

Dog House

OKLAHOMA GUARD DOGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION NEWS

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From the Big Dog

President
John Bargas
"Logdawg"

This year turned out to be one of our best years for the Guard Dogs in many ways. However we did get off to a sad start, we lost Loyd (Shooter) Sigle on Jan 2nd. Our Annual Chilly Willy Ride on Jan 1st was to visit Loyd at his house; he just came home from the hospital and was under hospice care. He was alert and glad to see everyone.

We welcomed in 13 new prospects and patched up 7 new members. This means our name and what we do is getting around so it has made it easy to recruit. I believe in 2011 we will increase our membership above what we did in 2010.

Our biggest event was the 5th Annual National Guard Poker Run which was a great success. We were able to make a good profit and also able to sponsor a \$500.00 Scholarship for the National Guard Scholarship foundation. Our State HQs gave a \$500.00 Scholarship in the name of Loyd (Shooter) Sigle. Again I want to thank everyone that helped with this Poker Run. If it was not for our member's support and hard work, events like this could not be successful. In addition we completed 22 rides, poker runs and rallies this year.

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Perfect weather, good friends, and no incidents made for a great weekend ride and the perfect way to honor the memory of our friend.

Ride Brings "Dogs" Together to Honor a Fallen Comrade

The weekend of 29-31 October marked the time to honor the memory of one of our founding members and good friend to all with a ride through the famous Talimena Drive.

Loyd Sigle was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend to all who knew him. He was a Soldier, patriot and honorable man who is missed, but lives in all of our hearts.

The weather was mild and sunny as the group assembled at the American Legion Post 73 and began the ride that would take us to the Best Western in McAlester on Friday night.

Saturday the ride to Talimena began cool but sunny. As the day progressed the temperature improved.

Eighteen motorcycles, 24 rider/passengers made up the column along with Kathy (Kat) Threet and Vickie Sigle bringing up the rear in Kat's "silver rocket".

The ride through Talimena was slow and easy with stops along the way for scenic views and photos. A stop in Mena, AR provided lunch before continuing to Ft Smith for the second night's stop at the Comfort Inn.

Sunday we began home on another beautiful day arriving at the Fire Lake Casino where the ride terminated.

A great ride, good friends and great memories -- Thanks Loyd, Love ya man.

A Little Humor

— SUBMITTED BY: OLE SHEP —

The elderly

When we get older we think different don't we. This is a touching story Just when you have lost faith in human kindness, someone who teaches at Kean Elementary in Wooster, Ohio forwarded the following letter.

The letter was sent to the Principals office after the school had sponsored a luncheon for the elderly. An old lady received a new radio at the lunch as a door prize and was writing to say thank you. This story is a credit to all humankind. Forward to anyone you know who might need a lift today.

Dear Kean Elementary:

God bless you for the beautiful radio I won at your recent senior citizens luncheon. I am 84 years old and live at the Sprenger Home for the Aged. All of my family has passed away. I am all alone now and it's nice to know that someone is thinking of me. God bless you for your kindness to an old forgotten lady. My roommate is 95 and has always had her own radio, but before I received one, she would never let me listen to hers, even when she was napping.

The other day her radio fell off the night stand and broke into a lot of pieces. It was awful and she was in tears. Her distress over the broken radio touched me and I knew this was God's way of answering my prayers. She asked if she could listen to mine, and I told her to kiss my ass.

Thank you for that opportunity.



A Redneck Flagpole

— SUBMITTED BY: OLE SHEP —

It's a little hard to see notice the Flag is secured on a tree limb with a rope and suspended at the bottom with a brick. To the owner we say, "No matter how she flies, you're a Grand Ole Flag!" Thanks Shep for your photo!

Letters to the Editor -----

None yet. But if you've got one, send it to me at

thedoghousenews@cox.net

Road Captain Report

CofC Meeting Held at Post 73

— SUBMITTED BY: BIRDDAWG —

ABATE State Capital Ride

11 November 2010

Riders: BirdDawg, Machinegun, Harley Mama.

Itinerary: Met at Lea's Skyline Restaurant rode parade route to state capital .

Weather: Chilly and overcast with temperature in low 60s to start. Sunny and temperature in the high 60s-low 70s later.

Remarks: Met at Lea's Skyline. Tiger Mike gave safety briefing and "brief" discussion of event. The parade departed at 1020 with police escort. We went the normal parade route which now includes the Veteran's Hospital parking lot. It was a good sized event this year with 200-300 motorcycles. There was one minor accident on Lincoln just before the turn in to capital parking lot. Apparently, a couple of people dropped their bikes forcing a guy with a side car to drop his trying to stop. It knocked the sidecar off the bike and he had a friend come pick it up. The two who caused it had no further business there and picked up their bikes and quickly rode away. (All this according to the sidecar guy's story later at the American Legion)

We met up with the nine other Guard Dogs who did the museum event and all rode together to the American Legion afterward.

BirdDawg - Road Captain

Veterans Day Ceremony at 45th Infantry Division Museum and State Capitol

11 November 2010

Weather started out very cool and drizzly as the group formed at the Lincoln Park Golf Course on Grand and 36th for the short ride to the Museum. There were nine riders.

Museum ceremony was well attended despite the weather. It lasted approx 45 min.

After the ceremony the group rode to the Veterans Day Ceremony held at the Veterans Memorial on the State Capitol Complex. There we met up with the Guard Dog group lead by BirdDawg who had formed at the Skyline Restaurant on SE 15th and I-35.

After the conclusion of the second ceremony the combined group of Guard Dogs rode the American Legion Post 73. They were honoring veterans with free hotdogs with all the trimmings. The ride terminated at that point with no incident.

Scullz - Road Captain

The meeting began at 1331. It was delayed for some reason, should have started at 1300. The board, or at least Bandido Lee appeared to be in an executive session about something.

Bandido Lee made opening remarks – stated that this had been an interesting year with a lot of legislative stuff done. He said he had recently attended a Motorcycle Rights Foundation (MRF) getting ready to join with them (on a trial basis) on motorcycle rights. He stated that MRF was better than the AMA because they didn't receive government or Manufacturer support so were more unbiased. It will cost the CoC \$100 to join but will increase lobbying power. He also mentioned that the state of Oklahoma received an award this year – only state passing five motorcycle legislative items.

Tiger Mike (ABATE) stated (opinion) that "an informed electorate scares the hell out of the government" and everyone should vote. He mentioned that the new Lt Gov, Todd Lamb, is an active member of ABATE along with his wife. He said that Nov 1st was a landmark date. That's when the lion's share of the new motorcycle related legislation went into effect – state sponsored rider and safety program, ability to treat malfunctioning traffic light as a stop sign (after assessing the situation), and left turn (Jagger'sLaw) verbiage strengthened. He clarified Bandido Lee's remark in that the state had received the legislative award for doing the most of any state for motorcycle safety. He requested that any ideas for legislative action in the coming year be provided soon, he needs to firm up an agenda by December. He mentioned that the 2011 Legislative Breakfast would be the second week in February. He also mentioned that

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Motorcycle Tips and Techniques

Practice, Practice, Practice - 'Skill' is often no more than CONFIDENCE

BY: JAMES R. DAVIS

Some time ago I was riding with a group down a back-country road when our group leader decided that we needed to perform our 'mandatory' U-turn. The road had two lanes (one in each direction) and there was no oncoming traffic.

With only one exception everybody made a 'three-point' maneuver. That is, we turned across the road and stopped when we could not keep going without running off the pavement, then backed up after turning the front wheel, stopped and turned the front wheel again and proceeded to complete the maneuver.

There was, as I said, one exception. This rider was on a relatively

new GoldWing and he was carrying a passenger. Further, he is a BIG man - well over 6' tall and well over 300 pounds.

This man simply aggressively leaned his bike over and drove his bike through the entire 180 degree turn without needing to stop or running out of pavement.

The chatter on the CB was filled with compliments relative to his profound skill with his bike. Those compliments started again at our next rest stop. They were well deserved compliments. But they were misdirected.

That is, what should have been complimented, in my opinion, was the rider's CONFIDENCE rather

than his skill.

Don't get me wrong - the man demonstrated lots of skill. He had demonstrated a mastery of his clutch, his throttle, and his HEAD!

With even modest skill almost anyone can lean a bike far enough in a slow-speed turn to drag a peg - but very few of us want to or would even try to get close to that big a lean because we do not KNOW that we can do it successfully. Why? Because we lack confidence in either our machine or ourselves. So, we compromise and do what we KNOW we can do - we make a three-point U-turn on a narrow road.

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CofC Meeting ... from Page Three

there would be an NCOM meeting 19 November - expecting over 1000 attendees. He invited everyone to attend the ABATE Veteran's Day Run from Lea's Skyline to the State Capital.

Bandido Lee mentioned that our Motorcycle Rights organization (MRO) is doing a great job - really getting after it.

John Sutton (Attorney) stated that in the patch case (where the club colors had been plea bargained away), the Court sided with the Mongols, but the government has appealed. He stressed (again) that colors should be trademarked to avoid this. He mentioned several lawsuits including one in Illinois over police threatening to close down any business that served bikers during Sons of Silence poker run, various biker only "safety checkpoints", and a Lancaster, California city ordinance that allows the arrest of any patch holder "claiming terri-

tory" at any public event. He also mentioned to local cases - the Shawnee Police broke up a biker party at a local motel and the state fair "no colors" policy.

Guest from Wide Open magazine spoke on the behalf of his magazine. He stated that the magazine does not have a "No Colors" policy at any of their events. He apologized on behalf of the magazine's owner, Ralph Rhodes, for "misunderstanding" at previous events. He offered free booth space to both CoC and ABATE at upcoming Tulsa show.

Bandido Lee mentioned that they were in the process of putting together an events calendar (Oklahoma) which will run for a year with a 6 month update. The calendar will also have National Events of interest (e.g. Sturgis Bike Rally). Four lines are free, larger displays and advertising will cost. They are looking for advertisers

Tiger Mike again mentioned the Veteran's Day run which will leave Lea's at 1030 sharp and mentioned that the Del City American Legion would have a free hot dog cookout afterward.

Some remarks from the Defenders and the Strategic Alliance about biker rights and support to bikers. The Alliance mentioned that they have a hot line now 918-376-4498 and are on Facebook.

Bandido Lee stated that Board membership was open to all clubs in the CoC and that no club should have more than one member on the board. He called for nominations for president and vice president. Bandido Lee and Outlaw Butch were nominated for president. Guard Dog Smerf and Spur (didn't catch the club) were nominated for vice president.

Meeting adjourned at 1430. Next meeting will be 9 Jan in Tulsa.

A Soldiers View of the TSA — SUBMITTED BY: OLE SHEP —————

This is terrible...

As the Chalk Leader for my flight home from Afghanistan, I witnessed the following:

When we were on our way back from Afghanistan, we flew out of Baghram Air Field. We went through customs at BAF, full body scanners (no groping), had all of our bags searched, the whole nine yards.

Our first stop was Shannon, Ireland to refuel. After that, we had to stop at Indianapolis, Indiana to drop off about 100 folks from the Indiana National Guard. That's where the stupid started.

First, everyone was forced to get off the plane—even though the plane wasn't refueling again. All 330 people got off that plane, rather than let the

100 people from the ING get off. We were filed from the plane to a holding area. No vending machines, no means of escape. Only a male/female latrine.

It's probably important to mention that we were ALL carrying weapons.

Everyone was carrying an M4 Carbine (rifle) and some, like me, were also carrying an M9 pistol. Oh, and our gunners had M-240B machine guns. Of course, the weapons weren't loaded. And we had been cleared of all ammo well before we even got to customs at Baghram, then AGAIN at customs.

The TSA personnel at the airport seriously considered making us unload all of the baggage from the SECURE cargo hold to have it re-inspected.

Keep in mind, this cargo had already been unpacked, inspected piece by piece by U.S. Customs officials, resealed and had bomb-sniffing dogs give it a one-hour run-through. After two hours of sitting in this holding area, the TSA decided not to re-inspect our Cargo - but they did feel that they had to inspect us again. And remember, we're all Soldiers on the way home from war, and we had already been inspected, re-inspected and kept in a SECURE holding area for 2 hours. Ok, whatever.

So we lined up to go through security AGAIN.

This is probably another good time to remind you all that all of us were carrying actual assault rifles, and some of us were also carrying pistols.

So we're in line, going through one at a time. One of our Soldiers had his Gerber multi-tool. TSA confiscated it. Kind of ridiculous, but it gets better. A few minutes later, a guy empties his pockets and has a pair of nail clippers. Nail clippers. TSA informs the

Soldier that they're going to confiscate his nail clippers. The conversation went something like this:

TSA Guy: You can't take those on the plane.

Soldier: What? I've had them since we left country.

TSA Guy: You're not supposed to have them.

Soldier: Why?

TSA Guy: They can be used as a weapon.

Soldier: [touches butt stock of the rifle] But this actually is a weapon. And I'm allowed to take it on.

TSA Guy: Yeah but you can't use it to take over the plane. You don't have bullets.

Soldier: And I can take over the plane with nail clippers?

TSA Guy: [awkward silence]

Me: Dude, just give him your damn nail clippers so we can get the f**k out of here. I'll buy you a new set.

Soldier: [hands nail clippers to TSA guy, makes it through security] To top it off, the TSA demanded we all be swabbed for "explosive residue" detection. Everyone failed, [go figure, we just came home from a war zone], because we tested positive for "Gun Powder Residue". Who the F**K is hiring these people?

This might be a good time to remind everyone that approximately 233 people re-boarded that plane with assault rifles, pistols, and machine guns—but "nothing that could have been used as a weapon."

Can someone please tell me What the F**K happened to OUR country while we were gone?

Sgt. "Mad Dog" Tracy

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

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 submissions to:

thedoghousenews@cox.net

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)
16 Feb	Monthly Meeting, American Legion Del City
20 Feb	Candy Ass Run, OKC Harley Davidson World
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 Aug11)
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

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Practice, Practice ...

And how is it that this BIG man developed the confidence to make that slow-speed hard lean needed to complete his smooth U-turn? He had lot's of experience. Experience gained from lot's of practice.

Whether you call it skill or confidence, this man handles his bike very well indeed. He deserves recognition and regard, and he certainly gets both from me. Further, his U-turn maneuver took substantially less time than mine did. In other words, he was at risk for far less time than I was. THAT aspect of the value of experience never occurred to me before - confidence can reduce time at risk.

So, schedule some time on a regular basis and go out and practice, practice, practice. Earn the respect and regard of your friends by increasing your confidence/skills. Potentially reduce your at-risk time while on the road.

Practice increases confidence. Confidence shows as 'skill.' Overconfidence, however, can kill. The difference between the two, of course, is that being confident means you know you can do something, being overconfident means you think you can.

Making a U-turn like my friend did may not be the most important thing you will ever have to do, but failing to negotiate a curve at high speed because you lack confidence enough to lean the bike just a bit more is simply unacceptable motorcycling.

**Got any suggestions
on looks, content,
or what you want to
see or read about?**

**Let me know
or email**

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Loyd (Shooter) Sigle Memorial Ride Photos





Holiday Recipes

— SUBMITTED BY: CINDY "CB" BARGAS —

Appetizers & Snacks & Dips, Candies

White Chocolate Trash

A sweet salty taste!

- 1 16 ounce bag sourdough pretzel nibblers
- 1 16 ounce can salted cashew halves and pieces
- 1 14 ounce bag candy-coated chocolate pieces
- 1 11 ounce bag caramel bits
- 1 16 ounce package vanilla candy coating, melted

Line 2 or 3 baking sheets with waxed paper or tin foil.

In a large bowl, combine everything but the vanilla candy coating. Mix well.

Pour candy coating over pretzel mixture, tossing gently to coat. Pour mixture onto prepared baking sheets, separating large pieces. Let cool completely. Store in an airtight container for up to 2 weeks.

Makes about 15 to 20 servings.

Variations: Use 16 oz pretzel sticks instead of sourdough nibblers. Also add 1 to 2 cups rice or corn Chex, but increase the amount of vanilla candy coating. Use white almond bark instead of vanilla candy coating.

— SUBMITTED BY: SKULLZ —

The Perfect Holiday Adult Beverage

Easy to make ... and after two or three you're in the Holiday spirit!

- 1 Bottle of Good ole No. 7 Jack Daniels (Any Size)
- 1 Shot Glass

--- Throw away shot glass and enjoy!!!

*Wishing all
a Very Happy
Holiday Season
and a
Prosperous
New Year!*



**YOU ARE INVITED
TO THE
GUARD DOG
CENTRAL CHAPTER
CHRISTMAS PARTY**



When: 7:00 pm Friday, December 17, 2010

Where: American Legion Post 73, Del City, (



BBQ (donated to the club)
Condiments and Bread (furnished by the Support Group)



Side Dishes and Dessert – Pot Luck ! Request that attendees bring a side dish or a dessert to go with the dinner.

Beverages – Request that beverages be purchased from the Legion's cash bar.

Entertainment: DJ/Dancing

Request that chapter members wear their vests – so that group pictures will be taken.

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Road Captain Report

Naysayer Toy Run 5 Dec 2010

Itinerary: Departed from Smerf's house, KSU 1245. Arrived Midwest City Regional Park approx 1300. Parade followed normal route – Reno to Douglas to 29th to Air Depot to Reno back to park. Most of us stayed for the drawing for door prizes after the ride. Snoopy was the only winner from the Guard Dogs – tee shirts and hats. Group departed about 1530.

Remarks: Attendance seemed down this year. Most years the parking lots are both filled. Last year was so full a lot of motorcycles had to park on the grass. Not sure what caused it, but the decline in numbers was obvious. Very few clubs in attendance, Guard Dogs, Zodiacs and, of course, Naysayers. May have been some others but didn't notice them.

Weather: Cold, scattered clouds, breezy, highs in the 40s. Temperature was dropping toward the end of the run.

BirdDawg
Road Captain

From Page One From the Big Dog

Highlights were the Daytona Bike Week, Vietnam Wall, Sturgis, Loyd Sigle Memorial Ride and Bikes, Blues and BBQ

In all, we had a great year and next year looks even better! We will close out the year with our annual holiday party on the 17th; I hope to see you all there. In closing I want to say it's been a privilege to serve as your Chapter President, I wish each and every one of you a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

John (Logdawg) Bargas



Central Chapter Guard Dog Support Group

The mission of the Guard Dogs Support Group is dedicated to the core mission of the Guard Dogs. We foster the same brother/sisterhood and support the National Guard members/veterans, veterans of the United States military and the sport of motorcycle riding.

As support members, we provide any and all support that is needed/asked of our Guard Dog members. We ride along with our Guard Dog members displaying our patriotism and riding with pride and professionalism.

We also support the Oklahoma Confederation of Clubs and other motorcycle rights' organizations, but have no affiliation with the 1% club. The Guard Dogs Support Group also claims no affiliation with the Oklahoma National Guard or National Guard Bureau other than supporting the constitution of the United States and the National Guard mission.

All Patched Up

Members Recently Receiving Full Patches



Congratulations Sluf



Congratulations Mikeys Dad

Ole Shep Gets New Bike



Ole Shep got a new bike back in July, it was his birthday/retirement gift to himself. It's a Kawasaki Voyager 1700, he says it WILL get on the Interstate too. Silver and dark blue, great looking instrument panel, cruise control and radio and he says he sure likes his tunes going down the roads. Kawasaki sent him a recall on the ECU (Electronic control unit) Kawasaki says it would malfunction during de-acceleration and could cause a wreck, so Kawasaki fixed it for free, of course. Ole Shep said he thought his old 2001 Nomad road good, but this new bike is really a lot, smother ride and the seat is GREAT. Fits his big butt real good.

Ole Shep also works on lawn mowers, so if ya need yours fixed and get it ready for next spring give him a call, he is a lot cheaper than any mower shop too.

Don't forget to mention Ole Shep mats and frames pictures and hell of a lot cheaper than Hobby Lobby!! Call Me --

— PAUL "OLE SHEP" SHEPARD



For Sale: Leather (black) Bikers Jacket (Men's Small) \$100.00 or best offer.

Black Chaps size 10 Ladies \$100.00 or best offer. Both barely used, really nice set. Call Karen at 974-1016.

Wanted: Used motorcycle. It will be my first bike and should be suitable for a short woman. Maybe 650-750 cc? \$3,000.00 is the very MOST I want to spend. Call me - Carol Coppock at (405) 413-1312.

Holiday Party This Friday

This year we are going to honor the original 13 (charter members), please if you see any of them please invite them:

WARREN GRIFFIS

VAN KINCHEN

CHRIS STEPHENS

SCOTT SPRINGFIELD

PAUL SHEPARD

KENDALL JAMES

CARL BROWN

GREG HAMMONS

WAYNE HUNTEMAN

JAMES MARTIN

SAM WASSON

CINDI ELLIS

ED NIELSEN

Also we hope to patch up the new north central chapter. We ask that you bring a side dish or dessert. We are having chop brisket and pork butt from Dales BBQ so bring, potato salad, Cole slaw, baked beans and or a dessert.

I suggest the following so we don't have too much or not enough, but bring what you want:

Last Name A to C: Potato Salad

D to H: Cole Slaw

J to Q: bake beans

R to Z: dessert

Come out for a great evening of fun and fellowship. Hope to see you there -- Merry Christmas to all and thanks for a great year!

PRES. JOHN "LOGDAWG" BARGAS