

KANSAS DISTRICT NEWS



'The Winger'



Gold Wing Road Riders Association

"Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge"

Bill & Sarah Watts
District Directors



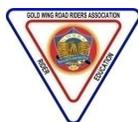
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The Kansas Winger is a monthly publication containing articles submitted by the Chapter Editors and the District Team. These articles are about the activities chapter members participated in and what the coming events are for the chapter.

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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Ride safe and ride often

A Message from your District Directors



Kansas Monthly Newsletter

Bill & Sarah Watts
Grand Master Riders
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Greetings to all of our G.W.R.R.A Family

Sarah and I hope that each of you had a wonderful Christmas Holiday with each of your Families and Friends as we did.

I know both Sarah and I were very glad that we had the opportunity to visit all of our Kansas Chapters organized Christmas gatherings this year. It is always great to be able to get out and see a lot of our G.W.R.R.A. family throughout the state and we had a great time at each of these gatherings.

It's hard to believe that 2017 has passed us by already and 2018 is here. I know both Sarah and I had FUN in 2017 and we are looking forward to keeping it going in 2018.

As 2017 brought about some changes for all of us from the District level right through the Chapter levels as well, we know that the new changes for 2018 are going to be positive. Each and every one of us needs to be ready to embrace them and the the new changes a chance and time to take our great organization to the next level for the future of G.W.R.R.A.

Not all of the changes that are taking place have all the wrinkles worked out yet and some of them are going to be a "work in process" for a while. But that is alright because one of the many things we have discovered about all of you as G.W.R.R.A. family is that you are all an adaptable, positive, and helpful group of great people. And with those three redeeming qualities alone there is not one thing that any of us cannot overcome and make, not only our National, International and Districts but, our Chapter as well, better than they have ever been.

So simply put, here are my challenges for each of you, as we move forward into 2018.

I each of you to step up and volunteer for some-

thing within each of your own Chapters. I really don't know a Chapter Director anywhere that could not use an extra hand with something and most of the time it only takes asking for something to do.

The next Challenge is to keep an open eye for prospective new members and visit with them and invite them to come and give us a look and join the FUN.

But most importantly get a name and contact information and follow up with them. Please don't just leave a prospective member standing there with just information you may have given them and expect them to do the rest of the work because they will think you already forgot about them.

Together let's all take 2018 to the next level and keep the FUN train going forward and keep picking up new passengers along the way.

In closing, every one remember to get your Kansas District Mid-Winter Registrations in by January 13th, 2018 and plan to come join the FUN January 19-20th.

We hope to see all of you there!

Bill and Sarah Watts

Kansas District Directors



KANSAS DISTRICT TEAM



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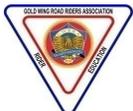
FRANK PATTON AWARD 2017
Bobby & Andrea Shepherd
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GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION KANSAS DISTRICT



2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January 19-20:	Mid-Winter Rendezvous
March 17:	Kansas One Day Summit/Retreat
April 7:	GWRRA Trike Course
April 12-14:	Louisiana Rally
April 22:	MSF BRC2
May 5:	GWRRA Trailering 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



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Your Kansas Rider Education Team wish each of you a very HAPPY-SAFE-HEALTHY 2018 and beyond!

We thank you for your support by attending our Educational Seminars and Riding Courses throughout the 2017 year.

We believe, and many of you have expressed the same, that taking these courses year after year does in fact help you be a better rider. And because the Co-Rider usually participates, the ride gets better.

I must also thank you for taking the life saving Medic First Aid courses we offer every year.

SOME THANK YOU'S!

I want to thank Rick Stevens, Eric Wadman, Jack Schoeck, Bill Hanson, Duane Kalous, Bob Brown for their unwavering dedication to the their respective chapters while serving as Chapter Educators. I'm going to miss you guys as part of my TEAM. Best of luck to you as Chapter Ride Coordinators. The past Chapter Educators are not forgotten for your work. Thanks Gene Shannon and Marv Ayers.

I also want to thank Carolyn Stevens for her dedication for teaching Rider Education course's specifically Co-Rider. Carolyn is retiring from being a Seminar Presenter. HOWEVER, she will still be my right hand Administration helper at the Riding Courses. She is also a very good Exercise Setter-upper. (That means she can set cones with the best of us, right Guys!)

One more Thank you goes to Rick Kistler. I call him our Security Expert. He secures the range for us. Sometime he has to get to range wee hours of the morning then come back and tear down the security barrier. THANK YOU-THANK YOU!

Another thank you goes to the Kansas Twister Drill Team. They have been so supportive and because of them there has been times we would not have a course if they didn't volunteer to take it. And seven of the riders are Master Level IV or higher.

2018 is here. Changes have been made or will be very shortly because of the Re-Structuring that is taking place. But your Ride Ed Team that is left is up and running.

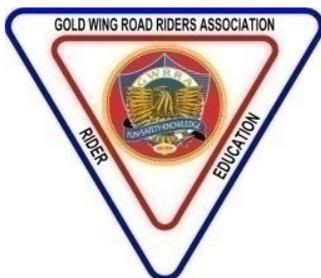
Rick, Bob, Carolyn and I are looking forward to see you at one or more of our Riding Courses, Medic First Aid, and Educational Seminars.

Write down this date. March 17, 2018. Rider Ed and District University Coordinator have put together a KANSAS SUMMIT. It's free except for the Medic First Aid Class.

Come join us in Hutchinson Kansas and experience a full day of enlightenment and have FUN doing it. . We are even going to feed you a noon luncheon, Free.

Take a Rider Course Because: **"PRACTICE MAKE PERMENANT! YOU ARE WHAT YOU PRACTICE"!**

Bill Tucker, Sr. District Educator





Notes from Your District University Coordinator Mark Classen



Kansas GWRRA Members,

Happy New Year!! I really hope that you made it through the holidays and can still fit in your motorcycle pants and chaps!!

Bill let me know that I was a little late in getting this to him this month. Well I have a good reason – my computer froze up, or was that my fingers. Wow it got cold at the end of December.

I really just want everyone to realize that with this New Year new things are coming. Don't forget to sign up and come to Winter Rendezvous for all the fun that we will have. It is a new format and promises to be great. Also on March 17th is your chance to brush up on your education needs and renew your friendships with another meeting our Kansas Summit!

You will not regret coming and this promises to be an exciting Saturday. Check for the schedule in this month's Newsletter. Remember this is completely free, except for the MFA course, which is \$20.00 per person. We are providing lunch so please give me a head count so that we can have enough food for everyone.

This will not be the only chance you will have for seminars this year in Kansas. Under the new guidelines we are going to try to have something every quarter. This is going to be exciting and different. We may be working with your Ride Coordinators and Member Enhancement Coordinators and have things like a "Ride in" location for a seminar. As Clara Boldt, Director of Training said in the last Wing World:

"These quarterly District Training Events promise to have everything – "FRIENDS," the members; "FUN," from our Membership Enhancement Coordinators; "SAFETY," from our Ride Coordinators and Rider Educator; and of course "KNOWLEDGE," from our Instructors and Presenters."

Looking forward to a New Year!

Mark and 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 1st 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
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 2017



Bill and Sheila Tucker

KS- Q

Kansas Chapter Couples 2017

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



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
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 Second Thursday, 7:00p.m.
Country Café
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 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
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 2nd Saturday
Gambino's Pizza
 310 S Main, South Hutchinson
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Chapter 'P'

David & Theresa McDonald CD
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 2nd Tuesday, 7:00pm
Derby Church of Christ
 225 N Derby St, Derby
 Brown Bag- Desserts Provided
 DennyChesnut@FlightSafety.com

Chapter 'Q'

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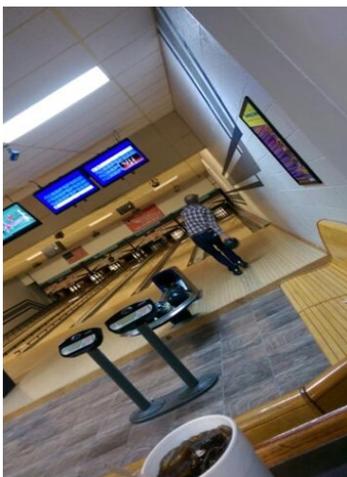
Chapter Couple

Tim & Cindy Howard

Hello everyone...

This is going to be a short article because although a lot went on during the month of December I did not get to participate so I don't have a whole lot of information

For instance, Chapter A's Christmas party was on Friday December the 1st. They went to the bowling alley in Cheney and had a great time. Here are some pictures...but sorry I don't know anyone's score



Next up on December 7th was the annual Backhaus Chili feed & Newton Parade. I understand there were not too many bikes that were there but there were enough to put on a little bit of a show...especially when the parade stalled out for a few moments which gave the riders a chance to show their skills to the people watching. It's always fun to watch the people's reactions when they see the things that can be done on such a big bike when it's being ridden by an experienced rider.

Now on December 14th was Chapter A's monthly meeting. And as always we had a great time visiting with all who attended and this month we got a surprise because we got to visit with Dave and Sharon Hohlfeld who we haven't in a long time.





Here's a picture of the hardest working & best waitress in town (at least on the 2nd Thursday of the month)

Bob Brown our Rider Educator chose for the last lesson of the season to give us a little information about how to "Make the most of your motorcycle during the Off-Season". Just a little information about what you can do to get the most out of your motorcycle downtime and the help you keep looking forward to the riding season.

Safety Court – Brush up on safe driving habits. Enroll in a safety court ahead of time to ensure yourself a spot in the class

Tune up – Take your motorcycle to a licensed mechanic for its official tune up. Doing it now will help keep you safe from serious problems when it's time to ride again

In with the new – you say your mechanic gave you a long list of problems. If that's the case the off season is the perfect time to do some research and save up for that new bike you've been wanting.

Gear up – the right riding gear can make a huge difference. Off season is a great time to see if you are in need of an upgrade...and being that it's the off season you might be able to find what you need on sale J

Review your insurance – the off season is a great time to examine your policy and make any changes you need.

Remember that a great way to meet like-minded motorcyclists is to get out and go to meetings and other get-togethers. It's a great way to meet new riders and to start planning your next group trip.

What to look forward to in January (if my information is correct)

1st – is the Chapters annual New Years Day ride. If the temperature is over 15 degrees the plan is to meet in the parking lot @ 47th & Broadway @ 1:00pm (over in the area behind McDonalds) and go for a ride. Then everyone will meet over and Michelle & Chris Grooms house for dinner.

9th – Marty & Ruth Dannar are in charge of the dinner ride on this evening and although I don't think any of us will be on our bike the plan is to eat @ TJ's which is located at 1003 W Douglas. If you've never been there be ready for a great meal.

There are a few parking spots in front but the best place is the lot behind the building (and they have a back door you can use) I do not know all the details so I hope someone will send out an e-mail with the time as we get closer to the date.

11th - 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.

16th – Larry & Mary Mazur's 30th wedding anniversary

19th & 20th - Kansas's Midwinter Rendezvous is at the Best Western in Park City. Just think...it's the most fun you can have talking about motorcycles when it's too cold to ride motorcycles.

29th – Chris Grooms birthday

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



Chapter B – DeSoto



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Paula Aikens

The Chapter B Christmas party was held on December 10 and enjoyed by thirty attendees. We were happy to welcome District Directors, Bill and Sarah Watts to the event. Roger and Missy Shores graciously hosted the event at the Saddle and Sirloin Club in Kansas City, Missouri. This is a great venue and everyone had a wonderful time visiting while eating all the yummy food provided by the group. Food donations collected went to the food pantry at The Central Church of the Nazarene in Lenexa.



The monthly meeting was held on December 21. Gary and Reba Ohler were introduced as Chapter B's Couple of the Year for 2018 and everyone thanked Ed James for the great job he has done as treasurer for the past several years. Eric Wadman will be taking on that role in 2018.

General Christmas questions were asked during the trivia and Kathy Willis, Brad Willis and Gary and Reba Ohler's daughter got all ten questions correct.

The COY basket for Mid-Winter was discussed and the last Saturday breakfasts will continue during the cold weather months. Leslie Thompson shared yummy Christmas goodies with the group. Thanks Leslie!

Chapter B events for January:

January 1 – Polar Bear Run

January 18 - Chapter Meeting

January 19-20 – Mid-Winter Rendezvous

January 27 – Breakfast Get-Together

Happy New Year,
Paula Aiken

Chapter C - Topeka

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Chapter Web Master John Gull		Chapter Couple Al & Sandy Davis		

We started the month off with our annual planning meeting at the home of John & Teresa Gull with 12 people in attendance.

With Sandy Davis bringing the chili, Suzie Drake the cinnamon rolls and Ken Felch the cookies they got the important stuff taken care of leaving the easy stuff to the other members to bring, however the important dishes for the meeting kept up the tradition.

After being tossed out of the kitchen/dining room by the ladies (who claimed we were in the way!?) the men finally got ordered back so we could get our food or as I should say what was left of the food after it had been picked over by about half dozen women.

Upon finishing our lunch we got down to the secondary item for the get together and that was determining our schedule for the year. That wasn't quite as productive as normal partially because not all members could make it so we have a couple of dates for rides still open. Hopefully that will be corrected when we get together this month. After completing the calendar for the year we killed a little time and then

got out of John & Teresa's hair.

For what seems to be the norm for us this year had our supper ride on the 7th with Bill & Margaret Hanson "leading" us (with only one 180), in our cars to Guy & Mae's in Williamsburg for ribs. Upon arrival we linked up with Jamie & Gayle Conway who promptly informed us that the place was closed because Tuesday was Election Day so the place was closed because it also is a bar. Who would have thunked it but I guess things haven't changed. Anyway we decided that since Poncho's was only 10 miles away we would go there. Being the intelligent folks we are we decided calling first would be the prudent course of action. Good thing because they were closed too. The backup to our backup was Green Acres in Vassar since it was more or less on the route home for 8 of us. After a successful phone call we headed back toward Topeka for what turned out to be a good HOT meal. The specials that night were the Mexican buffet Brenda was the only one that had to be different and have something off the menu. Jamie & Gayle had the buffet and the rest of us had the chicken. and chicken dinner.

Everybody said the food was good and other than Jamie & Gayle's the food was hot. It seemed like everything must have come from the heat source to the table at high speed. Did I say it was HOT?

On the 11th, 9 of us met up at Dillion's in North Topeka and being led by Rick Thompson we headed toward Leavenworth to ride in their annual Veterans Day Parade. Neither the forecast or actual weather looked very favorable, however that didn't stop us. We all just plugged in our heated gear and took off. That is we took off after jumping Rick's trike. NOTE: Gerbings pulls a lot of power when just sitting without the engine running. I'm not saying she ran the battery down because Rick said it is pretty old, but after sitting for about half an hour Rita was toasty warm and the bike wouldn't start. After getting Rick running it was very uneventful for the rest of the trip. As is typical for the parade in Leavenworth it started exactly on time and moved right along. There was a big crowd braving the cooler weather and to the relief of everybody riding we were ahead of the horses.

After the parade we rode to the Depot for lunch which ended up being different to say the least. Brenda was one of the last to walk in and the hostess asked if she was Brenda and if it was her birthday. She said yes to both and was told she was in for it. The first thing they did was bring in some

apple spice cake that looked like donut holes with a candle in one. The wait staff sang happy birthday to her then left. After that I think just about every employee stopped by and wished her a happy birthday. The last two showed up at the door and told Brenda that they had been **told** to come in and wish her a happy birthday. Everybody got a kick out of that one since the two girls didn't act like they thought much of wishing anyone, not giving them a tip, a happy anything.

After ordering and waiting for our food we started looking around since we were in the back room separated from the rest of the world (that happens to Chapter C more often than not. Not sure who has the message tattooed on their forehead. Anyway I digress. Somebody pointed out that according to the signs on the door we were either in the Office or Men's toilet or maybe it was all the same just not sure. The food arrived and nobody complained about the quality. Rita did put her foot down after our waiter patiently explained that she would like their brussel sprouts and she said that might be true but she still wanted the mac & cheese.

After finishing lunch we headed back toward home, of course it started to mist and continued all the way back to our destinations with Brenda and I having the farthest

to ride. John & Teresa and Rick and Rita were kind enough to offer to let us dry-out and warm up at either of their homes and John also offered that we take their car home from Topeka, but we decided to ride back. The Goldwing came thru like a champ and we arrived in Manhattan with just some dampness on our legs which was great considering we didn't have any rain gear on.

The chapter had 6 people venture to the Prairie Nut Hut in Altoona on the 18th for the District "get together" for any better term for it. There were somewhere in the neighborhood of 40 people crammed into a space that looks like it could comfortably hold ½ that, however judging from the noise and the food that was consumed it appears most if not everybody enjoyed themselves. Their "signature" menu item is Rocky Mountain oysters and from what I saw there were many consumed by several people. Brenda and I took a small order home with us and had them the next day. I had eaten them once before many years ago but forgot what they tasted like. They aren't bad in my opinion, however not my favorite item to eat. Now the frog legs that I had while there rank right up near the top of my food list. The day was planned to make it a ride to Altoona, however when we got out of bed Saturday morning the wind was howling. I'm guessing the gusts were in the 30 MPH or higher range and the temperature around 40 degrees so not my idea of great weather to be riding in. It

was decided the six of us would drive so being the thrifty folks that we are, we linked up with John & Teresa in Topeka then picked up Bill & Margaret in Beto Junction and it worked out well as the parking lot was almost completely full when we got there.

We held our final meeting for the year on the 21st with 15 people in attendance. Bill started things off by attempting to explain what his position is evolving to at the first of the year. It's still a bit vague, but I guess National will figure it out eventually. From the perspective of the chapter Bill will continue as he is and we will roll with the flow since what we have in effect is working.

We finalized what is needed for the Christmas Party, however neglected to discuss the New Year's Day ride to Red Robin. Since I messed that up I'll put the word out again right here. We will meet at Red Robin in Topeka at noon on January 1st, 2018 riding if weather will permit and plan on having a noisy time with large servings. We normally end up with around 20 people so I'm hoping for more this year because the more the merrier.

All the available information for all the different Chapter Christmas parties was discussed along with the Bockhaus Chili Feed in Newton.

. In addition I relayed that Ron & Marjie Crawford (former chapter directors) would like to hold a BBQ for the chapter some-time in the coming year. Ron has been advised to check the calendar after the first of the year and pick a non-conflicting date. More information will be provided when available.

Mid-winter was briefly discussed and then we held the 50/50 drawing with Bill & Margaret winning the larger one and Brenda and I finally winning, I think this was our first one this year or maybe even for 2 years. I think somebody has been hiding our tickets in the past since our number normally isn't within 1000 of the winning one and we never have that many people there.

With the 50/50 over we packed it up and headed home until next year.

Birthday 27th Rita Thompson

Anniversary 7th Ken & Arlene Felch

Don & Brenda Williams
CD/Newsletter Editors



Chapter F - El Dorado



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GREETINGS from Chapter F!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! May it bring joy and success to all of you!

We held our yearly Christmas party on Saturday, December 2, 2017. Chapter P joined us this year and for the actual party we had 38 people attend. We had a really pretty day for the event and we had a great time! There was plenty of food and we had some games and our usual fun on the gift exchange. We had guests come from almost every chapter in Kansas. Thank you to all who came and shared with us!

Several from our Chapter visited Chapter Q and Chapter C for their Christmas Parties in December and most of our Chapter attended the wedding of David McDonald and Theresa on December 10, 2017 at the Douglas City Senior Center. We had fun at the other Christmas parties and we would all like to Congratulate David and Theresa on their marriage and wish them many years of happiness!

Dennis Kramer's birthday was December 3 and we hope he had a wonderful birthday. We also would like to express our sympathy to Dennis as he lost his mother in December.

Please remember that Mid-Winter is coming up the 19th and 20th of January, at the Best Western Motel in Park City, Kansas. We look forward to seeing a lot of you there.

January, 2018 will bring many changes for our GWRRA families and we look forward to embracing the new changes as they come along from National. Please remember to look for messages from our District Director Bill Watts as he gets them and then passes them on to us.

For January, the birthdays are: Karen Graves, January 3, Doris Schoeck, January 3 and Brenda Kistler, January 8, 2018. There are no Anniversaries.

Jack and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our GWRRA family for all that you do for GWRRA and for us. We appreciate all of you very much!!

Until next time, remember to ride often and ride safe!

Submitted By,
Doris Schoeck, Chapter Newsletter Editor

Note: Pictures on following pages of our Christmas Party with Chapter P. ENJOY!





HAPPY NEW YEAR

May Every Day Of 2018
Bring you Happiness
And
A Healthy and Safe Year
NOW
And
FOREVER



A Year End Review



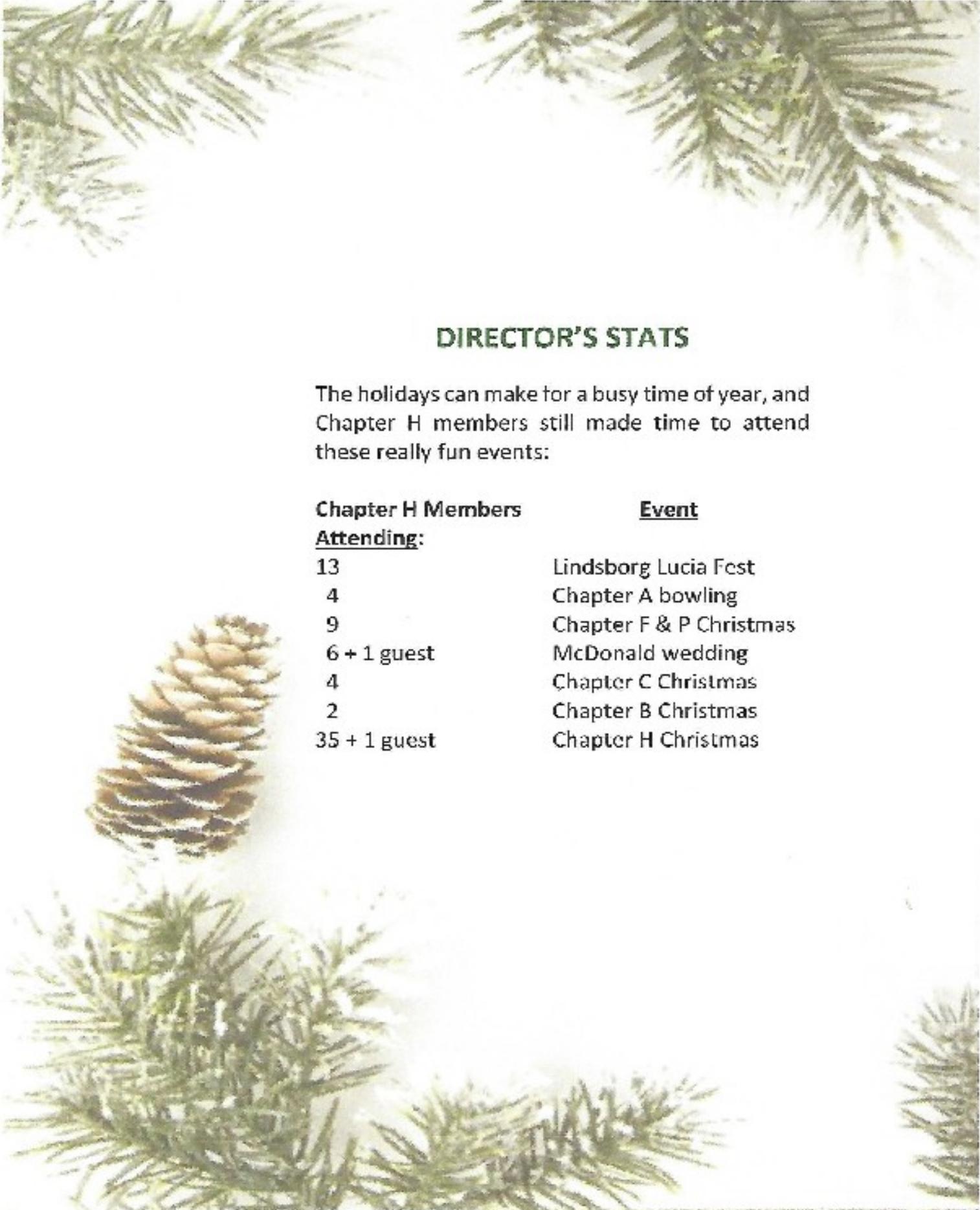
As 2017 comes to a close, we here at Chapter H would like to extend our sincerest wish to all of you for the happiest of new years.

“Out with the old and in with the new:
May you be happy and healthy the whole year through.
Happy New Year!”

**READY OR NOT HERE IT COMES
HAPPY NEW YEAR**



2018



DIRECTOR'S STATS

The holidays can make for a busy time of year, and Chapter H members still made time to attend these really fun events:

Chapter H Members

Event

Attending:

13	Lindsborg Lucia Fest
4	Chapter A bowling
9	Chapter F & P Christmas
6 + 1 guest	McDonald wedding
4	Chapter C Christmas
2	Chapter B Christmas
35 + 1 guest	Chapter H Christmas

**JANUARY**

- 13 Chapter Gathering and Bugsy's Birthday Bash
19-20 Mid-Winter Rendezvous, Wichita
27 MFA at Delos V Smith Senior Center, Hutchinson (10am - 2pm)

FEBRUARY

- 10 KS-P Valentine Dinner - Derby

MARCH

- 10 Maintenance Day at Watts 9am
11 Daylight Saving Time Start - Set your clocks forward 1 hour!
17 KS Summit Retreat at Delos V Smith Senior Ctr, Hutchinson

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

DECEMBER 9, 2017
Lindsborg, Kansas
Lucia Festival



Christmas PARTY





Hi everyone!

For those new members who have not yet had the pleasure of meeting me, let me introduce myself!

I'm BUGSY! the Chapter H mascot.

From time to time I go home with a lucky member and we take pictures together doing fun things so I can put them in my photo album to remember the fun times!

At our next gathering on January 13, 2018 at Gambino's in Hutchinson, I will be celebrating my birthday! I would like it very much if all of you would join me for the celebration!

Hope to see you there!

BUGSY'S BIO

KS-H MASCOT

I was born in Osage Beach, Missouri in 1985. My mom was 82 at the time. I think my father was in some fabric store. Gary and Phyllis VanBuskirk were District Officers at the time and they took me in. I then traveled to Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Iowa, Illinois and Texas.

In 2011 I was adopted by Kansas Chapter H. I have a loving family and a good home with KS-H. They provided me with new clothes and riding gear and I have traveled to several destinations on their rides.

I have had the privilege of attending State rallies and always look forward to seeing my old friends and meeting new ones at all of the rallies. I also try to make it to Wing Ding whenever I can and compete for best mascot.

You will always see me at Chapter gatherings and I get to ride with different members on most of our adventures. I really enjoy traveling with my GWRRA family. They are a fun bunch and always keep me safe. Check out my photo album to see all of the fun things I've been up to!

I also like having my picture taken wherever I go. So if you would like to have your picture taken with me, just ask! I'm happy to oblige!

Please come by and visit me at the Chapter H gatherings and GWRRA rallies. You can also follow my adventures on our Facebook page under GWRRA KS-H.

May you always ride safe and always have fun.

Bugsy



Chapter P – Wichita



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David & Theresa McDonald
316-213-5712

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Dennis & Kathy Chesnut
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Rick & Carolyn Stevens
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Chapter MEC

Phyllis VanBuskirk
316-323-4027

Chapter Couple

Dennis & Kathy Chesnut
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Meeting Night

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

Rides last month:

Chapter P Christmas party was held in conjunction with Chapter F in Cassoday Kansas.



Tuesday December 12th. Chapter P met at Taco Rio for dinner then off to Botanica to see the Christmas lights



Theresa and I would like to thank all GWRRRA family for making our wedding such a special day. We had over 100 people in attendance and I did manage to get all the bird seed out of my car. Thank you all.....



Looking Ahead

January 1 please join us for a Bean Feed on New Year's Day party at Garry and Phyllis's house. We will eat at 1:00 PM and play games and have a great time. Please email Phyllis at gvanbuskirk@cox.net or phone them at 316-321-0896 to let her know if you are coming. Hope to see all of you there.

February 10 we will once again be having the Valentine's Sweetheart Dinner, all chapters welcome. It will be held at the Derby Church of Christ 225 N. Derby St, Derby Ks. 67037 6:30pm in the fellowship hall at the south end of the building, there will be a cost of \$10 a plate everyone planning on attending should contact **Kathy Chestnut** Kathy@berexco.com or Denny at flitcrew@aol.com by February 2nd to RSVP



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS –1/30 Kathy Chesnut



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES- None

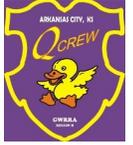
Everyone have a safe month!

David & Theresa McDonald

Directors Chapter P



Chapter Q – Arkansas City



Meet in Ark City 1st Thursday each month at the Kansas Buffet 7pm—Eat at 6pm

Sr. Chapter directors
Jack & Teresa Kistler

Chapter Treasurer
Sheila Tucker

Chapter Ride Coordinator
Duane & Vickie Kalous

Chapter MEC
Judy Eggleston

Kansas “Q” January 2018 Newsletter

We hope that all of you had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends. Ours was definitely better this year, after having our son-in-law in the hospital last year; it was great to have everyone home this year.

As expected the month was filled with Christmas parties. We started going to Chapter A’s party at Cheney Bowl. Jack and Bill Tucker did some bowling while I just sat and visited with everyone, we had a great time. Unfortunately we were unable to attend the other chapter Christmas gatherings, however we were told that we missed some good times.

We would like to say Thank You to all of you that were able to attend our December meeting/Christmas party and also help celebrate Jack’s birthday. It was a night of giveaways for KSQ. We started with our monthly challenge for \$1200.00, but sorry to say no one won (at least not the real stuff). The winners of the Dillon’s gift cards were, Duane Kalous and Andrea Shepherd. Thanks go out to Sheila Tucker and Vickie Kalous for decorating and making the table centerpieces that were also given away. Finally, it was time for the 50/50 but this month we gave it all back since it was Christmas. It was a fun night and we hope that all that attended enjoyed it.

On January 19-20 our Mid Winter event in Park City will be going on, so please mark your calendars to attend and enjoy the fun and games that have been planned.

Our one and only birthday for January is Bobby Shepherd on the 28th. Happy Birthday Bobby!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!

LET’S MAKE THIS A GREAT YEAR FOR KANSAS GWRRA!

Until the next time,
Jack and Teresa Kistler



Kansas



Mid-Winter Rendezvous

January 19-20, 2018

Theme "Wing Out The Old""Wing In The New"

AT Best Western North
915 E 53rd St North
Wichita, KS 1-866-503-5700

Here is a glimpse of the Rendezvous 2018 activities.

Some Old, Some New, All Fun

Banquet-Medallion Hunt

District Theme Table

COY Baskets - District Couple Selection

Black Jack - Bingo - Farkle

Dessert Dance Yum! Yum!

Crafts - Free Popcorn

Swap Meet - Fifty/Fifty

*Games: Three Headliners- 'A Minute to Win It',
'Table Scavenger Hunt' and 'The Baseball Game'*

Many more games available on the tables





KANSAS
MID-WINTER RENDEZVOUS
January 19-20, 2018
XXVIII

"Wing Out the Old - Wing In The New"

Best Western North Wichita KS
915 E 53rd St North
1-866-503-5700
316-832-9387

\$79.99 + tax

Breakfast included for up to 4 People
Pets \$10.00 per day (1/2 fee to KS
Humane Society)
Rooms blocked until December 20th

Ask for "GWRRA Mid-Winter" rooms

'Couple of the Year Selection' 'Musical Dessert Dance' 'Crafts' 'Farkle'
'Baseball Game' '50/50 Drawings' 'Medallion Hunt' 'Puzzles'
'Banquet' 'Black Jack' 'Bingo' "Table Games" 'Free Popcorn' 'Swap Meet'

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Rider: _____ GWRRA # _____ Email _____

Co-Rider _____ GWRRA# _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Your Chapter _____ Your District _____

Registration Fee: \$30.00 per person

My Choice of entrée at Banquet is: Chicken _____ Beef _____

(If both want chicken enter 2 if one is chicken-one is beef enter 1 and 1)

I/We agree to hold harmless GWRRA, Kansas District, any Co-sponsoring organizations, and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or personal property when participating in this event. I/We agree to assume responsibility for any property that I/We damage.

Rider Signature _____ Date _____

Co-Rider Signature _____ Date _____

Make checks payable to: **Kansas District GWRRA**. Mail to: Judy Eggleston, 3307 Osage Crt, Winfield KS 67156

For additional information contact Bill or Sarah Watts, KS District Directors at 620-728-8347 (Bill) or 316-213-3084 (Sarah). E-mail them at (Bill) Watts_bill@yahoo.com (Sarah) saray710@yahoo.com
Bill & Sheila Tucker Event Coordinators wtucker1@cox.net Cell 316-215-2782 Home 316-777-1052

KANSAS MID-WINTER RENDEZVOUS

"WING OUT THE OLD"



"WING IN THE NEW"



XXVIX

JANUARY 19-20, 2018

You should receive participations tickets at each game you play. If not contact Donna Sand.

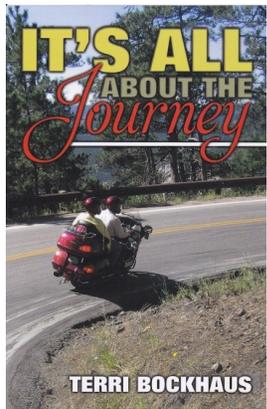
TIME	FRIDAY 19th	LOCATION	CONTACT
5pm-8pm	Registration - Volunteers contact Judy Eggleston	So. Atrium	Judy Eggleston
6pm-9pm	Table Games - Bingo- Games- Visitation	So. Atrium	Sheila Tucker Kathy Chesnut
6pm-9pm	Couple of the Baskets check in	So. Atrium	Rick & Brenda Kistler
6pm-9pm	Mascot, Scrapbook check in and hang banners	So. Atrium	Mark & Linda Classen
6pm-9pm	Popcorn 'Free' Drinks 50 cents	So. Atrium	Jack Schoeck
7pm-8pm	Black Jack - New way of playing	So. Atrium	Jack Kistler
7pm-8pm	Bingo	Regency II	Doris Schoeck
8pm-9pm	Table Scavenger Hunt (Prizes to win)	So. Atrium	Sheila Tucker Kathy Chesnut
	SATURDAY 20th		
7am-8:30am	Couple of The Year Meet/Greet/Eat with Judges	Regency IV	Rick & Brenda Kistler
8am-4pm	Fill out 'Find a Friend That Is A' & 'Find a Person That' sheets and deposit proper container. Will draw one ballot from each container for a Gift Card.		
8am-11am	Registration - Volunteers contact Judy Eggleston	So. Atrium	Judy Eggleston
9am-4pm	Popcorn 'Free'	So. Atrium	Jack Schoeck
8:30am-9am	Opening ceremonies	So. Atrium	Bill & Sarah Watts
9am-Until Found	Medallion Hunt	Anywhere	Jeff Whithorn
9am-10am	District Couple of the Year Selection	So. Atrium	Rick & Brenda Kistler
10:15am-11:45am	Minute To Win It'	So. Atrium	Sheila Tucker & Kathy Chesnut
10:15am-11am	Picture with Snowman at southeast wall of Atrium Pictures used to seat you at Banquet	So. Atrium	Dave Beranek
11:45am-12:45pm	Chapter Ride Coordinators Luncheon & Discussion Session	Regency IV	Rider Ed Team
12PM-1PM	LUNCH On Your Own - Hotel has a buffet in Restaurant		
1pm-3:30pm	Swap Meet south end of Atrium	So. Atrium	David McDonald
1pm-2pm	Crafts	Regency IV	Michelle & Debbbie
1pm-2pm	Black Jack	So. Atrium	Jack Kistler
1pm-2pm	Bingo	Regency II	Teresa Gull
1:45pm-1:55pm	Place desserts on table on stage for Dessert Dance	So. Atrium	Bill & Sheila Tucker
2pm-3pm	Dessert Dance - Only one dance this year	So. Atrium	Bill & Sheila Tucker
3pm-4pm	Chapter Directors & Treasurer's Turn in Required Reports to Judy	So. Atrium	Judy Eggleston
3pm-5pm	The Baseball Game - Prizes Available	Regency II	Sheila Tucker & Kathy Chesnut
4:30pm	CLEAR SO. ATRIUM FOR BANQUET SET UP BY HOTEL STAFF		
6pm	DINNER & CLOSING of a FUN DAY OF ACTIVITIES Seating by pictures- Special seating for Chapter Couples Please do not move pictures - Thank You	So. Atrium	Bill & Sarah Watts
During closing	Play off in Black Jack if needed	So. Atrium	Jack Kistler

If you didn't receive participation tickets at the game, contact Donna Sand.

The District Team thanks all for attending and participating at Mid-Winter Rendezvous #29

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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.



IT'S ALL ABOUT THE JOURNEY

From back seat driver to drill team Rider



As featured in Wing World Magazine

by Terri Bockhaus

tmbockhaus@cox.net

"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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