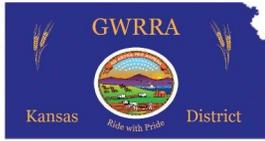
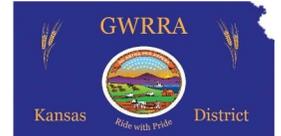


# KANSAS DISTRICT NEWS



## 'The Winger'



Gold Wing Road Riders Association

"Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge"

Bill & Sarah Watts  
District Directors



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President of GWRRA

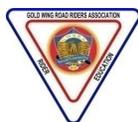
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Because GWRRA members are members of all chapters, they are encouraged to attend any chapter gathering and participate in any chapter event.

The Gold Wing Road Riders Association is all about "FUN, SAFETY, and KNOWLEDGE".

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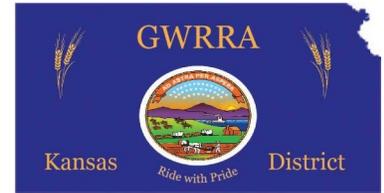
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**Ride safe and ride often**

# A Message from your District Directors



Kansas Monthly Newsletter



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

Greetings G.W.R.R.A. Family,

Sarah and I hope all is well with all of you and yours and we do hope that all or most of you have been able to avoid the really nasty crud, that is going around this time of year.

On the bright side Spring is not that far away and will be here before we know just be patient. Well another really FUN Mid-Winter is in the books and for all of you that missed it this year we do hope you will make plans to come join the FUN in 2019 because we missed seeing you also.

We would like to take this opportunity once again say Congratulations, and welcome aboard to several couples for several different positions.

Joe and Debbie Gattenby, - Kansas Assistant District Directors,

Dale and Georgeanna Tritsch, - Kansas Assistant District Directors,

Bob and Barb Brown, - Kansas District Ride Coordinators, (And we might add Kansas Districts very first D.R.C.s)

Jack and Doris Schoeck, Kansas District Couple of the year and Kansas Senior District Advisors,

Rick and Brenda Kistler, Kansas District Couple of the year Coordinators,

Denny and Kathy Chesnut, Kansas District Historians,

Kit and Donna Sand, Kansas District Vendor Coordinators,

And to all of our new Kansas Chapter Couples of the year, and to all of our very first Kansas Chapter Ride Coordinators, we know that all of you are going to do a great job and represent your Chapters and our District well.

It is that time of year that all of us really need to be thinking about getting our two wheelers and trikes ready for the upcoming riding season. If there are things that you need to have done that will require you to put them in shop for we would suggest you get them scheduled and dropped off now because the good repair shops will be getting very busy real soon.

And getting our Wind Therapy Machines, ready is just one of a couple of very important things we must prepare for the riding season. Check that riding gear from the helmets right down to the footwear but the most important thing is our own riding mindset. Remember most or a lot of us have been off of these machines for a while now and now is the time we should all be preparing our minds to get back in the riding frame of mind.

And remember there are many opportunities on the schedules for all of our Members to attend training courses in 2018. The first ever Kansas Summit is scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup> and there is still time to get registered for a FUN day of training and lunch included. And Kansas District Riders Ed also has a full schedule of training planned for 2018 as well and a full listing and dates is on the web site.

Bill and Sarah Watts,  
 Kansas District Directors,

## WING OUT THE OLD! - WING IN THE NEW!

The picture is the Theme Table Display 'WING OUT THE OLD—WING IN THE NEW. It was the brain storm of three ladies , Kathy Chesnut, Janet Gonsalves and Sheila Tucker. They met at the Tucker's home to design and make this really cool exhibit.



On the readers left is 'WING OUT THE OLD". It has many artifacts going way back in time.

Check out the OLD Gold Wings  
Note the Snow. It's time to attend  
Mid-Winter Rendezvous

On the readers right is 'WING IN THE NEW". It has the new technology we live with today.

Check out the NEW Gold Wings  
Note the Green Grass. It's time to ride!

Thank you Sarah Watts for the picture.

# KANSAS DISTRICT TEAM



## DISTRICT DIRECTORS



**Bill & Sarah Watts**

## ASS'T DISTRICT DIRECTORS

## ASS'T DISTRICT DIRECTORS



**Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch**

## SR. DISTRICT ADVISOR



**Jack & Doris Schoeck**



**Joe & Debbie Gattenby**

## Kansas District Team

### DISTRICT RIDE COORDINATORS



**Bob & Barb Brown**

### SR. RIDER EDUCATORS NEWSLETTER EDITORS



**Bill & Sheila Tucker**

### ASS'T DISTRICT EDUCATOR



**Rick & Carolyn Stevens**

### UNIVERSITY TRAINERS



**Mark & Linda Classen**

### MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT COORD



**Chris & Michelle Grooms**

### PATCH QUEEN



**Sheila Tucker**

### TREASURER



**Judy Eggleston**

### COY COORDINATOR,



**Brenda & Rick Kistler**

### WEB MASTER



**Dale & Georganna Tritsch**

### HISTORIAN



### VENDOR COORDINATOR



**Kit & Donna Sand**

### MOTOR AWARENESS

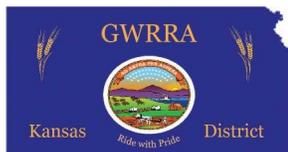


**Steve & Terri Bockhaus**

### FRANK PATTON AWARD 2017

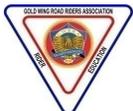
**Bobby & Andrea Shepherd  
KSQ**

# GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION KANSAS DISTRICT



## 2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| March 17:        | Kansas Summit (By Rider Ed & University Trainer) |
| April 7:         | GWRRA Trike Course (TRC-R)                       |
| April 12-14:     | Louisiana Rally                                  |
| April 22:        | MSF BRC2   |
| May 5:           | GWRRA Trailing Courses (TTRC-TC)                 |
| May 17-19:       | Texas Rally                                      |
| May 22:          | Rain Day for above courses                       |
| TBD              | Arkansas Rally                                   |
| June 14-16:      | Kansas Rally, Pittsburg Kansas                   |
| September 9:     | Kansas State Fair Ride In                        |
| September 27-29: | Oklahoma Rally                                   |
| Aug 28/Sept 1:   | Wing Ding Knoxville TN                           |
| October 5-6:     | District Campout, Council Grove                  |



# 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



## District Ride Coordinator

Bob & Barb Brown

316-217-5909

Master Tour Rider #10240

## The Team

### CHAPTER RIDE COORD.

Bob Brown-KSA

Eric Wadman KSB

Bill Hanson KSC

Jack Schoeck KSF

Bill Watts KSH

Rick Stevens KSP

Duane Kalous KSQ

### MFA INSTRUCTORS

Bill Tucker

Steve & Terri Bockhaus

### RIDER COACHES

Bill Tucker

Rick Stevens

Bob Brown

### SEMINAR PRESENTERS

Bill Tucker

Rick Stevens

Bob Brown

Doris Schoeck

### RANGE AIDES

Carolyn Stevens

Rick Kistler

Hello all,

The restructure of our beloved Gold Wing Road Riders Association is mostly in place. As does any project that has BIG changes there will be some twinkling for a while.

Kansas Rider Education already has all Chapter Ride Coordinator (CRC) in place. The District Ride Coordinator (DRC), Bob & Barb Brown along with our Directors Bill & Sarah Watts completed the paperwork and gave the 'oath of office' in time for an recognition of the seven CRC's at closing of Mid-Winter Rendezvous.

Every Mid-Winter since I took the District Educator position I have had a free luncheon for the Chapter Educators and their wives to show my appreciation for their many hours service in the CE position. I had it again this year, the last one. I thanked them for all they did as CE's wished them well as CRC's. All but one CE was appointed to the CRC position by their Chapter Directors and Bob Brown.

At Mid-Winter closing ceremonies, I had all the former CE's come on stage. Asst DE Rick & Carolyn Stevens and Sheila & I presented plaques to them for their un-waivering service to their chapter and the District Rider Education.

What's up for training in Kansas by the Rider Ed Team! We are starting out with a Medic First Aid Class January 27 in Hutchinson. That is followed up with our very first and not the last Kansas Summit March 17 also in Hutchinson. The Summit is a joint effort between the District University Coordinator (DOC) Mark & Linda Classen and Rider Educator (DE) Bill & Sheila Tucker. We believe we have put together a super FUN and educational day. The schedule is in Mark Classen's Winger article. Be sure to look at it and if you have not enrolled do so. Except for the Medic First Aid Course, everything is free PLUS our Directors, Bill & Sarah Watts are providing a meal for us.

Mark did an excellent job of organizing the schedule and submitting it to National University Director which she approved.

We will have our Trike course April 7 in Wichita. That is followed with the MSF BRC2 (Experienced rider Course) April 22 then May 5th we scheduled the Trailing courses. This year we set a rain date of May 22 in case one gets cancelled due to rain.

To enroll in any of these courses, email me at wtucker1@cox.net. And be sure to include your Co-Rider. It is free for her and gives her an opportunity to practice what she learned from taking the Co-Rider seminar.

Be Safe and remember: **"Practice makes permanent! You are what you Practice!"**



## Notes from Your District University Coordinator Mark Classen



Hello from your DUC's! (District University Coordinators)

Here we are starting February and I am not sure what happened to January! We have had some very cold weather and some not so bad weather. I am not sure what you have done with your motorcycle but I have ridden about 6 days this month to work and around! It was great to see many of you at the Winter Rendezvous!

At this point we are only about 1 ½ months away from the Kansas Summit. You will find the flyer in this newsletter. Please let us know if you are planning to attend – we really, really need a count to have enough food for everyone. One of the things that I left off of the flyer is that if you are planning on attending the MFA training, we will need your email address as well. The only exception to this “Free Training” event is the MFA course. We will need to collect \$20.00 per person on the 17<sup>th</sup> at the Summit. Everything else your Kansas District Team will be providing, including the lunch!! We have 3 classrooms and can accommodate 40 to 60 people. Please contact me at [mnlclassen@gmail.com](mailto:mnlclassen@gmail.com), or contact your chapter directors and please forward them to me. I would like to have a count by March 10<sup>th</sup>, but don't wait. The MFA course is filling up.

We don't plan on stopping with the Summit for this year, there will be more. What has come down from the national office is a definition of what Linda and I are supposed to do is:

In addition, District University Coordinator will work with the District Educator and the District Ride Coordinator to plan at least quarterly Education events. The Ride Coordinator will create the fun of the ride to the destination and the District Educator or University Coordinator will plan the education program. The event should be fun and social with education the theme. The District Director will support and the District MEP will provide some of the fun activities to be included in the day/weekend event.

I have already talked with Bob Brown and of course Bill Tucker and we have a great year ahead of us!

Mark & Linda Classen

District University Coordinator (DUC)



# Invest in your Knowledge and Safety at the GWRRA Kansas Summit



**March 17, 2018**

Delos V Smith Sr Center  
101 W 1<sup>st</sup> Ave  
Hutchinson, KS 67501



Come for a day of fun and learning – offering Levels courses to keep you current on your levels program  
And University courses for fun and retention of your chapter!

**The fee for this training day is FREE!**

There will be a fee for Medic First Aid of \$20.00 per person.

**Class 1**

7:45 – 8:30

Medic First Aid  
Jack and Doris

8:00 - 12:00

Fee \$20.00

11:45 – 12:45

Trike  
Classroom  
Rick

12:30 – 4:00

**Class 2**

Coffee & Sweets for Everyone

Co-Rider  
Rick

8:30 – 10:00

Break 10:00 – 10:15

Only Sugar Melts In the  
Rain – Riding in the Rain  
Bob  
10:15 – 11:45

Lunch on Us!

Team Riding  
Bill  
12:45 – 2:15

Brr, It's Cold – Riding  
in the Cold  
Bob  
2:30 – 4:00

**Class 3**

Who's Afraid of the Dark  
– Riding at Night  
Bill

8:30 – 10:00

Road Trippin –  
Setting Goals  
Mark  
10:15 – 11:45

Cha, Cha Cha Change –  
Managing Change  
Doris  
12:45-2:15

Break 2:15 – 2:30

Do You Have a Minute?  
– Giving Feedback  
Joe  
2:30 – 4:00

**Please if you plan on attending  
Contact Mark Classen at,  
[mnlclassen@gmail.com](mailto:mnlclassen@gmail.com)  
or contact your Chapter Director**

**Please give us your name and  
how many are planning to attend.**

**If you are planning to attend the  
Medic First Aid we must have a  
Count on that attendance.**

Registration:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Attending MFA : \_\_\_\_\_ Yes/No

Thank you for sharing your Saturday with us and we hope that this has been an experience that you will want to do again!

Kansas Couple of The  
Year 2018



Jack & Doris Schoeck  
Chapter 'F'

# Kansas Chapter Couples and Individuals of The Year 2018

## CHAPTER 'A'



Dave & Dana Beranek

## CHAPTER 'B'



Gary & Reba Ohler

## CHAPTER 'C'



Sandy Davis

## CHAPTER 'F'



Rick & Brenda Kistler

## CHAPTER 'H'



Don & Carma Gray

## CHAPTER 'P'



David & Theresa McDonald

## CHAPTER 'Q'



Duane & Vicki Kalous



## KSH



Rhonda Guerrero  
Individual of The Year

# Kansas Directory for Chapters Directors and Chapter Gathering Time and Place



**You are welcome to attend any Chapter Gathering and Introduce yourself!**

## You will be welcome

Call the Chapter Director if you need information about a Chapter activity.

If you live in an area that does not have a Chapter close by and would be interested in starting one, contact District Directors Bill & Sarah Watts at 620-728-8347

### Chapter 'A'

Joe & Debbie Gattenby CD

316-644-3066

2nd Thursday, 7pm

Country Café

2904 S Seneca, Wichita

joegattenby@yahoo.com

### Chapter 'B'

Joe & Pan Magnant CD

913-660-5176

3rd Thursday, 7pm

JT's Grill

33255 Lexington Ave, De-

### Chapter 'C'

Don & Brenda Williams CD

785-341-4211

3rd Tuesday, 7pm

Perkins Restaurant

1720 SW Wanamaker Rd, Topeka

Joe.magnant51@gmail.com

### Chapter 'Q'

Jack & Teresa Kistler CD

316-651-7423

1st Thursday 7pm

Kansas Buffet Company

2825 N Summit, Ark City

Actionjackson@wheatstate.com

### Chapter 'F'

Everett & Carol Chastain CD

620-374-7917

4th Tuesday, 7pm

Oil Hill Elementary School

2700 E 6th, El Dorado

Brown Bag-Desserts Provided

### Chapter 'H'

Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch CD

620-921-5941

2nd Saturday, 7pm

Gamino's Pizza

310 S Main, South Hutchinson

dalet@cox.net

### Chapter 'P'

David & Theresa McDonald CD

316-213-5712

2nd Tuesday, 7pm

Derby Church of Christ

225 N. Derby St, Derby

Brown Bag—Dessert Provided

Mcdonald.david46@yahoo.com



## Chapter A – Wichita



Meet 2nd Thursday in Wichita at Country Café 7:00pm– Eat 6:00pm

### Chapter Directors

Joe & Deborah Gattenby  
316-644-3066

### Asst Chapter Directors

Chris & Michelle Grooms  
316-788-7842

### Chapter Treasurer

Barb Brown

### Chapter Ride Coordinator

TBD

### Newsletter Editor

Mary Mazur

### Phone Tree

Rod & Ann Gillett

### Chapter Couple

Tim & Cindy Howard

Hello everyone...

Well January is behind us and as you all know parts of January were very, very cold. Followed by days that felt like spring just to have that yanked away to give us more very, very cold days...but then that's Kansas for you J

Let's start out talking about the chapter's yearly New Year's Day ride. For those of you who have never done this, the plan is to travel as many miles on the bike for each degree that there is on the thermometer. Some years it can be a long ride and other years it can be a very short ride. After the ride we all meet and have a great meal together (let's face it what's a Gold Wing get together without food?). Well this year for the 1<sup>st</sup> time that I know of the ride was canceled because this was one of those days that was very, very cold. I don't know about the rest of you but by the time I got my bike to the meeting place I will have doubled the number of miles compared to the high temperature. So the ride was canceled...but the food was not. Everyone met at Debbie & Joe Gattenby's to keep warm and have fun.



Following this we then had our 1<sup>st</sup> “dinner ride” with Marty & Ruth Dannar were in charge of and they chose to go to TJ’s hamburger joint in Old Town. If you’ve never been there you are missing a great place to eat. But be careful how you order because the hamburgers are big and they give you lots of fries in one order. This event happened on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month and was a fun time. Marty tells me that at some point they had to move to a different area because every time someone opened the door it was like being in a wind tunnel. He said some ate jalapenos to help warm up from being out in the cold.

The very next day the 11<sup>th</sup> was our monthly meeting at The Country Café. As always going to the monthly meeting is always a fun time because we get to see the members of our Gold Wing family and talk about the rides we’ve been on and the rides we are planning. Although this time I have to admit I think the best thing that happened was watching the faces of the people that came up to the door to get in, only to find it locked because (yes you guessed it) this was one of those very, very cold days only this one was also windy which made the room we were in cold hence the locked door.

Now let’s talk about the next activity...Mid-Winter. It was on held on the 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> and this year I think our District team did a real good job of making sure we all had fun. Of course they had the regular things like free popcorn, or you could play BINGO, or Poker but on Friday evening they added a “Table Scavenger Hunt” where they split the room in half and then Shelia Tucker read from a list of items that each team had to see if they had in their pocket, purse, or wherever. The thing to do was to try not to get run over as team members rushed to get their item to the stage before the other team...(ask Kathy Chesnut, she almost got knocked over more than once). On Saturday after Opening Ceremonies they chose the new District Couple of the year. Congratulations to Jack & Doris Schoeck on being chosen for this next year. Also want to congratulate Judy Eggleston on being named “Individual of the Year”. It is a great opportunity for them all to represent Kansas to the GWRRA community.

Next they did “Minute to win it” which is a bunch of games where those that play have a “minute” to complete a task...and I took lots of pictures of the members of Chapter A that played the games.





Then here are some pictures of other members just hanging out.





Saturday evening we all got to find out who were going to be the new Chapter Couples for each chapter. And congratulations to all who were picked but a special shout out goes to Dave & Dana Beranek who is the "Couple of the Year" for our chapter. Congratulations, we know that you will do a great job.

Also...congratulations go out to Joe & Debbie Gattenby for being names as the new Asst District Directors for Kansas.

Now here's what I know about what's coming up in February

**1<sup>st</sup>** is Marty & Ruth Dannar's anniversary

**1<sup>st</sup>** is Pat Swilley's birthday

**8<sup>th</sup>** is our monthly chapter meeting @ the Country Café on South Seneca. Meeting starts @ 7:00 but come early for a meal and visits with the other members.

**8<sup>th</sup>** is also Chuck Powell's birthday

**10<sup>th</sup>** is our Valentines get together. Doing light lunch/snacks so all who want to join Chapter P for their sweet heart dinner will still have an appetite

**21<sup>st</sup>** is Rick & Charmin White's anniversary

**24<sup>th</sup>** is Debbie & Joe Gattenby's anniversary

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

Mary Mazur, Chapter A Newsletter editor

Please remember if you would like information about a ride or event you've done or going to do please send me some information and/or pictures and I will be glad to add it here. You may e-mail me @ [scarymary1210@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scarymary1210@sbcglobal.net)



## Chapter B – DeSoto



Meet 3rd Thursday every month in DeSoto at JT's Grill 7:00pm– Eat 6:00pm

| Chapter Directors | Asst Chapter Director | Chapter Ride Coordinator | Chapter Treasurer | Chapter Editor |
|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Joe & Pam Magnant | Paula Aiken           | Eric Wadman              | Ed James          | Paula Aikens   |

The new year dawned bright and cold in northeast Kansas. But, that didn't stop Chapter B from meeting on January 1, 2018. Seventeen members braved the cold temperatures and ventured out to Johnny's in Lawrence for lunch. Gary Ohler was really the only brave one as he rode his trike from Tonganoxie to the restaurant. We enjoyed good food and conversations while we were there as we started 2018 with great friends.

Spelling was tested rather than trivia during Chapter B's monthly meeting. Each person was given a list of fifteen foods that are eaten with a spoon. The problem was, the letters were scrambled. John Seberger unscrambled twelve of the fifteen words in the allotted time and won a new spoon. The bonus question required people to name the member of the District Staff who is known as the "Spoon Lady".



Six Chapter B members had a great time at the Mid-Winter Rendezvous in Wichita. We enjoyed visiting with other GWRRA members and participating in the games and activities. Dave Aiken was the lucky one in the dessert dance, walking away with two desserts. Joe Magnant won a prize for participating in the Minute to Win It Games. He did a great job on most of the games, though trying to keep three balloons in the air for a minute just about wore him out.



Gary Ohler once again won two seats at the final Blackjack table. But alas, it was not to be this year as his luck didn't hold out in the final hand. Gary and Reba Ohler were introduced as Chapter B's 2018 Couple of the Year. And, Sandy Davis from Chapter C won our Couple of the Year basket entitled, "A Bowl of Mixed Greens". We hope she is enjoying the \$123 contained within the salad bowl.



Chapter B events for February:  
February 15 - Chapter Meeting

February 24 – Breakfast Get-Together, Planning Meeting

Safe Travels, Paula Aiken

## Chapter C - Topeka

Meet 3rd Tuesday every month in Topeka at Perkins Restaurant 7:00pm– Eat at 6:00pm

| Chapter Director                       | Asst Chapter Director              | Chapter Ride Coordinator                             | Chapter Treasurer           | Chapter Editor               |
|--|------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Don & Brenda Williams<br>785-341-4211  | John & Teresa Gull<br>785-266-6735 | Bill Hanson<br>620-342-4388                          | Sandy Davis<br>785-691-7000 | Don Williams<br>785-341-4211 |
| <b>Chapter Web Master</b><br>John Gull |                                    | <b>Chapter Individual of The Year</b><br>Sandy Davis |                             |                              |

Chapter C started the year out the same way we did last year. We “rode” to Red Robin for our annual New Year’s Day ride and lunch. With the temperature hovering around zero nobody was dumb enough to venture out on a motorcycle. We had 25 people in attendance with the Gull family making up a big chunk of that number, since they managed to bring three generations. John’s son, his wife, daughter, her husband, and their son made up the gang. Bringing family to functions is always a big plus. With that big of a turnout we had to be on our best behavior and keep things to a low roar in order not to be offensive to the other people there eating. Our waitress did a fantastic job somehow. She took orders down one side of the tables then back up the other side even though most everybody was sitting across the table from their other half. She got the food to the table in a timely manner and didn’t mess up any orders, that I’m aware of, and even got the bills correct which amazed me because of the way she had them written down.

After about an hour or so we started to get ready to head out our separate ways when Randy & Denise Benteman invited everyone that wanted to, to stop by their house, which is only about 2 miles from Red Robin. About ½ of us ended up there for another hour or so. Coffee and tea for everyone and more catching up with anyone we weren’t sitting near at the restaurant. I don’t think we left the house in too much of a mess. Thank you for an enjoyable time.

Our monthly get together was on the 16<sup>th</sup> with 17 in attendance. Bill Hanson got things off with leading a discussion on “recalculating while riding.” He mentioned it was written by Eric Trow, who among other things writes a regular article for Rider Magazine. The manner in which he writes he used the term to basically draw a rider’s attention to the fact he/she needs to stay alert and aware of the constantly changing environment while still enjoying the ride. That led to various

discussions on some of the different things we as riders encountered in our travels.

That discussion led indirectly into the In-site Newsletter I received a couple of days before we met. Originally Bill wanted to know what it said about the Chapter Ride Coordinator. We beat that one to death with what Anita had written and decided Bill is doing a good job and that things will pretty much stay the way it is, as it's working well for our chapter. After going back home and reviewing our discussion in my mind (many say it's warped) I came to the conclusion that Bill has been ahead of his time when his title was Rider Ed. He hardly ever gave a "safety brief" instead he picked a subject that was related to what would be valuable at the current time/season and tossed it out to the group for discussion allowing everybody to participate or not, while getting both good and bad ideas out for discussion.

After that we discussed various other portions of the newsletter in reference to the changes that have and are taking place in GWRRA.

Our supper ride will be the 6<sup>th</sup> of February with us just meeting at McFarland's in Gage Center at 6:00 p.m. Since it seems to be snowing every year for this event it's easier to just meet at the restaurant.

I also pointed out that Sarah Watts has set up a Facebook page for those who have accounts. It's a closed site but very easy to join. The title is GWRRA Kansas District. So far the posts are few, but who knows it might also get real busy. In addition to that some other district information is the March Summit will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup> in Hutchinson at the Senior Center. Dale Tritsch has posted the schedule in the January District Newsletter. Just to clarify a bit the trike class is the classroom portion of the GWRRA trike course and is a one time requirement to take it prior to the range portion

It was also pointed out that Sandy Davis has retired from Hallmark as of the 19<sup>th</sup> after 40 years with the company. **Congratulations Sandy!** Somebody asked if she was going to get a card and she said yes. She didn't say if she had to make the thing herself or not so that can be left to the imagination.

Teresa was taking donations for the COY basket for mid-winter and received several offers and suggestions for that project.

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Mid-Winter was different this year since it was just a get together for fun with nothing "educational" going on. My personal opinion is that it was a success more so for some to be named later than others. I think the attendance was down a bit from the past years but most folks seemed to enjoy themselves. The facility lends itself well for an event like Mid-Winter. Again from my personal point of view the restaurant and also whoever catered the dinner at closing could use some improvement. Enough said about that.

At closing ceremonies some of Chapter C personnel were considering trying to sneak out the back door. To enlighten those that didn't make it. Even though the chapter only had 8 total people in attendance there were six prizes won and an additional prize returned to be drawn for again. The winners are: John & Teresa three of the Couple of the Year Baskets (yes three out of the six). In addition John won another basket prepared by Doris Schoeck, but he returned it so somebody else could win something. Sandy also won a COY basket with a bunch of money in it. I didn't hear how much there was but even if they were only one dollar bills, she didn't have to pay, for gasoline for the trip, out of her pocket. The other two prizes won was a nice clock Rick Kistler made and donated, Brenda won that. And last but not least...drum roll please... yes you guessed it, Teresa won an afghan donated by a member from Chapter F (sorry didn't catch her name) that had a patriotic theme for veterans. The big losers from the chapter were Rick Thompson and I with a big fat nothing. Bill and Margaret had to leave before closing so they weren't in the running for prizes. It only took 4 of us to carry all of John & Teresa's stuff to their car. Everybody that was at closing will have night mares from now on when they hear the numbers "98" and "96".

The only birthday for February is Randy Benteman on the 13<sup>th</sup>. No anniversaries, which seems odd since it's the month of Valentine's Day.

***Don & Brenda Williams***

***CD/Newsletter Editors***



Meet 4th Tuesday every month at Oil Hill Elementary School Brown bag at 6:00pm, meet 7:00pm

Chapter Directors

Chapter Treasurer

Chapter Ride Coordinator

Chapter MEC

Chapter Editor

GREETINGS from Chapter F!

Hope everyone's New Year started off right. The weather does not know what it wants to do!

January brought our Mid-Winter Event to Park City, Kansas again. There was a very good representation from Chapter F. We had a very good turnout this year and everyone seemed to have a good time. There was plenty to keep everyone busy as there were games, Bingo, Black Jack, and of course a Swap Meet for those that wanted to shop for themselves or their bikes.

Saturday Morning brought the Couple of the Year Selection for 2018. Couples from Chapter F and Chapter H went ahead to be a part of the Selection Process. After that part of the program was done, Jack and I (Doris) Schoeck became the new Kansas District Couple of the Year. Was a surprise to me but we are excited about the honor and will do our best for the State of Kansas!

Chapter F's January meeting was held on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at our regular meeting place. We had visitors from Chapter A, H, and P. Thanks to all who came and visited and shared a fun time with us!

Everett Chastain, Chapter Director, introduced the new District Officers that took place at Mid-Winter Rendezvous. Dale and Georgeanna Tritsch and Joe and Debbie Gattenby became the new Assistant District Directors to work with Bill and Sarah Watts, District Directors. Both couples were at our meeting and we were glad to welcome them to their new positions. Everett also introduced the new District Couple of the Year, Jack and Doris Schoeck.

Everett also announced the winners of the Mileage Contest that Chapter F has participated in for 2017. Dennis Kramer won 1<sup>st</sup> place with 11,890 miles ridden. He is not able to come to Chapter meetings so he was given his certificate and prize at Mid-Winter in Park City. His picture was also taken for the Chapter Scrap Book. In second place were Rick and Brenda Kistler with 9,319 miles. They were given a certificate and gift card to Dairy Queen. Gene and Delores Shannon were the 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners with 7,339 miles ridden and they were also given a certificate and a Dairy Queen gift card. Pictures were

also taken of all of them. Congratulations to all the winners!!

Dale Tritsch advised he is still working on the Kansas Website but is almost done and if anyone has anything they want him to put on it, just let him know.

Everett advised there were 11 people at the January Breakfast ride on January 6, 2018. Jack and Doris Schoeck are in charge of the Supper Ride for February and it will be on Friday, February 2, 2018. The time to meet at the restaurant will be 6:30 pm and the location will be sent out via an e-mail.

Each of the visiting Chapters announced their meetings or Valentine Day events. Check with the Newsletters of Chapter A, H, and P. Chapter A is having a Valentine Luncheon on Saturday, February 10 at Udall. Chapter P is having a Valentine Supper on the same date at their meeting place in Derby, Kansas.

Brenda and Rick presented a Scavenger Hunt for all to participate in and it was a fun and exciting time for all who were there! You had to come up with items that were either on your person or in your belongings. What a game!! Thanks Rick and Brenda for the fun!!

The 50/50 drawings were won by: Kathy Chesnut, Chapter P, won \$15.00 and Gene Shannon, Chapter F, won \$15.00.

Byron and Teresa Johnson brought cupcakes of different flavors for our desserts. They were very good!! Thank you Byron and Teresa!

Birthday and Anniversaries for February are:

Birthdays: February 3 – Carol Chastain February 10 – John Glaves

Anniversary: February 2 – Everett and Carol Chastain

Until next time, remember to watch the weather at this time of the year and Ride Safe if you are on your Motorcycle!

Submitted By,

Doris Schoeck, Chapter Newsletter Editor

# KSF HIGH MILEAGE WINNERS



Dennis Kramer  
1st Place



Rick & Brenda Kistler  
2nd Place



Gene & Deloris Shannon  
3rd Place

# Pictures of attendees at KSF January Gathering





Everett & Carol Chastain wants to recognize the members of KSF. They are a small chapter with loyal members. Below are the pictures Carol sent to the Winger Editor.



John & Karen Graves



Everett & Carol Chastain –CD's



Byron & Teresa Johnson



Jack & Doris Schoeck



Rick & Brenda Kistler



Gene & Deloris Shannon



Dennis Kramer



Roy Cushman



Roslin Snyder



## KS - H Newsletter

The next Chapter gathering will be held on

**SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 10, 2018**

at

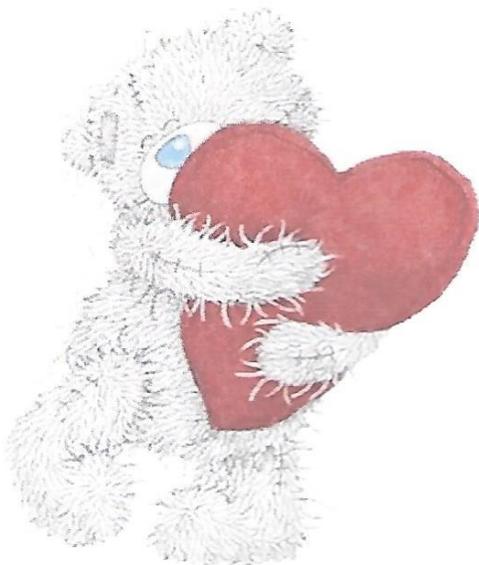
**6:00 P.M. at**

**Derby Church of Christ**

**225 N. Derby Street**

**Derby, Kansas**

**(Chapter P's - Sweetheart Dinner)**



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### CHAPTER INDIVIDUAL OF THE YEAR

Rhonda Guerrero

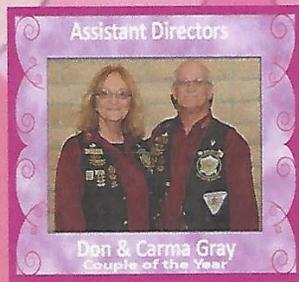
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January was cold but it could not stop this crew from having a good time!

Bugsy celebrated his birthday at our monthly gathering at Gambinos and was quite delighted to see everyone there.

The Mid-Winter Rendezvous was another grand success with so many FUN people in attendance and playing games until we collapsed for a nap just before dinner was served. It was good to catch up with everyone at Mid-Winter and find out what all will be happening with the new changes GWRRA is going through. And, of course, we were all anxious to hear who the new Individuals and Couples of the Year were. I encourage you to check out the Kansas District website for all the new team members and updates on the individual Chapter pages.

A special note of thanks to our Sunshine Lady, Carolyn Colahan, and Mark and Linda Classen for the enthusiastic job they did while serving as the 2017 Individual of the Year and Couple of the Year. We now look forward to another FUN couple in Don and Carma Gray as they serve as our 2018 Couple of the Year and our sweet little girl Friday, Rhonda Guerrero, as our new Individual of the Year. We know our Chapter will be served well with all of the new appointees and we look forward to another fun year of riding to adventurous places, making new friends and showing the world how much fun it is to be a GWRRA member!

I hope a good number of our Chapter H members will be attending Chapter P's Valentine Dinner on February 10th in Derby. Remember this will be where our Chapter gathering is this month!

On March 10th we are having maintenance day at Bill Watts' home at 9am and that evening we will have our regular gathering at Gambino's.

I know March is a whole month away, but please give some thought to attending the Kansas Summit on March 17th. It's a fun way to learn things that go a long way in making us all safer riders and passengers.

# SUNSHINE EVENTS



Happy Anniversary



**FEBRUARY**

14 Mark & Linda Classen

**MARCH**

25 Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch



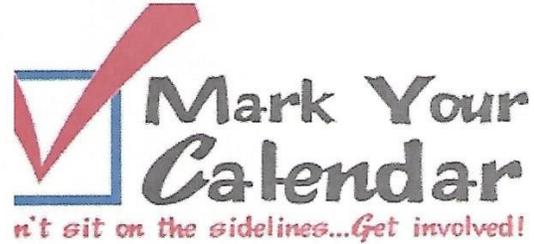
**FEBRUARY**

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

**MARCH**

- 5 Kit Sand
- 8 Sharry Stauffer-Thompson
- 15 Chuck Schmidt
- 20 Don Schroeder





## FEBRUARY

10 Chapter H Gathering at the Chapter P Valentine Dinner - Derby

## MARCH

10 Maintenance Day at Watts 9am

10 Chapter H Gathering at Gambino's

11 Daylight Saving Time Start - Set your clocks forward 1 hour!

17 KS Summit Retreat at Delos V Smith Senior Ctr, Hutchinson

## APRIL

7 TRC-R at noon

12 – 14 Louisiana District Rally

14 Chapter H gathering at KS-F Birthday Party - El Dorado

22 BRC2 at 8am

28 – 29 KS Dist Ride to Bentonville, AR

(You can see everything going on the calendar for Chapter H at <https://www.gwrraks.com/chapter-h.html> ) and other GWRRA Kansas events at <https://www.gwrraks.com/calendar.html>

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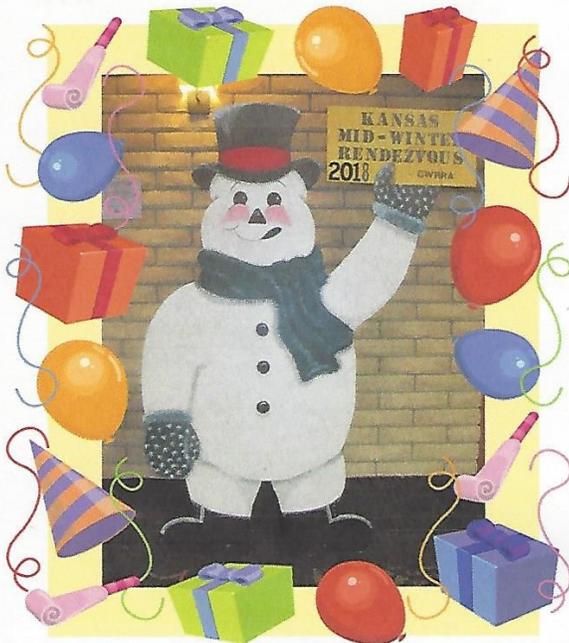
We encourage everyone to join our merry group of motorcyclists and find out what we are all about! We generally meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month, BUT sometimes that will change so be sure to read the newsletter or check the calendar on our website so you'll know when and where we're getting together.

On occasion we will draw one membership number and then hide it somewhere in the next newsletter. If that member spots it and is present at the next meeting, he or she wins \$5!! So come to our gatherings and catch up with your motorcycle buddies. We have a lot of fun, learn a few things and you might just win some cash too!

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!



# MID-WINTER RENDEZVOUS



The challenges were laid and the  
games were played!

The friendships renewed as  
they hunted for clues;  
Just where was that medallion No one  
wanted to lose!

From dominoes to dancing we  
laugh as we play;  
Mid-Winter Rendezvous  
helped us deal with those cold  
winter days.





# Chapter P – Wichita

## Meeting Night

2nd Tuesday every month. Brown Bag at 6:00pm

Derby Church of Christ in Fellowship Hall, south end of building, 225 N. Derby St



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Dennis & Kathy Chesnut  
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### Chapter MEC

Phyllis VanBuskirk

### Chapter Couple

David & Theresa McDonald



## CHAPTER P FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



GWRRA Midwinter rendezvous 2018 was held January 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. I know everyone had a lot of fun... We enjoyed games put on by Shelia Tucker and Cathy Chestnut. Basket raffles, door prizes, swap meet, Dessert dance, crafts and lots of good times visiting with each other. We ended the day with closing ceremony and a nice dinner.



Blowing cups off table with balloon



The Baseball Game



The Dessert Dance—Doing the Locomotion



Black Jack

Congratulations to Jack and Doris Schoeck who are the new District couple of the year



And good luck to all our new couples and individuals for 2018.

David and I are one of the new couples for 2018, I am so excited for the opportunity and to see what the year has in store for us.



**February 10<sup>th</sup> - Is our Valentine's Sweetheart dinner at the Derby Church of Christ, 6:30 pm. 225 N Derby st, Derby Ks In the fellowship hall at the south end of the building. \$10.00 a person**

Please RSVP to [Kathy@berexco.com](mailto:Kathy@berexco.com) 316-214-1995

Or Denny at [flitcrew@aol.com](mailto:flitcrew@aol.com) by February 2<sup>nd</sup>



Tammy Vickers on the 25th



Rick & Carolyn Stevens on the 25th

Everyone have a safe month

David & Theresa McDonald  
Chapter P Directors



# **GWRRA - CHAPTER P SWEETHEART DINNER**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 10, 2018**

**PLACE: DERBY CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**225 N DERBY ST.**

**TIME: 6:00 PM**

**COST : \$10.00 PER PERSON**

## MENU:

ROASTED PORK

DRESSING

GREEN BEANS

SALAD W/DRESSINGS

ROLLS

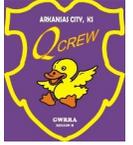
DESSERTS

DRINKS - WATER, LEMONADE, ICE TEA





# Chapter Q – Arkansas City



Meet the 1st Thursday every month Ark City at the Kansas Buffet, 7pm– Eat 6pm

**Senior Chapter Directors**

Jack & Teresa Kistler

**Chapter Treasurer**

Sheila Tucker

**Chapter Ride Coordinator**

Duane & Vickie Kalous

**Chapter MEC**

Judy Eggleston

**Chapter Couple**

Duane & Vickie Kalous

## Kansas Chapter “Q” February Newsletter

Well January was a busy, crazy month for us, but we’re finally through it. The holidays always seem to put everything in a frenzy and it just takes a few weeks to get back on track.

Once again our District Staff put together another great Mid Winter event for all of us. On Friday evening everyone had the choice of playing poker or bingo and once these were done, Sheila Tucker and Kathy Chesnut had a game for all of us to enjoy. Saturday brought us our newest District Couple of the Year for 2018, “Congratulations Jack & Doris Schoeck” we know you will do us proud. The group had lots of games, some old and some new. The new one for this year was a baseball game, we had 4 teams of 9 and I believe it was a huge success.

All the Chapters did a great job on their baskets, however I think John & Teresa may have overloaded their car going home. I believe they went home with 3 or 4 baskets?! We hope that all of you that were unable to attend this year can join us next time and have a chance to visit and reconnect with everyone after the holidays.

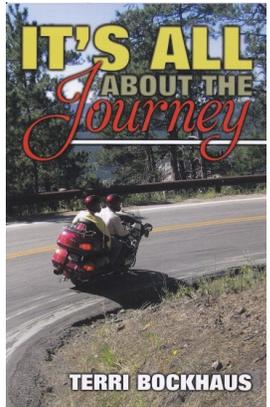
Congratulations to all of the 2018 Chapter Couples of the Year. For those of you that haven’t heard, Duane and Vickie Kalous are staying on as our COY, they weren’t quite ready to go on to the District level yet, so they will represent us another year, then hopefully be ready to move on to the District Selection.

No birthdays or anniversaries this month.

Until the next time,  
Jack & Teresa Kistler

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GWRRA of Kansas has a new author. Terri Bockhaus is pleased to announce the publication of her book titled, "It's all about the Journey". The journey referred to in the book describes her personal journey with GWRRA. She describes her mishaps as she progresses from being a co-rider to a rider, then joining the Kansas Twisters Motorcycle Drill team. The book tells of many of the funny (and sometimes scary) things that have happened on some of their trips, and embraces the GWRRA motto of "Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge". You may have read the article about her in the November 2016 issue of Wing World Magazine.

Terri and her husband Steve joined GWRRA in 2004, and have held several positions in the association, including: Senior Chapter Directors, MFA instructor/trainers, National Director of the Year recipient 2011, District COY 2014, Kansas Twisters Motorcycle Drill Team Captain, and MAC.

The book is available for purchase at Dan's Cycle in Hesston, Ks., Faith and Life Bookstore, in Newton, Ks., Beaumont Hotel and Café in Beaumont, Ks., and by contacting the author directly at [tmbockhaus@cox.net](mailto:tmbockhaus@cox.net).



## IT'S ALL ABOUT THE JOURNEY

From back seat driver to drill team Rider



As featured in Wing World Magazine

by Terri Bockhaus

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"It's not only a book about motorcycles and places, but rather a spiritual journey." Rev. Nicholas Voelker

Her stories embody the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) principles of having fun while riding safe—and this is one lady who knows how to have fun and laugh at herself. Terri has successfully broken into a motorcycle rider world dominated by men and proved herself worthy. Even if you don't ride, you will enjoy this wonderful collection of entertaining stories. If you do ride, it's even better." Jack Wogner, Deputy Director, GWRRA



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