

Spring Conference at Eureka Springs, Arkansas

Four members, Jane Hill, Richard Weidemeyer, Rodney Phillips and Richard Gooch met at the Phillips 66 off I-29 and headed south to Peculiar, Missouri for breakfast and a meet up with possible others to head to Eureka Springs. Lou and Mary arrived for breakfast and the journey. We left heading south riding in heavy winds and hot sun, but a very good ride was had, all except Mary and Lou who had the air conditions of their truck with their trike tow. Dan and Karen Corum arrived later in the afternoon. After registration and a “few minutes” in the hospitality room, we retreated back to the hotel for the evening.

Thursday was the arrival of Jerry Oliver and Pam, Tim and Sharon Hicks, Glen and Laura Harmon, David Elliot and Harold Reed. Everyone was registered and settled in for a good conference.

Friday was a day to remember. Richard Gooch went for a long ride across the back roads of Arkansas and Southern Missouri, crossing Bull Shoals Lake on the Peel Lake Ferry. He reports a good ride with excellent roads. David Elliot went for a solo ride across the countryside. Jerry Oliver and Pam went to Rogers, Arkansas to visit friends. Meanwhile back on the home front, Dan and Karen Corum, Richard Weidemeyer and Rodney Phillips went for a ride, south and west entered into a construction site where a mishap overtook them. A car stopped in front of the group, Richard was unable to stop hitting a car in the rear. After a flight without a convenience and landing beside the road, he was taken to the hospital via ambulance. He was treated and released after not breaking anything of importance. The motorcycle, no so much. All but Richard went to the cookout at the conference site, Richard stayed at the motel to rest for the evening.

Saturday was the conference meetings and then the afternoon to do relax and shop, some shopped until they dropped. Jerry Oliver was the proud buyer of a complete set of leathers, black with pink accent.

The Blue Knight banquet was a nice affair. KC Metro was well represented with sixteen members and spouses. The chapter with the most in attendance was beat out KC by two, and that was due to the presence of two babies that were counted. Still, not a bad showing by our conference attendees. The door prizes were won mostly by Texans but Glen Harmon won the 50/50 drawing of over \$500 dollars. The skies opened during the banquet making a ride back to the motel a bit moist, but all arrived safely.