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GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

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Kansas Winger

The Monthly District News Letter Jack and Doris Schoeck Directors

Grand MasterRiders

Jack #1961 Doris #2389

Greetings!

What a great month this has been! We attended Wing Ding in Greenville, South Carolina and had a really good time despite the fact it rained every day we were there and on the day we came home. Then we hit Missouri and Kansas and it was really HOT! We saw a lot of you at Wing Ding and we were glad to see all of you. Also, thanks to all who helped with the Bike Show on Friday. Region H had a tremendous turnout for help with the show, which was greatly appreciated by us and our Region Staff. We got to visit with a lot of friends and made some new ones, so as far as we are concerned it was a success!

We have been to several of the Chapter Meetings this month and have had a good time sharing with you. A couple of times we took our car as it was just too hot to ride the bike.

We had a State Staff Meeting on Saturday, July 20, 2013 at Bill and Sheila Tucker's house in Mulvane, KS. We want to thank Bill and Sheila for hosting us and for providing our lunch. It was great and we got a lot accomplished. The Agenda for the Convention in Abilene in September should be available on the Web site within the next couple of weeks. Please be sure and check it for the activities at the Convention.

At the Staff Meeting we also set some rides for 2014. Bill Tucker, the Newsletter Editor is also posting them somewhere at the end of the newsletter. Please mark these on your calendars at the end of the year so when you plan your next year's events you will have the dates. We will keep these on the State Calendar and will remind everyone as the dates get closer. Upcoming Events and Dates: Kansas District Convention: September 13-15, 2013

November 16, 2013 – Region H Staff Meeting. Kansas State Staff are all encouraged to attend this. It will be held in Marshall, Texas. We will have more information as it gets closer.

We also want to remind everyone about the other State Conventions that are already set for next spring. The Region H Convention will be held in Marshall, Texas April 4-6-2014. Louisiana Convention will be held the next weekend, April 11-13, 2014; Texas Convention will be May 2-4-2014, and Arkansas Convention will be held on Memorial Day Weekend which is May 23, 25, 2014. Please keep these dates free when planning your yearly activities. We want to keep the dates free for all from Kansas who want to attend and the other states do the same for us.

Until next month, Ride Safe and Stay Cool! Jack and Doris, Kansas District Directors



A THANK YOU NOTE

Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

The family of

Etar contribution to the American Carcer Society in Alleen's memory was greatly appreciated.

Alleen Koch Family

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Feel free to attend any Chapter meeting and introduce yourself. You will be welcome.

Call the CD if you need more information about a Chapter activity. If you are interested in organizing a Chapter in your area, Please contact JACK & DORIS SCHOECK 620-341-0426 for more information

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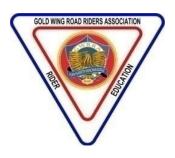
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It's August, it's hot! Bet you knew that!!

Not much to write about this month. Staff has been busy working on the District Convention to be held in Abilene Kansas September 13, 14, 2013. Registration forms are in the Winger and on the Web Site.

I have the Level IV breakfast set up. It will be Saturday September 14, 7:30am, buffet. It is at the Hitchin Post Café, 100 SE 5th Street. We are limited to 60 attendees. That is the street where you turn to take the train ride. There will be a sign up sheet at the Rider Ed booth. If the current Level IV's do not fill the 60 reservations, I will open it to Level III's that are working on obtaining Level IV. I know there are several that just need the time requirement. I will have a signup sheet for the Level III's that would like to attend if there are openings.

For those of you that have requested a 'Road Captains Course' it are in the workings. I've asked Chapter Educator Marv Ayers, 'H', to do some research for it to happen in Hutchinson. However, I may schedule the classroom portion at the Kansas Rally in September.

Speaking of the rally, it appears that your rider ed team will be presenting three seminars. If you have a particular one you have heard about but have not attended, please contact your Chapter Educator or me (Bill Tucker) and we will consider putting it on the program.

Don't forget the fun 'Kansas State Fair' ride in. It is Sep-

tember 8th. You are to meet at the Hutchinson Air Port at 9:00am for your briefing and entering the fairgrounds as a group. Garry VanBuskirk attended the organizational meeting and everything is a 'GO' for our arrival. He was able to secure the same location on the fairgrounds in the south parking lot of the administration building. Garry also received a compliment from the grounds superintendent on how clean our group leaves the area when we leave, so we are welcome to use it again. He wished the same was true with other motorcycle groups that participate in the parade.

I made out our Rider Ed 2nd Quarter report and was pleased with what was able to report to the Region Educator.Notice, I said 'our'! That's because your Chapter Educators are the submitters of chapter activities. A very <u>BIG</u> thank you to the Chapter Educators for being prompt and thorough in getting meetings, rides, and any other activity included and to me. You are very much appreciated by your District Rider Education staff!!!

In closing I would like to congratulate Janis Mooney for her appointment to the MEC (Membership Enhancement Coordinator) officer position. Best wishes from your RiderEed team.

"PRACTICE MAKES PERMANENT! YOU ARE WHAT YOU PRACTICE!

Do yourself and loved one a favor! Enroll in a Riding Course





Level IV Breakfast

At the Kansas District Convention September 14, 2013

The Kansas Rider Education Team invites the members that have earned their Level IV status to attend the annual Level IV Breakfast.

When? September 14, 2013 - 7:30am - 8:30am

Where? The Hitching Post Restaurant

100 SE 5th Street, Abilene, KS



If you would like a excellent breakfast that includes, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, biscuits & gravy, coffee, milk, juice, then The Hitching Post Restaurant is the place to be.

To reserve a seat, sign up at the Rider Ed Booth located at the east end of the main building Friday September 13. You will need a meal coupon for this event.

SEATING IS LIMITED TO 60 MEMBERS

We wish to recognize and thank Horizon Trike Center, Clarksville AR for co-sponsoring this Breakfast

Bill Tucker District Educator Jim Lamb
Asst District Educator





The Kansas District Trainers

Marty & Ruth Dannar



I have a short story to tell about myself. I have a game where you are to say the color that you see and not the word. The word could be green but is yellow print. So I was saying yellow out loud. However, the machine was not accepting my voice. I start yelling yellow louder. Finally it moves on. My grandson, who was sitting next to me, asks if the game realized that I was mad at it since I was yelling so loud. Do you feel that way in life? You are repeating the correct information to someone but they are not listening. Maybe it comes down to how we are giving the information that they do not receive it properly. Well the Kansas convention will be upon us soon and Leadership training will have a couple seminars to present. If you attend one of our seminars you may be enlightened on new ways to give the same old information yet in a different way. Stop by and see what has been updated.

By the time you read this we will have had the OCP class. We should have had about twelve learn more about the officers guide book. Thanks to all that attended. Thanks to Jack Wagner for coming to put this on. Next year we are looking to hold a Horizon Program. We will let you know more as the details unfold.

Ruth and Marty Dannar Kansas Leadership Trainer



BY THE BOOK

By: Jack Wagner Region H Trainer



"By the Book" articles are intended to help familiarize GWRRA Volunteer Leaders and Members with the policies, procedures, and information contained in the GWRRA Officer's Handbook (OHB). A copy of the Officer's Handbook can be found at the following Internet website: www.gwrra.org/oconnect/officerhandbook.html

Please feel free to reprint these articles in Region, District, or Chapter newsletters.

THE IDEALS OF GWRRA

The most important ingredient for a successful Association is the Member. Where do we find them and how do we make these people interested enough to want to become one of us? Before anyone can be successful in "selling" GWRRA, they must first sit for a moment and determine the reason they joined. Each of us had our own reasons – it may have been the emphasis on keeping each other safe when riding, the 'G-rated' family atmosphere of our events or that we know the best places for food and desserts. In most cases the motorcycles brought us together and its the relationships and ideals of GWRRA that keep us together. Let's take a closer look at these ideals:

PROMOTE SAFETY - This will help us continue to enjoy our hobby. We can also enjoy the fact that we are doing something to protect others by teaching them safe riding practices. We are saving lives!

PROMOTE FRIENDSHIP - Among ALL of the motorcycling public. What better way to enjoy our way of life than to make friends and share with them?

PROMOTE THE POSITIVE IMAGE OF THE MOTORCYCLE RIDER - We must always keep "our best foot forward".

PROMOTE FUN - This is the glue that holds it all together!

PROVIDE A MONEY-BACK GUARANTEE - GWRRA will provide a money-back guarantee to any Member that is of the opinion the Association has failed to live up to their expectations.

It really does boil down to *Friends for fun, safety and knowledge*, and we back that up with a money back guarantee!

The more you know, the better it gets!

Jack Wagner Region H Trainer



Medic First Aid



Jack & Doris Schoeck
Kansas MFA Trainers



I know this is a MFA news location, but this month I feel that I need to go off track. This article may seem more like Riders Ed, but that is ok.

I want to talk about my experience at Wing Ding. Terri and I did the usual vendors visiting and money spending, we attended seminars. We however did not work the bike show like the rest of Region H. We spent most of our time on the riding range. We judged Top Gun. I was very pleased to see the increase in riders for this event. The only problem was the shortage of judges. Each rider had their judge go from drill to drill with them. Boy talk about a lot of walking. It sure made us appreciate what the rider/coaches go through in a BRC and ERC. We now know just how tired you guys get. If you have never watched Top Gun Competition, you should watch some time. This a great demonstration of riders skill and control at all levels of competition.

We also rode in the Amazing Team Challenge. Team Kansas did not have much of a chance with only 2 riders, but we competed and finished the event without dropping our bikes. Like a friend of ours said, we at least we competed. By doing this, we are ahead of all of those who did not compete. I guess the main thing I am saying is to at least get out there and try.

I also met with the International Director of Top Gun/ Drill Teams Randy Rodriguez and his assistant Reno Birt. They are both members of The World Champion Central Florida Drill Team. These two men are a wealth of information. They gave me a lot of information about how to start a motorcycle drill team.. I then met with the Northern Lights Canadian Drill Team. One of their captains took seven riders (like Me) that were interested in forming drill teams.

MFA Article Continued

He shared information of how to set up a routine, how to practice a routine and then let us practice with them.

The highlight of Wing Ding for me was on Friday morning. I got to ride with the Canadian leader and six other novice riders in a performance in front of a large crowd. I was amazed at how calm I was, but it takes this and concentration. It was so exciting to hear the crowd cheer for us. The performance was such a Thrill !! Then to top it off, all of the larger teams came over to us and congratulated us. They remember what is like to give the first performance in front of a crowd.



I want to take this time and article to thank all of the MSF rider/coaches who have worked with me over the years. Without their help, input and guidance, the drill team performance would not have been possible. Most of the drill team routines are based on ERC moves. Thank You Again !!

Ok, there needs to be some MFA in this, so please ride but stay hydrated and healthy!

See you down the road. Steve



Steve & Terri Bockhaus

MFA Instructor/ Trainers Kansas





Bill & Dea Ann Gray Region 'H' Directors



It seems every chapter is faced with this scenario at some point; *The Chapter Director decides to step down and the Assistant Director doesn't want the job.* Does this sound familiar? The BIG QUESTION is "Who is responsible for the succession of leadership in a chapter?" Is it the Assistant Director, Chapter Director or District Director? The following is a description of an Assistant Chapter Director as stated in the Officer's Hand Book: ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTOR (ACD)

- A. Assists the CD in his effort to bring about a well-coordinated, fun, active Chapter.
- B. B. Works with Staff Members.
- C. Assumes CDs duties in his absence.
- D. D. Becomes prepared to assume the Chapter Director position.

The Chapter Director took an oath that includes "To provide a succession of leadership for my office!" Now you are thinking it is the Chapter Director's responsibility but wait a minute.....To add one more caveat to the scenario, the District Director is the appointing office for the Chapter Director! Are you confused not?

BOTTOM LINE: The Chapter Director is responsible for his/her succession! When appointing an assistant, the Director should always ask "are you willing to assume my duties in my absence and are you willing to take over when I step down?" Why does an Assistant Director change his/her mind? It is my opinion that too many times the Assistant is left out of the decision making for the chapter, therefore is not prepared when the time comes. At the very least, Assistants should be copied on all e-mail communication from the Chapter director and included in most decisions making conversations.

I highly recommend the Officer Certification Program (OCP) class for all prospective Directors and Assistants. You will be amazed at how much you don't know or have forgotten about GWRRA. Assistants should be given an opportunity to prepare and run a chapter gathering or two with the Director's guidance.

Another scenario: "There is no Assistant Director and no one wants the job!" This is where you stay positive and think outside the box. Who are the current leaders in the chapter? Who are the team players? Couple of the Year or past COY's? Membership Enhancement Coordinator? Rider Ed? Treasurer? These folks might be ready for a change and replacing them might be easier. Doesn't hurt to ask!!

Chapter A – Wichita

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As I type this up July is just about over and it was a very busy month indeed starting with Wing Ding. I don't know how many of you got to go this year but I those of you that did had a good time. I know that Steve, Terri & Flunky had a good time because here is a picture of Steve & Flunky after their ride with the Northern Lights Drill Team from Canada...



(In case you are wondering Flunky is the one on the back of the bike)

They rode in the Grand Entry Parade with 250 other bikes. Here they are with the Kansas Flag and Flunky getting ready for the ride.



They also rode in the amazing team challenge as "Team Kansas". The team time was the average of the best 2 times for each team so they didn't place because there were only 2 of them and the other teams had 6 members but they gave it a good try. But...the best news is that Terri came in 2nd place in the women's class. She rode the course twice without dropping her bike and she came close to the winning time...so congrats to her for a great performance.

One thing that came out of Steve's experience with the Canadian drill team was the idea that Kansas should have a drill team of our own so the Kansas Twisters were born. They had their 1st meeting/practice with 9 bikes (including 3 trikes) on the 21st and they looked pretty good for their 1st time. (Next time you catch me with my ipad ask me to show you the video). I believe the plan is for the group to meet every other Sunday with the next meeting being on 8-4 @ 5:00pm. Denny Chesnut came up with a practice range by the airport at Flight Safety. We will send directions to the parking lot later. If you are interested in joining the group or would like to just watch contact Steve and I'm sure he'll give you more information.

For our Chapter meeting on the 11th we didn't have a big crowd but Marty and Ruth did a good job conducting since Ann & Rod were out of town. Larry gave us a good lesson on the hand signals that can be used when riding in a group. We get so used to having our CBs available to talk to each other that we forget that there are other ways to communicate. These also come in handy if you are riding with a group of Harleys since some of their bikes are so loud they would never hear a CB anyway. So if you don't remember the hand signals (or don't know them) get out your "Gold Book" and refresh your memory.

On the 18th we had a great dinner ride to the new BBQ place in Augusta called "No Mercy BBQ". There were 17 of us (including Flunky)











Great food, great company, great fun...

There was also a ride lead by Joe Gattenby on the 20^{th} . I'm not sure where they went on the ride it was supposed to be a weekend ride to Leavenworth but got shortened to just a day ride with a stop for lunch.

So let's see what's in store for us in August... (Please remember some of these activities are always subject to change)

 4^{th} - for those who choose it's the monthly ride to Cassoday. If you go be sure to look for Chapter F's little club house they have...it's a nice place to park your bike and watch the other people drive/walk by...and they serve a great breakfast burrito. (Get it covered in gravyJ)

8th - our monthly Chapter meeting is at the Home Towne Buffett on West Central. The meeting starts @ 7:00 but please come early so you can visit with everyone else...

 10^{th} - Day ride...Marty is in charge of this so I'm sure he will be giving us more information in the days to come

11th - ERC trailering course

12th - Sowell Anniversary

 24^{th} - Breakfast ride...not sure who is in charge of this ride so I'm sure we will get more information at our Chapter meeting

28th - Billie Swilley Birthday

31st - If you haven't heard yet the trip to the Posgai's place in Missouri over the Labor Day weekend had been canceled due to an accident where Rosie broke her ankle (ouch L)

Don't forget about the District Convention coming up in September on the 13^{th} & 14^{th} in Abilene. Don't forget to send in your registration.

Remember if you go on a ride or have an event and you would like to let everyone else know about it send the information & any pictures you have (just like Terri & Steve did) to scarymary1210@sbcglobal.net and I will do my best to put the information in the next newsletter...

That's all for now...

Remember everyone to ride safe & ride often

Mary Mazur...Newsletter editor



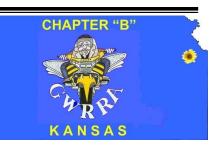
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Thirteen members of Chapter B ventured southeast to Greenville, South Carolina for Wing Ding 35. We left at different times, traveled different routes, and arrived on different days. The rain was the one constant for all of us. Some may only think about rain when they remember this Wing Ding, but there were many other great things to enjoy. Greenville and the area surrounding it are beautiful and have wonderful roads for riding. Many of us enjoyed riding the Tail of the Dragon and part or all of the Blue Ridge Parkway. The Biltmore Mansion was also a stopping spot for several, including Bob and Cheryl Garrett. It is definitely a sight to see.

Roger and Missy Shores made the most stops as they were finishing up their park challenge. They have visited sixty two national parks in twenty six states in the past year. And since there are so many fabulous parks in this area, they made the most of their trip.



They saw Mammoth Cave, Carl Sandburg National Park, Cowpens National Battlefield, the Biltmore Mansion, rode the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Great Smoky Mountains, went to Maggie Valley, Pigeon Forge, Cades Cove, Gatlinburg, Fort Donelson, Patti's 1800 Settlement, and rode the Land between the Lakes.

For the pre-rally event we were given free admittance to the Children's Museum in downtown Greenville. All the "big kids" who attended had a wonderful time driv-



ing race cars, landing the space shuttle, playing in wind tunnels, testing our strength, and just being kids. There

was something to keep everyone entertained. The vendors were a big hit with Chapter B members, just as they always are. Over three hundred were there and we did our best to keep them in business. I think once again, Paul and Cheryl Korb get the prize for the most bags being carried around the vendor area. It seemed that every time we saw them, Paul was repositioning yet another purchase. Rumor has it that there will be new "safety chrome" appearing on a black trike soon.

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Maurice Reiter and Roger and Missy Shores purchased new Baker Air Wings, while Mick Schurer's bike was in line for a new F4 windshield. There will also be a lot of black and green GWRRA riding jackets to be seen when the weather gets colder. Just about all of us came home with one.

The seminars at Wing Ding were a good place to be to stay out of the rain and learn a variety of information. Members gained knowledge about tires, maintenance, being a ride captain, the team challenge, trikes, GWRRA history and many other topics.

Members saw the Top Gun Competition, and the bike show, and enjoyed watching Steve Bockhaus participate in the drill



team. We were sad that the light show and fire-works were cancelled due to the rain, but had our own dinner ride to a local barbecue restaurant. Chapter B members practically

took over the restaurant and we even called ahead to tell them we were coming. We were sorry that John English and former Chapter B member Rob Schmidt who now lives in Pennsylvania were unable to

join us, but drying out their rain soaked sleeping bags and camping equipment had to take priority.

No matter whether it was a first Wing Ding experience as it was for Steve and Brenda Milam, or the "twenty something" one for Dave and me, it was a wonderful time and we all hope that everyone plans on venturing north to Madison, Wisconsin next July for Wing Ding 36.

Chapter B events for August:

August 1 - Dinner Ride

August 15 - Chapter Meeting

August 17 - Breakfast & Blackberries

August 24 - Healthy Angels Ride

August 31 - Breakfast Ride & DeSoto Parade

Safe travels, Paula Aiken



Chapter C - Topeka

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Chapter C was fairly well represented at Wing Ding with at least 3 couples in attendance. Early and Lenny Barnes took a long ride. Earl was so well organized he had motel reservations made and directions entered in his GPS at least 5 days before they left. I'm thinking Earl would make a good Boy Scout leader with his being prepared. For Al and Sandy Davis, Brenda and I the planning wasn't, let's say, locked in concrete. We left on the 26th and headed east with the only goal in mind to spend the night in Sikeston, MO. Our trip didn't start off in the best light. When we left the garage at home our intercom got a lot of static on it, but quieted down quickly, however by the time we arrived at "Davis Corner" to meet Al and Sandy it was constant static and very annoying. Doing some trouble shooting while riding, I determined it was the passenger controller. Since we were a bit early to meet the Davis' I just started to take the push to talk switch out of the system. I ended up taking it completely off the bike to shut the static up. Talk about shutting off static, Brenda's microphone on her helmet quit, totally different problem so it was unusable all the way to Murray, KY, where we had bought the headsets and could get a new microphone under warranty. (Yeah, I saw where he called me a "static problem") A big thank you has to go out to Robert Overby (owner of Overby's Two Wheel Sound). I called to see if he was going to be in the shop and was told yes. When we arrived at the shop he dropped everything and replaced the microphone while selling

Al a MP3 player for his bike and got us back on the road in a timely manner. We did manage to take the scenic route to Murray since we wanted to ride the ferry across the Mississippi river. When Al is navigator we normally end up taking a different route (to his credit we only went about 30 miles total more than Google maps said it was). We turned down a road that said it was closed 8 miles ahead, but the GPS said it was 4 ½ to the ferry so we charged on. The road was pretty broken up from past floods and has quite a bit of loose gravel in places. We stopped and as a farmer if we could get thru to the ferry and he said yes and to just go straight until we reached the levy then ride up on top and bypass the closed area. Al asked if the road was okay the farmer said yes so we hopped on our two bikes and Sandy's trike and said onward (note to self never believe a farmer driving a 4X4 when asking about road conditions). Well the road ended up being loose gravel after we got on the levy, but no traffic. I said we were riding dual sport bikes and a dual sport trike since the "road" wasn't for touring bikes. . We ended up on a totally dirt area that went thru the edge of a farmer's field and surprised a few construction workers when we rode up in the middle of nowhere. We successfully arrived at the ferry with nobody having to pick up a bike and didn't have to make a U turn either.

We ended up on a totally dirt area that went thru the edge of a farmer's field and surprised a few construction workers when we rode up in the middle of nowhere. We successfully arrived at the ferry with nobody having to pick up a bike and didn't have to make a U turn either. While waiting for the ferry Al decided we were just on a little 'gul-dern adventure'. On the ferry ride we were asked by the ferry crew why we were paying for the crossing when we had our own submarine. After the ferry ride we were like all good Goldwinger's and had to stop for food at Me Maw's and were even lucky enough to meet Me Maw, who was at least 80 and very friendly with an establishment that served fine food at a fine price and with a smile on the waitress' face, in spite of Al. The rest of the ride to Wing Ding would be considered uneventful considering that little stretch of Missouri.

After our arrival in South Carolina and before Wing Ding started we decided to ride to Maggie Valley, NC to the Wheels Thru Time motorcycle museum. True to form for Brenda and I, it was closed. In order not to make the trip a waste, but then any trip on a bike is definitely not a waste. We hopped on the Blue Ridge Parkway for a little way and ended up at the Oconaluftee visitor center for an enjoyable hour. Afterward we headed out to find a place to eat. The first place we arrived at was supposed to be a Dairy Queen but there was nothing there. So much for updated GPS maps. Al and I both put in a different restaurant in the same general area and set out to find it. Both of our GPS units took us down what looked like a county road that needed maintenance bad. When it turned to solid gravel the GPS said we were only 3 miles from the main road we were looking for and like sheep to slaughter we kept going. (Didn't learn a thing in Missouri). The

road was in pretty good shape other than the loose gravel and switchbacks. Thank goodness for the fact the road was uphill since I was two up until common sense kicked in and we put Brenda on the back of Sandy's trike for the last third of the climb. As you can see from the picture the scenery isn't bad but not a place for a Goldwing. It turned out the road was a Bureau of Indian Affairs road. Cowpath/logging road comes to mind. Other than Al and Sandy both having to stop 3 times to let their bikes cool the ride was unevent-



ful and a very good ride, except for the 3 miles of gravel.

Our extended ride was held on the 14th to the Friendly Cooker in Wamego. Let's just say the meal was interesting. I am hoping the wait staff was having a bad day because it was confusing at the least. The food was good however so not all was lost. The ride was fairly short by Chapter C standards as we only rode a little over 100 miles with 3 trikes and 1 bike. Again Brenda and I were the only ones without "training wheels". Riding thru the Flint Hills is always a very scenic trip regardless of where you go. Ron and Marjie Crawford were unable to join us on our Sunday ride since they were in Iowa to attend their daughter's wedding.

On their way back they stopped by the rock that gets painted each year and provided these photos:







Our meeting was held on the 16th at Perkins with a good turn-out. Ron started the meeting off by giving the floor to Bill Hanson for motorcycle safety information. As usual Bill just tossed out a question and the discussion evolved from there. This time he asked how much room you were supposed to give a bicycle when passing and especially the dangers of meeting another vehicle when one or the other is beside a bicycle. The main concern when on a motorcycle is the other vehicle might make the assumption that the motorcycle will move over and use part of the motorcycle's lane. Al looked the law up and the answer is three feet. Another thought, Bill mentioned, was a comment he had seen online that said, a trike was extremely dangerous because a rear wheel could lift and cause it to turn over. That really sparked a discussion among the trike owners who all said that yes the wheel can come up but it will instantly lose traction and the trike will slow and just settle down on all three wheels. It was determined the online comment must have been in reference to the old three wheel Honda

ATV's. As another safety related item John Gull related what happened when John, Teresa, Jamie and Gayle, were going to Holton one Sunday

morning, saw an overturned car off the road and stopped to see if they could be of assistance. A lady was trapped in her seatbelt with the windows rolled up and doors locked. John tried to break the window with a board and couldn't. Luckily a man stopped and had a large drill with a bit in it

and used it to break the window. Once the door was open they assisted the lady out of the car, before EMS got there, because there was smoke coming from the vehicle and they were afraid of fire. The lady was lucky and had no serious injuries. John did stop on the way home and found enough of the window punch / seatbelt cutting tools to put one in each of his vehicles. Later he found a pocket knife that had a window punch and seatbelt cutter on it and now carries that. Those tools are small and you never know when you might need one. Chapter C's birthday party will be held on August 17th at John & Teresa's home (4020 SE 34th Terrace in Topeka). A word of caution when following a GPS because some of the units have no idea where the house is located, but they will get you within a block. Bring a swimsuit, a covered dish, with food in it, and be prepared for a good time and possibly a little combat. Remember to bring items for the raffle drawing. Jack Schoeck reported the District Convention/Rally will be Sept 13-14 in Abilene. Remember to bring items for the drawing. Chapter C will do registration again this year and we are also looking for a train engine of some sort for the train races this year, to go along with the theme of the Convention. If you want to ride in the State Fair September 8th you will need a ticket to get into the fair, which can be purchased at any Dillon grocery store. Next Page.

Contact Jack or Doris with your name and they will see that you get a parking pass for your bike. Brenda and I went on a short loop around Ft. Riley prior to the meeting, in order to get a picture of our odometer. Coming back into Manhattan from the north, I realized that when I would arrive back at the house, I would be a bit short on mileage. A small detour around to the south, of the house, and around a couple of long blocks so that when we pulled into the garage our odometer had this on the screen:



We tend to ride a bit and have had the bike since it was new, just a bit less than $4 \frac{1}{2}$ years. Since I like to play with numbers we've averaged 62 miles a day for everyday we've owned the bike not too bad since I've only been retired 10 months. Bill did stop me in the parking lot to both chastise us for driving (Brenda didn't want to ride in the mid 90's heat just to get to Topeka) and to ask me what I was going to do with the bike now that it has 100K on it. I just told him I would keep it a couple more years or until my legs got too short to reach the ground. With that said we taking off on the 21st (our 40th anniversary) on what we are calling a second honeymoon to the northwest in order to complete riding in all 48 states. One of the scheduled stops is in Polson, MT for the Montana District Convention/Rally and also a ride in Glacier National Park.



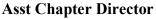
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Wing Ding 35 Greenville, SC

If a picture is worth a thousand words, Look at the words I will save.





Trip to Greenville, SC

First night out in Clarksville, AR. 386 miles

Memphis, TN



Our favorite breakfast place



Next Stop Nashville



but will the weather hold?



924 miles Cookeville, TN



Rock Slide area on I-40



Heading into more bad weather



Speedometer reads 80 thru Knoxville



Tunnel thru the mountain



A car on fire, in fact burned up on Hwy



Couple of the year was from Alabama, Chapter B Region N

Opening Ceremonies

Oldest side car rider 66 Oldest male rider 91

Parking lot view

The first ever International COY couple was from the UK
Opening ceremonies was standing room only with standing along the walls.
Total Attendance was 9243
New sign-ups at Rally was 274
Grand Parade had 256 bikes/trikes
State with the largest attendance was South Carolina
Florida was the largest in attendance by number assigned
Youngest Co-rider 8 years old
Longest International rider 13,410 miles New Plymouth, New Zeeland
Youngest side car rider 17 years old
Longest 2 up 2,208 miles British Columbia
Longest Female rider 1065 miles
Longest Male rider 2882

Next year will be Madison, Wisconsin There will be more pictures on the web site under Wing Ding 35





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August 2013 Newsletter

It has been a busy month for Chapter H members.

There were many things going and everyone had somewhere to go, although not all members went the same way.

Glen, Bill, Sarah, Daryl, Nita went on the EMS Poker Run on June 29. They all had a good time. I haven't heard how it turned out for them but I'm sure the ride was the best part.















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Terry & Judy Mann rode the Tail of The Dragon at Deal's Gap on July 2. Now they can say "Been there, done that".





Judy by the Tree of Shame



Dale T rode with Garry & Phyllis and Dale & Janis of KS-F to Wing Ding. We had a fun ride, anyway I did. (don't ask them about cutting my CB cord)

Dale T left Hutchinson at 2:30pm and met VanBuskirks and Mooneys at 4:30 pm on June 30 in Leon, KS. Stayed in Clarksville, AR. 386 miles

July 1 Stayed in Cooksville, Tn. Days Inn. Stopped around 4 pm because of rain. 538miles.

July 2 arrived Greenville SC around 12:30 pm EST. 244 miles.

Total miles 1213.

Return

July 7 departed Greenville, SC around 7:30 am. Made it to Spartenburg, SC

where we stopped to check Dale Mooney's front tire; it was beginning to separate at the tread. Went to Palmento Honda but it was Sunday and they were closed and no emergency numbers were posted. Called Rescue Plus but that was useless. (see Wow, Open Sunday below) Stayed at the Fairview Inn in Fairview, Tn.

July 8 rode to Ft. Smith, AR where I followed I-40 to Oklahoma City, OK and got on I-35 and rode on home and arrived at 12:01 am. The others stayed at Quality Inn in Fayetteville, AR. They rode on home the next day.

There was a lot of pretty scenery and it was either hot and humid or rainy. But it was a fun trip. Janis Mooney took a lot of pictures which were sent to me so that they would be available for everyone to see.

I packed tight so I wouldn't need my trailer. Oops. While at Wing Ding I bought a trailer. Just happened on a very good deal on a trade-in. Glad I bought it. I brought home stuff I got, stuff Terry got, and Dale Mooney's bad tire for warranty.

(Cooksville, TN)



We always looked for a Waffle House





The views:





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Wing Ding was a good thing. There were over 9000 in attendance. There were 274 new members signed up with GWRRA!

Opening Ceremonies:









Neat trailers:





Worlds Oldest Goldwing:



1974 Goldwing

There were about 50 entries in the Bike Show. Terry & Judy, Norm & Joan Frederick, and Dale Tritsch were the safety check people at the bike show. That was a good thing since we got to see all the entries.





Grand Parade Staging:



Around 250 rode in the Grand Parade



Closing Ceremonies:

WOW! Open on Sunday by Dale Mooney KS-F

We had just spent five fun filled days at Wing Ding 35 and then left Greenville, South Carolina on Sunday, July 7 to go back to our home in Augusta, Kansas on our 2006 gold wing trike. Our friends Dale Tritsch and Gary and Phyllis VanBuskirk were with us. After almost several hours on Internet interstate 26 we notice a thumping noise from our front tire at first we thought it was the road but our friends said they were not having any problems. We stopped and looked at the front tire and it had a bubble on it where the tread had separated from the tire. We decided we could make it to Spartanburg, South Carolina by going slower. After getting there we called everyone in the gold book for Spartanburg, they were either not at home or the number was not in service. We saw a man on a smaller motorcycle and he told us how to get to the Honda dealer that was in Spartanburg (Palmetto Honda) and it wasn't far from where we were. But being Sunday, they were not open and we could not find an emergency number on the door.

We then called Rescue Plus, but they weren't much help. They offered to send a tow truck, but other than that they were worthless. They couldn't even give me the name of the nearest Honda dealer. This was my first dealings with Rescue Plus and needless to say I was quite disappointed.

After a couple of no answers a Peter Hitchens answered his phone. He was very helpful. He told us about Schroaders Honda and that it was open on Sundays in Hendersonville, North Carolina. He gave us their phone number and address and told us we were about an hour away from there.

We then called Schroaders Honda and told them the trouble we were having. They said they had the tire so again going slow, we made it to Schroaders. As soon as we got there they put our trike on a lift and began changing the tire. They had us on our way in about an hour.

Our thanks go out to Peter Hitchens for helping us out. We were so happy he was home and answered the phone. The gold book is worth its weight in gold.

To all the people at Schroeder's. Words cannot express the thanks we owe you, and the mechanic who worked on the trike, we also thank you. Sorry we didn't get your name. Again, thanks to Schroeder's for making our bad situation much better. The Lord was definitely watching over us because how often do you find a Honda dealer that is open for business on Sunday and within 40 min. of where you are.

Thanks
Dale & Janis Mooney
KS-F El **Dorado, Ks.**



Schroader Dealership



Mr. Schroader (owner)



Chris Scheurer had a gall bladder removed on Tuesday, June 9. Hope he is back in the saddle soon.

It sounds as if some members who could not make Wing Ding 221468 had a lot of fun riding back home. Sarah Taylor was on her bike enjoying the cooler days riding to Lake Afton and Bartlesville, OK.

Bill Watts made an enjoyable trip, a great 4 day weekend with a motorcycle road trip down through Southeast Kansas, and then on down into Northeastern Oklahoma, What a great ride 2 day getaway ride stopped for lunch in Sedan Ks. and saw what they call the yellow brick road and also toured the Emmett Kelly exhibit.

Steve Pena went to Orlando, FL to get a trike for Charlie Pitts. I think Charlie is happy with it.



Saturday morning, July 13 was the Poker Run for a fund raiser for Multi Communities Diversified Services of McPherson. Terry, Judy, Glen and Don Schroder rode.

On Saturday, July 13 we went to Mia Ranchito in Moundridge for our supper ride. It was hot so only a very few rode, most of us drove in a/c comfort.





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August Events

August 1: Supper ride to Pretty Boy Floyd's in Ellsworth.

August 10: Marquette MC Museum and Rolling Hills Wildlife Park

August 11: ERC Trailering course

August 15: KS-B meeting ride

August 17: Breakfast ride to Reece's in Alden, KS (moved from Friday, Aug 16)

August 24 – 25: Ride to Liberal to see museums and other attractions there and along the way

August 31: Ride to Fort Larned for the reenactment and find lunch and ice cream somewhere

Keep in mind the State Fair Goldwing Day on September 8. We would like as many from KS-H as can attend. This counts toward our Chapter of the Year points. More on this will be sent as time gets closer.

Chapter H now has a chapter banner. (did I mention this before?) We also have it on our T-Shirts with our chapter logo. We are some cool dudes and dudettes.





Birthdays:

Marvin Ayers August 13

Anniversaries:

Tom & Carolyn Colahan August 20 Chris & Janice Scheurer August 20

If you can't ride, at least be thinking about it and be safe wherever you are. Always Have Fun!

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CHAPTER "P" WICHITA GWRRA OF KANSAS

Chapter P breakfast ride to the feed bunk in Yates center had to be moved to cracker barrel due to heavy rain.





Kansas State Rally

Chapter P will be handling classification and staging for the bike show Sherri McDonald and Kathy Chesnut will be responsible for the vendor walk

Dinner rides and dessert for the meeting this month will be planned by Dave and Gloria Brentlinger.



July Birthdays-

Sherri McDonald Aug 9 Linda Vickers Aug 11 Cecilia Whiteside Aug 14



July Anniversaries- None

Everyone have a safe month!

David & Sherri McDonald Directors Chapter P

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Sorry, no article this month!

Because of Wing Ding Chapter "Q" did not have a meeting!

Our next meeting is August 1st in Arkansas City at the Pizza Hut.

Come see us!

Eat at 6:30PM, meet and tell stories at 7:30pm

Jack & Teresa Kistler



Kansas Couple of The Year



David purchased his first motorcycle in 1982 when he was just 19. It was a Honda CX500. At that time he looked at and dreamed of someday owning a Goldwing motorcycle. David and Sherri met some years later in the summer of 1986 and married in 1987. They have lived near or in Douglass Kansas for most of the last 26 years. Since then they have owned a number of motorcycles most of them small Yamahas and Hondas. In 2009 they purchased a GL 1500 and started riding together with Chapter P Wichita. They have attended a number of GWRRA events including many state and region conventions. Sherri held the position as chapter treasurer and they are currently the directors for Chapter P Wichita. Sherri recently left her job with Christ Lutheran Church to spend more time with David and to be available to travel and enjoy many of the GWRRA activities. David is a senior manager for D-J Engineering. Just last year Sherri found David his dream motorcycle on craigslist, a 1981 GL 1100. They have rode it to many GWRRA functions.

Kansas Chapter Couples 2013

CHAPTER A COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Steve and Terri Bockhaus



Steve and Terri Bockhaus have been members of GWRRA and Chapter A since 2004. They live in Newton and have four children and four grandchildren. (Pretty fast work since they have only been married 15 years!) Steve is a real estate broker and Terri is a Certified Physical Therapist Assistant.

Steve's first bike was a 200 cc Yamaha. He rode a 500 cc Silverwing when he and Terri were dating. It seemed like a big bike at the time, but then she reports they were both much smaller then. He bought a brand new candy black cherry 1800 in 2005. Terri has always liked motorcycles, but says she never thought she would ever be riding her own. Her first bike was a 2000 Kawasaki, which looked like an old Triumph. She then bought a 900 cc Vulcan before graduating to an 1800 Goldwing bike in 2008. It is illusion red. They report that Terri rode the dragon two days after purchasing her bike (not trike). Together, they have totaled more than 250 thousand safe miles on their two wings.

Steve and Terri have served as Region H Medic First Aid Coordinators, and have recently stepped down from serving Chapter A as directors for the past 5 years. They are the current District MFA Coordinators. They are very excited to serve as Chapter A Couple of the year for 2013.

CHAPTER B COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Roger and Melissa Shores



"THE NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK"

Melissa and I have only been riding for about 5 years. We bought a new Gold Wing in March of

2009. In January 2013 we traded that bike in on a 2013 Gold Wing. Our 2009 had 146,000 miles

on it!! These were wonderful trouble free miles. I am sure you all know all the wonderful places

you can visit while putting than many miles on a motorcycle. We always enjoy riding with our GWRRA Chapter B and participating in all the activities and

meeting new friends. Since we have joined GWRRA we have never missed a Wing Ding. We

love the Grand Parade and the Light Show. Of course, we can't walk through all the vendors

without adding a few things to the bike. We have never missed a 40 to Phoenix ride and

encourage everyone to visit the GWRRA National Headquarters in Phoenix.

You may be wondering where you might find us next. We are now enjoying National Parks. We

are visiting 50 National Parks in 25 States in one year. We are about half way through and will

finish on the way to Wing Ding this July.

We are excited about being our Chapters Couple of the year and look forward to meeting you.

Missy and Roger Shores

Leawood, KS

Kansas Chapter Couples 2013

CHAPTER F COUPLE OF THE YEAR Dale and Janis Mooney



Dale was born in Charleston, SC and raised in San Antonio. Texas. Janis was born in Argonia, Kansas and moved to Wichita in 1983.

They met in 1984 and their first date was the Wichita Toy Run. They Married in 1985 and have enjoyed 27 years together and looking forward to another 27 years.

Dale and two others started the Boeing Motorcycle Club together. The club paid for their wedding and supplied the Preacher. They got married on a Motorcycle at the Boeing Park on Oliver.

Dale's first ride was a 90cc Honda in 1962 and he also has had a Triumph, BSA

Yamaha, Kawasaki and one homemade VW trike. They now have a 2006 Goldwing with a 2010 Hannigan conversion with matching pony trailer.

They have 3 dogs, 2 cats and 1 bird. Janis works at Walmart on East Kellogg as a cashier. She loves to read. She also crochets and knits.

eral Wings Dings.

They joined GWRRA in 2010 and it has been none stop, Fun-Safety and Education ever sense. They recommend the GWRRA to everyone who has the time to have FUN on motorcycle with friends who are family.

CHAPTER H COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Daryl and Nita Reiger



Daryl and Nita Reiger met in geometry class in Oct 1971. They have three children, one son and two daughers and six grandchildren.

Nita works as a RN at the nursing home at the Moundridge Manor and Daryl is the IT director at the nursing home in Pleasant View

They purchased their first Goldwing, a GL1100, in 1998 and have been riding ever since. They now own a 1994 GL1500, after selling the GL1100 to their son. They have enjoyed numerous trips to Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma. They have also have gone to sev-

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CHAPTER P COUPLE OF THE YEAR

James and Carol Lamb



CHAPTER Q COUPLE OF THE YEAR Jim and Carol Owens



Jim and Carol have been members since 2005 and have had lots of great adventures and made many new friends. They hope to do more after they retire, since Jim's job with the FAA and Carol's as a scrub nurse with Oral Maxillofacial Assoc. keep getting in the way of having fun.

Jim rides a 2006 Goldwing and Carol has a 2003 Goldwing trike named Ducky. Since the kids are grown with careers of their own they now care for three barn cats, two dogs, two house cats and Carol's favorite, three llamas. Their names are: Benllama, Tonyllama and Fernando Llamas.

Sometimes it takes a lot of scheduling to get everyone cared for so we can leave for a few days. They have held positions as chapter educator, assistant district Educator and District Educator. We now look forward to Chapter Couple which will bring many new experiences.

Jim is retired Air Force of 24 Years. Carol is retired from dry cleaning. Carol learned to ride on the island of Okinawa in 1972. They married Feb 14, 1976. They started riding two 1981 Silver wings and still have them. They have one daughter, two grandchildren, two great granddaughters and two great grandsons. They have traveled all over the western US and are now ready to see the eastern side. We bought our trike after Carol fell and broke both wrists. They really enjoy their trike. We hope to help make GWRRA a better organization and have some fun. We have already

met some good friends and want to meet more.

Chapter Couple of the Year Articles

Greetings from the Kansas Chapter A Couple of the year (COY! Sorry I missed you last month, as we were getting ready to leave for WingDing. Just go ahead and admit it, I know you missed me too. My column is like reading the comics. Sometimes stupid, once in a while educational, but always entertaining! If you didn't miss me, just do me a favor and humor me. (sometimes reality is so disappointing!!!!)

It is such a hassle sometimes to find someone to work for me while I'm gone, and make sure they take care of all the little things that no one notices until its not done. But every morning during vacation, I got on the bike, felt the smooth machine gliding down the road, with the breeze in my face. I'd key the mike and shout to any one who was listening, "I'm not at work!!!!!"

While we did have rain every single day during our vacation, it usually didn't last long. At first, we prepared for a downpour, and donned our rain gear. Each time, it took longer to put the gear on than the actual downpour lasted. Then, we would wear the gear until we had more moisture on the inside of the suit than the outside. You would think we would have lost tons of weight!!! (not an overly effective diet plan, especially when it's Gold Wingers we're talking about.)

Okay, so it rained. But actually, the only thing that was cancelled was the light show. I guess the city cancelled the firework show also. (we didn't know first hand, as we went back to the hotel and ordered pizza.) We didn't get to ride the "bucket list" roads of the poker runs. The one with the water falls sounded soo cool, but we were afraid of being on an unfamiliar curvy mountain road in the rain. So instead, we rode downtown and ended up meeting up with some friends we met from Nova Scotia. We showed them the waterfall and bridge, and they showed us the ice cream shop. What a great couple.





However, on the way to Greenville, we did find a great road in northern Georgia. It was 30 miles of switchbacks! Who needs the dragon! (luckily, it was dry when we got there.) We spent a lot of time on the riding range. We both judged top gun. They did things a little different this year. There were only four of us judges, and approximately 30 contestants. Each judge escorted the rider through all the maneuvers. I was thinking this just might be a profitable day, but all the riders had more integrity than that. Hummn, must be GWRRA members. Anyway, after walking around on that range all morning, we both had a whole new appreciation for rider coaches!!!! Team Kansas did not fair too well in the Amazing Team Challenge. (kinda hard for two people to compete against teams of 5-6).



COY Article



But, like I was told by a guy from Mississippi, I was brave enough to ride, so I already beat out all the folks who didn't compete. (and yes, there is a reason it is called a "challenge").

The highlight of wing ding for us was the drill team. Steve received some one on one training from the Canadian drill team. The Canadians worked with a group of novices and practiced some drills with them. After one walk through and one practice, Steve performed with the novices on Saturday during the drill team exhibition. (I would have gotten to ride too, but they didn't want an uneven number of bikes.) It was absolutely amazing!!!



Steve was so pumped!!!







Steve was given information about forming a drill team, and we are now working on starting a team in Kansas. After practicing with him once, we both have a greater appreciation for the ERC's, and the instructors. We would not be able to do any of these maneuvers without the training we received in the riding courses. So, a big thank you to the instructors for your time and dedication.





COY Article

After we left Greenville, we spend a few days in Ft. Mills (suburb of Charlotte). We stayed with Ann Gillett's sister and brother-in-law. We had a blast. Wish you could have joined us Ann and Rod!! We ate all their fresh, home grown fruits and veggies, swam in their pool (when it quit raining), and listened to Danny's Harley.



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(everybody has some faults, but beggars can't be choosers!!) We then headed to Tupelo, as Flunky heard about an Elvis sighting. We took Flunky to see Elvis birthplace, and he even had his picture taken on the bed that Elvis was born in.





He saw a few of his friends in the gift shop, and had his picture taken with them, too.





One of these days in the far off future, one and or both of us will retire, and we can enjoy more traveling. But until then, we still need to pay for our trip, so BACK TO WORK!

Until next time, thank your rider coaches that you know how to ride safe,

Terri and Steve Bockhaus

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GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION KANSAS DISTRICT 2014 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January 17-19, 2014: Mid-Winter Rendezvous, Best Western Motel, Park City Kansas

April 3-5, 2014: Region 'H' Convention

April 11-13, 2014: Louisiana Convention

April 2, 2014: District Spring ride to Greensburg Kansas

May 2-4, 2014: Texas Convention

May 23-25, 2014: Arkansas Convention

June 13-15, 2014: District Campout, Council Grove Kansas

September 12-14, 2014: Kansas Convention, Abilene Kansas "Where Rails meet the Trails"

September 27, 2014: District Fall ride to Wamego Kansas

November 16,2014: Region Staff Meeting, Marshall, TX

Note: To my knowledge Oklahoma has not announced their 2014 date or location. Attend their 2013 convention October 3-5, 2013 in McAlester Oklahoma!!

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Kansas District Convention



Steaming into Abilene



At the Fairgrounds, 619 N. Rogers, Abilene, KS

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September 13 & 14, 2013

Vendors, Seminars, On Bike Games, Off Bike Games, Chapter Challenges, Grand Prize Drawing, Rider Ed Drawing, Chapter Sponsored Cookout, Much more!

MOTEL AND CAMPING INFORMATION

Super 8 Motel \$63.86 + tax Continental Breakfast- Pets allowed for additional fee 2207 N Buckeye, 1-800-800-8000

Holiday Inn \$95.00 + tax Full Breakfast- Pets allowed for additional fee 110 E Lafayette Ave, 1-785-263-4049

America's Best Value Inn: \$47.00 + tax Continental Breakfast- Pets allowed for additional fee. 2210 N Buckeye, 1-785-263-2050

Kansas Free Fair Grounds Camping: \$15.00 per night. Next to Sterl Building. 619 N Rogers. Electric hookup, no water hookup. Dump station located at 4th & Rogers (Very Close). Restrooms available in Sterl Building at night. Showers also available in Building #9, close by. For additional information, contact Becky at 785-263-4570 or email ckff619@att.net.

There are fifteen attractions for your entertainment. View the website www.abilenekansas.org.

Registration forms will be available soon. Check the Ks Web page and Kansas Winger for more information.

Your Kansas District Team

KANSAS DISTRICT CONVENTION

September 13, 14, 2013 Abilene, Kansas



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Pre-register before August 29th

Members: \$25.00 After August 29th \$30.00

Life Members: \$20.00 Non-Members: 30 00

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"Steaming Into Abilene"

Rider:	GWRRA#	Age:	Email:	***************************************				
Co-Rider:	GWRRA#	Age:	Email:					
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Zip Code: Phone#		Chapter:	_ District:	_Region:				
I/we agree to hold harmless GWRRA, any co-sponsoring organizations, and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property by reason of participation in this event. I/We also agree to assume responsibilities for any property that I/We knowingly damage.								
ider Signature:Co-Rider Signature:								

For more information contact Jack or Doris Schoeck 620.341.0426 or kspowerstroke01@sbcglobal.net. Make checks payable to: GWRRA Kansas Mail registration and check to Ron & Judy Eggleston, #20 Northfork Rd., Kaw City, OK. 74641

KS DISTRICT RIDING COURSE SCHEDULE

Trike Trailering Course

April 14, 2013 Hutchinson Range- Done

BRC2/ERC

April 28, 2013 Wichita Range- Done

BRC2 Trailering Course

Aug 11, 2013 Wichita Range

Trike Course

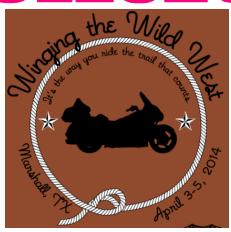
September 22, 2013 Wichita Range

RiderCoaches

Jim Lamb-Rick Stevens-Bill Tucker

To Enroll email Bill at wtuckerl@cox.net

Attention!



Lasso the NEW date for Region 'H' "Winging the Wild West" Convention.

April 3, 4,5, 2014, Marshall TX Convention Center.

See new Registration form in This Winger.





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Non-Member Medic First Aid - First	+	\$30		\$32
Time 5hr Fri		\$25		\$25
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ARC Course*	 	\$25		\$25
Trike Course* Grand Prize tickets 30	-	\$25		\$25
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your new! Kansas Motorcycle
Drill Team at the Kansas District
Convention/ Rally in Abilene this
September

The Kansas Chapter A Couple of the Year will be participating in the Kansas District Convention "Talent" Show and challenges ALL of the Chapter Couples to also participate Steve & Terri Bockhaus KSA COY