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## **Meets 2nd Sundays:**

NOV - MAR: 10:30 AM brunch

APR – OCT: Check ride calendar or call for details on meeting sites or specific ride/rendezvous plans.

### Welcome Prospective Members!

Would you like to ride with an enthusiastic local WOW chapter? Call any of the names above to chat, or check our web site and events calendar and drop by a meeting point. Support Guys always welcome, too!

If you'd like to continue receiving chapter news, forward \$10 (check payable to Twin Rose Lady Riders) to the Treasurer's address above. It's an annual donation toward operating expenses.

# Membership Policy:

Women On Wheels® members and guests are welcome to participate with any chapter. We encourage you to join the nat'l organization, as wOW membership is required for continued chapter participation and because members are protected under our insurance plan. Application forms are available in the WOW magazine or from any chapter officer.



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## WOW: Twin Rose Lady Riders Chapter

# Hello Roses & Friends!

I hope this newsletter finds you well!

It's getting to be that time of year again. The sun is setting earlier, the leaves are starting (just starting) to change and there is a nip in the air. Some of the Roses continue to ride in cold weather, others give their trusty steel steeds a final polish and tuck them away for the winter. I love the fall and winter, the holidays and the cold, but golly, when the snow falls I miss riding.

Now that our rides are completed for the year, it's already time to start thinking about where we want to go next year. I will send out the annual survey of what kind of rides you prefer and where you would like to go. Please answer based on what you would participate in. There seems to be a lot of interest for day rides, but not a lot of participation. This is your chapter and the board wants to make you happy! So if you are happy riding for a few hours and having lunch/ice cream, that is fine. Just let us know! Also, if you are out and about and see something or someplace that you think the chapter would enjoy riding to, please pass that along also.

The Board and Dawn Paws met to review the Ride for H.O.P.E. The main point of discussion was the date of the Ride. There are two dates we would like you to vote on prior to the end of November — May 22 or October 2. There are benefits to both dates. May is the beginning of the riding season, people are ready to get out. October is breast cancer awareness month, and the traditional time of year for our ride. We also discussed whether or not to have food at the ride. Since there is so much time and money spent to provide food for the registrants, the idea was raised that next year we should either have a food truck or just provide snacks and drinks. If you have any comments or suggestions about any aspect of the Ride for H.O.P.E., please contact a board member or Dawn Paws.

Our November meeting will be via Zoom (watch your email for the link), and we can discuss at that time whether you would like to meet in person in December.

Thank you Roses, for all you do!

Happy Birthday

Cheryl ......November 1 SuzyQ .....November 6 Kathy R.....November 4

Roses, if your birthday has been missed send it (mo/day) to suespittle@comcast.net

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Crescent Hotel in Eureka Springs, AR

I had the opportunity to ride to Eureka Springs, Arkansas with two friends. The plan was to be there on day three and spend a few days

riding the Ozarks. Everything was going well until our third day of travel. We stopped for a quick gas break and when I came back out to start my bike, it just made a whirring sound. Why would this surprise me? With the way my riding season has been going, I probably should have expected it, but I try to be optimistic.

Breakfast in TX

I have three different types of roadside assistance—Harley Owners' Group, AMA and my insurance. So I made a few phone calls and had a tow truck on its way. Now—where to take it. I called the closest open Harley dealer to see if they might have a starter to fit my bike. To my amazement, they had one in stock. The parts department confirmed that it was in their hands and would be waiting for me.

The tow truck company called to let me know that I would not be able to ride in the truck due to covid restrictions. Offering to provide my vax card, double mask, ride in the back—none of this was acceptable. My next step was to figure out how to travel the 60 plus miles to Clarksville, Tennessee. While I was pleading with the tow truck company, a gentleman and his friend walked up offering to push start my bike. Wait..what? In my emotional state, I completely forgot that this is a thing! You have never seen this chubby old girl jump up and down so much as when that bike roared to life. You have also never seen this chubby old girl don rain gear so quickly. Next came the nerve-wracking ride to the dealer, praying that I didn't stall her out. The wonderful thing about Harley dealers is that they prioritize travelers. Four hours later I was back on the road.

The next day I met up with my travel companions in Eureka Springs. We spent two days riding the Ozarks and eating some

great food! On day three, one of my companions and myself decided to ride the Talimena Scenic Byway in Oklahoma-the panoramic view at the end was amazing! We knew when planning the ride that we would only be two hours from Paris, Texas and, you know, we need to eat and neither of us had ever been to Texas...so... We pulled up to the restaurant and saw a pile of firewood. Ohhhh yeahhhh. After an amazing meal of brisket and pecan cobbler, I really felt like I wanted to slap all the BBQ places up north. I had never had such amazing food.

Our other companion had messaged us to let us know he was in Branson, Missouri for the night. It was around 4:30pm and

Branson was 5.5 hours from where we were. Why not...we didn't have anything else to do. We made reservations and pointed our bikes in that direction. It was around 90 degrees in Texas. I had no idea that it would be 48 degrees when we got to Missouri. I didn't pack much cold weather riding gear. I mean...it's the south in September. Lesson learned.





My friends were going to finish out their second week of vacation riding the known routes down south. Having already done the dragon, Cherohala, etc. I decided to ride home. But first—a stop at Laura

Ingalls Wilder's house in Mansfield, Missouri. I grew up watching Little House on the Prairie and read all the books, so it was an amazing visit to her home.

Two days later, I arrived home.

3,709 miles and 11 states in 8 days.



# 9/11 Ride

by Kathy M

This is the first time that I attended the 9-11 Memorial Remembrance Motorcycle Ride, Clinton Township Fire Company. in Montgomery. The ride is held annually to honor lives lost due to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

I have friends who make this ride every year and it is very meaningful to them. The gates opened at 10 a.m. with the memorial service at 2 p.m. and the riders hitting the road at 3. We had about 20 bikes in our group and arrived at noon. Our group wanted to get there early so we could be at the front of the line. What was really amazing was that the entire town was blocked and only motorcycles were allowed to enter. Imagine the coordination to have all the businesses work together. As you looked down the main street, the car dealer, grocery store, hardware store and all other businesses had their parking lots full of bikes — no cars allowed.

There were many food trucks and vendors with plenty of port-o-potties. Once things started to get crowded, and out of boredom and Covid concerns, I left and went for an hour and a half walk along the stream. I was saying to myself that this is really lame and I'm never doing it again.

The pre-ride ceremony was a good reminder for the young people who were not alive in 2001. One veteran remarked that he wasn't born when Pearl Harbor happened, but Pearl Harbor was always celebrated. "This is America, that's what you do, I mean, you have to teach your kids."

We got rolling precisely at 3:00 to start the 42-mile ride.

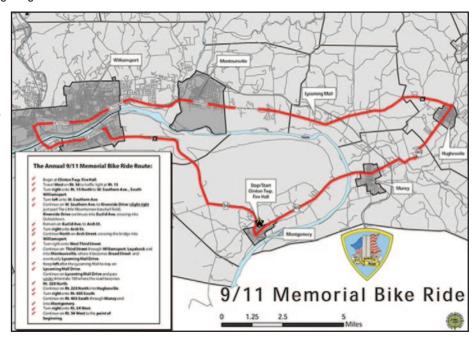
There were 6,000 bikes with 10,000 riders in total. The line of bikers stretched over 17 miles long and traveled through 28 intersections. There were 15 municipalities to block intersections and close roads. Getting there early was a good strategy as the wait to leave for the folks at the end of the line was at least 45 minutes – it takes a while to move 6,000 bikes out.



All along the route people were celebrating and cheering the bikers on. Flags and pom poms everywhere, church groups had choirs out singing, VFW groups were in uniform and saluting, nursing homes had residents outside

waving flags, people having lawn parties and many unique American spirited clothing and accessories. The list could go on and on. It was so moving to be cheered on and celebrated. It was truly an emotional experience and I really understand why the 3-hour wait was well worth it.

I will definitely go again next year! Hope some of the Roses will join me.





Crystal was spoiled with goodies again!



Thank you

Secret

Sisters!

Secret Sister spooked Cheryl and then sent her "awesome" yummy treats for her birthday!

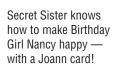


Audrey Dawn loves her new work buddy Binks. She has him guarding her good pens! (She also loved her black bear bank but forgot to take a photo of it.)

Dawn H loved her special stones.



Secret Sister sent birthday wishes to Kathy M.



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# Twin Rose Lady Riders Calendar of Events 2021

Nov 6 Sat., presentation of our Ride For HOPE

proceeds to Barb at New Freedom

Community Center. Time to be announced.

Nov 14 First indoor meeting will be ZOOM.

Watch your email for a link and join in!

Dec 12 Second indoor meeting TBD.





Twin Rose in the making — getting her bike ready for winter.

Find this events calendar at www.twinroseladyriders.com

Watch for schedule updates on Facebook at

Twin Rose Lady Riders Chapter
or meetup.com/Twin-Rose-Lady-Riders



Treasurer Lynn and her buddy Guinevere hope you'll join them in presenting our Ride For HOPE proceeds to Barb on Sat., Nov. 6 at the New Freedom Community Center.

Time to be announced.



