

Chapter U Gathering April 19, 2017 Chapter U + "U" = FUN

The April Gathering of Chapter U was held on Wednesday evening 4/19/2017 at La Cabana Restaurant in Cibolo. As always, the GWRRA motto of "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge" was in effect as the Members of Chapter U gathered.

Food and Fellowship began at 6:00 p.m. with the official business of Chapter U beginning at 7:00 p.m.. Chapter Director **Steve Van Gilder** brought the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.



Saluting the Flag is a Chapter U Tradition

We had 29 people in attendance at the meeting with 25 Chapter U Members, 2 visitors and 2 guests. Our visitors were the Director's from Chapter K2, **Mike & Pat Pineda** and our guest's were **Charlie & Janie McPhail**.

The first thing on the agenda was to recognize those members with Birthdays and Anniversaries in April. **Phylis Pesta** was the only member with a Birthday in April. April 3rd was the big day. Wedding Bells rang in April for **Court & Diane Van Sickler on 4/12, Ken & Connie Jordan on 4/17** and **Clint & Michelle Carlton on 4/18**. Congratulations to all !

The membership drawing was then held and the winner **Hilmer Merz** was not present to collect his prize so it will roll over again. This makes two month's in a row so next month's prize will be \$30.00.

One of the highlights of the evening was **Tom Hendricks** MEC Contest which this month was to make "Your Best Motorcycle Sound". While we had some game efforts from **Diane Van Sickler** and **J.D. Kvapil** the hands down winner of this contest was **Ed (muffler) Smith**. **Ed** came out revving his engine and no one could hold a candle, or a spark plug, to his effort. **Ed** picked up 5 extra raffle tickets for his win and they were well deserved. Next month's contest is to bring an item related to the "Gathering of the Tribes", which is the Theme for the Texas District Rally that is coming up on May 18th – 20th in Wichita Falls. Good Luck to All !



Ed Smith revving his engine !

Steve then reviewed the activities that Chapter U had embarked on in the last month. The fun started with a ride to the “Twisted Sisters” in the Hill Country on March 18th. We had 16 bikes that day and we all enjoyed lunch at the Nueces Country Smokehouse in Leakey.

On March 30th thru April 1st we had a group attend the Louisiana District Rally in Lafayette LA. Seven Trikes and one auto made this trip with 5 Riders and 3 Co-Riders attending the Trike Safety Course while they were there.

On April 8th we had 7 people attend the Chapter O Rally in Fredericksburg and last but not least we had about 16 members attend the “Hot Winter Nights” event at Kent Powersports in Selma. Members cooked and served up Hamburgers and Hot Dogs for the folks attending the event and managed to raise \$280.00 for Chapter U.

Upcoming events include a Picnic Ride in conjunction with Chapters K2 & H to Garner State Park on April 22nd, the Region H Rally in Marshall TX on April 27-29, a brunch ride to the Startz Café in Startzville TX on May 6th, and the Texas District Rally in Wichita Falls TX on May 18-20. Detailed information about these and a lot of other events can be found on the Chapter U Website so be sure and check it out if you would like to know more.

Ken Jordan, Chapter Educator, then stepped up to present Level 4 patches to **Helen Smith & Pat Kendrick**. **Ken** had certificates for the ladies from the GWRRA Director that he read aloud signifying this great accomplishment. Level 4 is the top tier of the Levels Program and is the ultimate goal for everyone that is involved in it. I’m not sure how many Level 4 Riders we have in Chapter U but it’s safe to say we have two more good ones now that’ll make us all Safer ! Congratulations **Helen & Pat !**
Job Well Done !



Level Four Recipients **Pat Kendrick & Helen Smith**

Finally, it was time for the always anticipated monthly prize drawing which concludes the night's activities. The big winners this month were **Janie McPhail**, who doubled up with a \$25 Gift Card from our sponsor in New Braunfels, Kent Motorsports and she was also the 20% winner which was \$18.

Donna Van Gilder was the 30% winner which was \$26.

The Grand Prize Winner of the \$75 Gift Card from our sponsor Kent Powersports was **Sal Pesta**. Congratulations to all of this month's winners !

Make plans now to attend the next Chapter U Gathering on May 17th at La Cabana Restaurant in Cibolo TX. Meet, greet and eat starts at 6:00 pm and official business starts at 7:00 pm.

Last but not least is a "Huge Thank You" to our sponsors Kent Powersports, Kent Motorsports and La Cabana Restaurant for their continued support.

And also "Thanks" to **Rick & Pat Kendrick** for the great cookies they brought us for dessert.

See you next month!

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