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ATTENTION

There has been a CHANGE in the TIME that KSH will start their KICKOFF on December 4th. START TIME 3:00pm

Come, Meet and Enjoy the FUN with New Friends!!!
Garry & Phyllis, DD
Another Thanksgiving is over and looking forward to Christmas Holidays.

Lots of Holidays events planned. We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. We are planning on attending as many events as we can.

Up coming event is Mid Winter in January and the business meeting on Jan 22. Hope to see you all there.

We have had many members that had surgery or under the weather so keep all in your prayers and thought.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM YOUR DISTRICT TEAM**

Garry & Phyllis
Ks DD
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Chapter ‘B’ CD
Allen & LeAnn Robertson

Chapter ‘C’ CD
Don & Marj Crawford

Chapter ‘F’ CD
Gene Shannon

Chapter ‘H’ CD
Rick & Carolyn Stevens

Chapter ‘P’ CD
Jack & Teresa Kistler

Chapter ‘Q’ CD
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 GARRY & PHYLLIS VANBUSKIRK  316-321-0896 for more information.

Chapter “A”
Steve & Terry Bockhaus, CD
(316) 283-6701
Second Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
Hometown Buffet
6820 W Central, Wichita

Chapter “B”
Allen & Lee Ann Robertson, CD
(785) 979 4831
3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
JTs Grill
33255 Lexington Ave., DeSoto

Chapter “C”
Ron & Marj Crawford CD
Third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Perkins Restaurant
1720 SW Wanamaker Road, Topeka

Chapter “F”
Gene Shannon CD
620-735-4254
Fourth Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Red Coach Inn
2525 W Central, El Dorado

Chapter “H”
Hutchinson, Kansas
TBA

Chapter “P”
Rick & Carolyn Stevens CD
316-683-1138
2nd Friday at 7:30p.m.

Derby Church of Christ
225 N. Derby St.
Derby Ks.
In Fellowship Hall, South End of Building

Chapter “Q”
Jack & Teresa Kistler, CD
(620) 782-9636
1st Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
Sirloin Stockade.
2825 N Summit,
Arkansas City, Kansas
Kansas District GWRRA Members

This is the time of year when our riding time is greatly diminished due to temperature and weather changes throughout the country. It is important to remember that riders may encounter extreme changes as they travel. We have already experienced our first snow in the western part of the state and the mountain passes are becoming unpredictable. Nice riding weather at 5000 feet MSL may be significantly different at 8000 to 10,000 feet.

This is also the “RUT” period so deer may be especially unpredictable in the early morning and late evening hours. Be careful and if I don’t see you sooner, hopefully we can get together at Mid-Winter.

Jim Lamb, KS District Rider Educator
From The Kansas District Trainers
Duane & Cathy Sherrard

The 2011 year is almost over and done. Hope everyone had a safe riding 2011 with many memorable sites and riding miles. As we usher out the old year and wish in the New Year, we need to look at the off riding season to do some classroom training.

On November 5-6, we had 4 people attend and complete an OCP training offered. Because of the small number attending the class, the class was held at the District Director’s residence, Garry and Phyllis VanBuskirk. We want to thank them for their hospitality and offering a place to do the OCP. We want to also thank Jack Wagner (Oklahoma District Trainer/Region Asst Trainer) for taking time to come up to help us with the training. Jack has been a very big help in Kansas getting everyone trained and offering his help where needed. Thanks Garry, Phyllis, and Jack.

We want to thank and congratulate those who attended the OCP training. Attending the training takes some commitment from the attendees, taking a day and a half of their time to attend. Again Thanks

I attended the Region H business meeting along with several others from the district team on November 12-13, 2011 in Marshall, Texas, and the 2012 site of the Region H Convention. There were several new things talked about or announced and some changes coming from the Leadership Training Program (LTP). In the next newsletter and the year in review, we will look at these items. We want to remind everyone to mark your calendars to attend the Mid-Winter in Emporia, Kansas on January 21-22, 2012, it sounds like it will be a very fun filled weekend. Hope to see everyone there.

Remember, it’s not how far you ride, but you ride safe and enjoy the ride.
Duane & Cathy Sherrard
Kansas District Trainers

**BY THE BOOK**

By: Steve Cotton
Region H Trainer

The “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 [www.gwrra.org](http://www.gwrra.org) - Click on the Officer Connection tab at the bottom of the page; then select Officer’s Handbook in the upper right hand corner. Please feel free to reprint these articles in Region, District, or Chapter newsletters.

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To all Kansas Chapter Directors:

It's time to start thinking about who you would like to be your Chapter Couple next year.

Top Reasons Why Your Chapter Needs a Couple of the Year

Reason #1: Selecting a Chapter Couple of the Year is a way a Chapter can “give back” to a Couple that has worked hard for the Chapter.

Reason #2: Visitation with other Chapters by the Couple of the Year can increase inter-Chapter activities.

Reason #3: Chapter spirit can increase when a Chapter shows support for their Couple of the Year.

Reason #4: Selection as Chapter Couple of the Year leads to personal growth for the Couple. They usually tend to take on more responsibility in leadership positions.

Reason #5: The Chapter Couple of the Year can bring awareness within the community about our association by wearing shirts or vests with Couple of the Year designation.

Reason #6: Participation in the District Selection Process brings recognition for your Chapter within the District.

Reason #7: As your Chapter Couple of the Year visits other Chapters, Couples of the Year from those Chapters will in turn visit your Chapter.

Reason #8: Your Chapter Couple of the Year can promote your Chapter’s upcoming events as they visit other Chapters.

Reason #9: Chapter Couples of the Year are often found serving as Cheerleaders for the Chapter Team.

KANSAS COUPLE’S OF THE YEAR

Kansas is proud to support The Gold Wing Road Riders Association’s COUPLE OF THE YEAR PROGRAM.

So, We are Lassoing you so you will get to know our District Couple and the Chapter Couples. Please read the following Pages.
KANSAS COUPLES OF THE YEAR

2011 District Couple of the Year
MARTY AND RUTH DANNER

Marty and Ruth work very hard in their chapter to make it a fun and successful chapter. Marty and Ruth are the Chapter Rider Educators for Chapter A. Marty began riding at a very young age. He was making long trips with his dad at age 16 on his own bike. After riding as a Co-rider for a few years Ruth took the BRC in 2006 and now has her own 2002 Kawasaki Drifter. Marty rides a 2002 Wing with a side car. Both love to go on long trips and have gone to many of the conventions as well as Win Dings over the years. They have six children and 13 grandchildren. Marty works for Westar and Ruth works as a scrub tech in labor delivery at Wesley Hospital.

Below are other Chapter couples so you can get to know them better!!

KSA - Larry and Mary Mazur

Larry retired from the Sedgwick County Sheriff’s Dept in June 2007 with 28+ years of service. After 7 months of Goofing off he went back to work at Wesley Hospital in Security then was hired back by Sedgwick County for security which he has done the past 3 years. Mary has worked for the State of Kansas for 30+ years first in the clerks office and now in the courts. She has been Judge Clark Owens Admn Aide since December of 1998. Larry and Mary met at the court house and have been married since 1988. They have 1 daughter, married, but no grandchildren yet. Larry has ridden several bikes in his 30 yrs of riding. His first bike was a Honda CB200T and now rides a 07 Goldwing. He has ridden it 35000 and looking forward to many more. Mary did ride behind Larry but now rides a Suzuki C50 with a conversion named “The Tramp”. They have been attending ‘A’ gatherings since they joined GWRRA in 2007 and serve as Asst Chapter Directors

KSC - Don and Brenda Williams

Don and Brenda live in Manhattan KS and have a daughter and a grandson. They met on a blind date and have been married for 37 years. Don is a retired Air Traffic Controller and now is the Tower Manager for Midwest Air Traffic Control in Manhattan. Brenda worked as a teaching assistant & Para-professional in Junction City and Manhattan schools while their kids were in junior high. She later became an EMT-I/D working with the Westmoreland Ambulance Service until she retired. Don wanted a Goldwing since he first saw one owned by a co-worker. He found one on Craigs list and test rode it and decided it was more bike than what he needed so be bought a VTX1300, but after 6 months decided it wasn’t made for touring comfort. He finally purchased a 2009 Goldwing and they now are enjoying the comforts of going on long trips.
KSF - Dale and Janis Mooney

We joined GW June 2010 and are from the Augusta area. Together we own a Glacier White 06 Gold Wing with a 2010 Hannigan Trike conversion. I was born in Charleston, SC and raised in San Antonio TX. I have been blessed with 2 children, 4 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. I also have another child Buffie the Vosmarie Eclectus parrot who thinks she is human. I worked for Boeing 7 years starting in 1984. After Boeing, I worked for Bombardier Learject for 20 years until my retirement. While at Boeing, myself and three others started the Boeing Motorcycle Club (1985). Janis and I had a motorcycle wedding at Boeing Park sponsored by the Boeing MC Club. We have been married for twenty six years with motorcycles as a common interest. Our first date after we met (1984) was riding in a Toy Run. My first bike was a 1964 Honda 90cc, then a Honda 350. I’ve owned BSA, Triumph, Yamaha, Kaw and a home made VW Trike. Janis was born in Argonia, KS. She has 3 dogs and 2 cats. She worked at Wescon for thirty years and retired. Janis has owned a Yamaha scooter, a 1100 Virago, then the VW Trike. Now she prefers to Co-Ride with me on our Gold Wing Trike. Our ‘86’ Venture Royal has won us nineteen 1st place trophies in class but Honda’s always beat us out of Best of Show.

Janis actually made the choice to buy the Gold Wing when she test sat on the Wing and the Yamaha Venture. The Wing, according to Janis, won hands down. Other than riding I enjoy remote control trucks & boats as well as customizing & lighting motorcycles. Janis hobbies include crochet, knitting, reading and walking. Our favorite time to ride is during the Fall for Janis & Spring through Fall for me. We look forward to sharing rides and activities with our GW family.

KSP - Dan and Tammy Vickers

Dan and Tammy have been married nine years. Dan has two sons who both like to ride. Tammy has one son who is stationed in Ft Sill, Oklahoma.

Dan go a Honda 160CB at sixteen and rode it until he was twenty, then stopped riding while he was busy raising kids. In 2008 he bought a VTX 1800 then traded In on a 2008 Goldwing when Tammy said “Honey, I like the seat on this one” They have been riding the 08 white wing since.

They stay busy going on supper rides with their chapter and going to conventions.

Dan and his son, Josh went on a road trip in June, 2011. They went east to St. Louis on to Illinois and Iowa to see family, then through Nebraska and back home.
KSQ - Raymond and Norma Wirtz

Raymond and Norma have been married for 39 years and have 3 boys, 1 girl, 7 grand children, and 2 great grand children.


They have had a goldwing since late 1975. Their first was a GL1000. They put over 200,000 miles on it.

They presently have a GL1800 Trike.

They have enjoyed riding with friends and the goldwing family during the last eleven years since joining Chapter ‘Q’.
CHAPTER 'F' COUPLE OF THE YEAR REPORT– By Janis Mooney

Another month has gone and was a good time with friends and of course good food.

Riding season is coming to a close but is still good to go to the chapter meetings.

The weekend of Oct. 14 Dale went on the Fall Foliage ride with Chapter Q. He said he saw a lot of beautiful country and the weather was not bad.

On Oct. 25 we had our Chapter F meeting at the Beijing Restaurant in El Dorado.

Double D's is now closed in the evenings so we are checking out other places to see where we want our home to be. We had a good turn out of our chapter members and it is always good when members of the other chapters also come.

On Oct. 28 we went to Rod and Ann's lovely home in Wichita for their Halloween party. Had a great time and also had a safe time as there was a sheriff there that was keeping everything under control. Good job Jim. The food was great. Some very good cooks in the GWRRA.

On Nov. 3 Dale went to Chapter Q meeting. I didn't get to go as I was working. I really miss going to some of the meetings but Wal-mart just is not too understanding when I want off to go play. I am still hoping to find a day job.

On Nov. 5 Chapter F had their breakfast ride to IHOP on East Kellogg in Wichita.

Dale and I were the ride leaders. Had a great time and again good food. Just love the food. We were also happy to have Rick and Carolyn from Chapter P join us,

On Nov. 10 we went to Chapter A meeting at the Home Town Buffet in Wichita. Marty gave a very good recipe on motorcycle safety. There was only one motorcycle that showed up. Rick Kistler from Chapter F was the only one that braved the cold. Rick has some new lights on his motorcycle and they look really good.

On Nov. 11 we went to Chapter P, meeting at Derby. Only 4 couples were there. It just goes to show you that you can still have a good meeting no matter how many are there. Dan and Tammy were the only ones who rode their motorcycles.

Again we had a good month and now we are looking forward to the Christmas party at Burns with all the chapter members and to Mid Winter at Emporia. Hope to see everyone at each of these.

Janis
January 20, 21 or 22 2012
Couple of the year selection
Fun & Games
50/50 DRAWING
Seminars

Guesthouse Motel
2700 W 18th Ave
Emporia, KS 66801
$56.00 Plus Tax,
Phone # 620-341-9499
GWRRA accepted for additional fee

Registration: $25.00 per person
Includes Saturday night meal
Famous JACK for his poker dealings

Business meeting on Sunday the 22nd

Rider __________________________ GWRRA# ____________ Age:____ Email: ______________
Co-Rider __________________________ GWRRA# ____________ Age:____ Email: ______________
Address: __________________________ City: __________________________
State: __________ Zip Code: __________ Phone# __________________________

GWRRA Region ___________________ GWRRA District: __________________ GWRRA Chapter: __________

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 participating in this event. I/We also agree to assume responsibility for any property that I/We knowingly damage.

Rider Signature: __________________________ Co-Rider Signature: __________________________

For More Information contact Garry & Phyllis VanBuskirk 316-321-0896
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO GWRRA OF KANSAS --- Mail Registration form to: Ron & Judy Eggleston  #20 Northfork Rd, Kaw City OK  74641

Sue Maynay
MID-WINTER RENDEZVOUS
JANUARY 20-22, 2012

GUEST HOUSE HOTEL
2700 W 18TH AVE
EMPORIA, KANSAS
$56.00 Plus Tax
Phone # 620-341-9199

Couple of the Year Selection
Return of the “Musical Dessert Dance”

Fun & Games  Seminars  50/50 Drawings

Business meeting on Sunday the 22nd  Famous JACK for his poker dealings

REGISTRATION FORM

Rider: ___________________________ GWRRA#_________ Age____ Email: ________________

Co-Rider: ___________________________ GWRRA#_________ Age____ Email_________________

Address: ___________________________ City ________________ State _______

Zip ___________ Phone # (____)___________________

GWRRA Region _______ GWRRA District_______ GWRRA Chapter _________

Registration Fee: $25.00/person  After January 10th: $30.00

Make Checks out to GWWRA of Kansas

Mail to: Judy & Ron Eggleston
#20 Northfork Rd
Kaw City Oklahoma 74641
Can you believe that November is almost over? I have my turkey thawing in the sink at this very moment. How many days till Christmas? Seems like there is always so much to do. Not too much riding going on, but plenty to do.

Steve just returned from the region staff meeting in Marshall, Texas. (Some of us had to work.) That city is sure looking forward to seeing all of us again in March. Geraldine (with the visitor's bureau) really makes sure that we are well taken care of. At the meeting, it was announced that Harry and Joan Dollarhide are resigning as region directors. We will be sad to have them step down, and thank them for all the years of service they have served GWRRA. Their shoes will be difficult to fill. However, if anyone can, it will be Bill and DeeAnn Gray from Oklahoma. Welcome aboard.

Chapter A has held their planning meeting. We have a pretty ambitious schedule planned. There are a few day rides as well as longer trips. Several people voiced that they wished they could have taken the ride to Colorado and New Mexico ride with us this year, so we have planned a return trip for next year. So, put your wheels where your mouth is!!!! You all have about 7 months to plan/save/prepare for it.

Don’t forget the annual Newton Parade of Lights/chili feed. It is on Thursday, December 1st. (Sorry, this conflicts with KSQ chapter meeting.) Ride your bike if you can. Even if you can’t, come eat chili. Steve always makes plenty. Everyone is invited. The garage will be heated to allow you to decorate your bike with lights. The parade starts at 6:00.

The multi-chapter GWRRA Christmas party will be December 3rd at 1:00 at the Burns community center. Bring a covered dish (with food in it), and an ornament to exchange if you wish. We will have lots of fun, like we always do.

Finally, don’t forget about Mid-Winter Rendezvous. January 20-22 at GuestHouse Motel in Emporia. There will be lots of fun and games (that goes without saying!), couple of the year selection, pride booths, Medic first Aide, seminars, business meeting on the 22nd, pride booths, food, and fun people.

I think that’s it for this time, stay warm, and ride when you can.

We Wish All of GWRRA a Very Merry Christmas!!

If you meet a person who has no smile, give him one of yours!!!

Calendar:
1st—Newton Parade of Lights/chili feed
3rd—GWRRA Christmas Party
8th—KSA
13th—Lady Riders Christmas Party
27th—KSF
Jan. 20-22—Mid Winter

Celebrations:
2nd—Paul Yantiss
11th—Bill and Rose George
21st—Bob Vickers
22nd—Carla Butterfield
27th—Pat and Billie Swilley

We Wish All of GWRRA a Very Merry Christmas!!
“Freedom isn’t free.” This saying was brought home to members of Chapter B in November as we participated in two parades honoring our veterans and military personnel.

On Saturday morning, November 5, we met members from Chapter C for breakfast at the American Legion in Lawrence prior to riding in the Ottawa Veteran’s Parade. The sun disappeared as we headed south and the cool temperature hovered in the high 40’s. We had eleven motorcycles and sixteen members riding in the parade. Our bikes were all dressed up with American flags that Melissa Shores had sewn for us. Bill Groh, Ed James, and Sandy Davis had their bikes dressed with large flag poles and everybody was in parade mode. We rode with about two hundred of our loudest (Harley) friends. The kids were all smiles as we handed out candy and the streets were packed as we rode through downtown Ottawa. It was a great way to say “thank you” to our veterans and military. After the parade, some of the group headed to Beethoven’s in Paola for lunch. The food was good and the company even better. It was great to have Al and Sandy Davis and Don and Brenda Williams from Chapter C joining us.

The weather on Friday, November 11, was outstanding as we headed to Leavenworth to again honor our veterans. We had seven bikes and eight members riding in this parade. This time we were able to fall in line behind the sheriff and fire trucks at the beginning of the parade. Our loud friends were behind us. Our bikes were all shiny and dressed up once again with American flags thanks to Melissa Shores. The parade headed through the streets of downtown Leavenworth that were lined with people. All the children were off school and they all admired the motorcycles. After the parade, we went to the Depot Restaurant for lunch. Good food with great friends riding motorcycles made for a wonderful morning. Honoring our veterans and military personnel made it even better!!

Safe travels,
Paula Aiken
This time of year, in order to keep riding, you take advantage of any reason, excuse, or idea to go for a ride. That happened on the 29th. Sandy Davis needed to go to Kansas City in order to pick up her Christmas ornaments that she gets cheap since she’s an employee. Calls were made to see who wanted to ride along. Jamie & Gayle Conway and I met them at the “Davis” corner. Lucky for me Brenda was in South Carolina visiting our daughter and grandson, so therefore I didn’t have to spend a lot of money (she really likes trinkets). The “short” ride to the Plaza was about 200 miles give or take. When Al leads he tends to wander from time to time. It ended up being a two meal ride. We stopped for lunch at Kelly’s in Basehor. For those that haven’t eaten there the food is excellent and inexpensive. Getting to the Plaza requires riding in city traffic so staying alert is of the highest priority. Al did manage to find parking for all 4 bikes right where we needed it. Sandy ran in and picked up her order and we were on our way out of town in about 15 minutes ending up at Motorcycle Closeouts in Smithville, MO. Sandy was looking for some new ridings pants and didn’t have any luck finding any. Al was looking for a new helmet, but didn’t have any luck finding a modular large enough. The return route brought us back to Topeka on KS 92 and across Lake Perry via Perry. Did I say Al wanders? We stopped for supper at the Almost Home Café for some more great food that was inexpensive. I managed to even find a waitress that agreed with me that snapping turtle is the best wild game available in the states. After supper we all headed home waiting for another good day to go for another ride.

Tuesday the 1st was Chapter C’s supper ride. It was decided at the last meeting to have a meet and eat instead of a ride since no one knows what the weather will be like this time of year. We met at Red Wolfe at Motor Care since he figured he had a new one in stock. Al has the phone number memorized and also on speed dial. Tim has a very good reputation with the members of Chapter C. Earl called Al after the parade and was just getting ready to leave Motor Care with his alternator problems solved. The parade went well. Brenda heard that 84 bikes were in the parade. It appeared to me the start had some problems, but then this was my first parade so I’m guessing. One thing to put on the checklist if riding in a parade with a bunch of other brand bikes bring the ear plugs those things are loud. After the parade finished it was decided we would go to Beethoven’s in Paola for lunch with 7 bikes and 10 people. Brenda & I had a bad experience there one other time, a couple of years ago, and weren’t too keen on the idea, however we said what the heck and went anyway. The food was great making a good day even better since we both really like German food. After lunch the gang broke up and headed home. Other than the wind was a bit high it was a great day to ride.

November 12th was the Second Annual Ride to Paradise. Last year Al & Sandy Davis and Brenda and I rode to Paradise, KS for their annual church fund raiser dinner. The cost is $9 for adults and this is their only event for the church to raise funds. The menu has been the same for 46 years and I see no reason to change it: turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot roll, coleslaw, cranberry salad, desert, and a drink. Everything is homemade and very good and the people are more than friendly. The town of Paradise has 46 permanent residents. They normally feed between 350 and 400 people during this fund raiser. It’s always held on the first day of pheasant season. Al & Sandy left Lawrence with stops in Topeka and Junction City. Jeff Young and Jamie & Gayle Conway joined them in Topeka and Brenda & I linked up with them in Junction City. The weather was beautiful and not all that cold. Either heated gear or a riding suit was all that was needed to stay warm. The road to Paradise is straight but it does have some nice scenery along the way and not a lot of traffic so we made excellent time getting there. After lunch we headed to the Garden of Eden in Lucas. If you haven’t been there it’s worth the trip since it’s a one of a kind place and was built by, let me just say a very unique individual. Don’t forget your camera when you go there.

Next year’s ride is already on our calendar so hope to see you there. Our monthly meeting was held at Perkins on the 15th. The turnout wasn’t real strong, but it’s that time of year where folks are pretty busy. Ron Crawford discussed the various motorcycle laws for the surrounding states in reference to helmet laws, eye protection and various other requirements for the different states. In addition there was a discussion if ear buds were legal when riding a motorcycle.

The chapter Christmas part will be in Lyndon on December 11th at 5:00 p.m. All are invited just bring a covered dish (ham, turkey, mashed potatoes, and gravy will be provided). Also bring an inexpensive gift for the gift exchange. Men bring a gift for a man and women bring a gift for a woman. Be prepared for plenty of fun trying to figure out who gets what.

The riding season is more or less winding down so if a good day for a ride happens and anybody comes up with a good place to ride to, make a few phone calls and make it a short notice ride. There will be no meeting in December so everybody have a great holiday season.

Birthdays
23rd Sandy Myrick

Anniversaries
7th Ken & Arlene Felch
12th Marvin & Louis Miller

Don & Brenda Williams
Newsletter Editor & Chapter Couple
Time does FLY:
It seems as though I just wrote a news letter and here it is time for another.
Chapter F had their meeting Oct. 25th at Beijing in Eldorado and there was a good turn out. I did hear some comments about eating in a cave.
The food was good but the friendship and conversation far exceeded that.

Janis and I didn’t go to the OK State Convention/Rally but from all I have heard there was good times had by all in attendance.

We had a spook gathering at Rod & Ann Gillett’s home, We were in good company with a marshal, who brought his lady, a three headed man and well the pictures will show more then I can tell.

The weather has turned off more wintry and this seems to have had some effect on the attendance at some of the Chapter meetings.
This has been a quiet month for Chapter P. We are resting up for the upcoming Holiday season and all of the parties and celebrations. We had our planning meeting the first of the month. We are planning some nice rides and announcements about them will be coming in the near future.

Our meeting this month was highlighted by a nice discussion of some of the things that we should be watching out for while riding at this time of the year. We had a good discussion on night riding and some of the hazards that we should be aware of when riding during the low light times of the day.

On November 19 & 20 Dan & Tammy Vickers and Rick & Carolyn Stevens traveled to Stroud, OK to join our OK friends in the Horizon’s training class. This class is a fun class that highlights some of the duties of the officers. It is not limited to just officers and is a good class to help members understand what goes on behind the scenes to make a Chapter run smoothly. Some of the content is how to build an effective team, leadership concepts, planning and conducting chapter meetings and gatherings, communications skills and techniques and personal profiles and introspection. The training is broken into short sessions and has some fun activities for the participants in between. Ask one of us what our new Horizon names are sometime. If you are interested in attending this training it would not mean that you are planning on becoming an officer in GWRR, just interested in seeing how an officer runs the chapter.

We hope that everyone had a very good Thanksgiving and did not eat too much turkey and dressing. Please remember our Troops that were not able to spend this holiday with their families. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers for their continued safety and return home to their loved ones.

Ride Safe
Rick and Carolyn Stevens.
Ks. “Q” December Newsletter

Happy Holidays everyone, hope you all had a FILLING Thanksgiving, with food and family. This is definitely a busy time of year for everyone, not much riding gets done, but it gives us sometime to catch up with family.

Some of us rode the Arkalalah Light Parade this year, for us it was our first time, for others this was just one of many times. We had a total of eight bikes and felt for the weather conditions we did pretty good. We met a new couple who joined us for the parade, Jim and Carol Owens; it looks like they are going to join us at “Q” events.

We had another first for us and that was participating in the Cowley County Toy Run. We never heard the count of bikers, but we can tell you that the pile of toys for the kids was stacked pretty deep. It’s great to see all the people who take the time to give to such a great cause.

This years Christmas/Holiday gathering is going to be at the Burns Comm. Center at 301 N Washington, Burns, Ks. Saturday, Dec. 3rd. The party will begin at 1:00pm and go till whenever. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish and a beverage, turkey and ham will be provided. There will be an ornament exchange if you would like to participate, the spending limit is $5.00 or you can make it yourself. Chapter F has planned many games and will have a DJ to play music, so that we can all sing and dance.

With Mid-Winter coming up on January 20-22, we encourage all of you to try and attend. This year they are going to have a Swap Meet, so bring your unwanted items, because you may have what someone else is looking for. They will also be bringing back the always fun Newlywed Game, so couples make sure you have your stories straight, you may be the next ones chosen to play.

Bill Tucker emailed us to tell us that he is legal now! Yep, he completed the OCP that was taught at Garry & Phyllis’s home.

Lastly, we want to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

December Birthdays

Cathy Sherrard 3rd, Gene Snyder and Jack Kistler 7th, Floyd Fiske 20th.

December Anniversaries

Larry & Linda Johnson 2nd, Tom & Karen Sweet 22nd, Bill & Sheila Tucker 27th.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND TO ALL A GOODNIGHT!
GAMES

“Washer” toss, bingo, board games, cards, and bring any game of your choice
Holiday “your guess is as good as mine” word games, *Ornament exchange game – please bring an ornament, if you wish to play…$5 spending limit or hand made

FOOD

Please bring a side-dish of your choice and a beverage - Turkey and Ham will be provided

MUSIC

Mini-Me DJ i.e. cds and cd player & Christmas carols

PLACE & DIRECTIONS

Burns Community Center, 301 N Washington, Burns, KS.
Follow this link for a map and driving directions: http://mapq.st/ptlzv1
(if link doesn’t open, copy and paste)

RSVP: to Gene & Delores Shannon 316 323-4820 or Steve & Lajuana Pena 316 250-4450 or your Chapter Director to ensure enough Turkey & Ham is available.
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Chapter Q on Oct. 3rd less than expected in attendance.
Chapter A on the 10th had a nice group but the attendance was still down.
Chapter P on the 11th attendance was way off but there was plenty of good stories, fun and good education presented by Rick.
The Wichita toy run had over 2700 motorcycles and a few of our members went, but some said they would not go back. The kids will love all the toys and gifts.

With all the Chapter planning meeting, District meeting, parties and other activities going on in Nov. & Dec. it will be busy. Try to attend as many functions as possible, after all, **IF YOU DON’T GO YOU CAN’T HAVE ANY FUN:**

From all that I’ve heard at the Chapter meetings all the Chapters are planning a bang up riding season for next year and in some cases still yet this year. Check each Chapter newsletter for the particulars.

**Light it up:**
Some of our members are sporting new night riding lights.
I wanted to share these with everyone because they are proud of their illumination.
**Phyllis Vanbuskirk, Dale Mooney, Dale Tritsch, Rick Kistler**

Check our web site @ http://kschapftroop.homestead.com/ for more pictures, upcoming events and stuff.

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What is a Chapter Gathering?

A Chapter Gathering is the means whereby GWRRA has FUN, grows, teaches, educates, informs and establishes a basis for GWRRA’s very existence. The Chapter Gathering is the most important aspect of what we strive the hardest to accomplish: educating our Members. Educating them in ways of safety, skills, knowledge, and the FUN OF GWRRA. If we, as Officers, recognize and acknowledge these responsibilities to our Members, we understand the importance and the difficulty of obtaining our goals as represented in our motto, “FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE”.

In paraphrasing an old adage, “You can take Members to water, but getting them TO the water is not as hard as getting them to take a drink”. We have found the way to get them involved (so we can provide the “water”) is to provide a positive, FUN and worthwhile environment. We call this a Chapter Gathering.

Properly done, a Chapter Gathering is the perfect medium to carry out the prime responsibility to our Members. It provides them a place to come and have fun, friends, knowledge and camaraderie. It provides us the opportunity to discuss safety, so we can teach our “family” the tools and skills that will enable them to live longer and better enjoy their hobby – Motorcycling.

The Chapter Gathering was formerly called a “meeting”. Consider the word “meeting”. It can be a little misleading. “Meeting” sometimes implies business, minutes, politics, reports, no fun, dryness, rigid structure, speeches, and is capable of being very boring. Obviously, this is not what a GWRRA Chapter Gathering should be!

Our immediate goal is to try and entice our Members to come to a monthly activity with their “family”. We do this by making our Chapter Gatherings FUN! We make it a relaxed, non-political, non-religious, friendly place where there are no strangers… good food, interesting people and educational programs. This is not as difficult as it sounds, but it is very basic to accomplishing another of our missions: EDUCATE!

If we can motivate our Members to attend a Chapter Gathering, our job is half done. We must then ensure that the meeting is so good, so interesting, so rewarding, and so much FUN that they will return each and every month. They will also “talk it up” with their friends, thereby helping GWRRA receive the positive publicity that goes a long way in attracting new Members into our “family”

Good FUN Chapter Gatherings cannot be overemphasized… they are the backbone of a successful Chapter. Good luck, and may all your efforts be amply rewarded.

Learn Something New…Then Teach Someone!

Steve and Carolyn Cotton
Region H Trainers
The Winger Kitchen

ATTENTION MEMBERS
This space is for you! Have a favorite recipe? What to share it? Good! Send to KS WINGER Editor and I will publish it for all to use. YUMMY!

**Tuck’s Chili Dump**

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Cook meat and drain. Place remaining ingredients in crock pot and heat until cheese has melted. Add Hamburger and Sausage, mix well. Heat to simmer and serve.

**MOM’S POTATO SOUP**

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Cook potatoes/onions until tender. Drain. Add margarine, sour cream, bacon bits and mix ingredients. Add milk to desired thickness and heat. Season to taste.

Here is the KICKOFF of recipes. Please join me (your Editor) and share your favorites. Casserole, Dips, Desserts; anything yummy, fattening or healthy recipe is welcome.

Thankyou!

**Bill Tucker**
Editor