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Mid Winter Rendezvous is over and what a great weekend. Our new Kansas Couple of the Year is Sherri & David McDonald from Chapter P. They will serve Kansas well, for their enthusiasm, and positive attitude. They love to ride and have fun. Thanks to all of the other candidates who took part in the selection. Thanks to Mary & Larry Mazur for their past year work and service as our Kansas District Couple. We can not thank everyone for all their work they did in helping make Mid Winter a Big Success. Thanks everybody.

We want to thank Jim & Carol Lamb for all the work they have put into our Rider Education Program, as of Jan 1st, Jim and Bill Tucker are changing titles and position. Jim’s work has become more demanding that he needed to slack off some on Rider Education we still have Jim & Carol for they will continue doing training and helping all they can. Again THANK you for all your work.

As we approach a new year with some changes of new officers or changing position. We thank them for all support.

We want to thank Brenda Kistler for all the work and time she put into our District Scrapbook. If you didn’t take the time to look at it on the registration table you missed out on seeing your picture in it. She will continue being our Historian, SO SEND PICTURES TO BRENDA!

Our business meeting was well attended and good reports given. Ruth Danner brought new updates and changes, about GW University and reported no new updates on OCP. Thanks Ruth Bill Tucker gave updates and dates for all classes coming up for Rider Education Activities. Ann Gillet reported on patch order procurers and Couple of the Year program.

Thanks Ann

Medic First Aid is now, Steve & Terri Bockhaus will be the District Coordinator, Jack and Doris Schoeck has come on board as our Asst. District Director. Thanks Guy’s Mary Mazur gave a great report on our MEC program (Membership Enhancement Coordinator Program) on how to handle the information that she needs each month to fill out her report. Chapters MEC work with her and contract the new, expiring dues and expired members, so not to leave any Winger Behind. Thanks Mary

Gary Drake reported on MAD (change of name MAP) motor awareness program, this program has lots to do with our 51% compliance for the IRS. Ask Gary how the program works if you don’t understand. He goes to Topeka to meetings they have on a State program once a month.

Thanks Gary & Susan

Our Faithful Treasure Judy Eggleston for always being there for us at District and Chapter levels. She keeps us informed on all new or any changes from the IRS. Ron is always there, he makes sure she has a driver. He made sure at Mid Winter he had the coffee pot going. THANKS to you both.

Last but not least, Newsletter and Web personal, we can not thank them enough for all the time and effort they put into these two programs. Just keep sending them the news items and any changes. Thanks Bill Tucker Editor and Dale Mooney Web Master.

We want to thank Ron and Karen Kunson from Iowa and Bill and De Ann Gray for helping out as Couple of the Year judges. Thanks: Steve Pena our Asst.District Director for taking picture with our Snow Man. He stepped up to do the job when Dave & Dana Beranek were unable to help as to another commitment.

Belinda and Sam Lister were here from Arkansas, they are the Couple of the Year and Ambassadors for the Arkansas District.

We wish to thank Russel Harrold for coming forward to have the CMA services. Tom Sweet was unable to attend and Russel volunteered to substitute for Tom. Good job and thank you!
Happy Valentine's Day

February 9, 2013
5:00pm
Burns, Kansas

Theme: 'Famous Couples'

Put your Sweetheart on your magic carpet (aka GoldWing) and attend this special ALL Chapter event!

Please bring a snack or two.

Since the event theme is 'Famous Couples' how about dressing up as a famous couple???
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Chapter ‘F’ CD
Gene Shannon

Chapter ‘H’ CD
Terry & Judy Mann

Chapter ‘P’ CD
David & Sherri McDonald

Chapter ‘Q’ CD
Jack & Teresa Kistler
Feel free to attend any Chapter meeting and introduce yourself.

**You will be welcome.**

Call the CD if you need more information about a Chapter activity.

If you are interested in organizing a Chapter in your area,
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As we Gold Wing our way into 2013 some changes with Kansas Rider Education have occurred.

We start the year with a new District Educator (DE), new Asst District Director, (ADE) new Chapter Educators (CE) for KS-A, KS-F, KS-H.

Bill & Sheila Tucker have moved from the Assistant District Educators to the DE position and Jim & Carol Lamb are the ADE’s. Yep! The old switch-a-roué was done at Jim’s request.

We are pleased to announce that three of our esteem Chapter Directors has requested appointments of individuals to serve as their Chapter Educators. The below volunteers have met the Chapter Educators requirements and have been appointed by the District Educator.

- Chapter ‘A’ Larry Mazur
- Chapter ‘F’ Russel Harrold
- Chapter ‘H’ Marv Ayers.

We welcome each of you and thank you for taking the time to serve not only your chapter but the membership in general.

Your Rider Ed Instructors (Bill Tucker, Jim Lamb, and Rick Stevens) met last month and have set the 2013 Rider Course schedule. If enrollment/weather allows, there will be a two wheeled Trailering & a Trike Trailer Course for the first time. Of course, the Basic Rider Course 2 BRC2 (Formally called Experience Rider Course ERC) and Trike Course (TRC) are on the schedule. SEE THE SCHEDULE ON THE KANSAS WEB SITE...

The team is hoping to present some new, never given before Rider Ed seminars at the conventions and Mid-Winter Rendezvous.

Speaking of Mid-Winter. Rick Stevens gave a first time seminar "Riding with New and/or Inexperienced Riders" to a packed house. Very interesting and well attended.

We are looking at the possibility of having a ‘Ride In Safety Weekend’ this year. I have participated two years 2003/04 in Region ‘E’ ride in as an instructor and found it to be fun and educational. We will be asking for your ideas on what to present.

We (Bill, Jim, Rick and the Chapter Educators) are looking forward to assisting you in improving your riding skills and provide information at chapter meetings that will be interesting and challenging as you venture off onto the roads on your favorite Ride.

Now is the time to enroll in the riding courses and invite a friend to join you. Everyone is welcome and we have discount prices for returnees. Check us out on the KS web site and on our very own facebook page at GWRRAKsDistrictRiderEd. Like us for information. Myth breaker: You do not have to be in the Rider Levels program to take these courses. All rider ed courses/seminars are for anyone that wants to hone their skills to be a better & safer rider than they already are. Let’s not forget the all important life saving Medic First Aid courses. Everyone is encouraged to take this course. You never know when you might need the knowledge on the road or in your home. Remember –

‘PRACTICE MAKES PERMANENT! YOU ARE WHAT YOU PRACTICE!’

Until next time, Ride safe, Ride alert,

Bill

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“By the Book” articles are intended to help familiarize GWRRA Volunteer Leaders and Members with the policies, procedures, and information contained in the GWRRA Officer’s Handbook (OHB). A copy of the Officer’s Handbook can be found at the following Internet website: [www.gwrra.org/oconnect/officerhandbook.html](http://www.gwrra.org/oconnect/officerhandbook.html)

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

From the Beginning

In the past, By the Book articles have tended to be a bit random. The Officer Handbook, while not intended to be all inclusive, provides the roadmap our Association should follow. The Officer Certification Program (OCP) expands on the Officer Handbook and provides additional direction and interpretations. The contents of the Officer Handbook and OCP are not secret or intended to just be known by officers. Instead all members can benefit from knowing what they contain.

This being a new year, I thought it prudent to begin at the beginning in reviewing the Officer Handbook and will include added input from the OCP.

Every organization needs to have a mission and vision statement. These are the foundation for everything the organization hopes to accomplish. A mission statement defines the fundamental purpose of an organization and succinctly describes why it exists. The vision statement outlines what the organization wants to be. It is a long-term view concentrating on the future and should be a source of inspiration.

GWRRA’s mission statement is as follows:

Established in 1977, the Gold Wing Road Riders Association provides an atmosphere for fun, safety, and knowledge to Gold Wing & Valkyrie motorcycle owners.

The mission statement stands on its own without additional discussion. It completely describes our fundamental purpose for existence—fun, safety and knowledge.

The vision statement is a bit more lengthy as it describes how we are going to accomplish the mission.

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

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

GWRRA is a family-oriented, non-religious, non-political association comprised of owners of Honda Gold Wing and Valkyrie Motorcycles as well as non-Gold Wing owners, our Associate Members.

GWRRA provides a culture which fosters Members with shared values, team concepts and camaraderie. This culture also provides its Members with opportunities for personal development and achievement.

GWRRA’s divisions (programs) work harmoniously as a team to increase the membership base by creating an atmosphere that provides fun, promotes safety, heightens knowledge, and by offering a full range of desirable services and benefits for its Members.

Next month we will begin discussion of how we accomplish each of the vision statement elements as we continue our journey thru the Officer Handbook.

Learn the Truth…Then Pass It Along

Jack Wagner
Region H Trainer
Good Morning Kansas! I want to start off by thanking everyone for the support you have given Medic First Aid and the MFA instructors in Kansas over the last year.

Terri and I are now your MFA Coordinators for the District of Kansas. We intend on supplying the same great service as Jack and Doris gave the District. Even though they are no longer the Coordinators, they will still be available for teaching the fun classes that they always have. Thanks Jack and Doris!

At the current time, there are 4 MFA Instructor/Trainers in Kansas. We are working on training a new instructor for Chapter H. This will give Kansas a good coverage and the ability to give classes on the chapter level as needed.

I also want to thank the students from the 4 chapters who came to Cassoday on Jan 13th. It was good to have such a large class. We held it at Gene Shannon’s NEW club house. A very BIG THANK YOU to Gene for its use. Be sure to stop by on motorcycle Sunday to see it.

The MFA class is very easy to take.

It is no longer an all day class. We can present the CPR and first aid in 6 hours. And there is NO written test. Renewal classes are somewhat shorter. There are 2 upcoming classes, one in Hutchinson for Chapter H the end of February and one in Derby for Chapter P in March. Contact the Chapter Directors for exact dates. Or contact us to schedule a class. Do not worry about the class size as we have enough instructors to handle any size class.

The MFA class is a very good value. I have heard that the same class for the Red Cross can cost up to $100.00, we only charge $25.00 per student. The cards issue upon completion can be shown to the Chapter Educators for the levels program.

Until later---
Steve & Terri Bockhaus  KS MFA Coordinators, MFA Instructor/Trainers
Is GWRRA “force feeding” FUN to its members? We see it everywhere: “Friends for FUN, Safety and Knowledge.” Are you one of those friends having FUN? Do you feel pressured into having FUN! Beware!

The abuse will continue until we see a smile on your face! In last month’s article you may recall, I wrote about someone saying GWRRA was asking too much of its members and taking the FUN out. This month, we’ve been told that we’re trying too hard and that members know how to have Fun and don’t need to be constantly reminded.

The dictionary defines FUN as something that provides amusement and enjoyment. In GWRRA, FUN is a moving target!

What is amusing and enjoyable to one may be boring and a waste of time for another. In our humble opinion, FUN is in the eye of the participant. Ask yourself, who is REALLY in control of your FUN?

Is it National, Region, District, or YOU?

Let’s continue to ride safe and enjoy our friends and family! After all, at the end of the day, isn’t that what we’re all about?

Bill & Dea Ann
Hello fellow bikers...

1st I would like to warn everyone that I'm new to this kind of thing so I am not real sure what to write about so I will probably start out small but as time goes by I'm sure I'll get better at this. Believe me Terri did a good job and I can only hope to be able to fill her shoes (what size did you say you wore Terri). Next I would like to thank Rod Gillett for taking up the pen (or in this case the keyboard) to cover the January newsletter as I was not yet ready to begin my new duty.

As I write this (and you are reading it) the holidays are past and we are in the middle of winter and we finally got our 1st snow...too bad it happened to fall on December 31st which caused us to have to cancel our annual New Year's Day ride but of course that never stops everyone from getting together to enjoy good food, good conversations, and good friends as a lot of you showed up at Rod & Ann's place for the annual Bean Feed (I'm sure there were more than enough beans to go around for everyone)

We had a large turnout for our first Chapter meeting of the New Year which brought about a few changes for Chapter A. First after 5 years Steve & Terri Bockhaus have stepped down as the Chapter Directors for the chapter and I'm sure you will all join me in thanking them for their service. They've put in a lot of hard work over these past years, and I'm sure they were hoping for a good rest but if they think they are going to be able to just sit back and relax for a while forget it because we aren't letting them get away. In addition to their Medic First Aid duties they have agree to be the Couple of the Year for Chapter A for 2013... congratulations Steve & Terri.

Of course when a chapter's director decides that it is time to step down that means that someone else gets to step up to do the job so let's all give a big round of applause and welcome our new Chapter Directors Rod & Ann Gillett and because it's too big of a job to do by themselves (and who want to sit at the front of the room by themselves) as the assistant Chapter Directors we'll give another big round of applause for Marty & Ruth Dannar. We are all looking forward to where they will be taking our Chapter and what new adventures we'll be doing during their leadership.

Another change in the Chapter is that Larry Mazur is the new "Rider Educator" for our chapter. He will be taking over this position from Marty who has been responsible for instructing the Chapter and teaching us new things or reminding us of the things that we already know. I know Larry is looking forward to sharing what he knows and what new information he learns with everyone. (Heck we've already talked about some of the things he should bring up in the meetings).
One of the 1st thing he would like to share with everyone especially those of us who like to play on Facebook is that there is a Facebook page for Rider Ed. [http://www.facebook.com/GWRRAKsDistrictRiderEd](http://www.facebook.com/GWRRAKsDistrictRiderEd) This is a link to the page so go to and hit the “like” button then check in from time to time to learn about what's going on with the Rider Ed program.

The biggest thing that happened in January was our Mid-Winter Rendezvous on the 18th & 19th in Emporia. This year marks 25 years for this event…Happy Anniversary from Chapter A. It was a great party and I hope everyone had a great time. The new District Couple was selected at this event and everyone here in Chapter A would like to congratulate David & Sherri McDonald from Chapter P. They will be a great District Couple and they will enjoy this next year as they meet new people when they attend the different functions and gatherings. And when the time comes for them to go to the region H Convention in 2014 we will be cheering them on as they compete for Region Couple.

Speaking of Region…the Region H convention is fast approaching us. This year it will be in Marshall TX on April 4th thru 6th so mark your calendars and make plans to go if you can.

And it is never too soon to start planning for our state convention which this year will be on September 13th & 14th back in Abilene at the Fairgrounds.

Here are some things on the calendar in February plan to attend as many as you can…if not all of them.

2nd - Medic First Aid class in Yale Oklahoma. Get with Steve & Terri if you would like to attend this class and they can give you information about where & when they will be leaving.

9th - Sweetheart Dance @ 5:00pm in Burns Kansas. I believe the theme is famous couples

14th - Monthly meeting at the Home Town Buffet. Meeting starts & 7:00 but come early and enjoy a meal and visiting with the other members.

21st - Dinner ride - Steve & Terri are in charge and I'm sure wherever they are planning to take us it will be well worth the ride/drive.

26th - Ride to attend Chapter F meeting at the Pizza Hut @ 729 N Main in El Dorado. There is no plan to meet for people to ride/drive together. The eating starts & 6:00, Meeting starts & 7:00 so plan your schedule according to how much of the meeting you wish to attend.

And last but not least here is Funky Monkey's safety tip for the month:

I will close for now and remind everyone that when you are on the road be it 2 wheels, 3 wheels or 4 wheels... remember to watch out for others because they may not be watching out for you.

Thanks

Mary
How far did you ride in 2012? Twenty-nine members of Chapter B rode 386,294 miles. That amount of miles would take us to the moon, and over half way back to Earth. It’s an average of 13,320 miles per reporting member or 1058.3 miles per day for the 365 days of 2012 for a single person. Now, no one in their right mind would ride that many miles per day. But, John English pushed the envelope this past year.

In 2012, John rode 50,819 miles. That averages out to a little over 139 miles each day of the year. If he rode an average speed of 50 mph, he traveled for 1016 hours or 24 hours per day for approximately 42 days. He spent about 11.6% of 2012 riding his bike.

Forty three percent of the total miles ridden by Chapter B were reported by four members. Other high mileage contenders were:
Roger Shores - 42,487 miles
Ed James - 39,060 miles
Bill Groh - 33,560 miles
KS-B

The rider education talk at the January meeting was about the importance of the correct riding attire, especially during the fall season when deer are prevalent. Several members have had the unfortunate opportunity to make the acquaintance of a deer. Eric Wadman presented John Stevenson with the deer helmet trophy. John was the most recent Chapter B member to come face-to-face with a deer.

Twenty two members from Chapter B attended the Mid-Winter Rendezvous in Emporia. A style show of riding attire was Chapter B’s contribution to the event. Members enjoyed showing off their various clothing, boots, and helmets. Dave Patton of Chapter B also entertained the group prior to dinner on Saturday. It was a fun time for renewing friendships with those from other chapters.

Chapter B events for February:
February 17 - Bowling, Royal Crest Lanes, Lawrence
February 21 - Chapter Meeting

Safe travels,
Paula Aiken

The Shores new 2013 Gold Wing
(Photo submitted by Allen Robertson)
Well as usual January was a very slow month. Our New Year’s Day ride to Red Robin was a “come on four wheels” event. It had something to do with a few inches of snow on the ground, however that didn’t stop too many. We had 15 people show up and our bull session lasted for over 2 hours. I think everybody really wants to get back on their bikes and ride though.

Margaret Hanson is enjoying her retirement; however she did comment that they just purchased a new car and that it has a remote starter in it, but she wonders why they hadn’t bought it two years ago when it would have worked well for getting into a warm car to go to work. Not sure if Bill is in the doghouse over that one or not. Marjie Crawford also is recently retired, however nobody knows if she’s enjoying it or not since she and Ron were in Iowa visiting family over the Christmas and New Year holidays. I’m guessing they are having a lot more fun with family than with us crazy folks.

Al Davis is looking for what I consider the impossible. He wants a GL1800, 2006 or newer, yellow in color with less than 25,000 miles on it and at a cost below $12,000 so if anybody happens to know of such a phenomenon give him a buzz so we can get him to stop grumbling and smile.

We held our monthly meeting on Jan 15th and had a pretty good turnout for this time of year. Several things were discussed with Bill starting the discussion out on riding and what different riders do when they enter a curve a little too fast for their comfort level. Many options were mentioned from the various riders for what they do both on two wheels or three. With Brenda being a co-rider, and not getting into the nuts and bolts of what the rider does, she timed our discussion and said it lasted 14 minutes. Not sure if she was bored or what.

Our next meeting will be on the 19th of February at Perkins eat at 6:00 and meet at 7:00.

I received an e-mail from the District’s adopted member from Denmark and he and his family are doing well and he plans on being at Wing Ding this summer so now you have a heads up to be on the lookout for Jens.

The Mid-Winter Rendezvous was held the 18th and 19th. The attendance was good with several other districts represented. Everyone seemed to have a good time between the fun and games and the seminars that were presented. I attended the seminar given by Rick Stevens of Chapter P and he did an excellent job and made the presentation very informative with a lot of good interaction from everyone in attendance. Good job Rick.

Brenda and I didn’t say much about it in advance, but we competed in the District couple of the year selection. We weren’t selected but that honor with to David & Sherri McDonald, directors from Chapter P. Congratulations to David & Sherri.

Chapter C was well represented in Emporia with 10 members in attendance. Since Teresa Gull was unable to attend, because her daughter and three grandchildren were visiting from Florida, Marjie Crawford and Sandy Davis made the sacrifice to pick up the slack in the area of winning. Marjie relieving the “dessert dance” of more than her share of deserts, Brenda also managed to provide some assistance in that area. Both Sandy and Marjie won something in the participation ticket drawings. Last but not least Sandy won one of the Chapter Couple baskets. I’m not sure which one but it had a ton of stuff in it. The event closed with a nice dinner and great company which is always a great way to unwind and make new friends.

Birthdays
11  Randy Anderson
17  Ron Crawford

Don & Brenda Williams
ACD/Newsletter Editors
February F-troop News Letter

Gosh! It’s hard to believe it’s time for another newsletter, time flies when you’re having fun. Chapter F did not have a meeting in December because of the Christmas party. Dale decided that on the school shut down, he would redo all the wiring and lights on the trike. Dale T helped him a couple of days, and Rick K helped him on another day. Dale said he could not have done it without their help. I think after about three days of it, he was wishing he had not started it at all, but he did get it done and can you believe it, he added more lights.

The weather wasn’t good for the Polar Bear Ride, so the ride itself was canceled but Dale went with David and Sherri to Rod and Ann’s for the soup and bean lunch. David, Sherri, Dale and I went to Chapter Q’s meeting on 3 January. It’s a very good way to start the new year with a chapter meeting.

On January 5 Chapter F had a breakfast run to the Newell’s truck stop at Newton. Again I did not get to go because I had to work, Dale said he had a good time.

On January 10 Dale and I went to Chapter A’s meeting. Good turnout and Rod and Ann Gillett are taking over as Chapter Directors with Marty and Ruth as their assistants. Steve and Terry are now the Couple of the Year for Chapter A.

Dale, and Rick Kestler went to Cassoday for a MFA (medic first aid) course. There were 18 students plus instructors and observers, a very good turnout. We would like to thank Gene for the use of Genes clubhouse.

Mid-Winter rendezvous finally got here. It was a good time, meeting old friends and making new friends. Karen Glaves did a great job with bingo.

I really think that this is her job from now on. David and Sherri McDonald are our new district couple, Good Job Guys! Chapter F did very well with the prizes at closing. Russell Harold went home with quite a bit of green paper stuffed in his pockets. Gene Shannon won a coy basket and Janis Mooney won one coy baskets and the cookie ladies basket. The cookie Lady made and had a lot of homemade goodies in her Basket. I didn’t even think twice about giving that one up (was not going to happen).

John and Karen Glaves won a couple of participation prizes.

Congratulations to chapter P for winning the pride table. All the tables were very good and the selection of the winning table must’ve been very difficult for the judges, I’m happy I didn’t have to make that selection.

The cakewalk was a blast even though I didn’t win even one dessert, all in all it was a great time. We are looking forward to the next one.

Chapter F had their meeting on January 22. Good turnout and had several other chapters represented. We had 27 people in attendance at the meeting, including the new Couple of the Year from Chapter A, Steve and Terri Bockhaus. The new Chapter directors from chapter A, Rod and Ann Gillett, Chapter P’s directors and new District Couple of the Year, David and Sherri McDonald.

Dale was presented with his certification as an instructor for GWRRA. Congratulations Dale.
KS-F

We (Janis and Dale) were fortunate enough to be selected as the couple of the year for Chapter F, 2013. Chapter F is a small chapter and we have to recycle those people willing to get involved in the chapter of the year program. But Dale and I would like to believe that we were chosen because we deserve the honor not because we are being recycled.

For pictures of Mid-Winter visit www.gwrraks.com

Dale writes, I want to thank Gerald, Patty, rick and Dale for all the work they did on the pride table for Mid Winter. It looked great.

Thanks to Brenda for putting the Chapter Couple (COY) basket together. You did a great job.

Also want to thank John and Karen for being Chapter couple for 2012. You did a great job and the chapter is very proud of you!
February 2013 Newsletter

Welcome to February. Brrrrr. I am looking forward to some warm riding weather. I don’t know how many planned rides we will make, but I don’t need a plan to ride. When the time comes to get Pegasus out again I will send some emails to see who might be interested in a coffee ride. Always fun to just ride and a coffee run makes it better. Anyone who has the same idea email ksdalet@gmail.com or text me, Dale T, at 620 921 5941. (I use the gmail account when I’m on the road).

Going back to the Newton light parade in December of 2012; 13 riders gave a demonstration of control in front of an estimated crowd of 1000 people. Each rider has approximately 1 hour involved, thus = 13000 hours of safety demonstration ---------Steve Bockhaus

On Sunday, January 14, we went on a dinner ride to Waters Edge in Hesston.

Three members attended the Med First Aid class in Cassoday on Sunday, January 14. It was a good learning experience and everyone attending received their certification. Thanks to Steve and Terri Bockhaus for a fun, knowledgeable training experience. Also thanks to Gene Shannon for providing the clubhouse and Delores for some really good cookies and coffee.
MidWinter was a lot of fun and informative. The weather was good for January. There were many good places to get food – usually the first thing we check out.

IHop was the main breakfast venue.

The most visited was Bruff’s Steakhouse, just a short walk behind the Guesthouse Inn.
Of course we didn’t get any Twinkies since Dolly Madison is closed.

Everyone had fun visiting and swapping stories.
Meeting Night - Friday, February 8th - Brown Bag at 6:30pm  Meeting 7:00pm
Derby Church of Christ 225 N. Derby St, Derby Ks. 67037 in the fellowship hall at the south end of the building.

Polar Bear Ride
The Polar Bear ride this year was cancelled due to snow. Special thanks to Rod and Ann for hosting the bean feed at their house. It was special to get together with our motorcycle friends on New Year’s Day.

Chapter P Pride Table
Congratulations’ to the lady’s of Chapter P for the pride table which took first place at Mid-Winter this year. The prize was 25 dollars. Special thanks to Jim and Carol Lamb for bringing up a chub full of history that was given to them by past directors.
Ks. Q February 2013 Newsletter

Well, once again Mid Winter has come and gone. The attendance was good once again this year; I think the count was 100 to 105 people, not to bad for January. The only problem with the weekend was that it was so nice on Saturday that we should have been riding instead of being inside, who would have thought. We would like to congratulate David and Sherri McDonald; they have been selected to represent Kansas this year as our newest District Couple of the Year.

Jack and I would also like to thank the district for the Honeymoon Suite for that weekend. Just wish we would have had enough hot water to fill the jacuzzi tub. We want to thanks those who helped with our Pride Booth and Couple of the Year Basket, we couldn’t have done it without all of you.

For any of you that haven’t heard yet, we also presented our new Chapter “Q” Couple of the Year at Mid-Winter and they are Jim & Carol Owens. They have been with us for just over a year now and have been very helpful at our events and we have the feeling before this year is over they will have seen all the Kansas courthouses. Jim and Carol presented, Jack and I with a new duck at our January meeting, in recognition of our completing the courthouse challenge in 2012. So don’t be surprised to see “Court” around once in a while. Thanks Jim & Carol!! The next time you see Jim & Carol, ask them about their perfect score for the Newlywed Game.

February Birthdays: Chris Naylor 2nd, Bev Smith 10th,

Anniversaries: Jim & Carol Owens 14th & Duane & Cathy Sherrard 28th.

Be Sure to Check out the District Website at: www.gwrraks.com

Well until the next time,
Jack and Teresa Kistler

PRIDE TABLE

COURT & ALBUMS OF KISTLER’S CRT HOUSE RIDES
I would like to thank all my GWRRA friends for their thoughts, prayers, cards, and those who came when my mother died on December 11th. I appreciate all of it.

I thank you all very much!

Doris Schoeck
Kansas Couple of The Year

David purchased his first motorcycle in 1982 when he was just 19. It was a Honda CX500. At that time he looked at and dreamed of someday owning a Goldwing motorcycle. David and Sherri met some years later in the summer of 1986 and married in 1987. They have lived near or in Douglass Kansas for most of the last 26 years. Since then they have owned a number of motorcycles most of them small Yamahas and Hondas. In 2009 they purchased a GL 1500 and started riding together with Chapter P Wichita. They have attended a number of GWRRA events including many state and region conventions. Sherri held the position as chapter treasurer and they are currently the directors for Chapter P Wichita. Sherri recently left her job with Christ Lutheran Church to spend more time with David and to be available to travel and enjoy many of the GWRRA activities. David is a senior manager for D-J Engineering. Just last year Sherri found David his dream motorcycle on craigslist, a 1981 GL 1100. They have rode it to many GWRRA functions.
Steve and Terri Bockhaus have been members of GWRRA and Chapter A since 2004. They live in Newton and have four children and four grandchildren. (Pretty fast work since they have only been married 15 years!) Steve is a real estate broker and Terri is a Certified Physical Therapist Assistant.

Steve’s first bike was a 200 cc Yamaha. He rode a 500 cc Silverwing when he and Terri were dating. It seemed like a big bike at the time, but then she reports they were both much smaller then. He bought a brand new candy black cherry 1800 in 2005. Terri has always liked motorcycles, but says she never thought she would ever be riding her own. Her first bike was a 2000 Kawasaki, which looked like an old Triumph. She then bought a 900 cc Vulcan before graduating to an 1800 Goldwing bike in 2008. It is illusion red. They report that Terri rode the dragon two days after purchasing her bike (not trike). Together, they have totaled more than 250 thousand safe miles on their two wings.

Steve and Terri have served as Region H Medic First Aid Coordinators, and have recently stepped down from serving Chapter A as directors for the past 5 years. They are the current District MFA Coordinators. They are very excited to serve as Chapter A Couple of the year for 2013.
Dale was born in Charleston, SC and raised in San Antonio, Texas. Janis was born in Argonia, Kansas and moved to Wichita in 1983.

They met in 1984 and their first date was the Wichita Toy Run. They married in 1985 and have enjoyed 27 years together and looking forward to another 27 years.

Dale and two others started the Boeing Motorcycle Club together. The club paid for their wedding and supplied the Preacher. They got married on a Motorcycle at the Boeing Park on Oliver.

Dale’s first ride was a 90cc Honda in 1962 and he also has had a Triumph, BSA Yamaha, Kawasaki and one homemade VW trike. They now have a 2006 Goldwing with a 2010 Hannigan conversion with matching pony trailer.

They have 3 dogs, 2 cats and 1 bird. Janis works at Walmart on East Kellogg as a cashier. She loves to read. She also crochets and knits.

They joined GWRRA in 2010 and it has been none stop, Fun-Safety and Education ever since. They recommend the GWRRA to everyone who has the time to have FUN on motorcycle with friends who are family.

Daryl and Nita Reiger met in geometry class in Oct 1971. They have three children, one son and two daughters and six grandchildren.

Nita works as a RN at the nursing home at the Moundridge Manor and Daryl is the IT director at the nursing home in Pleasant View.

They purchased their first Goldwing, a GL1100, in 1998 and have been riding ever since. They now own a 1994 GL1500, after selling the GL1100 to their son.

They have enjoyed numerous trips to Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma. They have also have gone to several Wings Dings.
Jim and Carol have been members since 2005 and have had lots of great adventures and made many new friends. They hope to do more after they retire, since Jim’s job with the FAA and Carol’s as a scrub nurse with Oral Maxillofacial Assoc. keep getting in the way of having fun.

Jim rides a 2006 Goldwing and Carol has a 2003 Goldwing trike named Ducky. Since the kids are grown with careers of their own they now care for three barn cats, two dogs, two house cats and Carol’s favorite, three llamas. Their names are: Benllama, Tonyklama and Fernando Llamas.

Sometimes it takes a lot of scheduling to everyone cared for so we can leave for a few days. They have held positions as chapter educator, assistant district Educator and District Educator. We now look forward to Chapter Couple which will bring many new experiences.
Vanilla Chip Cranberry Blondies

2 eggs 1 tbs baking powder
1/4 cup canola oil 1/2 tsp salt
1/4 cup unsweetened Apple Sauce 1/2 cup vanilla chips
1 1/2 tsp vanilla 1/2 cup chopped pecans
2/3 cup brown sugar 1 cup dried cranberries, divided
1 1/3 cups flour

In a large mixing bowl, beat the eggs, oil applesauce and vanilla. Combine the flour, brown sugar, baking powder, and salt; stir into egg mixture until blended. Stir in 1/2 cup dried cranberries. (Batter will be thick). Spread into a 13x9x2” baking pan coated with nonstick cooking spray. Top with chips, pecans, and remaining cranberries. Gently press toppings down. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack, cut into bars. (20)

Sour Cream Cookies

2 cups white sugar 1 1/2 tsp vanilla
1/2 butter/margarine 2 tsp baking powder
1/2 cup shortening 1 tsp baking soda
2 eggs 1/4 tsp nutmeg
1 cup sour cream 4 cups flour (approximate)

Cream the sugar, butter, and shortening until fluffy. Add eggs, vanilla and sour cream beating well. Sift dry ingredients and stir into mixture until blended.

Drop by tablespoonful onto a greased cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 10-12 minutes. Makes 6 dozen.

Submitted by Doris Schoeck
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There are fifteen attractions for your entertainment. View the website www.abilenekansas.org.

Registration forms will be available soon. Check the Ks Web page and Kansas Winger for more information.

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Pre-register before August 29th
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For more information contact Garry or Phyllis Van Buskirk, 1.316.321.0896 or triketalk@hotmail.com. Make checks payable to: GWRRA Kansas
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Contact Garry & Phyllis Van Buskirk 316-321-0896 for more information!
The seminars were interesting and informative. One by Marty & Ruth Dannar, The GW University. Another by Rick Stevens, Rider Ed.

David McDonald hosted the Swap Table where members could sell or trade items for their rides. There were games for everyone to enjoy. Poker….
The Dessert Dance hosted by Bill & Sheila Tucker.....

And bingo

The Style Show by Ks-B

The COY (Couple of the Year) judging and results.

The Couple of the Year are David & Sherri McDonald

Congratulations to David & Sherri
The COY baskets were all very desirable which made choosing a hard decision.

And the winner is….

the cookie lady.

The Chapter Pride tables celebrating 25 Years of Mid Winter were all fantastic.
The meeting kicked off with some entertainment from Big Dave

Then the meeting begins…

The meeting began by Sheila & Bill Tucker introducing each staff member with a joke! It was a fun meeting and everyone enjoyed themselves.

We are now looking forward to the other state conventions in our region and also the region convention in Marshall TX. Check the website for information and registration.

Plan to attend as many GWRRA functions as you can. Go to chapter meetings and conventions to have fun and meet people. You never know what you may learn.

It is time to plan our yearly calendar – what events we want to attend as a chapter and what rides we would like to go on. We might also consider some fund raising for our chapter. Some emails went out regarding what members would like in the coming year. Be sure to get yours turned in as it will aid in our planning.

Well, it has been a busy week but very enjoyable. I do believe that the next newsletter will be much shorter.

Although I am not very good at keeping up with birthdays and anniversaries, I always want everyone to know I haven’t forgotten you. So wherever you are, and whenever it is – have a happy one.

February Birthdays/Anniversaries
Birthdays:
Pat Malecki – Feb 2
James Shaw Jr. – Feb 7
Joan Frederick – Feb 11

Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch
Newsletter Editor
Region H, Kansas District, Chapter H

EDITORS NOTE: Many more pictures were submitted but space limited how many I could use. And some were a problem to move around to save space. Check the Kansas Web Page, maybe Dale submitted all of them to the Web Master. My apologizes to Chapter H members.