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Region 'H'*

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Ride safe and ride often





A Message from your District Directors

Kansas Monthly Newsletter
Region 'H'

Jack & Doris Schoeck
Grand Master Riders
Jack #1961 Doris #2389



Happy Valentine's Day!

It is the month for all the love minded in our midst! Hope all of you across the state have a warm and happy month!

We have had some people with surgeries and hospital stays this month. E-mails have been going out to the State Team and the Chapter Directors in reference to the people that we know about. If I have missed anyone, it is more than likely I have not known about them. On the State Team, Bill Tucker had surgery to put pins in his ankle. He is recovering at home. Rick Kistler had hip replacement surgery on January 26, 2016 and he will be home by the time the newsletter comes out. Any of the people that you have had e-mails about would probably appreciate a card if you would think about sending them one.

We would like to welcome Mark and Linda Classen to our State Team. They were given the oath of office for Membership Enhancement at our Opening Ceremonies at Mid-Winter. We are positive they will do a great job!

What a Great Mid-Winter we had this year! If you were unable to come, you missed a great time. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Bill and Sarah Watts, who became the 2016 Couple of the Year! We know they will do an awesome job for us! Also we would like to thank Rick and Brenda Kistler for the wonderful job they did as 2015 Couple of the year. Please remember that Rick and Brenda will be in the selection process in March at Marshall, Texas for the Region Couple of the Year. Please wear your purple and go and support them at Region.

We had some new games this year and Hungry, Hungry Hippo seemed to be a success. There were a lot of people participating and it was a fun and noisy game! The winner of the final heat on that were Bob and Barbara Brown from Chapter A. Everyone had a fun time doing it

and we will most certainly be bringing it back again! Somehow, Jack and my picture doing the Hungry, Hungry, Hippo game, made it onto Facebook. Brenda Kistler was our Game Warden again and there were games on Saturday afternoon that everyone participated in.

We would like to thank Karen Graves for running our Bingo Game again and for John Graves for popping the corn for everyone. We would also thank everyone else who helped with Mid-Winter again this year. All of our volunteers are very much appreciated as we could not do everything that is done without all of you helping, so thank you all very much.

The Itty Bitty Bike show and the Ugly Hat contests were interesting. We had good participation in both contests. On the Itty Bitty Bike Show, Mark Classen from Chapter H got 1st place and People's Choice and Garry Van Buskirk from Chapter P got 2nd place. On the Ugly Hat Contest, Dale Tritsch got 1st place, Georgeanna Tritsch, got 2nd place and Steve Wilson from Oklahoma got People's Choice. Congratulations to all who won and thanks to everyone who participated. It was a lot of fun!!

Carma Gray from Chapter H won the Round Robin games and also won for knowing the most State Team on the baby or young people pictures. Chapter H won the Banner, Mascot, and Scrapbook categories and Chapter B won the prize for the Theme Table. Congratulations to all our winners and thank you all for your participation in the events!

At closing ceremonies, Terry and Judy Mann, Chapter H, honored Glen Koch with Individual of the Year for their Chapter. Glen attended our Banquet with his daughter, Angie. Congratulations Glen!!

Ruth Dannar KSA found the Medallion.

The 50/50 winners were: Daryl Regier of Kansas Chapter H who won \$86.00; June Stucky from Oklahoma who won \$52.00; and Linda Stevens from Oklahoma who won \$35.00. June Stucky also won the Spoonlady Couple of the Year Basket. The other Couple of the Year Baskets were won by: A's Basket went to Jack Kistler, from Chapter Q; B's Basket went to Char Sadler from Oklahoma; F's Basket went to Barb Brown from Chapter A; Chapter H's Basket went to Terry Mann from Chapter H; Chapter P's Basket went to John Hoogendoorn from Oklahoma, and Chapter Q's Basket went to Georgeanna Tritsch, from Chapter H. Congratulations to all our winners and thanks again for all the participation!

David McDonald advised they made \$300.00 on the Swap Meet. This is always a good event for anyone wanting to sell any of their GWRRA stuff. Thanks David for taking care of this event.

We had a good Business Meeting on Sunday and got our yearly Treasurers reports done and turned into Judy Eggleston, our State Treasurer.

This coming month there are a couple of Chapter Valentine Parties/Dinners that will provide good food, fellowship with friends and lots of fun. Hope you can attend one or both of those.

We are now working on our Kansas State Rally, which will be held in Hutchinson, Kansas the weekend of April 22-23, 2016. We are really excited about it and have some really great things already planned, so hope all of you are planning on being there.

We also are planning several other events in the upcoming months and will be sending out e-mails detailing those events. Please be watching for those e-mails as you don't want to miss out on any of the fun!!

Until next time, stay warm in this cold weather, and when you ride, Ride Safe! We will see you down the road.
Jack and Doris Schoeck, Kansas District Directors

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Kansas District Team
2015

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GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION KANSAS DISTRICT



2016 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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 11:	East/North Picnic Ride Atchison, KS
June 17/19:	Campout Santa Fe Cove, Council Grove
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 TBD:	Trailering (two wheels), Wichita, KS
September 29/Oct 1:	Oklahoma Rally, Muskogee
November ??:	Region 'H' Team Meeting, Location TBD

Kansas Couple of The Year 2016



KS- H

Kansas Chapter Couples 2016

CHAPTER A COUPLE OF THE YEAR

CHAPTER B COUPLE OF THE YEAR



Marty & Ruth Dannar

CHAPTER C COUPLE OF THE YEAR

CHAPTER F COUPLE OF THE YEAR



Gary & Susan Drake



John & Karen Glaves

Kansas Chapter Couples 2016

CHAPTER H COUPLE OF THE YEAR



Marv & Toni Ayers

CHAPTER P COUPLE OF THE YEAR



Rick & Carolyn Stevens

CHAPTER Q COUPLE OF THE YEAR



Bill & Sheila Tucker



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RANGE AIDES

Carolyn Stevens
Marvin Ayers
Rick Kistler

MOTOR AWARENESS COORDINATOR

Open

Because of my fractured left fibula and surgery on my left ankle, Sheila & I were only able to attend Mid-Winter Rendezvous. We had a good time and it appeared that so did the other attendees. We had several activities we wanted to attend that the chapters were having on January 1, but it just was not possible due to my icy fall off my porch step.

Not much to report on Rider Education activities. We had our annual 'free' luncheon for the Chapter Educators and their wives Saturday noon at Mid-Winter Rendezvous. There was a training session after the meal and all but one educator was present.

Just a reminder that the Rider Courses are posted on the Kansas Web Site. The cost for the courses has not changed. \$30.00 for members and \$40.00 for non-members. And we have the sliding fee schedule.

You take courses consecutively, we reduce the fee \$5.00 each time you attend until you have reached the \$20.00 fee.

We usually provide lunch for the Trike Course, Trike Trailering Course and Trailering Course. That is a pretty cheap investment, isn't it?

I will be having surgery the 20th of January on my left ankle which will keep me down for a while. Not long I hope. Anyway it will be over by the time you read this.

If you cannot reach me please contact Rick Stevens or Marv Ayers, the two Assistant District Educators with Rider Ed questions.

Sheila and I look forward to seeing you throughout the year at the many events Kansas has scheduled or at your chapter event when I am able to get around again.

That is it for now. As always, ride smart and be alert to arrive alive.

"PRACTICE MAKES PERMANENT! YOU ARE WHAT YOU PRACTICE!"

Your District Educator's
Bill & Sheila



Kansas Chapters, Chapter Directors and Meeting Time & Place

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

Call the Chapter Director 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, District Directors at 620-341-0426.

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Chapter "F"

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Marty & Ruth Danner

Hello everyone.

Well February is here which means we made it through January. It was a cold month but at least we didn't get the snow that they got in the eastern states. So Lets talk about some of the things that went on in January. We started the month as well as the year with our yearly "New Years ride & bean feed where those that want to brave the weather and as long as there isn't any snow or ice on the street a ride takes place where they ride as many miles as whatever the temperature may be. And of course later in the day we all got together at the Grooms to enjoy dinner and visiting with others.



The next evening was Dave & Sharon Holfields annual game night where I understand they play a mean game of dominoes.

We had our monthly chapter meeting on the 14th where Bob talked to us about how if we are going to ride our bikes at this time of year where it's cold that it's good to wear I to us about how if we are going to ride our bikes at this time of year where it'iting with others ayers. He also advised if you are going to ride in the cold weather that you would be wise to invest in some heated riding gear. One of the things we also talked about at the meeting is where might be a good place to hold one of the state rallies so if you have any ideas about where you would like to go please talk to Joe and/or Debbie.

Next up was the State's Mid-Winter on the 15th & 16th and this year it was a little different because except for 1 class on Friday evening this rally was mostly fun and games. We found out that Ruth and Marty is, our Chapter's Couple of the Year for 2016.



And I think our Couples basket was the favorite of everyone because all it was... was chocolate.



Ruth found the Medallion so she gets the pleasure of hiding it next year. And Bob & Barb won the "Hungry, Hungry, Hippo" game. (you had to be there to understand this one... wish I had a picture)

Here are some pictures of our Chapter people having fun





Now for a few up coming events
 Feb 1st – Dannar’s Anniversary
 Feb 8th – Chuck Powell’s Birthday
 Feb 11th – Chapter’s monthly meeting
 Feb 13th – Valentine’s Party @ 6:30 in Udall
 Feb 14th – Valentine’s day
 Feb 24th – Gattenby’s Anniversary
 April 22nd & 23rd – Kansas District rally In Hutchinson...start making plans now.

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

Mary Mazur, Chapter A Newsletter editor

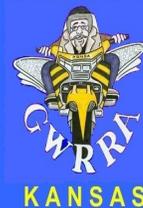
Remember...if you go on a ride and would like to let others know how it went please send me a brief description (and pictures if you got them) and I will add it to the newsletter



Chapter B – DeSoto

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CHAPTER "B"



It was a cold January 1 but ten bikes and eleven people bundled up and left DeSoto heading toward Shawnee and The Big Biscuit for a late breakfast/early lunch. The group was met by twelve warmer people who traveled on four wheels. After enjoying good food and celebrating the new year with friends, everyone ventured home to plan 2016.

Six Chapter B members enjoyed the Mid-Winter Rendezvous in Park City on January 15-16. We played games, visited with members from other chapters, and shared treats from the dessert walk. We were excited to win first place in the theme table contest with our rendition of a winter wonderland created by Lee Ann Robertson. It was a weekend of fun and camaraderie.



The January monthly meeting was held on January 21. District Directors Jack and Doris Schoeck were there to give the oath of office to new chapter directors Joe and Pam Magnant. They also presented a plaque to Allen and Lee Ann Robertson, outgoing chapter directors. Eric Wadman provided the group with interesting motorcycle laws and members tested their knowledge of snow in the monthly trivia contest which was won by Bob Garrett.



With thirty two members reporting, Chuck Finley announced that Chapter B rode 363,554 miles in 2015. We made it to the moon and a little more than half way back, riding the equivalent of 996 miles every day of 2015. We also had members who traveled in forty four of the fifty states as well as the District of Columbia. John English was the high mileage rider this past year with 41,010 miles. Roger Shores was second high with 34,581 miles, followed by Bill Groh with 30,055 miles and Ed James with 20,023 miles. Neither John nor Roger were at the meeting as they were busy racking up miles for 2016!



Chapter B events for February:
February 18 - Chapter Meeting

Safe travels,
Paula Aiken

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This will be a short newsletter with it being too cold to ride for the most part.

January did start out a bit cool but with heated gear it was a nice day for our New Year ride to Red Robbin in Topeka. We had 26 people in attendance and even managed to get everybody seated within the same area. We had our usual good time getting the year off to a good start. Marjie Crawford couldn't make it for lunch this year. It had something to do with her chasing Bambi. How Ron can get his wife to go out in the cold to get meat to put on the table is something I can't understand but wish I could get the same thing to happen at our house. (*He really wants me to know how to fire a gun??*)

We are starting the New Year off with Brenda & I becoming new Chapter Directors and John & Teresa Gull taking our place as Assistant Directors, Sandy Davis has agreed to stay on as treasure, so the important part of the Chapter won't change with the money lady continuing to do her fine job. Gary & Susan Drake are also our Chapter couple for another year. Thank you, Gary & Susan.

Brenda and I had plans to attend the Mid-Winter Rendezvous but had to cancel at the

last minute because of circumstances beyond our control. Hopefully those in attendance had a good time and a lot of good information was obtained.

Just because it's winter we had to cancel this month's meeting because of bad road conditions. A monthly meeting isn't worth the risk of sliding off a road or getting hurt trying to attend.

Ron Crawford has the only birthday in February which is on the 17th. No anniversaries, which seems odd since it's the month of Valentine's Day.

Don & Brenda Williams
CD/Newsletter Editors



Chapter F - El Dorado



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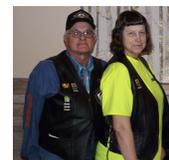
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Chapter MEC

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Chapter Scrapbook

Rick & Brenda Kistler

Greetings from Chapter F!

We hope you are all staying warm in this cold weather. Remember if you are riding your Motorcycle back and forth to work, dress warmly.

Our meeting was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016. We had guests from several other chapters and State Team.

We had several from our Chapter that helped at Mid-Winter the weekend of January 15-16, 2016. John Glaves kept the popcorn machine going for everyone and donated bottled water that he got from several businesses in El Dorado and surrounding areas. Karen Glaves ran our Bingo game again and that is always a success for the state. We have a lot of people around the state that like to play Bingo!! We had the majority of our members at Mid-Winter Rendezvous and we all had a Great Time!

Thanks to all the State Team and volunteers that helped to make it a great time!!

We also want to congratulate Bill and Sarah Watts, Assistant District Directors, on becoming the new 2016 Kansas District Couple of the Year! We know they will do a Great Job representing us across the Region.

Joe and Debbie Gattenby, visitors from Kansas Chapter A advised they would be having a Valentine Dance on Saturday, February 13, 2016 at the Udall, KS community center. Please check their newsletter article for the correct time that it starts. Chapter P guests advised they will also have their annual Valentine Dinner on Friday, February 12, 2016 at 6:00 pm. Chapter H guests announced they will have a Breakfast Ride to Carriage Crossing at Yoder, KS on Saturday, February 27, 2016. Thanks to all who shared their activities with us!

State announcements were for the upcoming Kansas District Rally which will be in Hutchinson, Kansas the weekend of April 22-23, 2016. There are a lot of fun activities planned and more about that will be forthcoming. They will announce Chapter duties for the Rally after they have a staff meeting. There is also the State Campout the weekend of June 17-19, 2016 at Council Grove Lake and the East/North Picnic Ride on Saturday, June 11, 2016.

More information about those activities will be announced as the events get closer.

Chapter F will have a January Breakfast Ride on Saturday, January 30, 2016. They will meet at I-Hop on East Kellogg in Wichita at 9:00 am. They will have done this by the time the Newsletter comes out so we will report on it next month.

The February Chapter Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at our regular meeting place at Oil Hill Elementary School in El Dorado. Bring your brown bag supper at 6:00 pm and meeting is at 7:00 pm. The Dinner Ride for Chapter F will be on Friday, February 19, 2016 at 7:00 pm. It will be held at the Pizza Ranch in Emporia, Kansas and will be hosted by Jack and Doris Schoeck.

Submitted By,
Doris Schoeck, KS F Newsletter Editor

Thank you everyone!

Everett and Carol Chastain want to thank you for your thoughts, prayers, kind words, and support when our beloved Peanut passed away December 21, 2015. We got Peanut shortly before Christmas in 1996 and she left us nineteen loving years later, shortly before Christmas.

Peanut traveled on the trike with us for 8 years. She has been in 23 states, rode 62,000 miles, been to 3 wing dings, and numerous rallies and meetings. She loved riding on the trike in her Roxie Ride pet sidecar and especially riding in a line of motorcycles and trikes. Peanut had more pictures taken of her on the trike in her sidecar than we could ever count. She was a blessing to us from God!

Editors Note: Photographs of Peanut on next page!

**A TRIBUTE TO 'PEANUTS!
SHE WILL CERTAINLY BE MISSED AT THE RALLIES AND MID-WINTER RENDEZVOUS**

Peanut as a baby when we first got her.

Peanut riding in her pet sidecar. What fun she had



Peanut riding wearing her electric heated vest when it was cold.

Peanut's last ride on the trike. So Sweet!!!





KS-H Newsletter

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Chapter 'H' Couple of the Year



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.

Terry & Judy Mann Sr. CD



The cold and dreary January has pretty much stalled any motorcycle riding but still had a great turnout (40) for a dinner ride on January 9th to Martinelli's in Salina , great food and fellowship.

The following weekend was a great time had by all at the Midwinter rally held in Park city. Our own Chapter Couple of the Year Bill and Sarah Watts were chosen as District Couple of the year. Congrats guys, good luck moving on.



Mark and Linda Classen were promoted to

District Membership Enhancement Coordinators, congrats guys.



Our new Chapter Couple of the Year is Marv and Toni Ayers
Congrats also.

D



New this year we have chosen Charter member Glen Koch as Individual of the year, congrats Glen.



Also the COY basket was won by yours truly. Overall, a great success by Chapter H.

This upcoming weekend, January 23 is the OCP training in Stillwater, we have several going to that. Hope we can see some riding weather in the near future.

Chapter H Senior Directors
Terry and Judy Mann.

Dale & Georgeanna Trutsch



We are well into winter – brrrrr. I do not know how many are still riding but the dalet trike is parked. As we get older the winter wind cuts into us a lot more. We all enjoy riding and having fun, but when the fun gets knocked back a notch by the weather, we become whimps and look for warm inside activities. There are many inside activities around. We as a chapter do not have to rely on our own events to have fun. Many of the other chapters are having events that are always fun to attend. We are all members of GWRRA and that means we should not only attend our own chapter activities, but also those of other chapters. There are many seminars that are available, just ask for one. That is how we keep making new friends and staying in touch with those we already know. We all have the common interest of riding, learning new things and having fun.

Be sure to check the Kansas District website for what other chapters are doing as well as chapters in other districts and regions. If you want to go to an event that is not on the chapter H agenda, get with other members and plan for it. Many times just asking will generate interest and end up being a fun time for all. This goes for any time of the year. Remember, we are all in this together. Until next month, stay warm, stay safe, learn something new, and Have FUN!

Chapter H Assistant Chapter Directors
Dale & Georgeanna

Marv & Toni Ayers, Chap Ed.



Rider Ed. Bits

As the New Year begins are you thinking about things you wanted to do last year or are you making plans for what you want to accomplish this year? Don't dwell in the past, look to the future. Chapter H has fun events and rides scheduled for this year. Make your plans, but give some thought to training. A SKILL NOT USED IS NO LONGER A SKILL. It is a good idea to enhance your skills every chance you get. There will be many opportunities to take classes to enhance your riding skills. A skill not to be overlooked is CPR and Medic First Aid. God forbid that you will have the need to use these skills, but if you do I want you to be able to use these skills with confidence. CPR and Medic first Aid should be practiced the same as our riding skills are practiced. We have fun when we do a MFA/CPR class. During class as we laugh and kid each other we are practicing skills that could save a life. So as you make plans to take a riding course this year

plan on taking a MFA/CPR class also.

Ride Safe
Marv

Mark & Linda Classen MEC



Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge, that is our motto and who could believe how true that could be for Linda and me. Even in the middle of the winter we have this great organization that just keeps giving. Where do we start - let's start at the beginning of January.

Friends for Fun: January 9th - WOW, about 40 of us, yes I said 40 brave souls, did not care about the cold and had a wonderful time at Salina at Martinelli's. What a great time and great food. We even managed to stay up with the football games during the night and did not miss a beat, thanks to Terry and Bill! Of course we all ate too much, but the fun and fellowship was well worth the discomfort of overeating! Then there was Mid Winter Rendezvous! We just had a blast. I entered an itty bitty motorcycle and just had a great time. Linda had bought it for me for Christmas several years ago, and after I opened it she told me to take it to the office as it was too UGLY to be on her shelves! Well now it is a celebrity! I think that I can put it anywhere I want in the house as it won 1st place by the judges and 1st place "People's Choice"; Tell me what you think:



Friends for Safety: Well we all managed to get to Salina and back OK. Then on January 15th through the 17th there was the Mid Winter Rendezvous! I did not get the exact count but I know that there were about 20 of us that made it there and back - even driving everyday. And finally this weekend the 23rd there were Dale and Georgeanna Tritsch, Bill and Sarah Watts, myself and Linda, Jeff and Ann Whithorn, Kit Sand and Mike Koehn, 10 of us that attended the OCP - Officer Certification Program, in Stillwater, OK and we all got home safe!

Friends for Knowledge: Just ask these 8 about knowledge - 8 hours of training! It was well worth it and very educational as to the workings of our great organization, GWRRA.

That was just some of the highlights of Chapter H. Now on to a more personal note, Linda and I want to thank everybody in Chapter H for their support and endorsement of us as we were proud to accept the appointment of District Membership Enhancement Coordinators at Mid Winter Rendezvous. You will never know how much that means to us to have people appreciate us and see the dedication we have toward this great organization. We like to thank 1st Bill and Sarah for their confidence in us; we hope to live up to that confidence. To Terry and Judy for seeing and talking to me, and of course nagging me to join GWRRA! Also to EVERY member of this great organization of Chapter H. People, we have the greatest organization and chapter in our state! Be proud of it and share the excitement and enthusiasm we have with every cycle rider you know - now when the snow is on the ground, and later when we are all out riding and enjoying this wonderful hobby and pastime that we all love and are a part of!

Linda and I will try to continue the great tradition of Chapter H both on our chapter level and at the District level. We are humbled to serve all of you! As many of the leaders in GWRRA have done, we too want to continue the tradition -- coming up with something to remember as they sign off their emails -- Linda and I came up with our salutation, (well Linda came up with it), so until next month:

Mark and Linda Classen
"Riding for fun with Friends"
GWRRA

Marv & Toni, Chapter Couple



A funny thing happened to Toni and me at Mid-Winter. There we were enjoying the festivities and the next thing we knew we were on stage being introduced as Chapter H Couple of the Year for 2016. Needless to say we were very surprised. We both feel any couple in Chapter H is deserving of this title. With that said, we will do, to the best of our ability, what needs to be done to represent Chapter H.

Thank you
Marv & Toni

Dale & Georgeanna



We had fun in the cold in January. We went to Martinelli's in Salina. 40 of us were there for good food and good fun. Then on January 15 & 16 we had a good turnout from KS-H at the Mid Winter Rendezvous. It was a fun time. There were games, the most popular was Hungry Hippos. (photos on our KS Dist website) Chapter H won first place in three categories: Banner, Scrapbook, and Mascot. Mark Classen won 1st place in the Ity Bity Bike contest. Dale won 1st place in the Ugly Hat contest and Georgeanna took 2nd place. (how did that work out?) We want to thank the judges, all from OK District for doing an impartial job. Carma Gray won 2 blue ribbons for games that were played.

Dessert Dance



Hungry Hippo Game



There were 10 of us attending the OCP seminar in Stillwater, OK on Saturday the 23rd of January. We learned a lot about some of the new changes and had good snacks and FUN.

Eskimos Joes Friday



OCP



Jack Wagner



OCP Instructor Jack Wagner



OCP attendees



Bugsy

I had a fun time with Mark & Linda Classen. My pictures finally came back of me and all the presents at Christmas. As you can see, I made out fairly well.



Upcoming Events

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

February

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| 21 | Club D'Est in Pratt |
| 25 | Meeting |
| 27 | Bugsy Hop breakfast at Carriage Crossing in Yoder, KS |

March

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| 13 | Bugsy Hop Benny's in Cheney |
| 13 | Daylight Saving Time (move ahead 1 hour) |
| 17 - 19 | Region H Rally in Marshall TX |
| 24 | Meeting |
| 31 - Apr 2 | LA Dist Rally |

UPCOMING EVENTS IN REGION H

March 2016:

- 17 - 19 Region H Rally - Marshall, TX
- "3 Wing Circus"
- 3 - 31 - 4 - 2 LA District Rally - Lafayette, LA

April 2016:

- 3 - 31 - 4 - 2 LA District Rally - Lafayette, LA
- 22 - 23 KS District Rally - Hutchinson, KS

May 2016:

- 19 - 21 TX Rally - Temple, TX
- 26 - 28 AR Rally - Harrison, AR

August 2016:

- 8 - 31 - 9 - 3 Wing Ding 38 - Billings, MT
- "Blazin the Beartooths"

September 2016:

- 8 - 31 - 9 - 3 Wing Ding 38 - Billings, MT
- "Blazin the Beartooths"
- 9 - 29 - 10 - 1 OK Rally - Muskogee, OK

Sunshine Events

Birthdays

February

2 Pat Malecki
 3 Mike Koehn
 7 James Shaw Jr.
 10 Mark Classen
 11 Joan Frederick
 28 Joan Schultz

Anniversaries

14 Mark & Linda Classen

Afterthoughts

Potholes

To automobiles, they're an annoying fact of life, something that in the extreme, can actually cause damage to wheels or suspension. To motorcycle riders, they can be lethal.

An inattentive motorcycle rider hitting a large pothole can be launched from his ride before he even realizes what's happened. When a car's wheel falls into a pothole, there are still three more on the ground helping the car track straight through the hole. On the other hand, the first wheel on a motorcycle that hits a pothole is also the only wheel responsible for steering the vehicle - and a sudden, uncontrollable swerve caused by the pothole's effect on this wheel can cause the bike to slam to the ground, or veer into oncoming traffic or a ditch. And with the brutal winter that the majority of the northern states and Canada have just been through, the roads are in severe disrepair.

Potholes are formed when water seeps into the road through small cracks in the asphalt or concrete. The water then freezes, and expands with tremendous force. This force breaks up the asphalt or concrete. The next day, the water melts, and seeps down even deeper. That night it freezes again...this freeze/thaw cycle is horrendously destructive to roads, and is why our road crews spend their summers spraying "tar snakes" all over the roads, in an attempt to keep the water out of the cracks.

Some know a road that is in such bad condition that not even the cars will drive on it.

Sand On The Roads

All winter long, trucks spread sand and salt on our roads to assist in traction and keep our cars from sliding into one another.

This sand sits around in spring until it is washed away by heavy rains, or swept and vacuumed up by street cleaning machinery. Until then, this hazardous substance lays on the road, waiting to bite careless motorcyclists.

When you hit this leftover sand with your bike, you can slide just like on ice. And if you happen to be in a turn at the time you hit the sand (which is normally the case, being that the sand tends to collect on the inside of corners), you can be on the ground so fast you don't know what hit you.

Quite a few people over the years have told stories about their unfortunate encounters with sand - like a wise pilot once said, learn from the mistakes of others; you won't live long enough to make them all yourself.

Chapter P – Wichita

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Senior Chapter Educator Rick & Carolyn Stevens 316-683-1138	Member Enhancement Glenn Bindley 316-880-2396
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Chapter Couple



Rick & Carolyn Stevens



Meeting Night - Friday , 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? It has been a cold January, and February coming up looks almost as wintry. The Chapter had a great time at the Mid Winter Rendezvous, and proudly proclaimed Rick and Carolyn Stevens as our Chapter Couple.

The Chapter table was outstanding, with what I would have voted to be the best display. That however did not turn out to be the case, but made us happy anyway.

As we recover from the Christmas Holidays planning has begun for some good rides in 2016. We seem to talk much about riding places but hardly get it done. Maybe 2016 will allow our group some more time just to go riding. Hopefully my CB radio problems will get squared away and I will be able to partake in the wonderful discussions being had as we go down the road.

Our Annual Sweetheart Dinner will be February 12th, at our Derby Church of Christ meeting place, beginning at 7PM. This year will be Turkey and Brisket, with the usual fixings, for a low low cost of \$10.00. Please RSVP Kathy Kathy@berexo.com, or Sherri at dlovessh@sbcglobal.net with the number you have

coming. We usually have a large turnout of friends for this, so don't disappoint your spouse by missing this.

Birthdays for Chapter P in February will be Tammy Vickers on the 25th. Also that same day is an anniversary for the Chapter P's Couple Rick and Carolyn Stevens.

Again - 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. Bring your \$10 dollars a plate and enjoy the dinner. Remember to please RSVP about the number coming and we will see you at the Derby Church of Christ, 225 N Derby St, in Derby.

Denny and Katherine Chesnut, Twister 8,
Assistant Directors

Chapter Q – Wellington



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Chapter Couple

Bill & Sheila Tucker



Chapter MEC

Judy Eggleston

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The New Year started of busy for many of us, with meetings, rides and Mid Winter. We started the month with a new meeting place, The Eatery in Winfield, had a pretty good bunch and the food was great. We hope to see more of you at the February meeting on the 4th.

We would like to thank Jim & Carol Owens for all the work they put into Mid Winter for the chapter. Jack & I couldn't be there until Saturday morning so the 2 of them put together our Theme table and our Couple of the Year Basket. Also while we're at it Thanks for representing "Q" this past year as our Couple of the Year.

Now that 2016 has arrived it is time to name our new Couple of the Year and we are very pleased to announce that Bill & Sheila Tucker will be representing us this upcoming year. They have been around this organization for many years and are very deserving of the honor. We know that they will serve our chapter well. Be sure to congratulate them next time you see them.

Our officers have changed this year, Bill & Sheila stepped down as Asst. Directors and Becky Mangus stepped down as treasurer. Our new treasurer for "Q" will be Sheila Tucker, the paperwork is all that is holding us up.

Lastly, keep Bill Tucker in your thoughts, he had surgery this past month and still has another one on the horizon.

February Birthdays:

Chris Naylor 2nd

Bev Smith 10th

Anniversaries:

Jim & Carol Owens 14th

Duane & Cathy Sherrard 28th

Hope to see ya soon.

Until the next time,

Jack & Teresa Kistler

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.gwrro.org/oconnect/officerhandbook.html

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

Last month's By the Book article featured the GWRRA Mission and Vision statements. Most people look at mission and vision statements as something that is 'dreamed up' or only applicable at the higher levels of an organization. A vision statement defines the goals of an organization or what that organization wants to be. This month's article examines how what we do at the Chapter level supports achieving the Vision statement goals. The first element of the vision statement reads:

GWRRA (Gold Wing Road Riders Association) is a leader of associational organizations, respected by its Members as well as its competitors and the communities it operates within.

What happens at the Chapter level that supports achievement of that goal? What about being role models attempting to dispel the stereotype many people have toward motorcyclists? Wearing the proper riding apparel, exhibiting safe riding practices, making Motorist Awareness presentations to outside groups and distributing Motorist Awareness materials, working to recruit new members by 'spreading the word' about our Association, proudly wearing Chapter apparel or vests when participating as a group in community events, publicizing Chapter functions. These are just a few examples of the multitude of ways a Chapter can be a positive influence on the perception of motorcycle 'clubs' within their community. The training offered to GWRRA Members is something few other organizations offer.

The next element in the Vision statement reads:

GWRRA strives to offer the highest quality service to its Members.

Henry Ford used to say, “Service isn't always good, but if it isn't good, it can't be service”. To fully appreciate how a Chapter provides service to the Members, we should first define 'service'. According to the dictionary, service is the act of providing aid, or a helpful activity – and taking Mr. Ford's quote into consideration, it has to be done well. Wow, that is exactly what we do and I believe we do it exceptionally well! Members are always willing to help another Member – whether its a needed repair to their Goldwing or help with a project around the house. In times of need, GWRRA Members are always there – even for total strangers who called a phone number from the Gold Book. Chapter Educators provide potentially life saving advice on safe riding plus helpful information on maintaining our motorcycles. Whether it be Rider Ed training on improving our riding skills or Leadership

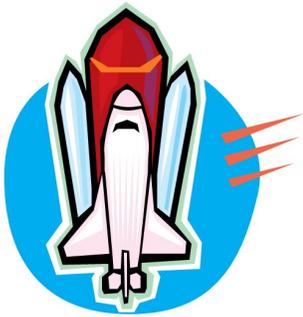
Training benefiting our personal or professional life, GWRRA training is always of the highest quality. For GWRRA Members, help, or service, is never farther away than the nearest telephone.

I'm sure everyone can think of many other things which support these two Vision statement elements. Next month, I'll continue the discussion of how the remaining Vision statements come into play at Chapters.

The more you know, the better it gets!

Jack

Kansas District Rally
April 22-23, 2016
Atrium Hotel & Conference Center
Hutchinson Kansas



Theme

"Space for Wings"



Things to do. Tour rides, Trade Show, 50/50, Grand Prize, On Bike Games, Races, Light Parade, Light Show, KS Twister Drill Team Performance, Supper Rides,

Sight Seeing: The Cosmosphere & Space Center, Dillon Nature Center, The Underground Salt Mine Museum, Hedrick Exotic animal Farm, Indian Creek Bison Ranch, Motorcycle Museum north of Hutchinson, and much more.

KANSAS DISTRICT RALLY

April 22-23, 2016
Hutchinson, Kansas



'Space for Wings'

'Poker Rides' 'Tour Rides' 'On Bike Games' 'Brain Teasers' 'Off Bike Games'
'Bike Show' 'Seminars' '50-50' 'Grand Prize Drawing' "Kansas Twisters Drill Team"
'Trade Show' 'Chapter led Supper Ride' 'Skits' 'Light Parade' 'Light Show' 'Vendor Walk'

Hutchinson offers many places to visit. 'The Cosmosphere & Space Center', 'Dillon Nature Center',
'The Underground Salt Mine Museum', 'Hedrick Exotic Animal Farm', 'Indian Creek Bison Ranch',
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Co-Rider: _____ GWRRA # _____ Age: _____ Email: _____
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Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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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 responsibility for any property that I/We knowingly damage.

Rider Signature: _____ Date: _____

Co-Rider Signature: _____ Date: _____

Make checks payable to: GWRRA Kansas & Mail registration and check to Judy Eggleston,
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