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**From the
Big Dog
President
John Bargas
"Logdawg"**

I want to start by thanking each and every one of you that participated, worked and supported our 6th Annual Guard Poker Run. It was the best one we have had and each year it just keeps growing. This year we had 240 registered participants. Maybe one of these years we will have great weather for the run and our numbers will grow even more.

Elections will take place at our monthly meeting 20 April 2011, so show up and vote. The three positions that we are voting on are President, Treasurer and Road Captain. It's our association and you have a voice so come out and vote and let your vote count.

With that being said, I have decided not to run for president again. Several things are going on in the organization and in my life that makes it impossible for me to seek another term at this time. It has been my extreme pleasure to serve as you president. Your support and vote of confidence in me has made this one of the most exciting and pleasurable experiences I have had. I just want to thank everyone for your support. I ask that you give the new officers the same support

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Guard Dogs Central Chapter Sixth Annual Poker Run

PHOTOS BY: CRAZY FRED AND SCULLZ



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President's Column

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you gave me and I know you will.

Our next big event is the NGAOK Guard Dog Poker Run at the Hard Rock Casino in Tulsa 30 April 2011, 1000 hrs. I ask that everyone come and support this ride, this will be my last ride as your president.

Ride safe, ride often.
Logdawg
President
GDCC

What is Celibacy?

Celibacy can be a choice in life, or a condition imposed by circumstances.

While attending a Marriage Weekend, my wife and I listened to the instructor declare, "It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other."

He then addressed the men. "Can you name and describe your wife's favorite flower?"

I leaned over, touched her arm gently, and whispered, "Gold Medal-All-Purpose, isn't it?"

And thus began my life of celibacy.

Congratulations Rick & Nan

Congratulations to Rick and Nan Sloan (a.k.a. Rickster and Harley Chick) on their marriage on February 16th!

It was a "shot-gun" wedding of sorts. They bought a new Harley Davidson motorcycle together and then had to get married!

Seriously, wishing them many years of happiness and safe riding!



Central Chapter Guard Dog Support Group

Central Chapter Guard Dogs Support Group's Information and Specifics:

As of March 2011, the Central Chapter Guard Dogs has a Support Group that has a current membership of 9 members and a "friends list" of 11.

Official Support Group membership is defined as a member with voting privileges. Voting privileges are afforded to a Support Group member whose dues are current within the last 12 months. Yearly dues (\$15) are paid during the month of July. Official and current Support Group membership consists of riders or supporters that do not meet the membership eligibility criteria to be a member of the Guard Dogs or do not desire to be a full-fledged member of the Guard Dogs. Also, membership in the Support Group allows an association with the Central Chapter Guard Dogs without those responsibilities of belonging to an official Motorcycle Association. The Support Group's mission statement mirrors the mission statement of the Central Chapter Guard Dogs and the role is to support their efforts and activities.

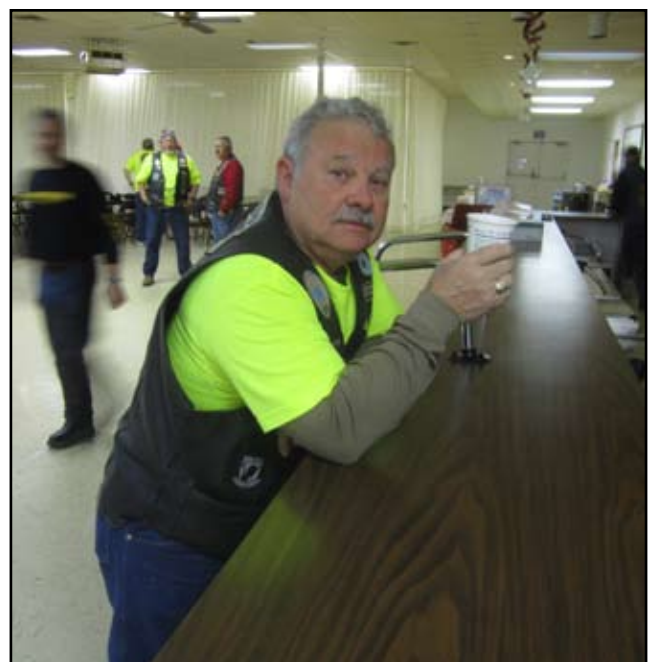
The Support Group's "friends list" consists of those friends that have elapsed payment of yearly dues or have not yet officially joined the Support Group by payment of their year dues. Those on the "friends list" want to stay advised of our activities and are willing on occasion to join in on our activities whenever possible.

Support Group membership also allows a member to purchase and wear the official Support Patch. The patch is slightly similar to the Guard Dogs' patch. One of the biggest differences is that our patch features a yellow support ribbon. Wear of the Support Patch is a visible means in which to display our support/backing to the Guard Dogs Motorcycle Association.

The following is a list of the previous activities of the Support Group:

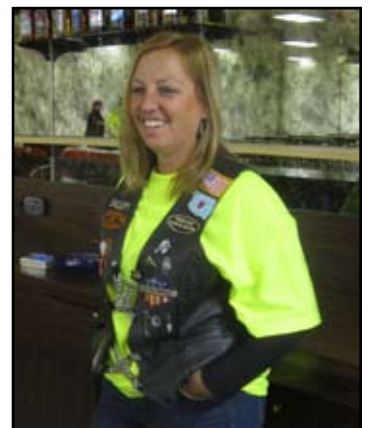
- Ride our motorcycles or ride as passengers with the Guard Dogs on various rides, meetings, activities, etc.
- Man pre-registration booths in preparation of the Chapter's Annual Poker Run.
- Man stops or registration tables at the Annual Poker Run.
- Join in on the activities during a volunteer work weekend for another member or the American Legion.
- Provide food/drink at designated activities.
- Mail greeting cards out to members during major occasions such as hospitalization, death of a family member, etc.

There is not a probationary period to membership. Pay the yearly dues and purchase the patches and you are ready to go. For more information about membership in the Support Group see the Central Chapter Guard Dog's official web site. www.okccguarddogs.com. Click on "Support Group".



Guard Dogs Central Chapter Sixth Annual Poker Run

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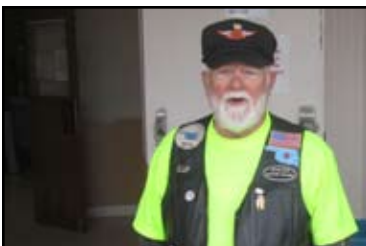


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Sixth Annual Poker Run**

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Central Chapter Guard Dog Event Calendar for 2011

Event Dates and Times are subject to change.

- ~~1 Jan~~ — Polar Bear Ride or Guard Dog Chilly Willy Ride
- ~~19 Jan~~ — **Monthly Meeting, American Legion Del City**
- ~~8 Feb~~ — ABATE Capital Breakfast 0730 State Capital, OKC
(date not confirmed)
- 13 Feb — Candy Ass Run, OKC Harley Davidson World
- 16 Feb — **Monthly Meeting, American Legion Del City**
- 4-13 Mar — Daytona Bike Week
- 16 Mar — **Monthly Meeting, American Legion Del City**
- 26 Mar — NGAOK Poker Run CCGD poker Run **(Mandatory)**
- 20 Apr — **Monthly Meeting, American Legion Del City**
- 23 Apr — Guard Dogs, Central Chapter group Amarillo Grill, Enid
- 30 Apr — NGAOK Poker Run, Tulsa **(Mandatory)**
- 7 May — Fire Fighters Museum Poker Run OKC (date not confirmed)
- 14 May — Kyle Brinlee Ride, Pryor OK **(Mandatory)**
- 18 May — **Monthly Meeting, American Legion Del City**
- 21 May — Central Chapter group mystery ride?
- 22 May — Rolling Thunder El Reno VFW
- 30 May — ABATE capital Run
- 30 May — 45th Museum Memorial Day Rally
- 15 Jun — **Monthly Meeting, American Legion Del City**
- 18 Jun — Guard Dogs, Central Chapter group ride Road Capt's choice
- 20 Jul — Monthly Meeting, American Legion Del City
- 23 Jul — Guard Dogs, Central Chapter group ride Snoopy's Choice
- 8-14 Aug — Sturgis Rally (leave OKC 6 Aug 11)
- 17 Aug — **Monthly Meeting, American Legion Del City**
- 26-28 Aug — Guard Dogs, Central Chapter overnight ride to Eureka Springs
- 21 Sep — **Monthly Meeting, American Legion Del City**
- 17 Sep — Wounded Warrior Poker Run Ardmore (date not Confirmed)
- 28 Sep/1 Oct — Bikes, Blues, and BBQ
- 2 Oct — American Legion Poker Run Del City
- 19 Oct — **Monthly Meeting, American Legion Del City**
- 28-30 Oct — Loyd (Shooter) Sigle Memorial ride (Talimena Drive)
- 11 Nov — 45th Museum Veteran's Day ride
- 16 Nov — **Monthly Meeting, American Legion Del City**
- 4 Dec — Naysayer Toy Ride OKC (Date not Confirmed)
- 10 Dec — Shawnee Toy Ride (Date not Confirmed)
- 16 Dec — **Monthly Meeting, American Legion Del City**
Holiday Party

Upcoming Events

Spring is here and riding season is upon us again! There will be plenty of interesting rides this year and fun times ahead with friends and family.

As you know, all members must ride in at least one mandatory ride each year to keep their membership active. We invite you to select from the mandatory rides list below:

NG Poker Run, 30 April

Firefighters Museum Run, 7 May

Kyle Brinlee Poker Run, 14 May

American Legion Poker Run, 3 Oct

These are important rides/organizations that we support and feel we need to be a part of.

Try and make as many of these rides as possible to show our continued support and the Guard Dog colors!

Like Uncle Sam ... We Need Your Money Too!

It's time to pay your 2011 dues. Dues are \$15.00 and must be paid by 31 Apr 11. You can pay them at the monthly meetings or mail them to:

Stephen Owen
904 Ryan Rd
Moore, OK 73160
Or
CW5 John Bargas
3535 Military Circle
OKC, OK 73111
Make checks out to GDCC.
Ride safe, ride often

Motorcycle Safety Tips and Techniques

Riding Drag Is Anything But A Drag

For your most skilled/most experienced/best equipped riders

BY: JAMES R. DAVIS – WRITER FOR MOTORCYCLE SAFETY/DYNAMICS WEB SITE ... WWW.MSGROUP.ORG

While a tour group is highly dependent upon the skills and judgment of the lead bike's rider, in many ways they are more dependent on the drag bike for successfully arriving at their destination.

Let's first discuss the drag bike's obvious role during group lane changing maneuvers. Almost always, a lane change is initiated by the lead bike, but there are times when the drag bike should do so. For example, if the group is traveling on a freeway and the drag bike observes that an 18-wheeler is harassing the group (tailgating or honking its horn), the proper response of the drag bike is to increase the distance between himself and the next bike in front of him and to radio ahead to the lead bike recommending an immediate lane change to the right, and why.

If the lead bike requests a lane change, the drag bike must first determine that it is safe to do so. If it is not, he must tell the lead why he is unwilling or cannot do so at this time. That is, the drag bike determines if and when a lane change that is requested by the lead bike is to happen. (Note that if the group moves into a slower moving lane from front to back, much like a normal car passing maneuver, the lead bike does not request a lane change at all - he announces it - and the drag bike's responsibility is to announce when the maneuver is completed.)

[Important! The proper response from the drag bike to a request to obtain a new lane for the group should ALWAYS be: "Stand By". To say something like "OK" can be confused by some to mean the lane has been obtained and it is time to move over.

It is NOT safe to change lanes until the drag bike subsequently says "The lane has been secured - following the red car", or something to that effect. If the drag bike denies the request for a lane change he has already told the lead bike (and all listeners) to 'stand by' and so merely then updates that advisory with why the request is denied.]

Assuming it is safe to change lanes, the drag bike moves into the requested lane and signals the lead bike that it has been obtained. He must also advise as to the traffic situation as it relates to the lane change.

Additional responsibilities of the drag bike: checking that all bikes have raised their side stands when the group begins its ride; assisting any member that is forced to leave the group for mechanical, medical, or personal reasons (lost confidence, for example); observing the riding performance of all of the other bikes to determine if there might be a particular rider who is mismatched in terms of riding skills compared to the group; watching for any unsafe driving habits of individual riders or the group at large; 'closing the door' in situations where a lane is about to be lost; and to watch and report any lighting, tire or luggage problems with any of the bikes in the group.

Being at the back of the group, the drag bike is in the ideal position to perform these responsibilities and having these responsibilities requires that the drag bike is best prepared to honor them. The drag bike should have a comprehensive first aid kit, fire extinguisher, the ability to turn on blinking warning lights, and reliable communications capability. The drag

bike rider should be currently trained in first aid and CPR as well as having attended an MSF Experienced Rider Course (ERC).

If a member has failed to raise his kickstand, a quick radio broadcast by the drag bike gets that problem fixed before the group moves at all.

When the group makes a stop, the drag bike sees all the stop lights and will report any that are failing. He does the same if he sees failing turn indicators (or those that are left on). Luggage that has slipped, trunk or bags that are left open or have their latches spring open, will be observed and reported by an alert drag bike. (These are things that each member of the group should watch for in behalf of all the bikes ahead of them.)

If a bike must leave the group for any reason, it's the drag bike that must determine if assistance is required and to provide it, if necessary. If a member of the group must stop at the side of the road, the drag bike will stop with him, radioing the situation to the lead bike (so that a new drag bike can be designated and the group can find a safe place to leave the road.) If a major problem exists the drag bike radios ahead and asks the lead bike to furnish whatever additional assistance is required. For example, BEFORE starting CPR, a quick medical alert must be broadcast so that the lead bike can arrange for trained assistance. By the way, all else being equal, this is why one should choose a drag bike that has a co-rider - to allow constant radio support while first aid attention is being rendered.

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Next Time ... Just Stay

SUBMITTED BY: OLE SHEP

A nurse took the tired, anxious serviceman to the bedside. "Your son is here," she said to the old man. She had to repeat the words several times before the patient's eyes opened. Heavily sedated because of the pain of his heart attack, he dimly saw the young uniformed Marine standing outside the oxygen tent. He reached out his hand. The Marine wrapped his toughened fingers around the old man's limp ones, squeezing a message of love and encouragement.

The nurse brought a chair so that the Marine could sit beside the bed.

All through the night the young Marine sat there in the poorly lighted ward, holding the old man's hand and offering him words of love and strength.

Occasionally, the nurse suggested that the Marine move away and rest awhile. He refused. Whenever the nurse came into the ward, the Marine was oblivious of her and of the night noises of the hospital - the clanking of the oxygen tank, the laughter of the night staff members exchanging greetings, the cries and moans of the other patients.

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Riding Drag ... from Page Nine

During the ride the drag may well see that one of the group's members slows down dramatically when entering curves. This is a sure sign that that rider is being pushed beyond his individual riding skills. The drag bike should take it upon himself to do two things in this case:

He should request the lead bike to slow down

He should be sure that the individual having the control (or confidence) problems is moved towards the back of the group, preferably to the last position in the group that rides in the 'slot' (right half of the lane). This change of group position is often best done when the group makes its next stop, but sometimes it must be done immediately.

If the drag bike observes that a rider does not appear to have control of his bike adequate to continue the ride as a member of the group, then he MUST so advise the lead bike and request that the group make an immediate stop to resolve the problem. In almost all cases the resolution will involve INSISTING that the impaired bike leave the group and be escorted to a safe destination. It is

typical that the drag bike will act as the escort.

In severe cases, typically those involving drugs, alcohol, or medical problems, the impaired driver must not be allowed to drive their bikes at all, if they can be stopped, and one of the co-riders might be asked to drive it to a safe place for overnight storage, for example. In this case the impaired driver should NOT be allowed to assume co-rider status!! Some other form of transportation needs to be arranged.

If either the lead or the drag bike insists that an individual not be allowed to ride with the group, the group MUST NOT allow that individual to continue to ride with them. If the individual in question refuses to leave, then the group should simply stop and not proceed while he continues to remain.

The lead and drag bikes are a team designated by the group to conduct them safely to their destination. These are not symbolic positions. They require maturity, experience, training, cooperation, good communications, and good judgment. And, occasionally, your thanks.

NGAOK Poker Run in Tulsa

Our next big event is the NGAOK Guard Dog Poker Run in Tulsa at the Hard Rock Casino 30 April 2011, 1000 hrs. this is a mandatory ride and I am asking that everyone to ride in this event. This ride is in conjunction with the OKTAG Leadership Conference and Military Ball 29-31 April 2011.

Here is the itinerary for the weekend:

29 April 2011

0700 OKTAG Prayer Breakfast

0900 OKTAG Leadership Conference

1300 NGAOK Business Meeting

1900 NGAOK Mixer

30 April 2011

0800 Golf

1000 Poker Run

1200 Retirees Luncheon

1800 Military Ball

We will have three date and time groups for KSU at the Loves located at NE 122nd & I-35, if you cannot make one of these KSU, feel free to go on your own or with a buddy. KSU dates and times are:

28 Apr 11, KSU 1600

29 Apr 11, KSU 1600

30 Apr 11, KSU 0730

Each group will select a RC for the trip. The Hard Rock Casino is located at exit 240 (193rd East Ave) on I-44 in Catoosa, OK. There are several hotels in the area to choose from if you spend the night. Hampton Inn is across the street.

Just Say'in....

***Money isn't everything
but it sure keeps the
kids in touch.***

Road Captain Report

Londynn Ride
2 Apr 2011

Riders: LogDawg, Harley Mama, Ole Shep, Jeep, BirdDawg

Support: Cindy

Itinerary: Chapter assembled at Wendy's parking lot, SH-152 and Sara Road, KSU at 1100. Group proceeded to All Sports Bar and Grill, 211 North Trade Center Terrace, Mustang, to register for run and draw 1st card. We were met there by Harley Mama. Jeep had to leave for another event. We departed from there at 1230ish and rode east on SH-152 and Newcastle Rd to our first stop, Half Time Sports Grill in Wheatland. From there we rode north on Council, west on 10th to Margarita Island in Oklahoma City then west on 10th thru Yukon to Route 66 then west on Rt 66 to El Reno to Gilmore's Bar and Grill. We had lunch there then went south on SH-81 and east on SH-152 back to start point. LogDawg won the high hand and donated it back. We ENDEXed there at various times starting at 1700.

Remarks: Great ride, good route, good weather. No accidents, no injuries.

Weather: Weather was high 60s at the start of the ride, warming up to mid 80s as the ride progressed. Mostly sunny with scattered clouds all day. High winds from the south.

BirdDawg
Road Captain
GDCC

**Got Something To Say, Event to Share,
Story to Tell, Photo to Publish,
Items to Sell, Upcoming Birthday,
Joke/Cartoon (Family Oriented!),
or a Family Secret Recipie?**

We'll publish just about anything ... No Kidding!!

(We do reserve the right to edit any submission)

**Deadline is the last day of each month for inclusion into the next month's newsletter. All submissions are preferred in a Word document file and photos in jpeg format.
Email subissions to:**

thedoghousenews@cox.net

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Just Stay

Now and then she heard him say a few gentle words. The dying man said nothing, only held tightly to his son all through the night.

Along towards dawn, the old man died.

The Marine released the now lifeless hand he had been holding and went to tell the nurse. While she did what she had to do, he waited. Finally, she returned. She started to offer words of sympathy, but the Marine interrupted her. "Who was that man?" He asked.

The nurse was startled, "He was your father," she answered.

"No, he wasn't," the Marine replied. "I never saw him before in my life."

"Then why didn't you say something when I took you to him?" She asked.

The Marine replied, "I knew right away there had been a mistake, but I also knew he needed his son, and his son just wasn't here. When I realized that he was too sick to tell whether or not I was his son, knowing how much he needed me, I stayed."

"I came here tonight to find a Mr. William Grey. His Son was killed in Iraq today, and I was sent to inform him. What was this gentleman's name?"

The nurse with tears in her eyes answered, "Mr. William Grey."

The next time someone needs you just be there. Stay.

Good to Know Info

The link below is a virtual wall of all those lost during the Vietnam war with the names, bio's and other information on our lost heroes.

Those who remember that time frame, or perhaps lost friends or family can look them up on this site:

<http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm>

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There will be camping, rv hook ups, food vendors, other vendors, games,
bands, bike show, dunk tank, who do u want in it?

So You've Always Wanted to go to Sturgis? ...

Sturgis - 6-13 August 2011

1. Cost is \$75.00 per person for 5 nights (7-11 Aug). Space Limited to first 12 Males and 12 Females. All money is due by 1 July 2011. The \$75.00 is non refundable unless you can get someone to fill your slot. We will stay at the South Dakota Army National Guard Regional Training Institute (SDARNG RTI), a National Guard billeting facility. You must provide your own linen, pillow and towels. (During Sturgis Week the RTI does not require Helmet or Reflective Belt/vest). Washers/dryers provided, bring your own soap. We will have to clean the facility prior to departing.

2. Here is the itinerary for those who travel with the Guard Dogs to Sturgis on 6-7 Aug 11. **Note: Helmets are required in Nebraska. It is a good idea to bring a copy of your m/c registration with you. You are expected to ride safely and follow the Road Captain's guidance if traveling with us.**

a. KSU 0700 6 Aug 11, Loves at NE 122nd St & I-35.

b. KSD 1700 6 Aug 11, Comfort Inn 3535 W State St, Grand Island, NE. for reservations call 308-381-7788.

c. KSU 0700 7 Aug 11, Grand Island NE.

d. KSD 1700 7 Aug 11, RTI 2823 W Main, Rapid City, SD.

3. Here is the itinerary for those who travel with the Guard Dogs back to OKC on 12-13 Aug 11.

a. KSU 700 12 Aug 11, RTI 2823 W Main, Rapid City, SD.

b. KSD 1700 12 Aug 11, Riverside Motel 305 S 13th St, Hebron, NE. for reservations call 402-768-7366.

c. KSU 0600 13 Aug 11, Grand Island NE.

d. KSD 1300 13 Aug 11, Loves at NE 122nd St & I-40.

4. We will stop every 100 miles for rest break and fuel. On 6-7 & 11-12 Aug 11 at the first 100 miles stop of the day we will eat breakfast/brunch.

5. If the Comfort Inn is full there are other hotels in Grand Island just "Google" for them. We will come up with a meeting place to leave Grand Island from on the 7th and 13th of August. **NOTE: Cost of hotels is not included in the \$75.00 RTI fee.**

Fill in the information below and send to **John Bargas, 10645 NW 35th St, Yukon, Ok 73099** with your \$75.00 payment. Make checks out to John Bargas. If you have any questions call me at 405-642-7907.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

WORK PHONE: _____ HOME PHONE _____ CELL _____

E-Mail Address _____

Emergency Contact information:

NAME _____ RELATIONSHIP _____ PHONE _____

Travel with Guard Dogs or on your own: _____

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SATURDAY MAY 7th, 2011

show up at the

Lucky Stars
CASINO

7777 S. Hiway 81 El Reno, OK

cost \$15 rider/\$5 passenger

Registration opens at 9:30a.m.

Last bike out 11:00 a.m.

Last bike in 4:00 p.m.

High hand / Low hand

***** Raffle, Door prizes and 50/50*****

All vehicles welcome!!!



Johnnies Grill

All Proceeds Go To The Yukon F.R.I.E.N.D.S Group

BENEFIT RUN
IN MEMORY OF

SGT KYLE BRINLEE

**Sponsored by Grand Lake Guard Dogs, Lakes Area ABATE Chapter 13
and Mayes County Blue Star Mothers**



Saturday, May 14th

2011 Registration begins at 10:00

First Bike out 10:30

Last bike out at 11:00

\$10 per Hand, Unlimited Hands

Route:

Southard Style – Pryor

VFW - Grove

Road Hog Saloon - Bernice

Riggs and Co.– Langley

American Legion – Pryor

Last Bike in: 3:30

All Proceeds go to a private fund established in Memory of SGT Brinlee for a Memorial to the War on Terror in Mayes County

To assist the Blue Star Mothers of Mayes County with care packages for deployed soldiers we ask that each participant bring one item of their choice to the Start Point so that it can be included in packages sent to our troops overseas.