



The First Friday ride to Fort Larned was eventful with the highs in the 50s and a blustery wind from the north! The group had an outstanding tour given by National Park Service Ranger, Ben Long. We were able to tour the hospital, barracks and officers quarters. A drummer gave announcements and a blacksmith demonstrated the making a chain link fence. Afterward, we enjoyed a great chili lunch and Edward Street Brew and Bites. The weather warmed up for the way home, so the trip was well worth it! Check out the pictures for a glimpse into the past.

Our October gathering at Gambino's brought many of us together to eat and to catch up with each other! There was a trivia game about past rides and Chuck and Kathy shared stories about their recent trips. The 50/50 winners were: Chris Marcotte and Chuck and Kathy.

With changes in the weather coming, there may be less riding for the two or three wheel mode of transportation. Please use extra caution when and if you do ride and be aware of deer, whether you're riding your motorcycle or in a vehicle.

Check out the following upcoming events:

NOTE CHANGES IN TIMES!!



Friday, November 3 we will meet at the Firehouse Café for breakfast at 1824 E 4th in Hutchinson at 9 a.m. They have great breakfast and lunch served all day! Let Kathy know if you will be joining us by texting or calling (620-480-9685) or email cdkfschmidt@hotmail.com by November 1st. Thank you Glen and Sharon for hosting this event!

Afterward, we will have a guided tour of the Underground Salt Mines at 11:00 a.m. Tickets for seniors (60 and over) are \$23. Reno County residents are \$19. You may purchase your own tickets on-line or in person that day. Please RSVP to Kathy text or call (620-480-9685) or email cdkfschmidt@hotmail.com by November 1st.

Monday, November 20 is the date for our gathering at Gambino's in South Hutchinson. We eat at 6 p.m. and have a short meeting at 7 p.m. Schroeder's and Regier's will be sharing stories about their recent trip to Europe with Wings and Waves!

Friday, December 1, Sedgwick Co Zoo in Wichita Eat at Fizoli's at 5 p.m. (8520 W Central) and then tour Wild Lights at Sedgwick Co Zoo (5555 W Zoo Blvd) from 6:30-9pm. Wild lights has the Wildest lights in town! They are one of a kind Asian Lantern Sculptures displayed throughout the zoo. Tickets are \$17 each. Pay at the door. **RSVP** to Kathy by text or calling 620-480-9685 or email cdkfschmidt@hotmail.com by November 29th to let us know if you are attending.

<u>Saturday, January 13, 2024</u> <u>Birthday Party at 5 loaves and bowling in McPherson</u> We will eat dinner at 5 p.m. and then have a featured speaker entertain us as we celebrate Chapter H and all the birthdays for the year! We will spend the rest of the evening bowling. **RSVP** to Kathy by text or calling 620-480-9685 or email <u>cdkfschmidt@hotmail.com</u> by January 8th.

There will be no meetings in December and January.

Our next meeting at Gambino's will be February 19, 2024

Happy Trails, Chuck and Kathy



October 13, 2023 Ride to historic Fort Larned, Kansas

Weather to the Fort was in the low 50's with a blustery wind out of the north. It tried to sprinkle several times on the ride over, but never quite worked up enough effort to get us wet at all. When we arrived, we were met by Jeff Whithorn...in a windbreaker and shorts! We had six people in our group, plus a nice couple who just happened to be in the Visitor's Center, join us on the tour. We all stayed fairly chilly throughout our mostly outdoor tour.

We were privileged to have National Park Service Ranger, Ben Long, give us an outstanding guided tour of Fort Larned. We were able to visit several parts of the Fort that we would not normally have been able to enter, such as the hospital, inside the men's barracks and inside the officer's quarters. We had a drummer give us an example of several of the daily "drum announcements" and were presented an awesome demonstration of creating a chain link from scratch by the Fort's resident blacksmith.

After the tour, we warmed up with a great chili lunch at the Edward Street Brew and Bites in Larned. While the ride out to Larned was a bit nippy, the tour, lunch and warmer ride back made it all worthwhile.















BIRTHDAYS

22nd **Noel Pollard**





ANNIVERSARIES

24th **Chris & Regina Marcotte 26**th

Terry & Judy Mann







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Let us know if you have ideas for First Friday/Saturday rides or other rides. Please email us at cdkfschmidt@hotmail.com or call/text 620-480-9685 (Kathy) or 620-344-8031 (Chuck).





