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President's Ramblings

“Turkey Day” has come and gone and now we look forward to Christmas! What a year this has been for us. GWRRA Chapter “E” has morphed into Arkansas Eagle Riders Club and we are “rolling” toward the New Year. Our new Club has grown to 70 members now surpassing my estimate when I and the Transition Committee began laying out a plan and eventually forming AER Club.

We have enjoyed many day trips and a few touring trips and over nighters. Our next big event will be our annual Polar Bear Ride on New Year's Day.

We will be having our annual Planning Session hopefully in January of our officers and Steering Committee. We will be discussing ways to improve the operation of the Club and plan for activities and events for next year. Now let's ride into the New Year.

Don Hewett
AER Club President



I want to thank all of you who have volunteered to ring the bell for the Salvation Army this year in front of Wal-Mart. This is a great way to see all of our neighbors from the Village we haven't seen lately. I also look at all the people who are wearing “biker” attire and see if I can recruit them for the Club.

Our next meeting will be our AER Club Christmas Party on December 8. That is our monthly meeting and “Meet to Eat” for the month of December. The menu sounds great for our dinners at the DeSoto Club here in the Village this year. We will have Tim the DJ playing music for us after dinner so we can dance the night away. What a way to close out what has been another wonderful year of riding.

2022 Activities



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December

**Dec 8 Christmas Party with a DJ
at the Desoto Club**

**Valerie will be taking Christmas
Pictures at the Christmas Party,
so bring your "Happy Face".**





Christmas Dinner Menu

Our Christmas party will be held at the DeSoto Club in Hot Springs Village located at 102 Clubhouse Drive on December 8th. Come at 5:30 (or sooner) for social time and dinner will begin at 6 PM.

Dinner Choices:

#1 Chicken \$22
Grilled and Smothered with Mushroom Cream Sauce
Mashed Potatoes
Garlic Broccolini

#2 Pot Roast with Au Jus \$25
Grilled Asparagus
Garlic Mashed Potatoes

#3 Salmon \$29
6 oz Atlantic Salmon, Grilled with Basil Pesto
Sautéed Broccoli
Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Each dinner will include a salad, Tea or Coffee, tax and gratuity included in the price. Wine and drinks can be purchased at the bar and are not included in the price.

As usual, we will collect for the dinners now and pay one bill at the end of the evening. This makes it much simpler for the staff and helps keep the price down. You can bring cash or check to the Nov 12 meeting or at the party on Dec 8. Butch will be taking the dinner orders and collecting money at the meeting. If paying cash, please try to have correct change or your price might get rounded up.

I plan to see you at the Christmas Party for a great meal and dancing to follow.

Don Hewett

Mena Day Ride



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Pretty Close Call

By Ed Cones


I had a pretty close call on the way to the Leaf Peeping trip, and just sort of brushed it off, but after talking about it with Mike, who was following, I realize just how close it actually was. I'm big on accepting responsibility for my own shortcomings, so I've tried to figure out exactly what I could have, should have, done differently.

I was coming up to a light at Arkansas Avenue and Skyline Drive in Russellville, where I intended to turn left. There was a left-turn lane with arrows indicating my direction of travel and a left turn arrow – clearly my lane. I signaled early to let Mike know my intention to turn left. At the start of the left turn lane I moved left into the right tire track, glanced at my mirror to be sure he was still with me, looked forward, and there was a pickup in the lane coming toward me. I barely had time to dodge back right to miss him. I then moved back to the left turn lane and completed my turn.

It was only later while talking to Mike that I started thinking how nearly I'd come to a head-on collision with a pickup. It all happened so fast I wasn't sure what had actually happened, so I asked Mike for a play by play from his viewpoint. He said I had moved to the left lane and was in that lane when the pickup suddenly pulled over into it as well. Since I was in the right-most portion of the lane, I had time to go right to avoid him.

What I did right – well, I deliberately stayed right to put some distance between me and oncoming traffic. I always do that; it's just a habit.

What can I do to avoid such an occurrence in the future? The most obvious is to keep my eyes forward. I looked to be sure Mike was with me, but he had been ten seconds earlier; there's no reason to think I'd lose him. Less obvious is that maybe I should take the left lane a little later. Even though the lane was clearly marked for my direction, I could have waited a bit. There was no rush to move over immediately. Just something to think about.



What gear are you in?

By Vin Hayes

We've all heard the oft-repeated acronym ATGATT, All The Gear All The Time. Let's dig a little deeper to study exactly what that means.

ALL THE GEAR obviously refers to a complete set of riding gear: helmet, protective, long sleeve jacket, gloves, reinforced pants or leggings and sturdy, protective boots.

ALL THE TIME means anytime, every time, not only for long trips or day rides. Many motorcyclists have sustained serious injury, even death, while just running a quick errand.

THE GEAR

HELMET – The most protective helmet is a DOT approved full-face model with sufficient, approved padding secured by a double D ring strap. Half helmets and quick disconnect fasteners are asking for trouble.

JACKET – A proper jacket must be constructed of material that provides a good degree of protection against scraping and abrasion. Protection against the elements is variable depending on the weather. The best jackets should include embedded padding/armor for the shoulders and elbows. Thick leather provides the best protection but sturdy, ballistic nylon can provide nearly as much protection and is much more adaptable.

GLOVES – Most motorcycle gloves provide proper protection against abrasions for the hands and fingers. Defense against cold and rain are obviously quite important as well. The best gloves also include a 3-6 inch gauntlet to protect the wrists.

PANTS/LEGGINGS – Once again, sturdy leather provides the best protection against abrasion but most ballistic nylon pants also include armored protection for hips and knees. Denim jeans will definitely give way quickly during a slide on asphalt.

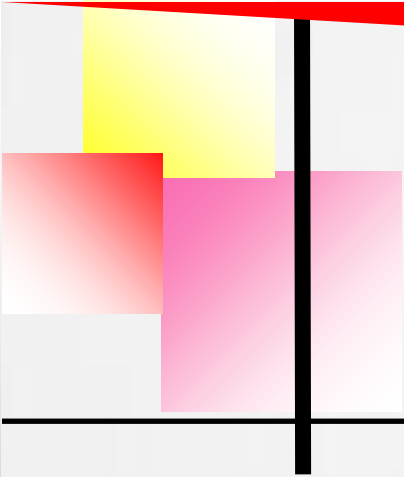
BOOTS – Sturdy leather boots that come up over the ankles are mandatory. Anything less is surely inviting injuries to ankles and toes. Steel-toed boots may seem to provide extra protection but there have been instances where, in high impact accidents, the steel insert actually added to injuries.

What gear are you in?

GOING DOWN

There are two types of motorcyclists; those who **HAVE** gone down and those who **WILL** go down.

1. You can avoid the discomfort of wearing a helmet but your cranium won't like it **WHEN YOU GO DOWN.**
- .2. You can wear a half-helmet (brain bucket) but your ears and face won't like it **WHEN YOU GO DOWN.**
3. You can ride in a tee shirt, or no shirt at all, but your arms and elbows won't like it **WHEN YOU GO DOWN.**
4. You can ride in jeans or shorts but your knees and hips won't like it **WHEN YOU GO DOWN.**
5. You can ride in chaps to be cool but your ass won't like it **WHEN YOU GO DOWN.**
6. You can ride in sneakers or soft hiking boots but your feet and ankles won't like it **WHEN YOU GO DOWN.**
7. You can ride without gloves or cutoff gloves but your fingers won't like it **WHEN YOU GO DOWN.**



What gear are you in?

A PERTINENT STORY

About 25 years ago, my son was working as a paramedic for an ambulance company in the suburbs north of Denver when they received a call to an accident in the area, a single guy on a single motorcycle. It was a beautiful, warm day in late Spring. This guy lived in a typical suburban neighborhood. He was going from his house to visit a buddy less than half a mile away to show him some new additions to his bike. Because he was going such a short distance within the local area, he just jumped on his bike wearing a tee shirt and shorts and headed off on his bike. He rode 300 yards to turn left on the main entry road and another 500 yards to turn right into the street where his buddy lived. In the tight right turn, he hit the collection of road sand that normally accumulates at the sides of the roads. He was traveling less than 25 MPH when he instantly WENT DOWN on his right side. Because he was close inside the right turn, he smashed his head on the high curb at the corner. When my son arrived, he was certain the guy was dead as he could see brain matter on the sidewalk.

So there you have it. Just a quick errand on a beautiful sunny day!

ALL THE GEAR ALL THE TIME

Eureka Springs

By OJ



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Eureka Springs Trip

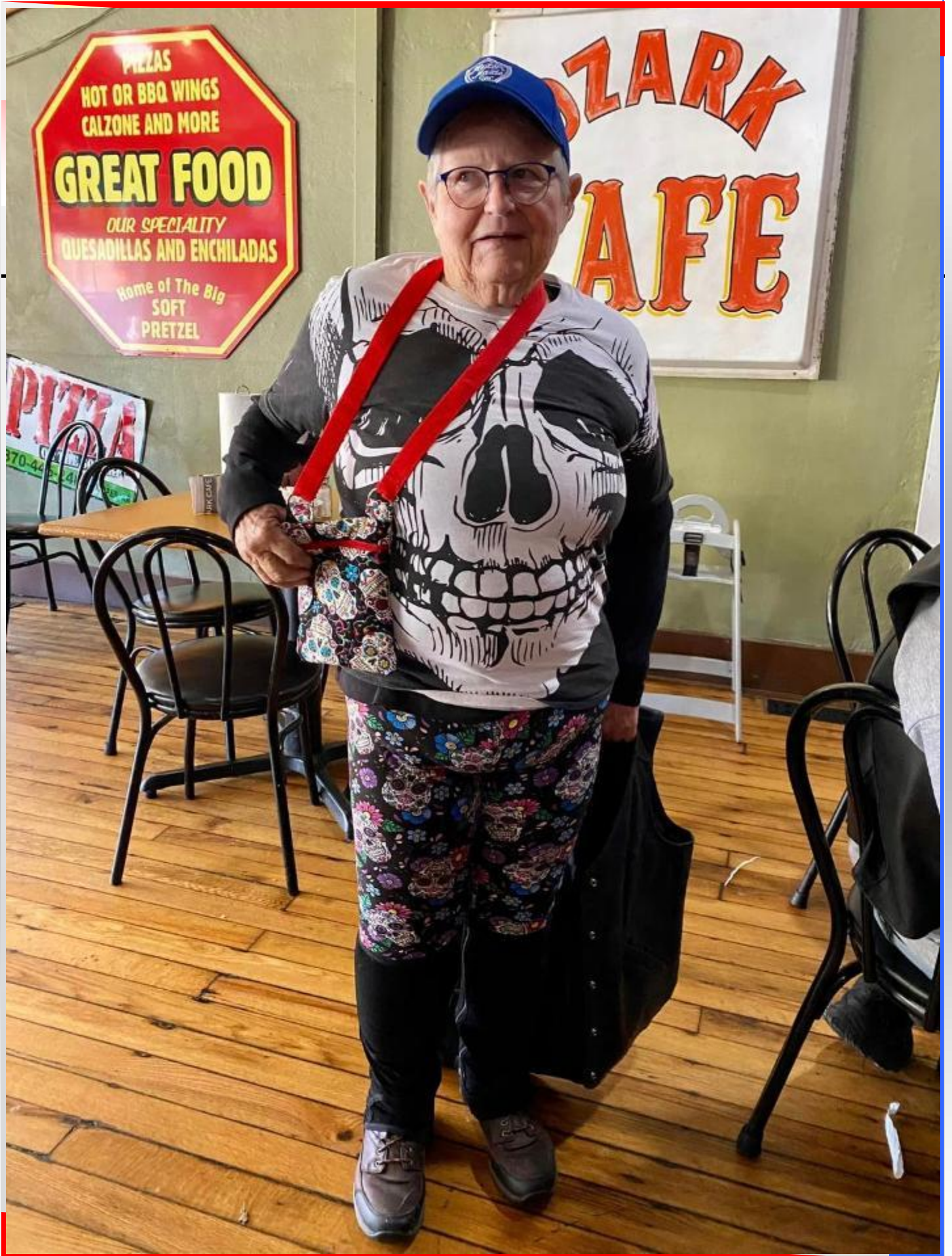


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HOT OR BBQ WINGS
CALZONE AND MORE
GREAT FOOD
OUR SPECIALTY
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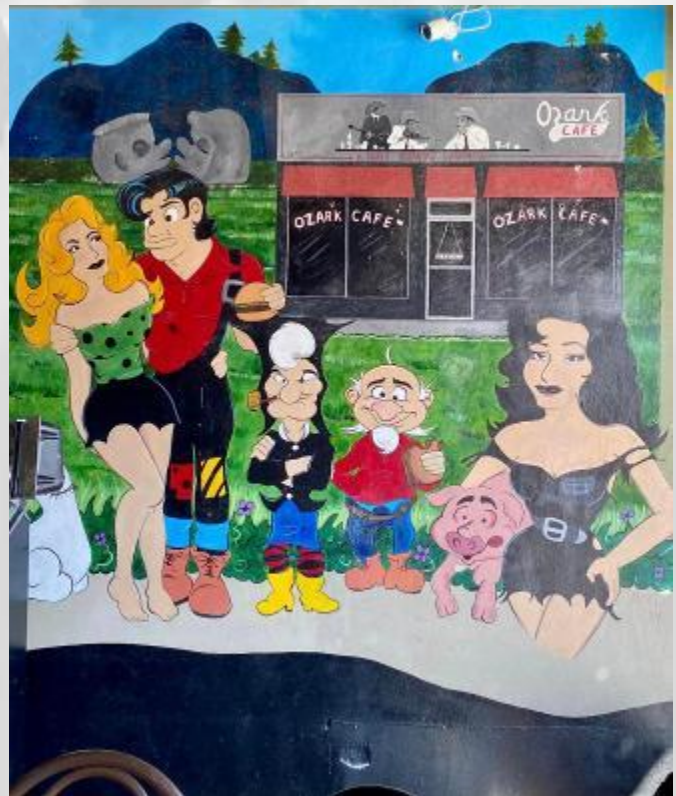
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Our Trip home was down 23 to Oark and then on to the house. We thought we'd seen some great fall color until we rode down the Pig Trail. Wow! Lots of yellows and golds and reds around every corner. Awesome!



Eureka Springs Trip

We stopped at Granny's Kitchen, Horseshoe Grill
Bubba's BBQ, Oak Cafe' and the Ozark Cafe'.
Yes we eat often and we eat good food! Keeps our
bellies full, our eyes bright and our spirits high!



Eureka Springs Trip



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While we were in Eureka Springs, there was a Model T club and a Porsche sports car club there also.

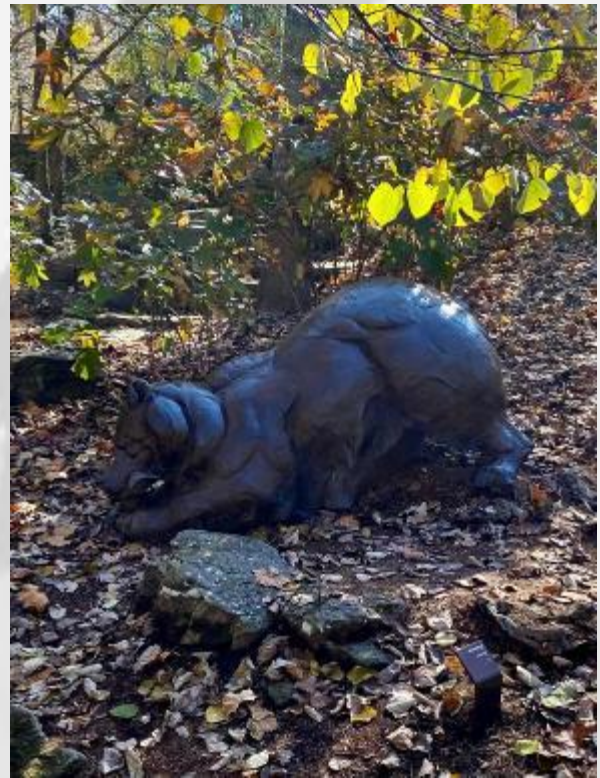
And yes, they were all "driven" to the event, on back roads mostly to stay away from traffic and speeds. Driving there is part of their request of all vehicles. All were local Arkansas/Missouri members that I spoke with. You may also notice, they all have a spare tire/wheel and a tool box with key items inaccessible in your neighborhood auto parts store!



Crystal Bridges



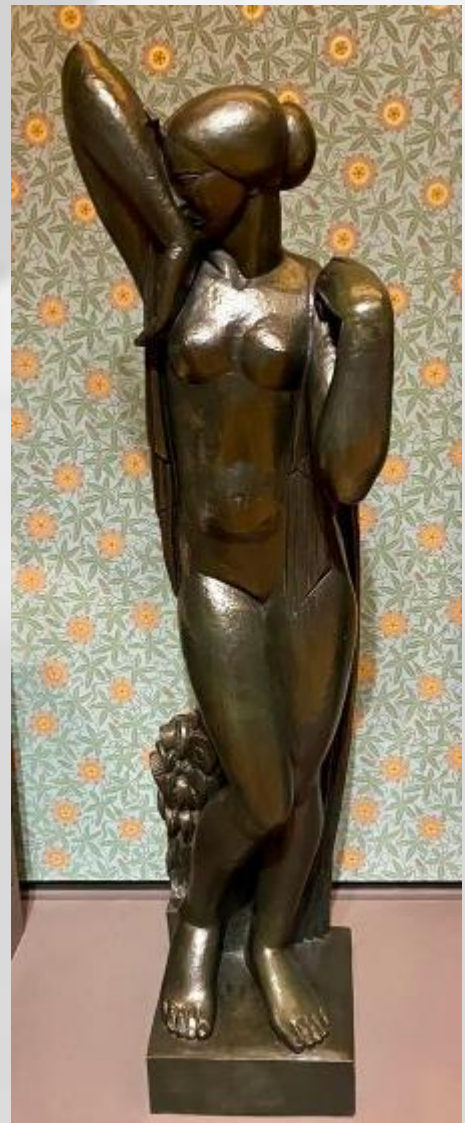
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