

# KANSAS DISTRICT NEWS



## 'The Winger'



"Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge"

## Region 'H' "The Hospitality Region"

Jim & Reba Berry  
Region 'H' Directors



Ray & Sandi Garris  
Directors of GWRRA

The Kansas Winger is the monthly publication provided by Kansas District GWRRA and is available to every Gold Wing Road Rider Association member and prospective member 'free'.

The goal is to inform members and friends of activities available to them that are sponsored by the Chapter and Districts in Region 'H'.

Please visit Kansas District's web page for updated information!

Bill & Sheila Tucker  
Editor/Publishers



Bill & Sarah Watts  
District Directors

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**Ride safe and ride often**





## Jack & Doris Schoeck Senior District Directors last article as our Senior District Directors



Mid-Winter was great this year! There was a lot going on and your District Team tried to do away with at least part of the dead time. We had a seminar on Saturday afternoon that people could attend while the motel staff set up for our banquet. This proved to be successful as it was reported there were 70 + people who attended this class. We heard good comments about the class itself so we were glad this helped fill some of the dead time of previous events.

We want to congratulate our new District Couple of the Year, Bill and Sheila Tucker. They will do a great job for Kansas so be sure and give them a hug when you see them. We also want to thank Brenda Kistler for doing an excellent job as the Couple of the Year Coordinator this year.

There were a lot of things going on this year and we hope you all found something to do that was to your liking. We had a Name the Snowman contest and also a Snowman contest that was judged as a People's Choice. On naming the Snowman, Kathy Chesnut was the winner by coming up with "Lumi", which means Snow in Finland. Bill Watts came up with a slogan to go with it, which is "Winter is not gloomy when you are Winging it with Lumi".

The individual snowman contest had the following winners: 1<sup>st</sup> is Mark Classen, 2<sup>nd</sup> is Jeff Whithorn, and 3<sup>rd</sup> is Sheila Tucker. Both events proved to have good participation. Jeff Whithorn was also our Medallion winner when he located it behind the Couple of the Year Basket table. Now he gets to hide it next year!

The Theme table winners were: Chapter A, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Chapter H, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Chapter Q, 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Congratulations to all of our winners in all events!! We had the normal Bingo, Dessert Dances, Popcorn, Pop, and various other things to keep everyone busy. There was also ample time for everyone to visit and to make

new friendships.

As we step down as the Kansas District Directors, we would like to extend a great big Thank You, to all of you across the state for all your support over the last almost 4 years. We truly appreciate all of you!

At Mid-Winter Rendezvous, we were given the honor of becoming Senior District Directors, and again that is due to our District Team and all of you across the state. We thank you for this honor and will wear our patch proudly! We also Thank Jim and Reba Berry for our beautiful Eagle Plaque/Statue and the plaques we received from Bill Tucker and the State of Kansas. We truly appreciate all of it.

We will still be around as we will be serving as Assistant District Directors for Bill and Sarah Watts and will still be available to help anyone who asks. Thanks again for a great service to all of you!

Submitted By,  
Doris and Jack Schoeck, Assistant District Directors



# A Message from your District Directors



Kansas Monthly Newsletter  
Region 'H'

Bill & Sarah Watts  
Grand Master Riders  
Bill #10040 Sarah #10039



Greetings to all of G.W.R.R.A. Family

We are Bill and Sarah Watts and we were sworn in as the new District Directors for Kansas District, Region 'H' on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2017 at our Mid-Winter Rendezvous. We reside outside of Hutchinson, Kansas and our home chapter is KS CHAPTER "H" in Hutchinson. We look forward to meeting as many of you that we can in the future.

Well I would have to say that we have gotten 2017 off to a pretty good start. We just wrapped up our 2017 Mid-Winter Rendezvous in Park City, Kansas. I have to say I think we had a good turn out and were very delighted about, not only the participation, but the attendance for the seminars that were presented. Also, Kansas can be proud to say we now have four new G.W.R.R.A. University Trainers in our district. We also have the newest Senior District Director Recipients Jack and Doris Schoeck, a much deserved honor for them I might add. We are proud of these two wonderful people.

We are also very excited about our new District Couple of the Year for 2017, Bill and Sheila Tucker, and we know they will represent the Kansas District, well. We are also very pleased that all of our chapters in Kansas have their own Chapter Couple of the Year, for 2017. And we have one chapter with an (I.O.Y.) Individual of the Year. Let's all help support all of our Couples, in 2017 as each one of them has a very important role in our chapters, activities.

We have gotten 2017 off to great start, so let's keep the fun rolling, and spread the word to those that were not with us at Mid-Winter Rendezvous. That we missed them and encourage, each of them to come along for the fun next time, and for other fun we have in store. Sarah and I are looking forward to seeing all of you soon.

Bill and Sarah Watts,  
Region "H" Kansas, District Directors



## DISTRICT EVENTS COORDINATORS

**Bill & Sheila Tucker**

Greetings to all,

The Mid-Winter Rendezvous 2017 edition has been put to bed. What a great time was had by the attendees.

We had record number of games for all to participate. The Dessert Dance was again popular. There was no problem giving away the desserts that members brought for the dance. THANK YOU MEMBERS FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION. Sheila & I really enjoy doing the activity. Of course Sheila was right in the middle of the circles dancing. And we had a 'finale' dance with everyone that previously danced to go on stage and dance the 'Hokey Pokey'. I could not believe what was shaking. I enjoyed it and so did everyone else.

For the first time in many years, we had seminars at Mid-Winter. Friday we had two Leadership Training seminars taught by Bob Brown and Joe Magnant and one Rider Education Seminar presented by Bill Tucker and Rick Stevens. Saturday one Leadership seminar by Joe Magnant and one Rider Ed by Marv Ayers offered. The LTD and MEC attendance was 77 and the Rider Education seminars were attended by 114 people.

On behalf of Mark Classen LTD/MEC Coordinator and Bill Tucker Sr. District Educator we want to thank the presenters for a job well done. Of course a BIG thank you to the members that attended the seminars.

There was one more training session Saturday morning. It was for the Chapter Educators during their Rider Education luncheon. Rick Stevens and Marv Ayers, Asst District Educators provided a very good 'hands on' and 'one-on-one' session to help the Chapter Educators to be able to navigate through the Rider Education Data Base program. They did an outstanding job and I know the Chapter Educators learned a lot. Thanks Rick and Marv...

The new District Couple was selected which is Bill & Sheila Tucker Chapter Q couple. Congratulations to them. While on the couple subject we remind all of you that Bill & Sarah Watts, the 2016 District Couple, will be competing for Region Couple at the Region 'H' Rally, April 27-29 in Marshall TX. They would appreciate your support.

All seven Chapter Directors announced and introduced their 2017 Chapter Couples and the District Couple of the Year Coordinator Brenda & Rick Kistler presented each with a really neat lantern to guide them on their journey as Chapter couples. Congratulation to the seven new couples. Their pictures will be in the Winger as soon as the District Newsletter Editor receives them.

There were new games this year which had good participation. Thanks to Sheila Tucker and Brenda Kistler for organizing them. And Kathy Chesnut drove to the Tucker's home and spent considerable time with Sheila helping to choose what 'Minute to Win It' games to have MWR. A BIG Thanks to Rick Kistler for making the props for the games.

A very special thank you to David McDonald and Theresa Perkins for helping with the games. I'm sorry but I don't have all the names, but THANK YOU-THANK YOU!!! IT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED AND NEEDED TO MAKE THE GAMES A SUCCESS.

The District Newsletter Editors (Bill & Sheila Tucker) recognized the Chapter Editors for their hard work and unwavering service to their chapter by calling them on stage and presenting them with plaques. Their dedication is very much appreciated.

Four new University Trainers were sworn in by Region Trainer, Jack Wagner. They are Bob Brown, Doris Schoeck, Mark Classen and Joe Magnant. Congratulations to each of you.

Once in a while, I as event coordinator, am asked why we do the banquet seating with pictures of them with the snowman, now named Lumi? **Answer:** We want to mix up people and separate them from their chapter. The goal is to try to put people with others of which they may not know. After all you eat, travel and drink with your chapter members the rest of the year, so why not make new friends. We also assign Ks District Officers to different tables for similar reasons. It has worked well for several years and we will continue the practice.

Flash, as if you didn't know. We have new District Directors and a new Assistant District Directors.

Bill and Sarah Watts were sworn in by Region Director Jim Berry. After that oath of office, Jack and Doris Schoeck were sworn in as Assistant District Directors. A flip-flop occurred. Best of luck to our newest leaders. They both wrote articles for the Kansas Winger this month.

### **WHAT'S COMING UP IN FEBRUARY?**

Of course all the chapter meetings are a go.

February 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter 'F' is having a Supper Ride to the Pizza Ranch at Emporia KS 6:30pm

February 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter 'H' is having their chapter birthday party Delos V Smith Senior Center in Hutchinson from 1pm-5pm.

February 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter 'P' is having their Valentine Party at their meeting place beginning 6:30p. RSVP.

February 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter 'A's Juke Box Oldies Dance is being held at Udall in the Community building. It is Pot Luck. Joe Gatenby says bring what you want to eat and drink. It isn't a dress up thing, but you can if you want.

February 25<sup>th</sup>, Cushing Oklahoma, Chapter X is having their 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday party from 11:00am to 2:00pm.

Contact the Chapter Directors for any additional information you may need.

That's all the activities that have been shared with me.

See you at a GWRRRA event somewhere sometime.

Bill & Sheila Tucker, District Event/Activities Coordinator  
And you're 2017 District Couple of the Year

**THERE ARE ACTIVITY FLYERS THROUGHOUT THIS ISSUE OF THE  
KANSAS WINGER**

**CHECK THEM OUT!**

**TO HAVE 'FUN' IT REQUIRES PARTICIPATION!**

# KANSAS DISTRICT TEAM

Photo of entire team coming

## DISTRICT DIRECTORS



**Bill & Sarah Watts**  
**620-665-3877**

## ASSISTANT DISTRICT DIRECTORS



**Rick & Brenda Kistler**  
**316-200-0726**



**Jack & Doris Schoeck**  
**620-341-0426**

## Kansas District Team

**SR. RIDER EDUCATORS**  
**Bill & Sheila Tucker**



**TREASURER**  
**Judy Eggleston**



**PATCH PRINCESS**  
**Sheila Tucker**



**TRAINERS**  
**Mark & Linda Classen**



**MEC**  
**OPEN**

**WEB MASTER**  
**Dale Tritsch**



**NEWSLETTER EDITORS**  
**Bill & Sheila Tucker**



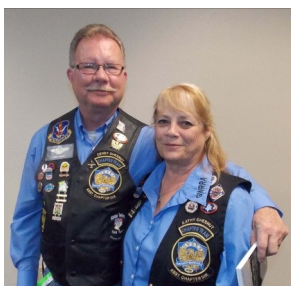
**HISTORIAN**  
**Brenda Kistler**



**COY COORDINATORS**  
**Brenda Kistler**



**VENDOR COORDINATOR**  
**Kathy Chesnut**



**MOTOR AWARENESS**  
**Steve & Terri Bockhaus**



**FRANK PATTON AWARD 2016**  
**Terry & Judy Mann KSH**



**Rider Coaches: Bill Tucker, Rick Stevens, Bob Brown**  
**MFA INSTRUCTORS: Bill Tucker, Marv Ayers, Jack & Doris Schoeck, Steve & Terri Bockhaus**



# GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION KANSAS DISTRICT

Region 'H'



## 2017 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

March 25:	Trike Riding Course, Wichita KS
March 30-April 1:	Louisiana District Rally, Lafayette
April 27-29:	Region H Rally, Marshall TX
April: 23:	ERC/BRC2 Riding Course, Wichita KS
May 13:	TC & TTRC combined courses, Wichita KS
May 19-21:	Texas District Rally, Wichita Falls TX
June 10:	Spring Picnic Ride to Lucas Ks
June 23-24:	KS District Rally, Hutchinson KS
July 13-15:	AR District Rally, Eureka Springs
Aug 29-Sept 2:	Wing Ding, Grapevine TX
September 10:	KS State Fair Ride In
September 16:	Fall Picnic Ride TBD
September 28-30:	Oklahoma Rally, Muskogee OK
Oct 6-8:	Kansas Campout Santa Fe Cove

### CHAPTER MEETING TIMES IN ORDER OF OCCURANCE

KSQ- 1ST THURSDAY (Ark City)  
 KSA 2ND THURSDAY (Wichita)  
 KSP 2ND FRIDAY (Derby)  
 KSC 3RD TUESDAY (Topeka)  
 KSB 3RD THURSDAY (DeSoto)  
 KSF 4TH TUESDAY (El Dorado)  
 KSH 4TH THURSDAY (Hutchinson)

# Kansas Couple of The Year 2017



**Bill and Sheila Tucker**

**KS- Q**

# Kansas Chapter Couples 2016

## CHAPTER 'A'

Tim & Cindy Howard

## CHAPTER 'B'

Dave & Paula Aikens

## CHAPTER 'C'

Al & Sandy Davis

## CHAPTER 'F'



Jack & Doris Schoeck

## CHAPTER 'H'



Mark & Linda Classen

## CHAPTER 'P'

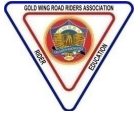


Dennis & Kathy Chesnut

## CHAPTER 'Q'



Duane & Vicki Kalous



# RIDER EDUCATION BULLETIN BOARD



**Asst District Educators**  
Rick & Carolyn Stevens  
316-213-4630  
Senior Master IV #8249  
Senior Master IV #8248



**Sr. District Educators**  
Bill & Sheila Tucker  
316-777-1052  
Life Grand Master #242  
Life Grand Master #527



**Asst District Educators**  
Marv & Toni Ayers  
620-241-2499  
Master IV #9491

## The Team

### CHAPTER EDUCATORS

Bob Brown KSA  
Eric Wadman KSB  
Bill Hanson KSC  
Gene Shannon KSF  
Marvin Ayers KSH Sr. CE  
Rick Stevens KSP Sr. CE

### MFA INSTRUCTORS

Marvin Ayers/Bill Tucker  
Jack & Doris Schoeck  
Steve & Terri Bockhaus

### RIDER COACHES

Bill Tucker  
Rick Stevens  
Bob Brown

### SEMINAR PRESENTERS

Bill Tucker  
Rick Stevens  
Carolyn Stevens  
Marvin Ayers  
Bob Brown  
Doris Schoeck

### RANGE AIDES

Carolyn Stevens  
Marvin Ayers  
Rick Kistler

### MOTOR AWARENESS COORDINATOR

Steve & Terri Bockhaus

Crazy Kansas Weather! Since I'm pretty much a fair weather rider now that I'm not so young anymore, I was able to ride the trike just once in January. So all the chapter events and the Mid-Winter Rendezvous was attended via 4 wheeler YUK!

Mid-Winter Rendezvous has been put to bed. Your Rider Ed team was busy presenting seminars and signing members up to the Levels program.

Rick Stevens & I gave the "Team Riding" seminar Friday evening with 43 in attendance. Marv Ayers gave "Dealing with Distracted Drivers" seminar to 77 folks.

We had our annual luncheon for the Chapter Educators and their wives. The meal was followed with a training session given by Assistant District Educators Rick Stevens and Marv Ayers. The wives were excused. Rick and Marv's topic was "Using the Rider Ed Data Base". They designed the seminar as a 'Hands On' one-on-one session. However, before the 'one-on-one' Rick projecting the data base pages using power point, He went through each tab with them and generated questions then the 'one-on-one' session.

Each Chapter Educator was shown how to get to the Rider Ed data base page and how to navigate through it. Then each did it with Marv and Rick watching and coaching. GREAT JOB GUYS.

Rick Stevens, Marv Ayers, Bob Brown and I are heading for Guthrie Oklahoma February 17<sup>th</sup> to attend the NEW ITCP (Instructors Training Certification Program) the next morning. It is an eight hour classroom that we will be teaching modules and graded on how we do.

March 18<sup>th</sup> Rick Stevens, Marv Ayers, Bob Brown and I are attending the State of Kansas Summit. The Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office is having the training summit in Wichita at the First United Methodist Church 330 N. Broadway. Marv, Rick and I are giving the seminar 'Motorcycle Crash Scene Response'. This summit is open to everyone.

March 25<sup>th</sup> is the first riding course. The Trike Course (TRC) will be given, weather permitting. At this writing we have two (2) openings. We have set a "Bad Weather" date of May 13<sup>th</sup> which is the day for the Trailing courses. We chose that day because we rarely have enough sign up to have the course. The rest of the training schedule is below.

We are hoping to have two or three Road Captain Courses (RCC). Our goal is to have one in the Wichita area where Chapter A-P-Q-F are located. Then schedule one east close to chapter C & B. Chapter H usually sponsors one and fills it, but if not folks can join us there.

The new District Directors want the Rider Ed team to put together a one day Retreat and include the Leadership Training and Membership Enhancement Divisions. He is aware that we have been attempting to do that for three years but there is so much going on it is difficult to find one week-end day open. With that said we will give it another shot, Right team?

### REMEMBER

**"PRACTICE MAKES PERMANENT! YOU ARE WHAT YOU PRACTICE!"**  
TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN 2017

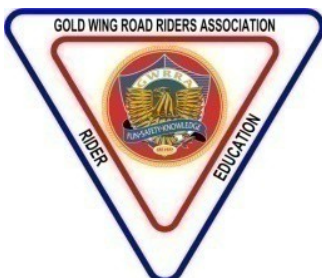
April 23 BRC2 Riding Course in Wichita

May 13 Trailing Courses in Wichita

June 22-24 at the Kansas Rally Rider Ed Seminars

"Ride to Arrive Alive"

Bill & Sheila Tucker Sr. District Educators



# Kansas Rider Education Riders/Co-Riders Course

(\$25.00 for Rider- Co-Rider Free)



## The Trike Course

March 25, 2017



Registration 7:30am-8:00am at Rick & Carolyn  
Stevens home

# 8:00am Classroom

Lunch Furnished

# 1:00pm Range exercises

To register email Bill Tucker at  
[wtucker1@cox.net](mailto:wtucker1@cox.net)

Non-GWRRA Members \$40.00

RiderCoaches- Rick Stevens-Bob Brown-Bill Tucker

# 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 BILL & SARAH WATTS, District Directors at 620-728-8347

## Chapter Meeting Information

### Chapter 'A'

Joe & Debbie Gattenby, CD  
 316-644-3066  
 Second Thursday, 7:00p.m.  
**Country Café**  
 2904 S Seneca, Wichita  
 joegattenby@yahoo.com

### Chapter 'B'

Joe & Pam Magnant CD  
 913-660-5176  
 3rd Thursday, 7:00pm  
**JTs Grill**  
 33255 Lexington Ave, DeSoto  
 Joe.magnant51@gmail.com

### Chapter 'C'

Don & Brenda Williams, CD  
 785-341-4211  
 3rd Tuesday, 7:00pm  
**Perkins Restaurant**  
 1720 SW Wanamaker Rd, Topeka  
 Dwilliams44@cox.net

### Chapter "F"

Everett & Carol Chastain, CD  
 620-374-7917  
 4th Tuesday, 7:00pm  
**Oil Hill Elementary School**  
 2700 W 6th, El Dorado  
 Brown Bag- Desserts provided  
 ectrike@me.com

### Chapter 'H'

Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch CD  
 620-728-9320  
 4th Thursday 7:00pm  
**Sirloin Stockade**  
 1526 E 17th, Hutchinson  
 dalet@cox.net

### Chapter 'P'

David McDonald CD  
 316-650-3238  
 2nd Friday, 7:00pm  
**Derby Church of Christ**  
 225 N Derby St, Derby  
 Brown Bag- Desserts Provided  
 dlovessh@sbcglobal.net

### Chapter 'Q'

Jack & Teresa, Sr CD  
 316-651-7423  
 1st Thursday, 7:00pm  
**Sirloin Stockade, Ark City**  
 Actionjackson@wheatstate.com



# Chapter A – Wichita



## Chapter Directors

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316-524-9547

## Asst. Chapter Director

Chris & Michelle Grooms  
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## Newsletter Editor

Mary Mazur  
316-688-5696

## Chapter Educator

Bob Brown

## Phone Tree

Rod & Ann Gillett  
316-721-0638

## Chapter Treasurer

Barb Brown

## Chapter Couple

Tim & Cindy Howard

Hello everyone,

Well January is over and we only have 11 more months to go before it's a new year and it starts all over...and there are less than 330 shopping days left until Christmas.

So let's talk about all the stuff that went on in January. It was a busy month...but just the 1<sup>st</sup> 20 days

1<sup>st</sup> up was the Chapters annual New Year's Day ride on the 1<sup>st</sup> (of course). Joe says that this is something the Chapter has done for 20+ years. If you've never gone on it, what they do is ride at least as many miles as what the hi temperature is for the day (and some years it's not very hi). Then later in the afternoon (after they've thawed out) they meet to have dinner and visit with everyone. I understand the riding weather was nice and that there were a total of 14 bikes that went on the ride. Later we all got together at the Gattenby's (here's the few pictures I remembered to take)



On the 12<sup>th</sup> the Chapter had our monthly meeting even though it was a little chilly there was a good turnout. Bob did a real good lesson on reasons to do a T-Clock on your bike. (When you get a chance have him show you the hoses that he took off of his bike that were damaged). If you're not sure what a T-Clock is it's time to take a Rider's Ed class. You can also go here <http://www.mrp.uiuc.edu/T-CLOCK%20form.pdf> for a form that will help you know what to look for and how to check.





Before I talk about the big party on the plains that we call Mid-Winter I have pictures of a couple of bikes that Larry & Marty took when they did a little side trip to the car show on the 20<sup>th</sup>.



Now we come to the weekend of Mid-Winter on the 20<sup>th</sup> @ 21<sup>st</sup>. Let me just say that our district knows how to put on a good party. There was something for everyone this weekend. Plenty of seminars on Remember names, How to have fun at a GWRRA event, Team riding just to name a few. There were games such as Bingo and poker. On Saturday they had a bunch of game set up that I guess were hard to do because I only found Debbie & Michelle playing any of them.





plenty of pictures of everyone else sitting (or standing) around watching the fun



Steve & Chris



Bob & Terri



Debbie, Chris & Michelle



Bob, Tim & Cindy



Barb & the Chastains



Michelle, bob, Tim & Cindy

By the way...Tim and Cindy are the new Couple of the Year for Chapter A...congratulations you are going to have fun this next year



Here is the winning entry for best theme table by a Chapter...that's right Chapter A won. Congratulations to all of you who worked on this...you did a good job.

After all of this it's time to slow down and rest for a couple of days and plan on what to do in February

9th - Chapter A's monthly meeting @ the Country Café on South Seneca. Meeting starts @ 7:00 but get there early and enjoy a meal and visiting with the other members.

14<sup>th</sup> – Valentine's Day

17<sup>th</sup> – Chapter A's Valentine's day get together in Udall @ the Community Center party starts @ 6:00pm

24<sup>th</sup> – Gattenby's anniversary

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

Mary Mazur, Chapter A Newsletter editor



**Editors Note: The flyer on the Juke-box Oldies Dance has Sat as the day and it should read Friday**

# GWRRA Chapter A JUKEBOX OLDIES DANCE



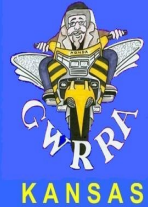
Feb 17, 2017 (Sat) 6pm  
Udall Community Center  
bring covered dish or snacks



## Chapter B – DeSoto

<b>Chapter Directors</b> Joe & Pam Magnant 913-660-5176	<b>Ass't Chapter Director</b> Paula Aiken 785-842-8503	<b>Chapter Educator</b> Eric Wadman 913-219-6678	<b>Chapter Couple</b>
<b>Chapter MEC</b>	<b>Chapter Editor</b> Paula Aiken	<b>Chapter Treasurer</b> Ed James 816-225-2679	

CHAPTER "B"



If you can't yell "twenty-one" when playing blackjack, "twenty" may also work well. Chapter B member, Gary Ohler proved that to be true when he won the blackjack playoff during the closing ceremony at Mid-Winter Rendezvous with a winning hand of twenty. He was the only *lucky* Chapter B member in attendance, but the rest of us had a great time even though we didn't win any money. Dave Aiken stopped on the lucky number twice and won desserts in the first two dessert dances. Our Couple of the Year basket was popular even though it was the only



basket that didn't contain any food. Delores Shannon was excited to have her number drawn from the container and go home with the basket and contents. A big thank you to everyone in Chapter B who provided items and gift cards for the basket. There were several excellent seminars and our own Joe Magnant taught one on Chapter Structure and Organization. With the successful completion of his seminar Joe is now a University Trainer and eligible to present other leadership training seminars.

December 31 was Chapter B's monthly breakfast get together and sixteen people enjoyed good food and company at the Corner Café in Riverside, Missouri. Then on January 1, it was time for the annual Polar Bear ride. The group met at 1:00 p.m. in DeSoto and rode to Ronnie's Restaurant in Lenexa.



Joe Magnant gave the annual rider summary for 2016 at the January meeting. Once again Roger and Missy Shores rode the most, logging 38,114 miles in 2016. John English was second with 24,700 miles and Ed James was third with 20,534. Twenty nine riders reported their mileage for a total of 235,855 miles, approximately 9.5 times around the Earth. Forty two states and Canadian provinces had Chapter B members within their boundaries throughout the past year and outside of Kansas, more Chapter B members rode in the states of Illinois and Iowa than any others. Members tested their knowledge of trivia about New Year's Day and resolutions. Eric Wadman and Joe Magnant were the winners with eight out of ten questions answered correctly.

Chapter B events for February:

February 16 - Chapter Meeting

February 25 - Breakfast Get-Together & Planning Meeting

Safe Travels,  
Paula Aiken

## Chapter C - Topeka

<b>Chapter Director</b> Don & Brenda Williams 785-341-4211	<b>Asst Chapter Director</b> John & Teresa Gull 785-266-6735	<b>Treasurer</b> Sandy Davis 785-691-7000	<b>Chapter Editor</b> Don Williams 785-341-4211	<b>Chapter Couple</b>
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The year started off for Chapter C with nobody riding to Red Robin for our New Year's Day ride. One chapter member that will remain nameless because I forgot the name five minutes after I was told what was, said or I could use the excuse I won't use the name to protect the guilty. Anyway when this individual arrived and didn't see any bikes or trikes in the parking lot decided there wasn't enough ice for us to ride in from Manhattan. Actually it was somebody remembering several years ago Brenda and I riding in from Manhattan and when we got to the parking lot it was a complete sheet of ice with only one parking space about 100 yards from the door that didn't have ice on it and somehow I managed to get the bike in it and remaining vertical. We walked in and said we were trying out our new heated jacket liners we had gotten for Christmas. That was our excuse and we stuck to it. Actually what happened was Topeka got some freezing rain that Manhattan didn't and the roads were literally dry all the way to the exit to get off the interstate and there was some ice on the edges of the road but the parking lot was a completely different story. Fortunately the ice all melted before we left.

We had a total of 20 people on hand for the burgers. Other than the place being real noisy, which is a normal happening for lunchtime, we had a great time eating and catching up on all the happening's of the holidays.

After an extended period of eating and shooting the breeze the party broke up and we retired to the parking lot to entertain some of the customers.

We ended up transferring baby stuff from our pickup (our youngest grandchild is now 2 ½ and no longer needs "baby furniture") to the great grandparents to be (John & Teresa Gull) and a rear tire and wheel from Bill Hanson's car to my pickup since he no longer had a use for a rear wheel since he added a third wheel to his bike. He had wondered if it would even be worth it to take the parts off his bike when he picked up his trike, but the wheel was sold as soon as he figured out how much he wanted for it.

Our meeting was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> at Perkins with 13 people in attendance. Since the weather hasn't been that good for riding and not many events taking place this time of year the meeting was very short, however the important part of the evening was its normal good time with the catching up, gossip or just plain shooting the breeze whichever you want to call it taking place prior to the meeting.

Bill wants to make sure everybody was made aware of the additional hazards on the roads when riding this time of year with salt, sand and other debris being at higher levels along with the possibility of unexpected ice on the roads. He also pointed out there will be a trike class in Wichita on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March for any concerned. The course is filling up fast but if you are interested contact Bill Tucker at [wtucker1@cox.net](mailto:wtucker1@cox.net). Even if the course is full he will put you on a waiting list in case of a cancellation. The course has two stages classroom and range but is done in one day. It is well worth it.

The District campout date was announced this month and it will be October 6-8 in Council Grove. Further information will be provided as it becomes available.

We will be meeting at Annie's restaurant in Topeka on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 for our supper ride. If things go the way they normally do there will probably be some snow on the ground.

With that we had the 50/50 drawing with Teresa Gull winning the large one and Al Davis winning the small one.

The Mid-Winter Rendezvous was held in Park City at the Best Western and Chapter C was well represented with 9 members being present. It was a typical Mid-Winter event with fun and games and some seminars along with the ability to catch up with friends and share "war stories". We did get new District Directors and assistant Directors. Just to keep things simple they just switched places so now Bill and Sara Watts are District Directors and Jack and Doris Schoeck are their assistants. The rest of the staff remains the same which makes it easy for us out in the boonies. The district has quite a few events planned so check out the district website to see what events you would like to attend.

The only birthdays for February are Randy Benteman on the 13<sup>th</sup> and Ron Crawford on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

No anniversaries, which seems odd since it's the month of Valentine's Day.

***Don & Brenda Williams***  
***CD/Newsletter Editors***





## Chapter F - El Dorado



**Chapter Director**  
Everett & Carol Chastain

**Asst Chapter Director**  
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**Chapter Couple**  
Jack & Doris Schoeck

**Chapter Editor**  
Doris Schoeck

**Chapter MEC**  
Rick Kistler

**Chapter Scrapbook**  
Rick & Brenda Kistler

Happy Valentine's Day and Greetings from Chapter F!

Remember to give your sweetheart a hug and anything else you think they would like. We hope you are all having a good start to the New Year.

At our Chapter Gathering on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 we had a good meeting and a great bunch of people attend. We had visitors from Chapters A, H, P, and Q. We thank you for coming to have fun with us!

Included in our group of visitors was our new District Couple of the Year, Bill and Sheila Tucker, whose home chapter is Chapter Q. Congratulations on that honor!!

Jack and I were also introduced as the new Chapter Couple of the Year for Chapter F. Thank you for this honor! We will give our best effort in making the chapter proud. Remember that the 2016 District Couple of the Year, Bill and Sarah Watts, will be participating in the Region H Selection process in April, so be sure and offer them your support for that.

Jack Kistler from Chapter Q shared his article for the February newsletter and talked to us about some of the items in that article. Thank you Jack for sharing some good points with us.

We had several from our Chapter participate in activities at Mid-Winter. We want to thank John and Karen Glaves for helping the State Team. John took care of popping the popcorn and supplying the water. Karen took care of running the Bingo, which is always a favorite with people. Brenda Kistler took on the responsibility of the Couple of the Year Coordinator for the District Team. We want to thank all of them for a job WELL DONE!!

We had delicious desserts from Everett and Carol Chastain and we thank them for sharing with us.

There were birthdays in January for Karen Glaves, Doris Schoeck, and Brenda Kistler. We hope all of them had good birthdays.

For the month of February, Jack and Doris Schoeck will be in charge of the Supper/Dinner Ride. We will meet in Emporia, KS at the Pizza Ranch at 6:30 pm on Friday, February 3, 2017. If you take the by-pass around Emporia, you would take Exit 128 onto Industrial Road, going north, and then you will turn left at the second stop light and follow that road west until you come to the Pizza Ranch which will be on your right side. If you need more information you can call Jack or Doris and get any information you need.

Until next time, stay warm and Ride your motorcycle safely when you do!

Submitted By,  
Doris Schoeck, Newsletter Editor

Meeting pictures next page

The below pictures were provided by Carol Chastain and Doris Schoeck.







**Jim & Reba Berry**  
Region 'H' Directors



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## KS-H Newsletter

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### Sunshine Lady

Carolyn Colahan

'Individual of the Year'

### Chapter Scrapbook

Ann Whithorn

On the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00pm our regular Chapter gathering begins at  
SIRLOIN STOCKADE—15265 E 17 Ave—Hutchinson, Kansas

(Monthly meeting sites may vary, so be sure to check the schedule)

Come join us at 6:00pm for a friendly feeding frenzy before we settle down to business!

## From your Chapter Directors



I am looking forward to a great year ahead with many of our members joining in the FUN, learning new things, renewing things learned, and having a safe year.

There are going to be some great classes held, really good seminars, and training opportunities available to everyone. Even if you think you know it all, the saying that "you learn something new every day" is a valid statement. No matter how many times you have been to a class, sat in on a seminar, or taken a rider training course, you will still learn something new every time. And, of course, when Chapter H is involved in any of these educational endeavors, it is always FUN! So I encourage you to join us in as many of these learning opportunities as you can. You will be amazed at the new things you might learn and maybe even remember some old things you have forgotten.

We had many members contributing their efforts in the building of our Chapter theme table for Mid-Winter. I am so proud of Chapter H and the way our members work together to make ours the best Chapter in Kansas and soon in Region H. One day Chapter H just may be on the cover of Wing World!

Chapter H was certainly "in the house" at Mid-Winter and it was great to see so many members there! I am proud to say we took 1st place for mascot, banner, scrapbook, and COY basket, and 2nd place for our theme table. Not to mention, Jeff Whithorn found the medallion. Way to go Chapter H! That's the result of your awesome participation!

After being officially sworn in as the new Chapter Directors, Georgeanna and I, welcomed Don & Carma Gray, as our new Assistant Chapter Directors, who were also then officially sworn in. We look forward to working with them in the time ahead.

I then had the pleasure of announcing our new Couple of the Year, Mark & Linda Classen, and our new Individual of the Year, Carolyn Colahan.

Planning for the Chapter H Birthday Party on February 4th is coming along smoothly. We are anticipating many folks joining us for the FUN. Jan Schroeder and Sharry Stauffer have been working diligently to make this a huge success. You don't want to miss it! Encourage all your GWRRA friends to be there.

Keep the Pride!  
Dale & Georgeanna KS-H CD

### From your Chapter "H" Assistant Directors



Well, here it is, a new year, and so far there hasn't been much riding going on due to the cold and ice. I hope no one had tree limbs down after this last storm!

The Mid Winter Rendezvous is now over. What a good turn out! We sure enjoyed getting to meet members from other Chapters around the state and beyond. We attended some really great seminars, played some really fun games, and of course, ate a lot. I even got a good buy at the Swap Meet, a service manual for 2006 - 2010 Goldwing 1800!

We would also like to thank our Chapter H members for your donations and the fantastic job you did on the COY basket. Carma was reeling with excitement when she heard her name as the winner! We can assure you it will be put to good use!

We are now looking forward to gathering for the birthday celebration of Chapter H's 5th year on Saturday, February 4, 2017, and hope to see you all then.

FUN! FUN! FUN!  
Don and Carma  
Assistant Chapter Directors

### From your Chapter Educator



As the New Year begins, are you thinking about things you wanted to do last year? Are you making plans for what you want to accomplish this year? Well don't dwell in the past! Look to the future!

Chapter H has a lot of fun events and rides scheduled for this year. So while you are making your riding plans, 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 several opportunities to take classes that enhance your riding skills.

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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 a lot of fun when we do an MFA/CPR class. During class, as we laugh and kid each other, we are practicing serious skills that could save a life. So as you make plans to take a riding course this year, plan on taking an MFA/CPR class also.

Ride Safe  
Marv and Toni

### From your Chapter MEC



Welcome All!

Hope this finds everyone surviving the winter storm and Mid-Winter.

Donna and I attended our first Mid-Winter Rendezvous and were overwhelmed with all the hard work by the State Staff to put on an enjoyable weekend.

Congratulations to all who have moved to different officer positions and those who accepted an officer position!

We met so many new people and learned even more about the GWRRA family members we thought we already knew, which only makes us appreciate them that much more.

I was very impressed with the attendance of Chapter H and how we all worked together to represent our Chapter. Thank you all!

I heard several compliments on how Chapter H helped out and made the job of the State staff rewarding. Past and present leaders are so very helpful and informative. It is hard not to come away with a new respect for this wonderful organization that we belong to, and leave us wanting more.

Again, congratulations to everyone on your new positions! If you need help, all you need do is ask, and I know Chapter H will step up to the plate to assist.

We sincerely love this association of family of friends.

Kit and Donna

## From your 2016 Chapter COY



It's always surprising how quickly a year passes and what changes it brings. January means preparing for and attending Mid-Winter activities. Some members will be changing roles and taking on new roles. In our case, our year of being COY for Chapter H is finishing.

We want to say "thank you" to all our Chapter friends who were so supportive. Being in the position of COY meant we got to know members better and meet new friends in other Chapters.

For our new COY couple, it also means tickets – lots of tickets! We will happily pass the Chapter H bucket to you and help you in any way we can.

We hope 2017 is filled with many enjoyable Chapter H moments.

Marv and Toni

## Introducing our 2017 Chapter COY



Congratulations to one of our favorite big guys and his little lady for being our new 2017 Couple of the Year! Your smiles are infectious and we look forward to seeing them a lot this year!

## Introducing our 2017 Chapter IOY



Congratulations to our very own Sunshine Lady, Carolyn Colahan, who is our newly appointed 2017 Individual of the Year! We wish you as much sunshine as you bring to us Carolyn!

## From your Chapter MAC



When the weather turns cold and riding slows down, what do you do with your time? You could fill some of the time with visiting your favorite motorcycle shop and drooling over the new motorcycles but now is also a good time to do that maintenance you may have put off or missed doing during riding season. Go over your bike with a fine tooth comb and check a few things, for instance:

- ☞ Change the oil and filter. It is better for your lubrication system to have fresh oil sitting in it for several months instead of the old broken down oil in it
- ☞ Lubricate moving parts. Lubing the chain drive, cables, controls, fork surfaces and any other pivot points, keeps moisture from building up.
- ☞ Check your tires. Look for cracks on your tires. It is also a good idea to have your bike up off the concrete during winter, or at least move it around once in a while so flat spots don't happen.
- ☞ Keep the battery charged. Use a battery tender or remove the battery from the bike, store it in a dry spot and charge it once a month.
- ☞ Add fuel stabilizer and antifreeze. Gunked up gas and cracked heads make for a big mess when you get ready to ride in the spring.
- ☞ It is always a good idea to check the tires, chains, cables, etc. now and replace what's needed. If a bike shop does your maintenance, it's easier to get it taken care of now than in the spring.
- ☞ Now is also a good time to upgrade accessories. I would guess Santa may have delivered some cool gifts to add to your bike.

If you've done all of that, then relax, watch some football and wait for nicer days to come.

Let's have a SAFE, HAPPY and FUN 2017!

Jeff

## From your Chapter H Mascot



I spent the holidays with Don and Jan Schroeder. We invited Daryl & Nita Regier and Lowell & Joyce Marten over for some slurpin' good chili ..... nobody seemed to notice the hare in the food! Hee Hee!

After our tummies were full, we played cards! I was so hot and busy beating them at cards I forgot how cold it was! But with all the food I ate over the holidays, this bunny is going to have to start eggsercising soon or Georgeanna is going to be doing some clothing alterations!

Bugsy

# Highlights from Chapter H

## Mid-Winter Rendezvous

January 20 - 22, 2017



**JANUARY**

- 26<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting (Sirloin Stockade 1526 E 17th Ave – Hutchinson)  
 28<sup>th</sup> Dinner Ride to Martinellis in Salina, KS

**FEBRUARY**

- 4<sup>th</sup> KS-H Birthday Party! (Delos V Smith Sr Center - 101 W 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue - Hutchinson)  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Monthly Meeting (Delos V Smith Sr Center - 101 W 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue - Hutchinson)

**MARCH**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Road Captain Course  
 11<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Day @Watts  
 19<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Ride to Waters Edge (9 AM)  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Monthly Meeting (Delos V Smith Sr Center - 101 W 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue - Hutchinson)

## Sunshine Events

### Birthdays

**January**

- 25<sup>th</sup> Dale Tritsch  
 26<sup>th</sup> Jan Schroeder  
 30<sup>th</sup> Judy Mann

**February**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter H  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Pat Malecki  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Mike Koehn  
 7<sup>th</sup> James Shaw Jr.  
 10<sup>th</sup> Mark Classen  
 11<sup>th</sup> Joan Frederick  
 28<sup>th</sup> Joan Schultz

### Anniversaries

- 14<sup>th</sup> Mark & Linda Classen

## Rallies and Events

February 10 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter P Sweetheart Dinner
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Trike Riding Course - Wichita, KS
March 30 <sup>th</sup> - April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Louisiana District Rally - Lafayette, LA
April 27 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup>	Region H Rally - Marshall, TX
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	ERC/BRC2 Riding Court - Wichita, KS Range
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	TC & TTRC combined courses - Wichita, KS Range
May 18 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup>	Texas District Rally - Wichita Falls, TX
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Kansas District Ride to Lucas, KS
June 23 <sup>rd</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>	Kansas District Rally - Hutchinson, KS - Atrium Hotel
July 14 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup>	Arkansas District Rally - Harrison, AR
Aug 29 <sup>th</sup> - Sept 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wing Ding 39 - Grapevine, TX
Sept 10 <sup>th</sup>	Kansas State Fair - Hutchinson, KS - Goldwing Ride-in
Sept 16 <sup>th</sup>	Kansas District Fall Ride (location TBD)
Sept 27 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup>	Oklahoma District Rally - Muskogee, OK
Oct 6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	Kansas District Campout - Council Grove, KS (Santa Fe Cove)

Come join our merry group of motorcyclists and find out what we are all about!  
We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM.

We draw one membership number which is hidden somewhere in the newsletter. If the member it belongs to spots it and is present at the next meeting, he or she wins \$5!! So coming to the meetings and seeing all of your motorcycle friends is fun and you might just get some cash too!  
What a deal!

Another way to win yourself some cold hard cash, and help out our Chapter, is to participate in the 50/50 drawing! 10 tickets for \$5!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!





Chapter H is celebrating their 5th year  
and they want YOU at the party!

**When:** Saturday - February 4, 2017

**Time:** 1:00 o'clock P.M.

**Where:** Delos V Smith Senior Center  
1<sup>st</sup> and Washington, Hutchinson, Kansas

**What to Expect:** FUN!  
Cake and Ice Cream (of course)  
Games  
Drawing for Gifts  
50/50  
Did I mention FUN!

**Gold Wing Road Riders Association**

## Chapter P – Wichita

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**Meeting Night**

2nd Friday every month. Brown Bag at 6:30pm  
Derby Church of Christ in Fellowship Hall, south end of building, 225 N. Derby St  
Derby Kansas



Chapter meeting and Sweetheart Dinner will be February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, at the Derby Church of Christ. This is Chapter P's annual dinner and fund raiser for your favorite valentine.

January has found Chapter P involved in some fun activities, including a dinner for about 23 people at Sugar Shane's in Augusta on January 19<sup>th</sup>, and if you're looking for a place to eat these guys are really good. Also was the Mid-Winter Rendezvous at our favorite place the Best Western in Park City.

Looked to be a good turnout of members and went very well. I am also pleased to announce Chapter P's Couple of the Year for 2017 is me and my lovely wife Katherine. As stated above this month will be the Annual Sweetheart Dinner at our meeting place in Derby. This year you and your Valentine will dine with a special menu of Brisket, Ham, Baked beans and Scalloped potatoes, Salad, Rolls, Deserts and we will also have water, lemonade, and unspiked ice tea.

Birthdays for January are Katherine Chesnut on January 30, Tammy Vickers on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Rick and Carolyn Stevens have their Anniversary on February 25<sup>th</sup> also.

We look forward to an interesting New Year and hope you will join us at our Sweetheart Dinner February 10<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP Kathy at 316-214-1995 or [Kathy@berexco.com](mailto:Kathy@berexco.com) by February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*Dennis and Kathy Chesnut, Asst. Directors*



*Twister 8*



# **GWRRA - CHAPTER P SWEETHEART DINNER**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 10, 2017**

**PLACE: DERBY CHURCH OF CHRIST  
225 N DERBY ST.**

**TIME: 6:30 PM**

**COST : \$15.00 PER PERSON**

**MENU:**

BRISKET

HAM

BAKED BEANS

SCALLOPED POTATOES

SALAD W/DRESSINGS

ROLLS

DESSERTS

DRINKS - WATER, LEMONADE, ICE TEA



PLEASE RSVP TO: Kathy Chesnut @ 316-214-1994 or  
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# Chapter Q – Arkansas City



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## Chapter MEC

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## Chapter Treasurer

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## Chapter Educator

Open



As we enter into a new year and what's to come for 2017, we reflect on last years memories of our rides and who we got lucky enough to share them with. Then there was Christmas and the time we got to spend with our families.

The first big event for the year with our GWRRA family is our Mid Winter, a much needed friend/family gathering. This is where we leave out motorcycles nestled in the garage and spend some quality time visiting with old and new friends. Some of these people we never get to have the chance to speak to during the busy riding season. It's amazing during this time you get to find out what someone does for a living, if they're retired, what kind of pets they have, in some cases even share the same birthday and the list goes on. These are the things that are great about Mid Winter and are hard to share when we're on a road trip. On those kinds of trips you've got helmets & headsets on, talking about left or right turn, road kill in the center track, and gator on the right or can we finally stop for a bathroom break! This is when you start reflecting on how many friends you really have. We like to say, "We have more friends, than money in our wallets", of course we'd have a few more dollars if it wasn't for 50/50 and COY drawings!

It's also a time that we all need to give some thanks to all the officers, past and present that work so hard all year to help us have some fun events to do, courses to take and seminars to set in on. This stuff doesn't just happen. It doesn't take long to give a pat on the back, a hug or a warm fuzzy and give some appreciation back for all they do. At this time we send a big shout out to Jack and Doris on the great job they have done for all of us these past several years. With that said, it is now time for us to welcome our new leaders Bill & Sarah Watts. Good Luck to Bill & Sarah and their great team in leading Kansas GWRRA in the future. Also, good luck to our fellow Chapter Directors for the New Year, may you all have some good rides, events, meetings and may we all find some new member and keep all our old members for the year to come. It's time to dig into our positive sides and quit bringing up the negatives that seem to always overshadow the good. These negatives have a tendency to run off good officers and members keeping them from wanting to belong to this great organization anymore. We have been in since 1999 and in a nutshell this article is the good and the bad of what we have seen nationwide. So it's time for all of us to find as much positive and put it to work for all of our members. IT WILL WORK! Let's have a great year!

As for Chapter "Q" we are happy to announce that our own Bill & Sheila Tucker will be representing the state this year as District Couple of the Year. WooHoo!! We finally lead the horse to the water and it paid off. Bill & Sheila have been very deserving of this position for many years and we know they will serve us all well.

We also would like to welcome our new Chapter Couple of the Year, Duane & Vicky Kalous. They have been with us for awhile now and are very excited and energetic to do what they can to help our chapter. We are looking to working with them this coming year.

This year at Mid Winter, Chapter "Q" received 2<sup>nd</sup> place for our banner and also for our theme table. We want to send a Big Thank You to Sheila Tucker for taking the time to put our theme table together for us and make us look good. Those of you that couldn't attend missed a wonderful time and we hope that next year you can join us. Mid Winter is being moved to the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in January in 2018, so mark your calendars now.

February Birthday: Bev Smith on the 10<sup>th</sup>

February Anniversary: Jim & Carol Owens on the 14<sup>th</sup>

**HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!!**

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](http://www.gwrro.org/oconnect/officerhandbook.html)

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

### Spreading the News!

Newsletters inform Members and Officers of what’s going on. No matter how plain or fancy, the main purpose is to communicate with the Members. There are a few 'rules' for newsletters.

Chapter participants cannot be charged to receive a newsletter. Members should not be asked for a contribution to receive a newsletter. Newsletter costs should be charged off as an operating expense to the Chapter and paid for from the Chapter operating funds. It should be available to **all** GWRRA Members shown on your ARL.

The format you choose is up to you, but the “heading” of the newsletter must have the Chapter name and the GWRRA logo on it to indicate that it is a GWRRA newsletter. Your Region and District designation should also be visible, along with the month and year.

Newsletters provide you an opportunity to “talk” with the Members on a one-to-one basis and is **never** to be used as a platform for personal tirades or “politicking” for, or against, a particular cause. Information from Home Office, Region and District should be included to assist them in understanding the concept, goals and workings of GWRRA. Other contributions should come from folks like your Rider Educator with items on safety. Members may submit interesting items about trips, experiences, anniversaries, etc. All Chapters within a District are encouraged to exchange newsletters. Copies should also be sent to your District, Region and Deputy Director.

Newsletters should be distributed at least monthly to all Chapter participants. Sometimes, Chapters “piggy-back”

their information with a “sister-Chapter” or participate in a District publication for more efficient use of resources. This is acceptable.

We know many distribute newsletters through email or on your web sites; but we must remember there are those who do not have access to the Internet. Therefore, hard copies of newsletters should be mailed to those Members. You should also have copies available at your Chapter gatherings for any visitors or guests.

Newsletter editors are the heroes of our Association. Please thank them for their efforts and help them out by providing articles or pictures.

The more you know, the better it gets!

**Jack**

# "Winging into OZ"

## Kansas District Rally

### June 22-24, 2017

## Atrium Hotel & Conference Center

## Hutchinson Kansas



### Things to do!

Tour rides, Trade Show, 50/50, Grand Prize, On Bike Games, Dunk Tank, Light Parade, Light Show, The Kansas Twister Drill Team Performance and much more!



### Sight Seeing



The Cosmosphere & Space Center, Dillon Nature Center 'Free', The Underground Salt Mine Museum, Hedrick Exotic Animal Farm, Motorcycle Museum, Hutchinson Zoo 'Free' and more!



KANSAS DISTRICT GWRRA RALLY  
 "Winging Into OZ"  
 Hutchinson Ks  
 June 22-24, 2017

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Pot Roast _____	_____		_____
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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 damage.

Rider Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Rider Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks payable to: GWRRA Kansas and mail check and registration to: Judy Eggleston,  
 3307 Osage Crt., Winfield Kansas 67156 [rjeggl@gmail.com](mailto:rjeggl@gmail.com)

For additional information contact DD Bill & Sarah Watts email [watts\\_bill@yahoo.com](mailto:watts_bill@yahoo.com) or Bill Tucker [wtucker1@cox.net](mailto:wtucker1@cox.net) (Event Coordinator)

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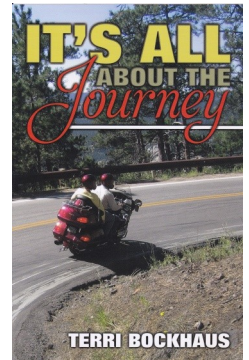
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