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Jack & Doris Schoeck
Directors



Your Kansas District Team sends your way seasons



greetings and wish all a Very Merry Christmas! May you be blessed this Christmas Holiday











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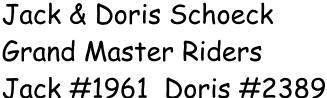






A Message from your District Directors

Kansas Monthly Newsletter Region 'H'





We are Proud to Introduce Our team

Merry Christmas to all our GWRRA friends across the State!

We hope everyone enjoys the Christmas Holidays with your families. It is a blessed time of the year and we are excited to have it coming up.

We would like for you to please remember Ann and Rod Gillett again this month in your thoughts and prayers. Ann lost her sister on November 13, 2016. If you remember, she just lost her mother last month. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their entire family.

There are a lot of Christmas parties and events during the month of December. We hope to see a lot of you at those events. We plan on going to as many as we can but time and weather will determine what we can do. December will definitely be a busy month!

January brings us the Mid-Winter Rendezvous at the Best Western Motel in North Wichita, on January 15-16, 2016. Please be sure to get your Pre-Registration in so that we will have an actual count for the banquet on Saturday evening, January 16, 2016. Even if you are only going to be there for the day on Saturday and the banquet, we need to count you so we will have enough food. We are having an Itty-Bitty Bike Show, which WILL be judged and also an Ugly Hat Contest, which will also be judged. The Chapter THEME table WILL be judged and remember that it is a THEME table, and Not a Pride Table. We have some great games planned, and there will also be the regular fun times we always have which include, puzzles, bingo, Couple of the Year Selection. We hope to see a lot of you there.

planning meetings for the upcoming year. There should be plenty of opportunities in 2016 for a lot of riding and seeing more of Kansas and the neighboring states. It is always a lot of fun to ride with our friends, to attend events, eat a good meal, and see some new sights. The State also has some activities planned for the membership and we are excited about new opportunities. Remember to check the State Calendar on the Web-site that Dale Tritsch keeps up. He does a great job!!

At the Region H Staff Meeting in Marshall, Texas on November 14, 2015, we learned that the GWRRA University will be changing the criteria for seminar classes. An e-mail was sent out earlier to the State Team and the Chapter Directors which is the first e-mail we have received in reference to this. It explains the changes and new direction that National is taking in this area. We will be sending out new information as we get, so keep a watch for further information! It is exciting to see the changes coming and we are sure it will be beneficial to all of us!! We are excited to be a part of this change!

Your State Team is excited about all the upcoming events and also excited for the New Year and all the changes and opportunities that it will provide.

Until next time, please remember to Ride Often and Ride Safe.

Jack and Doris Schoeck, Kansas District Directors

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GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION KANSAS DISTRICT



2015 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS Kansas & Region



See next page for Christmas Party's

2016 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January 15-16: Best Western Hotel, Wichita, KS

March 17-19: Region 'H' Rally, Marshall, TX

March 31-April 1&2: Louisiana Rally Lafayette

April 10: Experience Riders Course (BRC2), Wichita

April 22-23: Kansas Rally, Hutchinson, KS

May 7: Trike Course (TRC), Wichita

May 19-21: Texas Rally, Temple TX

May 26-28: Arkansas Rally, Harrison AR

June 3-4 or 10-11: Campout Santa Fe Cove, Council Grove

June 18: East/North Picnic Ride TBA

July 7-9: Reno Rendezvous, NV

Aug 31-Sept 3: Wing Ding, Billings MT

September 11: Ks State Fair Ride In

September 17: West/South Ride TBA

September 18: Trike Trailering course, Wichita, KS

September 25: Trailering (two wheels), Wichita, KS

September 29/Oct 1: Oklahoma Rally, Muskogee

November ??: Region 'H' Team Meeting, Location TBD







2015 Chapter Christmas party's and Parades

The following information was taken from Chapter Winger articles and/or from group emails that the Editor received. For addition information on the events listed herein contact the Chapter Director sponsoring the event.

- Dec 3: KSA Chile Feed and Christmas parade, Newton. Chili 5pm, 625 N. Meridian Rd, parade 6:30pm Newton.
- Dec: 3: KSQ Meeting/Christmas meal at "The Eatery" 6:30pm Winfield.
- Dec 5: KSA Christmas Party, Cheney Lanes Bowling Alley, Cheney
- Dec 5: KSF Christmas Party, Cassoday Community Center, Noon.
- Dec 6: KSB Christmas Party, Saddle & Sirloin club, 14401 Holmes Rd, KCMO.
- Dec 6: KSC Christmas Party, Community Center, Lyndon KS.
- Dec 11:KSP: Christmas Party at their meeting place.
- Dec 17:KSH Christmas Party, Delos V. Smith Senior Center, 1st & Washington, Hutchinson, KS.



GWRRA Kansas Chapters, Chapter Directors and Get-Together Time & Place

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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Kansas Chapter Couples 2015

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Kansas Chapter Couples 2015

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As I write this article it is 25 degrees with icy roads and everything that goes with a winter storm in Kansas.

According to Chapter 'B's article, they had 15 take the Medic First Aid course in Lawrence this month. The facilitators were Jack & Doris Schoeck. I was supposed to be there but the 'flu' bug got me.

Rider Ed doesn't have any more training until 2016.

There are many Christmas Party's being held this month by the Chapters so bundle up and take in as many of them that you can.

Remember as you drive (whatever it might be) in this weather a couple of things that is waiting to destroy your holiday. Speed and Black Ice. Be aware of both and <u>other</u> wintery elements that could ruin your day.

From all the members of your Rider Education Team we truly wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a safe 2016.

Hope to see you at one or more of the Chapter Christmas Parties.

Have a great Christmas with your family and friends.

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

Your District Educator's Bill & Sheila

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Well December is here which means Thanksgiving is over (hope everyone ate enough to be full but not too much to be uncomfortable) and Christmas is almost here. But it also means that November is over so let's talk a little bit about what the Chapter did during the month.

No much went on during November but the Lady Riders had a craft day on the 7th...you will need to talk to one of them to find out what all they did. I understand the husbands spent the evening playing games while the ladies worked on their crafts.

We had our monthly chapter meeting on the 12th and it was a big crowd that showed up including a few visitors,









Including my sister Marian, who was in town to celebrate the birthday that we share.

Our chapter educator Bob gave us a lesson about our bikes and how much they weigh. He talked about how some carry enough stuff on our bike that maybe we are causing a little bit more wear and tear on them and maybe we should go through the side pockets & trunk and do a little bit of "Spring Cleaning". Remember there are a few things that you carry on your bike that you might need when on a long trip but it can be left at home when just riding your bike around town.

Next up...December

The <u>3rd</u> is the annual chili feed & Christmas parade in Newton. Please have either show lights or battery powered Christmas lights on your bike. Chili feed at 625 N Meridian Rd, Newton, Ks Steve & Terri will furnish chili, coffee and water --- please bring any other food items you would like. (ie...corn chips, corn bread, desserts, etc.) Please join us even if you choose not to ride in the parade. Garage will be open with heat for decorating your bikes. Chili feed will continue during and after the parade.

The $\underline{5^{th}}$ is the chapter's Christmas party. They will be bowling @ Cheney Lanes. 1635 S 383 st W in Cheney Ks. I believe this will start around 6:00 pm but I'm sure an e-mail will be sent to give more details

The 9th is Dana Beranek's birthday

The <u>10^{th.}</u> Is the chapter's meeting for December. We meet @ the Country Café @ 2804 S Seneca. Remember the meeting starts @ 7:00 but come early to enjoy a meal and visit with the other members. Please remember of you are going to donate to the Couples Basket for Mid Winter (the theme is Death by Chocolate) that this date would be a good time to bring it (be it monetary or chocolate)

The 21st is Bob Vickers birthday

The <u>22nd</u> is the day that winter begins (although in Kansas I'm sure winter will be here before this date)

The <u>25th</u> is Christmas...hope it's a happy day for all who celebrate. Is Bob Brown's birthday

The **27**th is the Swilley's anniversary

The 31st is New Year's Eve... for all of you that will be going out on the town please be careful

Don't forget on January 15th & 16th is the Districts Mid Winter Rendezvous being held at the Best Western in Park City. Our Couples Basket's theme this year is "Death By Chocolate" so please remember to bring your donations early so they can be added to the basket. If you are interested you can go on line and look at the flyer for this event and you will find the registration form & a schedule of events.

That's all for now so until then...ride safe

Mary Mazur, Chapter A Newsletter editor



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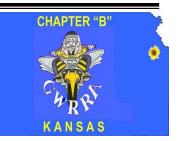
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Recognizing our military and veterans is important to Chapter B and November was once again our chance to parade and say thank you. November 7 found twenty-four members enjoying breakfast at the Old 56 Diner in Ottawa prior to saddling up for the Veterans' Day Parade. The motorcycles shone in the fall sunshine and American flags waved from antennae. The weather was cool and the streets lined with people. They watched and cheered as we threw candy to the children, promoted GWRRA and saluted our veterans.



Not to play favorites, Chapter B also participated in the Leavenworth Veterans' Day Celebration on November 11. Again motorcycles shone and flags waved as sixteen bikes and nineteen riders participated in the largest Veterans' Day Parade west of the Mississippi. Lunch followed at the Depot Diner. Even though the weather was cold and windy, we were glad to honor and celebrate all the wonderful men and women who have served or are serving in the armed forces of the United States of America.



On November 21, Chapter B welcomed District Directors, Jack and Doris Schoeck to Lawrence. Sixteen members participated in CPR and first aid training. We practiced removing our "bloody" gloves and doing CPR. The numerous video clips showed us a wide variety of emergency situations and the proper way to deal with each one. Everyone left feeling much better prepared to offer assistance if the need should arise. It was a great day of learning and fellowship.

Chapter B events for December: December 6 - Christmas Party December 17 - Chapter Meeting

Happy Holidays, Paula Aiken



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Even though November is normally a pretty slow month, for Chapter C, as the riding season just about ends for us folks in Kansas we have had a fairly busy month and just about all of it in the first half.

As was mentioned in last month's newsletter Ron & Marjie Crawford are stepping down as directors after 5 ½ very successful years of leading the chapter. They stepped up and volunteered with the sudden passing of Doug Hollandsworth, who had been our director for a very short period of time. Since that time Ron & Marjie have done an excellent job for the Chapter. About a year ago Ron thought he needed to step down but was talked into continuing longer. Being the guy he is he continued doing a good job. We all thank him for stepping up when we needed it as a chapter and doing a fine job with the responsibilities. Ron only missed a total of 2 meetings in 5 ½ years and asked for very little help from any of us. A big thank you to Ron and Marjie.

We started our activities this month with our planning meeting at the Gull's on the 7th with 16 people being able to make the meeting with a short time notice that it needed to be changed. We even managed to get the entire year pretty much planned out and only had to "volunteer" two couples for rides without them being there to voice any objections. We were also lucky enough to be able to plan around all of the other events within the region that are known above the Chapter level with only one conflict. The district west ride has no destination as of this time and the date is in confliction with the Marion/Hillsboro craft fair. Jamie & Gayle Conway volunteered to lead a ride there and anybody who has ridden with them knows that Jamie would rather take a beating than lead a ride to anyplace so it was decided since he offered and most of the wife's wanted to go spend our money we would schedule it and also let everybodyOn the 11th we rode to Leavenworth to link up with Chapter B for the Veteran's day parade. Chapter C ended up with 6 bikes and 9 people at the link up. Rick & Rita Thompson led us up and Lenny and Earl Barnes led us back after we split off from Chapter B in Lawrence.

The parade was a very good one with a pretty long route, with a lot of participation and was very well organized. Chapter B was kind enough to get us reservations at the Depot Diner and the food and service were both excellent. know about the District ride in order for them to make a decision.

Even though it was forecast for a severe thunderstorm to mess with us no rain gear was even required, however the wind we had on the return trip was some of the worst wind conditions I've ever experienced in Kansas. It was almost totally a direct crosswind all the way up and back with the return trip being the worst. The wind was gusting in excess of 40 mph according to reports from Forbes airport and Manhattan Airport. I actually think the wind was around 40 mph with the gusts up nearer to 50 based on my experience as an air traffic controller who doubled as a weather observer (not to be confused with a weather guesser). After fighting the wind for around 100 miles we arrived home safely with just being a bit cool since we lost 15 degrees in temperature on the ride.

As Al & Sandy Davis have done each of the last five years, they were the ride leaders on the 14th. Brenda and I were the last ones to link up with the group in Junction City for the "6th annual ride to Paradise." This ride is in reality not a GWRRA ride since Al organized it thru the GL1800riders.com forum, however Chapter C has taken "credit" for it since most of the folks that do ride out that way are from the chapter. Like all other rides we take just ride a bike of any kind and you are welcome to come along. The ride actually started at "Davis Corner" which is a very short distance from Al & Sandy's home outside of Lawrence where they met up with a Goldwing rider from the Olathe area. In Topeka they were joined by John & Teresa Gull and Jamie & Gayle Conway. In the interest of cutting travel time down a bit they rode the "big" road from Topeka and we took K-18 the rest of the way to Paradise. The members of the community are so nice they give us almost front seat reserved parking as can be seen from the picture Al took upon our arrival.



After paying \$12 each for our meal we sat down to just about the best food you can get for any price. The venue changed this year and the eating areas were a bit smaller so we didn't get to eat as a group which meant we socialized with the other folks eating. Brenda talked to one of the volunteers and she said she was from Sabetha. She had grown up in Paradise and moved away, however since the church only has about a dozen families in it now they call all of their friends, relatives and whatever to solicit volunteers for the event. The ones clearing the tables are all girls I'm guessing between the ages of 8 to 12 and don't get in their way or set something down they think should go because it will be gone. That is meant as a complement because they do a fantastic job especially considering their ages. When we finished eating and checking out the bazaar and other things in the building we mounted up and headed back east. After a short ride of approximately 20 miles John came on the radio and said they would like to stop at the public restroom in Lucas if we could find it. After wondering around town for a few minutes we found it and stopped.

For those who aren't aware of the facility, if you need a comfort stop or even if you don't and are in the Lucas area swing by and don't forget your camera. This is one way to take a "potty" break. We are all sitting on the "toilet seat" and with a little imagination you can see the raised "lid" around the door.



The facility is kept very clean and has even won an award:



After leaving the facility we headed over to the Garden of Eden but being "thrifty" people we didn't take the tour and just wondered around outside the fence for a little while. When we finished the "look around" we headed back home with an uneventful ride, except for having to hold into a crosswind the entire way back, to home for the most part.

As we were going thru Junction City on the interstate Jamie came on the radio and said look in the backseat of a particular car. His words were something like "there is a horse in it". Sure enough there was either a miniature horse or pony in the backseat of this older car. After he got home Al did some research and found a video of the horse in the car. Apparently the owners are from the Pamona area and let the horse ride in the backseat quite a bit. One thing for sure it fills up the seat and I wouldn't want to have to clean up afterward.

For the Month of December Rick Thompson has a birthday on the 27^{th} and Ken & Arlene Felch have an Anniversary on the 7^{th} .

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Merry Christmas from Chapter F!

We all hope you have a Blessed and awesome Christmas. It is a wonderful time of the year to be with our families and to celebrate the season.

November has been a busy month across the state for all of the Chapters as planning goes on for the New Year of 2016. Chapter F has had their planning meeting and we are excited for all the events and opportunities that are coming in 2016.

The supper ride for Chapter F was held on Friday, November 6, 2015 with a supper at the Chinese Asian Buffet in El Dorado, Kansas. There was great food and a good time was had by all. We had visitors, Allen and Donna Pugh as guests. They are from Burlington and are GWRRA members from the closed Chapter S that previously met in Emporia. We were glad they came and had a good time with us.

The chapter monthly gathering was held on Tuesday, November 24, 2015. We had visitors from Chapter H and Chapter Q. Thank you to all our visitors. After the meeting we had a planning meeting for the upcoming year.

Doris Schoeck furnished the dessert for

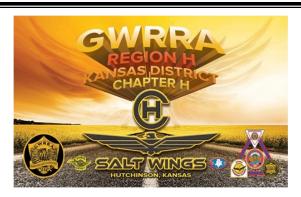
the month and everyone seemed to enjoy that!

The Christmas Party for Chapter F will be on Saturday, December 5, 2015 at the Community Center in Cassoday, Kansas. We will be begin at 12:00 noon and go until everyone wants to leave. We will be having a gift exchange for those that want to participate, so bring a Woman's Gift and/or a Man's gift if you wish to participate in the gifts. Meat and drinks will be provided by the Chapter and we ask that everyone else bring a covered dish of food to go with Turkey and Ham. There will be games later in the afternoon for that that would like to participate.

Until next time, remember to stay Warm and be Safe!

Doris Schoeck, Kansas F Member







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Our regularly scheduled gathering is 7pm on the 4th Thursday of the month. We go to the Sirloin Stockade on 17th street in Hutchinson, KS (just a little west of 17th & K-61 Hwy). We begin the feeding frenzy at 6pm.

From your Chapter Directors



Terry & Judy Mann

The month of November has cut into any serious riding, especially since this is prime deer season, and deer and motorcycles don't mix well.

We did have a great mid afternoon ride on Saturday Nov. 7th to the Amish community of Yoder for a early Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings, had 14 attend.

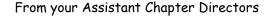
The next Saturday evening we had 22 drive to Hoof n Horn in Sedgwick for some fine dining, many found out how big a man sized chichen fried steak is, lot of take home boxes.

The next night on Sunday we held our planning meeting for the year at our home. Got some new rides planned for 2016 as well as some stand out rides that we did in the current year.

Looking for a good turnout for this Sunday's Nov. 22 Reno County Toys for Tots parade, always a good time for fellowship and chili. I'm sure the Toys will be well appreciated.

Just a reminder our Christmas party/meeting will be week early on Dec. 17 at 6pm. The location has moved to Delos V Smith senior center at 101 E. 1st. The chapter will furnish the meat, drinks and tableware, please bring a filled covered dish, and a \$5-10 gift. We'll also have Sedena Shaw's ever poplar gift pass around. Also, Rider Educator Marv Ayers legendary Christmas message. Hope to see you all at one or both meetings.

Terry and Judy Mann Senior Chapter H Directors





Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch

Having fun and being safe is what we learn in GWRRA. It is that time of year – not optimal riding weather. Just because we cannot ride does not mean we cannot have fun or continue learning. There are many activities and seminars and classes that can be offered all year. Winter in Kansas can be brutal at times. We can make the best of it by going to all that is available and maybe even carpooling if driving is the only option. Winter should not be a deterrent to being with our GWRRA family. There are chapter parties, Mid Winter Rendezvous, and other activities. Just remember to plan ahead, just as when you are riding. See the article about being prepared for winter driving in the Afterthoughts section.

So keep going to meetings, activities, visiting with friends and remember that riding season is not that far away.

Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch Assistant Chapter Directors

From your Chapter Educator



Marvin & Toni Ayers

Rider Ed. Bits

Here it is November and almost "TURKEY" time. But more important it is a time to give thanks for friends, home, and family. Our biggest thanks to our military, past and present, who gave their time and some their lives so that we have the freedom to enjoy our friends, home, and family. So my GWRRA friends take a moment to reflect on the past riding season and be thankful for safe miles and safe trips. These safe miles and trips just "didn't happen" your skill as a prepared rider made this happen. Your participation in GWRRA training made this happen. Listening to your lead rider and tail gunner made this happen. We had a safe riding season due to the commitment of each one of you to be safe prepared riders. As Senior Chapter Rider Educator I thank each and every one of our members for their commitment.

Marv

From your Chapter MEC



Mark & Linda Classen

Thanksgiving, Wikipedia defines it as: **Thanksgiving Day** is a national <u>holiday</u> celebrated in the United States as a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the <u>harvest</u> and of the preceding year. I hope that everyone in chapter H has plenty to be thankful for this season. The more Linda and I work with your leadership and the more we learn about each of you, the more we are thankful for our GWRRA family.

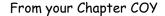
This month we went to two great dinner rides. The first one we went to was Pretty Boy Floyd's and we were able to bring along our grandchildren. What a great time we had, and man can this organization find the eateries. Then last Saturday to Cy's Hoof and Horn in Sedgwick. I am going to have to get heavy duty shocks for my trike!

Even though the weather is cooling down and we are not riding as much, we still have not forgotten how to have fun! Fellowship with our members is like a breath of fresh air every time we get together. Don't forget to make plans for the Mid-Winter Rendezvous January 15-16 at Wichita. This will be a time where we can have fun, and meet other riders from other chapters in Kansas. Please be thinking about getting your registration in for this. There will be some available this Thursday at our chapter meeting and on line. Please fill it out and we will see you all there!!

Linda wanted to tell everyone - HOWDY!! Man I love her southern accent.

Ride Safe and have Fun!

Mark and Linda Classen





Bill & Sarah Watts

Greetings again our Chapter H and entire GWRRA Family members. Wow! Can you believe it is November already and next week will be Thanksgiving already? Sarah and I both hope that all of you have plenty to be Thankful for and we know that each of you do just the same as we do. I always find myself thinking at this same time of the year just how fast this year has gone already and another thought comes to mind that our time as your Chapter Couple is also nearing a close. We have been honored to serve all of you, the chapter members and the chapter as a whole. Although Sarah and I have no idea which couple will carry on this honor next but if we had to make that choice it would be a very hard one because each of you deserve the honor and we will both be right here to help the next couple along every step of the way.

Sarah and I just attended the yearly Regional Business Meeting in Marshall, Texas this past weekend and the Couple Of The Year program was one of the topics of conversation at this meeting. I was somewhat shocked when I heard there are actually some chapters out there that do not have a Chapter Couple because members do not want to participate in the program and my question was simply Why Not? One of the answers I got was because people do not want the obligation and I thought about this response for just a minute or two and my response was this," When did having fun become an Obligation?" I am fairly sure I have never seen the word Obligation on anything that has to do with our membership in this great Organization. We here at Chapter H are very lucky that we have the core officer group in place that knows the importance of the Couple Of The Year program and that they will always support the program for all of our future couples.

Live,Love,Laugh and Ride Often Bill & Sarah Watts

Chapter H COY

From your Chapter Newsletter Editors



Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch

It has been a busy month again for chapter H. Rides/drives (depending on weather), On Nov 7 a bunch of us went to the Yoder Thanksgiving dinner at Journey Mennonite Church (dale t & Georgeanna were in TX enjoying the warm weather and staying at our daughter's family beach house in Surfside, TX where we went to see grandson Ben play his last high school football game. They won 60 to 0).

On Nov 14 another group went to the Hoof & Horn in Sedgwick, KS on a dinner ride. It was reported to be a fun and filling event. Members and our Couple of the Year also KS District Assistant Directors Bill & Sarah Watts were in Marshall, TX for the yearly District Planning Meeting. We understand some changes are to be made within GWRRA and are looking forward to the article by Jack & Doris Schoeck about it in the Winger.

On Nov 15 we had our planning meeting for 2016. We had a very good turnout and believe we have a great riding year ahead. Thanks to Judy & Terry for having us at their home and thanks to Judy for the snacks. The new 2016 event list will be on our chapter page on the KS District website soon. Our events will also be listed on the KS District Calendar on the website:

(http://www.gwrraks.com/calendar.html) as well as other chapter and district events. This all will be updated as soon as dale t gets busy and stops thinking about naps.

On Sunday, Nov 22, several of us went on the Hutchinson Toy Run. There were over 1000 bikes/trikes this year. After delivering the toys we went to Wendys for chili and visiting.







Christmas Party

We are having our regular meeting one week early because of Thanksgiving being on our regular night. Our Dec meeting / Christmas party is on Dec 17 at the Delos V Smith Senior Center on the SW corner of 1st & Washington in Hutchinson, KS. They have a very nice facility and are letting us use it without charge. Plan to be there. The meeting will be short so we can have our Christmas Party Fun – all we ask is for some help with cleanup after. Bring a \$10 limit gift --- boys for boys and girls for girls. This year's rule is only boys will be able to take from boys and only girls will be able to take from girls. Also bring a side dish filled with good eatin' or a dessert. Sedena will again host the Right/Left game.

The event starts at 5pm and we need to be out by 9:30 (that means doors locked).

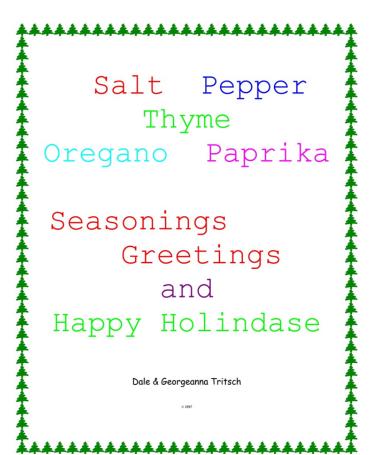
Mid Winter Rendezvous Items

Dec 13 we will have our planning and get ready meeting for Mid Winter Rendezvous. Place and time will be announced via email. The theme this year is Winter Wing Wonderland. We need to have a theme table – we will not have a chapter pride table this year. We will also have the COY basket and need donations for it and a theme. Also we will enter our Scrapbook, our Mascot, and Chapter Banner. Get your ideas ready and come help make chapter H the best.

Also there will be individual participation activities. The Ugly Hat competition and the Itty Bitty Bike Show. Use your imagination. Guidelines should be announced on the Mid Winter webpage. Each attendee is also asked to bring one dessert. This should be a fun time with lots of games and friends and entertainment.

We are wishing all a merry, safe, healthy, and fun holiday season. May you receive all that you need and enjoy what you have.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you again in the new year. Dale & Georgeanna editors



Bugsy

I spent the month with Chris & Regina Marcotte. I did a lot and had a lot of fun.

Bugsy had fun spending the day at Regina's work. The residents truly enjoyed having Bugsy as well.

Bugsy was able to go into the back of the kitchen to see how the food was ordered.





Bugsy loved playing bingo with the residents.

Next stop...the salon. Hairdresser Jackie even trimmed up Bugsy's ears.

Helping with computer work.







Even answered phone calls.

Stopped off to visit the nurses.

Bugsy went to work with Regina and was able to trick or treat.







Boy were he & she tired.



Upcoming Events

(see all our upcoming events on the KS-H webpage on the Kansas District website)

Novemb	er
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22 Hutchinson Toy Run

December

12 Prairie Rose Ranch

13 Planning meeting for Mid Winter17 KS-H Christmas Party / meeting

Sunshine Events

Birthdays

Appiversaries

November

- 11 Jerry Praytor
- 14 Alice Mounts
- 18 Janice Scheurer
- 22 Noel Pollard
- 25 Bruce Malecki
- 30 Charlie Breitenbach

9 Marvin & Toni Ayers

24 Chris & Regina Marcotte

26 Terry & Judy Mann

December

- 2 Carma Gray
- 5 Randy Flickinger
 - 5 Brad Thompson
 - 7 Nita Regier
 - 8 Jim Shaw
- 16 Jan Regehr
- 23 Norm Frederick
- 30 Donna Sand

10 Ken & Nancy Hazen

23 Don & Carma Gray

28 Bruce & Pat Malecki

28 Don & Jan Schroeder

RALLYS

Mark your Calendars!

Jan 15 - 16 Apr 22 - 23 Mid Winter Rendezvous KS District Rally Hutchinson, KS



Be sure to read the Kansas Winger on the Kansas District web site each month See what all our Kansas chapters are doing

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Meeting Night - Friday August 14, Brown Bag at 6:30PM
Derby Church of Christ 225 N. Derby St,
Derby Ks. 67037 in the fellowship hall at the south
end of the building

What's happening? November has turned into a wonderful month with good weather and many projects to complete before winter sets in.

Looking ahead to December most of us will be busy with holidays, the McDonald and my family will take a cruise into the Gulf of Mexico so we may commune with all you can eat food bars aboard ship, and again visit some of the Mexican tourist traps. Birthdays in November were Janet Gonsalves Nov. 13, Jim Lamb Nov. 17, Carolyn Stevens Nov 24, and Joe Gonsalves Nov. 26. I hope all had a Happy Birthday!

We at the Twister 8 house hope you all have a good Thanksgiving, a wonderful Christmas, and a Happy New Year, and hope that New Year will be filled with all of the interesting things and places to ride to that are expected from Gold Wing riders.

Mark on your calendar for February 12 as that will be Chapter P's annual SweetHeart Dinner. The Chapter is pulling out all the cupid arrows it can find to put on a good dinner for all. Particulars will be available next issue.

Remember the Chapter P monthly brown bag meeting at the Derby Church of Christ, 225 N Derby St, in Derby, on December 11 at 7 PM (Brown Bag chow around 6:30). Meetings are always a good time to be mesmerized by our Chapter P Leader David MacDonald, who always provides interesting discussion and conversation.

Everyone have a safe month!

Dennis and Kathy Chesnut

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Hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and we're sure none of you ate too much!

The month of November was filled with planning meetings for several of the chapters. This upcoming year will hold several rides and weekend events that everyone can enjoy. Many of the chapters have some very nice events planned, so let's all do our best to attend what we can.

Our December meeting will be a gathering at the Eatery in Winfield, we plan to meet there at 6:30pm and just enjoy each others company.

As the Directors of Chapter "Q" we would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas! We look forward to seeing all of you in the coming year.

December Birthdays:

Cathy Sherrard 3rd
Jack Kistler 7th

Anniversaries:

Tom & Karen Sweet 22nd Bill & Sheila Tucker 27th

BY THE BOOK

By: Jack Wagner Deputy Director 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.

Those of you who have been following my 'By the Book' articles may recognize this as a reprint from prior years. As we come into the holiday party season, I believe it bears repeating, as a reminder of why the GWRRA alcohol policy exists. I wish you and your families the happiest of holidays. Lets all be safe so we can enjoy more good times together next year! Jack

The Time for Parties

December brings us together for many different parties – celebrating the various holidays or watching our favorite teams in their endeavor to be the best. Many of the social events or gift exchanges done at this time of year have the tradition of involving alcohol. While it has been discussed at length many times, I thought it best to remind everyone of the GWRRA policy on alcohol. Page D-15 of the Officer Handbook states:

"While GWRRA makes no attempt to legislate policy as it relates to an individual's freedom, we must give strong consideration to potential liability exposure of the Officer group. For this reason, GWRRA CANNOT: 1) sell alcoholic beverages; 2) profit from the sale of alcoholic beverages; 3) distribute as an award or prize any alcoholic beverages at a GWRRA event; 4) encourage its use by advertising its availability or causing it to be available at GWRRA events."

The first few words are important to remember – WE ARE NOT ATTEMPTING TO BE THE ALCOHOL POLICE. However, that said, the next few words from the Officer Handbook are of utmost importance – THERE ARE POTENTIAL LIABILITY ISSUES. What does this mean? Most areas have what are known as social host liability laws which impart liability to those responsible for serving alcohol. Those held liable, in ei-

ther criminal or civil actions, provided alcohol to someone who is subsequently involved in a vehicle crash or other activity which caused death, injury or even property damage. Businesses that serve alcohol go to great extent in training their personnel to prevent patrons from being over served. Most often the social host involved in legal actions is a private individual who served alcohol in their home, where they are considered to be the host. However, when the event is a company or organization affair, the company or organization can be held liable – meaning GWRRA and its officers could be held responsible. Think about that. If you're the Chapter Director, you could be held liable even though the event wasn't in *your* home. Yes, GWRRA has liability insurance which covers the Association and its officers. But would it cover you if you are violating written Association policy?

Liability issues aside – the main reason for the policy, as I see it, is we don't want to be the cause of losing any of our GWRRA family as a result of providing alcohol. So let me leave you with this. If you're having a Chapter event at your home or other location that doesn't commercially serve alcohol, follow the policy and don't make it available. If you're having your event at a location that does serve alcohol as part of their normal business, and choose to consume, please do it responsibly. I want to see all of our family together in the coming year!

The more you know, the better it gets!

Jack

Mid-Winter Rendezvous



Theme



'Winter Wing Wonderland'

January 15 & 16, 2016

Best Western North 915 E 53rd St North Wichita KS 316-832-9387

Black Jack
Dessert Dance
Ugly Hat Contest
Medallion Hunt

Bingo
Banquet
Games
Itty Bitty Bike Show



Couple of the Year Selection





KANSAS



MID-WINTER RENDEZVOUS JANUARY 15-16, 2016

Best Western North Wichita KS 915 E 53rd St North 1-866-503-5700 \$74.99 + tax 316-832-9387 Breakfast Included for up to 4 People in room Pets \$10.00 per day Rooms blocked until January 5th

Ask for 'Gold Wing Road Riders Association' rooms

'Couple of the Year Selection' 'Musical Dessert Dance' 'Games' 'Seminars' '50/50 Drawings' 'Itty Bitty Bike Show' 'Ugly Hat Contest' 'Medallion Hunt' 'Banquet' 'Live Entertainment' 'Black Jack' 'Bingo'

District Business Meeting Sunday the 17th

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM						
Rider:	GWRRA #	EMAIL				
Co-Rider:	_ GWRRA #	_EMAIL				
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:			
Your Chapter Your Distric	tYour I	Region				
Registration Fee: \$25.00 per person Non-Members: \$30.00 per person			•			
I/We agree to hold harmless GWRRA, Kans Property owners for any loss or injury to se I/we agree to assume responsibility for any	elf or property by reason	n of participati	on in this event.			
Rider Signature: Co-	Rider Signature:					

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