



THE HUB in Harrison

On Tues May 6, 6 Bikes left the West gate at 9am. Don & Valerie, Stephanie & Mike, the first timers, Bobby & Nancy Duke, the first timers, Sharon & Jack, & Dan Gruben on his new 2014 black CTX 1300 Honda. Dan came along just to ride with us up to Ola, (and showoff his pretty new bike). We stopped in Ola where we met the police. He wished us a safe journey.

Our next stop was the Cliff House where we met more police. They were sitting next to us having lunch. I never saw so many guns in one place.

We checked in and then took off for a ride. Jack & Sharon, Stephanie & Mike, Bobby & Nancy rode around the curvy roads in Jasper. Don & Valerie, and Rick rode to Ponca where Valerie found out about the Zip Line. It has 7 canopy stops which means there are no stairs to climb. The zip line just zips from platform to platform. Ask Valerie about the Zip Line in Cancun, MX



Tues night Randall made BBQ for us. They are special people and Debbie is a sweetheart.

On Wed morning we went to a new restaurant, Gages for breakfast. It had just opened up. Jack likes the Smokehouse, but it said it would open at 8am. We left at 8.15....not a sign of them

We rode to Peel, to catch the ferry. When we landed, Jack & Sharon, Mike & Stephanie, Bobby & Nancy went to Gaston's for lunch. Don, Rick & Valerie went to Branson. We took a tour of the Bass Pro Shop and this time, Rick & Don took a long time shopping. Yes, men were shopping and Valerie was waiting outside for them. They both bought the same red, white and blue shirt. Valerie bought 2 "girly" Swiss Army knives.

We all had to be back at the Hub by 6pm. Randall was fixing Prime Rib for us.

Debbie rang the dinner bell at 6pm sharp



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We were discussing how long we had been coming to the Hub and Cheryl told us that she donated the Yellow GWRRA shirt that is up on their wall in April 2009. We actually started going to the Hub in 2007. Don, Valerie and Rick have been going to the Hub since 2007. We had our new members, Bobby & Nancy Duke and Mike & Stephanie sign the yellow shirt on the wall.

Thurs morning some of our troupe left due to previous commitments and the chance of rain. Sharon & Jack, Val & Don, Rick & Jim stayed till Fri. Gotta have that ONE LAST RUN



Thurs Jack & Sharon went on some roads that Jack had not been on. His goal is to ride every road in AR. He is well on his way. Don, Val, Rick & Jim went to Mammoth Springs.



Some say it's not the destination but the journey.

**The Hub is both destination & journey.
Can't get any better than that!!**

Written by Valerie Hewett



Soar like an Eagle



Ride with The Eagle Wings

Leaving for the Hub



The Highway Patrol gave us the "go ahead"



We met more Police at The Cliff House





The Hub by Sharon Fields



We had a great time at the Hub! We took a ride to Gastons for lunch on Wed. Don and Valerie, Rick, Charlie and Cheryl, rode to Peels ferry. Charlie and Cheryl didn't take the ferry across the lake they had a lunch date with relative's. Don and Valerie and Rick did not wait with us to ride back across the lake. They were smart ..we had a long wait in the sun with no shade. We had a great ride to Gastons, though. Then we came home the quicker of the ways Jack had mapped out. It had been a long day. The two ladies that were with us were real troupers (Nancy and Stephanie). They are just starting to ride again and Jack gave them a good ride.

The weather did not sound like it would be good on Thursdays, so several of the couples headed home instead of waiting for Friday. Jack waited till Thursday morning to make up his mind as what to do. And, we stayed. We took a ride over to Berryville for Fried Chicken at the Ozark café GOOOD! The morning was really nice, so we went north just out of Branson and down to Berryville. We came back on 21 and 43 to 74 which is a scenic road, to Jasper and on to the Hub. There was a little rain on Hwy 21 but it didn't even get our pants wet. When we got back to the Hub, Don, Rick, and Jim had put their bikes in the garage to avoid the rain and there was no room for us so we parked under the roof of the hotel. It didn't do anything but rain though, so all was well.



We stopped at the Cliff House for lunch



Bridge to ???



Jack kept his bike dry



Breakfast at Gages

Don meets friends everywhere he goes. This time he met 3 bikers from Orlando. He introduced me to Larry, so from then on I called them Larry Mo and Curly



Don, Curly and Rick
These are the real 3
Stooges



Mo & Larry



In the Middle of Nowhere-ville, AR

After breakfast on Wed morning, we rode to the ferry in Peel. The Captain gave me some interesting facts about the ferry

- ◆ The state of AR researched the building of a bridge over Bull Shoals lake.
- ◆ It would have cost over 30 million to build a bridge with new roads and infrastructure to accommodate the bridge.
- ◆ It currently costs \$200,000 to operate the bridge annually, including salaries.
- ◆ The water is 200 ft deep and rises about 40 ft, so the bridge would have to be built high enough to avoid being flooded, which added to the cost
- ◆ The conclusion was to keep the ferry.
- ◆ Part of our gas tax goes to support the ferry.





Hangin' out at The Hub



We all like this picture of the flower hiding Rick



This was Nancy Duke's first time at the Hub. From her smile, it appears she is having fun





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Valerie was constantly taking pictures of all the bikers from Orlando and Dallas. Every time she came near them, they flinched



Valerie bought 2 Swiss Army knives at Bass Pro Shop. One knife has 7 functions and the other has 9 functions. They are "girlie" knives. One was pink and the other white. Jack, always the funny guy, took the pink knife and pulled the knife out. Now, this knife is 1 inch in length. He said to me

"This is a stick-up. Give me all your money". As you can see, I couldn't stop laughing



The Hub Restaurant



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Randall & Debbie have a dog named Happy and a cat named Lucky.

They are fixtures at The Hub, so Debbie made T-shirts. Stephanie & Sharon bought them



Ok, Who didn't take their medication

Sharon sat on her butter because it was too cold



Valerie wrote her name on the Chapter F T-shirt, so they would know that Chapter E supports them.





Mammoth Springs



NOTICE:
TO PRESERVE SCENIC BEAUTY AND THE
ECOLOGY, FENCES AND WARNING SIGNS
HAVE NOT BEEN INSTALLED IN SOME
LOCATIONS. CAUTION AND SUPERVISION
OF YOUR CHILDREN ARE REQUIRED
WHILE VISITING THESE AREAS





Waddle with The Geese



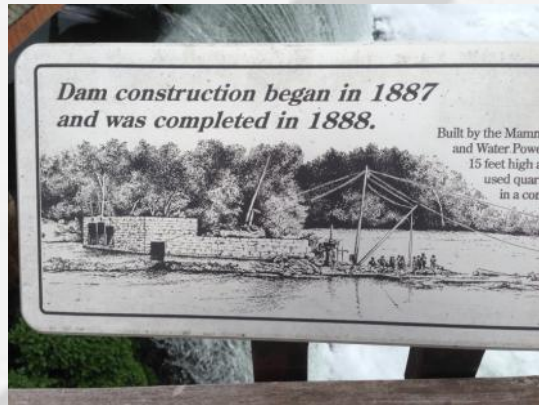
Look like the Geese

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The Legend of Mammoth Spring

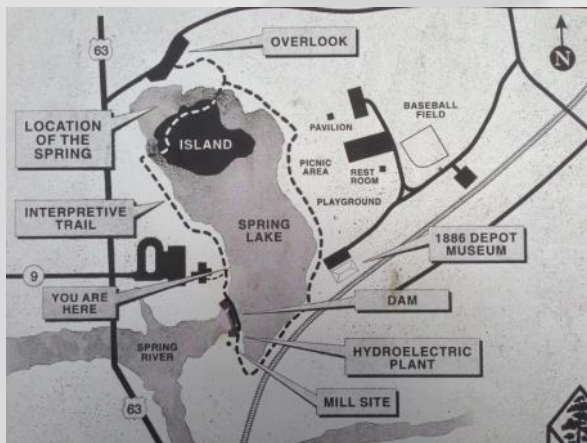
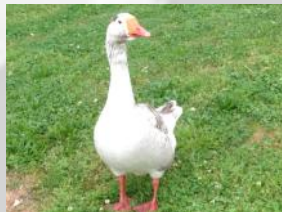
"Long ago, a group of Indians camped in this area along the Warm Fork River. When a long and terrible drought occurred, the river nearly ran dry. The chief sent his son and other warriors to seek more water. During the search, the chief's son died. While burying him, a large stream of water shot from the gravesite. The chief vowed the new spring would flow forever since his son had died searching for water and it had been found while burying him."

So the legend goes...



Dam construction began in 1887 and was completed in 1888.

Built by the Mammoth and Water Power Co. 15 feet high a used quarry in a con



MAMMOTH SPRING, ARK.

In 1925 the Arkansas-Missouri Power Co. bought the rights to this dam and two others downstream. Dam #2 later washed away, but Dam #3 still stands 3 miles south. These dams provided electrical power for the Mammoth Spring-Thayer, Missouri, area until 1972.

The water flows over the dam at the same rate as it flows from the Spring - 9 million gallons per hour. The Spring River begins at this point and winds its way southeast where it converges with the Eleven Point and Black Rivers.

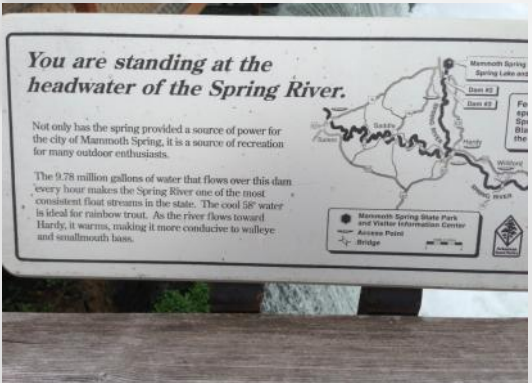
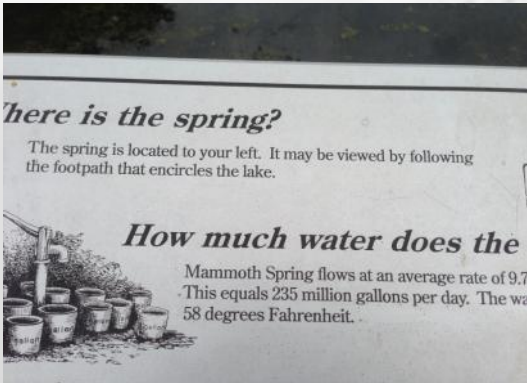
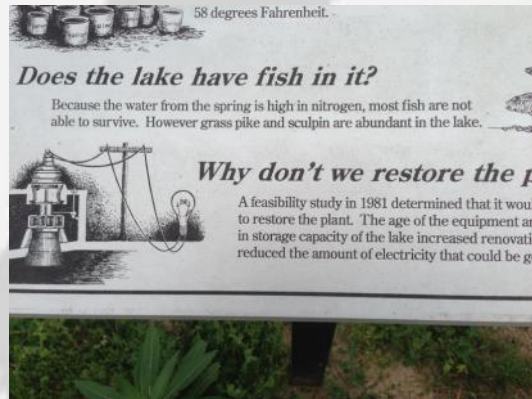
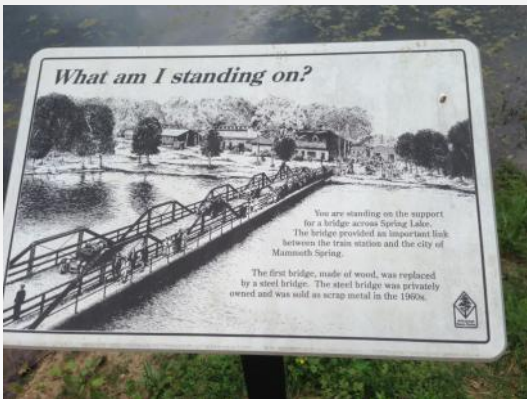


Run like the Geese



Quack like The Geese

Mammoth Springs



MAMMOTH SPRING MILLING COMPANY

The dam seen here was constructed in 1887 for the Mammoth Spring Milling Company. Each stone was hand-quarried and fit into place using mechanical equipment. The concrete structure, to your left on the far side of the dam, is all that remains of the Milling Company. It served as the company vault where the safe with important records and documents was stored. The Company's safe and time clock are on display at the Depot Museum.

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Coming Home Fri Stop at Russellville



The Party's Over

Sharon & Jack, Don & Valerie, Jim & Rick left The Hub Fri morning. Everyone hates leaving The Hub. But, we always come back.

We stopped at Russellville Honda for Jim to get his CB antenna fixed. While we were waiting, Sharon pretended she was a Honda Saleswoman, explaining all the features on the GW. While, Valerie eyed the brand new GW 2014. She fell in love with all the chrome. There is over \$9,000.00 of Kuryakan chrome on this GW. Sure was "purrrrrrty".

