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What is it?



Model & Year

This year our centerpiece will be of a landmark, a vintage, or custom motorcycle, or a member's first Harley if you send me the pictures. You guess right you'll be in the drawing for a gift card.



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I know that everyone has important stuff going on outside the chapter and that includes our officers. The worst that I've had to do is put a "no submission" on an officer. I'm putting a questionnaire of 11 questions to the officers to answer all at once so that ya'll will have more reading material and you might get to know them a little better. This month's question :
Why do you think bikers wear black?

CCT Calendar of Events for 2023

Feb 18	Game Day at VFW
March 12	Adams Playhouse Dinner Theater
March 26	Meow Wolf Art Tour
April	Freewheeling Wednesdays all month
April 2	First of the Season Ride
April 15	Tax Day Scavenger Hunt
April 30	Visit 3.5 States Ride
May	Freewheeling Wednesdays all month
May 6	Chicano Pride Ride
May 20	Rodney's Surprise Ride
May 21	On Bike Games/Practice
June	Freewheeling Wednesdays all month
June 11	Matt's Canyon Ride
June 25	S and S Ride
July	Freewheeling Wednesdays all month
July 1	Christmas in July Potluck/Gift Exchange
July 29/30	Overnighter to Saratoga, WY
August	Hot Spgs
August	Freewheeling Wednesdays all month
Aug 19	Pool Party & BBQ
Aug 27	Flatlander Ride to Cheyenne/ Sanford's
Sept	Freewheeling Wednesdays all month
Sept 1-3	Angel Fire/Eagle Nest, NM
Sept 9/10	Vet Bricks
Sept 16	LOH Overnighter to Cimmaron, NM
Sept 16	Men's Day Out (while ladies are away)
Oct 7	Game Day at VFW
Oct 28	Halloween Party
Nov 4	Progressive Lunch/Dinner Ride
Nov 18	Comedy Club Outing
Dec 9	Santa Shoot & Snack-N-Wrap @ Sun
Dec 16	Gift Exchange & Potluck at VFW

**Hope Ya'll had a Happy Valentine's Day
with your Sweetie**

OFFICERS UPDATES, RAMBLINGS, & WORDS OF WISDOM



Director
Larry Faut

Why do you think bikers wear black?

It originally started out brown. I wore black because that was all that was available. I would think it is because it is easier and cheaper to die black.

I have learned the hard way to always carry water with you when you ride in the desert. We had ridden to the Las Vegas Bike week in late September. It was a bit on the warmer side in Vegas. We had decided to venture out from Vegas and see some of the surrounding countryside. Someone had suggested checking out the Valley of Fire. The route was going to take us to the Valley of Fire, around the border of Lake Mead and come out in Bullhead City. The morning ride to the Valley of Fire was comfortable. The overall route was going to be close to 70 miles, so I wasn't too concerned about the air temperature. If you have never been, I would recommend the next time you go to Las Vegas to take a side trip and see it. It is a state park with a lot of hiking trails around some unexpectedly beautiful desert scenery. It was early afternoon when we finished at the park and went to continue on. There were two things I hadn't expected when we headed out. The first was the condition of the highway toward Lake Mead. The second was how hot it started to get. When you combine the fact that we didn't have any water for the girls, the bumpiness of the road and the temperature, I was in hot water. The girls were starting to get a bit dehydrated and everytime I hit a bump I heard about it. The road had so many potholes that there wasn't any way I could make this venture a smooth one. Off to my right side I could hear the wife of the other couple we rode with just chewing me out for taking this route. Chelle was constantly reminding me that we should find a place to pull over and get water. If you have ever been along this route you would know there isn't a 7-11 around the corner, it is in the desert. When we were trying to come up with an excursion, I was told by some local riders that this was a route that they liked to ride; it was fairly short and you wouldn't get lost. The one mistake I made was when we passed the cut off to go to Lake Mead Marina. You wouldn't catch the sign unless you were really looking for it.



Assistant Director
Bob Frank

Why do you think bikers wear black?

Inherited, early motorcycles had what was called a total loss oil system a split tank, half oil and half gas. The rider would turn on a drip feed tube that drained / dripped oil onto the engine internals and then would drip out of the case and onto the chain drive sprocket which would then sling oil all over, including the rider. So riders wore black to cover the discoloration.



In the end we did manage to make it to Bullhead City and as fate would have it, there was a 7-11 on the outskirts of town. When we stopped the bike, both the girls got off and gave me an evil eye as they walked into the store. After taking a few minutes to re-hydrate, everyone's attitude seemed to change. Everyone came over to me and apologized for giving me such a hard time. The chatter changed to the topics of how beautiful the Valley of Fire was and where we were going to go to dinner when we got back to Las Vegas. In all likelihood, we could have avoided the issues we encountered if we would have brought along a couple bottles of water.



Secretary
Michelle Herdt

Why do you think bikers wear black?

My guess is that black doesn't show road grime after hours on the highway, and most bike stores sell black clothes.? Cheap dye?

Happy Valentines CCT Members!

Starting to feel more like spring than winter these days. Yes, come on warm weather! There's nothing like the freedom to go where you want. I mean, that's the best part of owning a motorcycle, am I right? I love my bike; yes new ones catch my eye & make my heart thump but I do enjoy my Deluxe more than anything else. Writing this article, I was trying to come up with a good topic... harder & harder these days. I was reminded of a ride we took a couple of years ago with our kids. Met up with all 3+ kids in Omaha, NE and made our way via country roads to Leavenworth, KS for our stay. Our destination? Weston Brewing & Irish Pub in Weston, MO. Our ride took us along winding county roads through farmland, Indian Reservations and tiny little towns for 190 miles to Leavenworth for the night. Once we rested a bit, cleaned up we hired a cab to take us over the river into Weston, MO. A short ride but we didn't want to ride after dark in a new area known for deer & foggy roads, especially after throwing back a couple of beers. Let me tell you about the Weston Brewing Company. It was established in 1842 in the small town. Tucked away in the small Missouri town of Weston is the oldest bar in the state. However, when you arrive on the property of the Weston Brewing Company, you won't see this 175 year old bar right away. Like its unique location, the history behind this old bar is equally as interesting. The Weston Brewing Company dug huge cellars almost 60 feet underground for storing their huge barrels of beer. It has been in operation on & off for nearly 200 years, well – took a break during Prohibition. What more could you need; great food and drink, live music and the atmosphere like no other. A great place to end a nice ride. I would do it again in a heartbeat.

Enjoy the near spring and let's start planning rides for the season! Be safe out there,



Treasurer
Laura Frank

Why do you think bikers wear black?

They think it's cool when really it attracts the heat from the sun

Happy Valentine's Day (a couple days late)!

Hope you all will join us for Game Day on Saturday the 18th at 11 am at the VFW. We're going to play Left Right Center, so be sure to bring dollar bills (each round is \$3 per person and we'll probably play 2 or 3 rounds). We'll also have lunch, which is \$10/person.

It's almost time for BBQs, so Bob will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting this week. Please sign-up to volunteer, as this is a huge boon to chapter finances, and it helps Sun out greatly.

If you ever have questions about Chapter finances, just let me know.

Joke of the day: Why did the magnet hit on the refrigerator?

He found her to be very attractive.

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Weston Brewing & Irish Pub Weston, MO



LOH Officers
Bonnie Severson
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Brenda Hitchcock



Why do you think bikers wear black?

Because it looks cool-but in reality, road or bike dirt or fluids don't show as much as lighter clothes. Also black leather is resistant to wind & is warm. **Pat**

Because black doesn't show the dirt and grime like other colors would. **Brenda**



Webmaster
Brandy Burzynski

Why do you think bikers wear black?



I Don't Have Any Back Brakes

Have you ever been waiting for a riding buddy to show up late at a meeting place? Of course, you have and may have found yourself late on occasion. This story is true and somewhat exposes the human determination to complete the mission. Some would think it heroic. Some might think it is bold. I think it might be stubbornness. You decide.

"Hey, where are you? Is everything okay?", I said.

"Oh yeah, I am almost there. I am just a few traffic lights up the road and should be there in a few minutes.", he replied.

"Cool, see ya soon!"

Ten Minutes had passed. I surfed Facebook. Send a couple of texts. Watched a couple of squirrels playing in the parking lot when I realized a few minutes had warped several times and my friend was not in sight. I imagined he might be lost, or even worse an accident. Just as I was about to mount my stable steed to look for him, there he was. I was relieved and happy he was safe.

I was ready to start our planned ride when I heard the words, "I have no back brakes. But that's

okay. I have enough stopping power in my front brakes. Let's go!"

"What?", I said. "No, let's look at this. When did you lose your braking?" We checked for air in the line. We visually inspected the caliper and pads. Nothing appeared to be loose or malfunctioning. Call me a skeptic. But that isn't right. I suggested we tow or hobble to a local mechanic to take a look.

"No!", he said. "It will be okay. I will get my mechanic to look at it when I get home. Let's go meet our friends and ride."

As expected, the condition of his bike deteriorates the longer we ride. We rode to our next rendezvous 10 miles up the road. A new sound had made its debut. Squealing brakes. Hmm.

"It has to be my back brakes", he said. "It will be fixed when I get home. I am not worried."

I was reluctant. "I don't like this. If you insist only your mechanic can look at your bike, let's get you home on back roads. This is not safe. We can ride back roads."

So, against my better judgment, we rode another 30 miles. The mystery problem didn't go away but continued to deteriorate. Loud clunking and squeals could be heard by the riders behind and still our proud rider continued believing we would make it. Finally the bike began to pull to one side and ride like it had flat tires.

We made it! I was so relieved. But the story ends with a lesson to remember. Our rider had his mechanic inspect the rear end. Guess what he found? The wheel bearings lost all its grease. This is a sidecar wheel and had already blown the cap off the hub. Because the bearings were dry, it would drag or stop the wheel from freely turning. It had shimmied the sidecar back and forth causing the brakes to pull away on the bike's wheel. This made the back brakes on the bike inoperable.

There is a moral to this story. You can decide for yourself. Heroic or Stubborn? In this case, one would think sealed bearings would not leak. Expect the unexpected. Just saying, this one cost a lot more than it had to and could have been catastrophic.

Bonnie



Carl's Safety Zone

Why do you think bikers wear black?

Jackets and chaps primarily made from leather and easiest to color black and it hides most of the dirt and grime. Sinister, bad boy look as well.

Stay out of blind spots. – Motorcyclists are more at risk in a blind spot or no-zone than other motorists because their cycles are relatively small compared to trucks and automobiles. Whenever you approach a vehicle you may want to pass, you must make a choice, and quickly too. Do you really want to pass? If so, pass as fast as you reasonably can. If not, drop back, well out of the blind spot. The less time you spend in another driver's blind spot, the safer you will be. As you travel along the roads and highways behind another vehicle, take care to position your bike where the other driver will be able to see you in his rear view mirror. Keep in mind that intersections are always dangerous. It's where most motorcycle crashes happen because auto or truck drivers who approach an intersection sometimes fail to see the motorcyclist who has the right of way.

Keep a safe distance behind other vehicles. – Think you don't have to maintain the same distance behind an auto or truck that an auto or truck must keep as it travels behind other vehicles? Wrong! A motorcycle ordinarily requires as much stopping distance as an automobile. Studies have shown that following too closely is a major cause of accidents on the part of the motorcyclist.

Always remain alert to your surroundings and nearby vehicles. – You can't take action to avoid a potential accident if you are not aware of the danger. There are negligent motorists on the roads. They may drive recklessly so defensive driving is essential. What is one of the most deadly maneuvers a motorcyclist is likely to confront everyday on the road? It is the other driver who turns left in front of the cyclists while the cyclist is doing one of three things: (1) traveling straight, (2) passing the other vehicle, or (3) overtaking the other vehicle. 39% of fatal motorcycle accidents occurred under one of the foregoing fact patterns. Do what it takes to ensure the other driver knows you are in his path if he decides to turn left in front of you.





Road Captains Rodney Fish Chris Michaels

Why do you think bikers wear black?

Black Hides alot

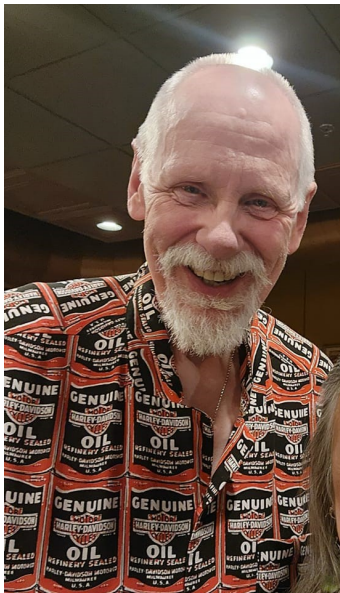
Chris

Hello CCT!

Our official Riding Season will be upon us real soon (hopefully). That said, whenever weather and road conditions cooperate, and no ride are scheduled, we can always do an impromptu group ride. Post a message on the CCT Facebook page, stating When, Where, Meeting Place and Time you want to go riding. I try and post at least a day or two before I'm planning on riding. If you want to ride somewhere but don't want to lead a group, just contact me and I'll be happy to lead it.

Keep the shiny side up and Be Safe!

Rodney



Membership



Kristi Fisher



Stephanie Geisler



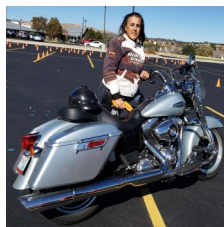
Brenda Hitchcock Lena Wilmer

Why do you think bikers wear black?

It makes them look tough. But we all know bikers are just big teddy bears. Lena

Most leather comes in black however there are more options now than there used to be.

Stephanie



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Felicia Cano

Why do you think bikers wear black?

I say style and it looks cool,,, but, (Seri says the actual answer is because it can get dirty')
Felicia



Meeting of the Minds



Barbaloo's Inspiration

In recognition of Valentine's Day.....

Spread love everywhere you go.

Mother Teresa

A bit of laughter

Some days I wake up grumpy, but most days, I let him sleep in.

Smiles, hugs and love





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Chapter Postings

Let's play Left, Right Center! Saturday, February 18th, 11-2 pm (ish) at the VFW.
Cost is \$10 per person for lunch and \$3 per person for each round of Left Right Center
(bring dollar bills) Please text Laura (303-885-5363) and let her know if you're planning to come, so
we have enough food. Can't wait!!

LOH March Dining @ Clancy's Irish Pub 5:30pm 7000 W. 38th Ave, Wheat Ridge

The Adams Mystery Playhouse Theater & Luncheon

March 12th @ 1:00 p.m. — Lunch Show

"Murder at an Irish Wake"

Tickets @ \$44 per person, call & make your reservations - mention CCT for the group

Price includes: Lunch & Show.

Please arrive at 12:45 p.m. Parking is limited, we can carpool from SUN Harley too.

Can purchase tickets online at <https://adamsmysteryplayhouse.com/>

Thank you and have a good week! Stay safe out there CCT!

Michelle Herdt

CCT Secretary

Why do you think bikers wear black?

Nullum Relinquam Post Virum

After being on the road all day, to hide dirt. I personally go by the premise," I'll stop wearing black when they come up with something darker"

Historically people have gathered around flames for warmth, and protection from wild animals. While around the fire they would create stories for natural phenomena which they had no control over. They created gods for the likes of volcanoes, floods, weather, water, food, and fire. In the middle ages gathering around the hearth with tales of adventures and heroes, which got passed down from generation to generation.

At our Chapter's camping overnights we gathered around the flames, tell our individual tall tales and reminisce about all the shenanigans we've created together. A question to our ladies, and be honest, do you think that the society around us still looks at bikers as knuckle dragging cave dwellers? They used to and sometimes you gals believe your ole' man still is. During the past twenty, thirty years have we, or our image, evolved into contributing members of society? The question now becomes do we really want to be. Let's face it, we all enjoy the outlaw stigma that is a part of the lifestyle. To tell the truth I used to have to suppress a smile pulling up next to a family at a light on my scooter and have the driver wind up the window of their station wagon/ minivan and not dare to look over and make eye contact. Was it the loud pipes? Too bad, I really like mine. Was it smell? Hey, I wear cologne. How about the long hair and beard? Too busy for a barber and definitely need face protection or to hide what lurks underneath. Anyway, it is inherited from our cave dwelling ancestors that we gather around the flames after a day's ride and tell the tales of our adventures, our heroes and of our gods, especially our favorite... the god of thunder.

Keep dem kneez in da breez

If you have a poem, story, or something that just reaches out and grabs you on a primal level and you would like to share it, send it to me.

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Laissez les bons temps rouler

The Editor

