



ALR Post 240

APRIL - JUNE 2008

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



MEMBERSHIP

Members Since 2003.....9
 Members Since 2004.....3
 Members Since 2005.....5
 Members Since 2006...10
 Members Since 2007...16
 New 2008 Members.....3

Total Members: 45

BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

27.....Kathy Arnold

MAY

22.....Ken Ricker

JUNE

7.....Gordan Winkleman

11.....Bruce Krause

21.....Mark Longbine

22.....Paula Heggins

OFFICERS

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HEADLINES & NEWS

FLAG DISPOSAL BOX COMING INTO FULL VIEW!!!

It started with an idea, throwing in some determination, a couple scoops of creativity, and mixing it all together with some hard work, to obtain the final result. The committee on this project did an outstanding job and we also owe a big debt of gratitude to Shelly Jones of Herington for using her remarkable talent in painting it for us. The Flag Disposal Box will be officially dedicated during our next ALR meeting on April 4th. It will add a beautiful décor to our American Legion Hall, and also serve its purpose of providing the public with a convenient place to dispose of their old worn out American flags so that they can be disposed of with the respect and dignity that our Country's Flag deserves. You can view the final outcome and the progress that took place in creating the Flag Disposal Box by going to our website and clicking on photos.

2nd Annual Chili Feed More Mild Than Hot. Our second annual Chili Supper was held on March 7th at the American Legion Bingo Hall. After reviewing the numbers, it wasn't quit as successful as we had hoped. We had a very good showing of our riders group and some legion supporters, but we didn't bring in much of the public. All the women did a great job and went all out in preparing the chili, soup, cornbread and desserts. We thank them for all their hard work and tireless efforts. Dawn Harold was even playing waitress to the bar patrons to help bring in more business. But in the end, we all still had fun just being together working and socializing as a group.

Everyone Gearing Up For "Spring Fling"!!!! With the hint of Spring in the air and Mother Nature teasing us with a few nice days in mid March, I am sure that everyone is getting more anxious to have some fun in the great outdoors. It's never too early to dust off your tent and start getting your gear in order. After a very successful outing last year in Wakefield, KS, we will be adventuring a little further south to Council Grove this year. Our annual Spring Fling is scheduled from May 30th to June 1st. There are some great meals planned, an exhilarating ride on Saturday, and lots of good times with friends. So come and join us for some fun in the sun. You can check out the full agenda on the web site alr240.org.



MEETINGS

ALR POST 240

When: 1st Friday of Month
Where: Upstairs of Legion Hall -
Post 240 - Chapman, KS
Time: 7:00 PM

Annual Dues: \$15.00

Am Legion Post 240

When: 1st Tuesday of Month
Where: Post 240 - Chapman, KS
Time: 7:30 PM

Annual Dues: \$25.00

American Legion Aux

When: 2nd Tuesday of Month
Where: Post 240 Chapman, KS
Time: 7:00 PM

Annual Dues: \$12.00

Sons of the Am Legion

When: 1st Tuesday of Month
Where: Post 240 Chapman, KS
Time: 7:00 PM

Annual Dues: \$25.00

ALR Dinner Rides

When: 3rd Sunday of Month
Where: Meet at Post 240
Time: 1:00 PM

BINGO

When: Every Saturday
Where: Post 240 - Chapman, KS
Time: 6:00 PM

WE BID A SAD FAREWELL TO RICK "ROAD BOSS" WATSON. It was a cheerful day when we all gathered as brothers and sisters to enjoy an afternoon of fellowship at Coach's in Junction City, but we united to bid a sad heartfelt farewell to one of our own. Rick has been a member of ALR 240 since April of 2006 and served our Rider's group as Road Boss for the past 18 months. His leadership and Rules of the Road will be greatly missed by all. Rick made a career decision to move back to his hometown in West Virginia to pursue a career as an over the road truck driver. ALR 240 proudly presented Rick with a plaque to show our appreciation. We wish Rick all the best and hope that someday he will cross our paths again. (photos can be viewed at our web site alr240.org) Shortly after Rick moved back to his hometown, we were all saddened by the passing of Rick's mother. May our hearts and prayers go out to him during this time of need.

ALR 240 Offering Group MSC

The ALR 240 will be offering a Group Motorcycle Safety Course on April 20th at 1:00pm. We will be meeting upstairs at the American Legion Hall in Chapman. We invite all members along with any non-members that would like to attend to join us in a great learning experience. We will be ordering pizza for lunch along with viewing a video, going through the course handbooks, then out on a group ride to practice what we learned. There will be a small fee for lunch and the cost of the handbook. The MSC will be in lieu of our monthly dinner ride. So help get the word out and all interested parties need to RSVP to john@alr240.org or by calling (785) 263-0365 by 5:00 pm April 4, 2008.

Director's Corner

"Focus on Veterans" *What does this mean?* It means something a little different for each of us. For me, it means a lot more today, than it did a month ago. As you all know I lost my father to cancer a couple of weeks ago, that experience was overwhelming. Not just the tears of loss, but the tears of love and friendship, from my family and my friends. I have never in my life felt love and friendship as strongly as I did during that week, and for that I Thank You, ALR 240 "My Brothers and Sisters."

Before my Father passed, he told my Mother he wanted me to have his burial flag. She told me what his wishes were and that he wanted it because I was the only one of his children to join the military, as he did. He was proud of me (even though I am a recruiter ☺) and I knew he was proud. I expected my mother would give it to me sometime after the services and everything would happen in its own time.

The day came and after the firing squad sounded, I sat quietly and observed a pair of young soldiers gently and respectfully folding his flag. Each fold brought me closer to my final goodbye to my father. I remember thinking how I really wanted to see my mother's face when they presented it to her. Imagine my surprise when that sergeant turned and presented it to me. My first impulse was to shout "NO, give it to her!" After that, it struck me just how proud he really was! My father took great pride in my service to the country he loved so dearly.

I have never been as honored as I was that day, and I want so much to honor my father's memory and all veterans, past, present and future in

the same manner. Ride Forever Free My Brothers and Sisters, and never forget who made it possible, "The American Veteran." God Bless America and all those who serve it!



UPCOMING EVENTS

20 April...ALR240 MSC

11 May....Mother's Day

17 May
Armed Forces Day

26 May...Memorial Day
(Placing of ALR flag on
Vicki Roger's grave)

30 May – 1 June
ALR 240 Spring Fling
Council Grove Lake
Council Grove, Kansas

14 June.....Flag Day
(Annual Flag Disposal
At Chapman Park)

15 June....Father's Day

21 June
Summer Begins

**Other Events of
Interest:**

18 May
"Run for the Wall"
overnight stop in JC

Joe Williams

ROAD BOSS' TIPS FOR THE ROAD

Spring is just around the corner. We are all feeling the itch to get out and do some riding after the long cold winter. Some of you will be firing up the old ride for the first time in a couple of months. Please take some time to check a few things before that first ride. Tires can lose two to three pounds of air pressure a month just sitting there. Get out the tire gauge and make sure they are at the correct pressure. Check your owner's manual or the sidewall of the tire for the correct inflation pressure. While you're checking the air look at the tread and sidewalls for wear and cracking. Check your brake fluid levels both front and rear. Make sure all of your lights are working. Headlight high and low beam, turn signals front and rear and your brake light with both the front brake lever and rear brake peddle. Test your horn. When you do finally light the fire try your kill switch and make sure it is working. Go around your bike looking for any loose or missing bolts and nuts. If you see anything you're not sure about, or you would like someone to help you check things out ask one of the members. Look at your paperwork; registration and proof of insurance make sure they are current. You never know when some pesky law enforcement officer (i.e. Mark) may pull you over. I am looking forward to many fun miles of riding with everyone this summer. Be alert and ride your own ride.

Paul Meyer

Please Welcome New Members:

Larry "Legs" Legleiter

Legs transferred from ALR Post 136 in Mulvane, KS. He wanted to be closer to his home in Herington, KS and he liked the way we conducted business after visiting with us during our January meeting.

John "Jack" McVan

Jack was referred to us by Lisa Ricker and he lives in Abilene, Kansas.

Jason "Gizmo" Schneider

Jason lives in Herington, KS and rides a Honda VTX 1300c.

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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST 240

WEB SITE

www.alr240.org