23: Robert is leading us to La Mesa in Lansing on May 30. Please let Bev know if you have a ride you want to lead this summer.

50/50: Maryrose won \$20

Respectfully Submitted: Madam Secretary Patti Kelsey

