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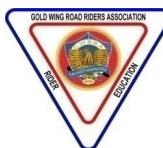
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Ride safe and ride often





A Message from your District Directors

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Jack & Doris Schoeck
Grand Master Riders
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Happy Fourth of July! Remember to stay cool as you ride as the heat can be an enemy to a good ride.

As we begin the month of July, there are a lot of rides planned by the chapters across the state. Check the calendars on the Website and then call up the chapter director of any chapter and tell them you would like to join one of their rides. It would get you into some different country for your ride and you might even make some new friends in the process!

On a sad note, we got a message that a GWRRA friend from Oklahoma passed away on June 19th. Our sympathy and prayers go out to June Stuckey and her family on the death of her husband, Mike Stuckey. They have attended the last several Mid-Winter and Kansas Rally events.

In June, Brenda Kistler and Sheila Tucker of our State Staff both had shoulder surgery. They are both home and appear to be doing much better, for which we are all glad.

As all of you know, our Kansas State Campout was cancelled due to the flooding at the Council Grove Lake in Council Grove, Kansas. We were sorry we could not reschedule that, but we were not given enough notice and the other place I checked was also flooded and most of the surrounding area at the time was also flooded. Hopefully we can do better next year with this event.

Bill and Sarah Watts are getting married on June 27th but that is after the Newsletter is due so that will have to be reported on next month.

September 13, 2015, will be the Sunday of our State Fair Ride in Hutchinson, Kansas at the State Fair Grounds. This is always a lot of fun and we get to meet a lot of new people as they are always stopping to ask about our bikes and our organization. We hope a lot of you can attend this event.

State Staff continues to work on the Kansas District Rally that is coming up September 18-19, 2015 at the Best Western Motel in Park City, Kansas. We are plan-

ning some really fun things to do and are excited to be putting the Rally on for all our friends in Kansas and the surrounding states. Remember to send in your registrations and make your reservations at the motel. Chapter Directors, remember to have your Airplanes to race, as this event generates a lot of fun!

Remember also that we will have a West Picnic Ride to Greensburg, Kansas on Saturday, September 26th. This is the Saturday after our Rally in Wichita. Hopefully a lot of you can attend this. It should be cooler hopefully, at that time of the year.

We were able to get to more meetings this month and hopefully the ones we did not get to this month, we can attend next month. There is a lot of activity going on in each of the Chapters and we are excited about that. Chapter F now has new Chapter Directors. Everett and Carol Chastain from Howard, KS have taken over and we gave them their oath of office and their Chapter Certification this past Tuesday, at their monthly meeting. We welcome them and know they will do a great job for the State of Kansas!

We got to attend the Missouri Rally in Branson, Missouri the first weekend in June and had a really good time. It is the first time in many years that we have attended and we saw many friends from that area who were some of our first friends in GWRRA. It was exciting and fun to get to see and visit with them and to make some new friends from that area!

Until next time, Ride Safe, Stay Cool and Ride Often.

Jack and Doris Schoeck, Kansas District Directors

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GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION KANSAS DISTRICT



2015 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS Kansas & Region



August 8-9: ICC, (Instructor Certification TC/TRC)

September 3-6: Wing Ding, Huntsville Alabama

September 13: KS State Fair Ride In

September 18-19: Kansas District Rally, Best Western Hotel, Park City Ks

September 26: KS District West Picnic Ride, Greensburg

October 3: Trike Trailering Course, Wichita

October 10: Two Wheeled Trailering Course, Wichita

October 15-17: Oklahoma District Rally Sequoyah State Park, Wagner, OK

Oct 30/Nov 1: Rider Education Safety Weekend Retreat

November 14: Region 'H' Team Meeting, Marshall TX

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March 16-19: Region 'H' Rally, Marshall TX

March 31-April 2: Louisiana Rally

May 18-21: Texas Rally

Memorial Day Weekend: Arkansas Rally

TBD Kansas Rally

GWRR A Kansas Chapters, Chapter Directors and Get-Together Time & Place

**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.

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Chris & Michelle Grooms



CHAPTER B COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Richard Bogie & Mary Rose Enderle



CHAPTER C COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Gary & Susie Drake



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Kansas Chapter Couples 2015

CHAPTER H COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Bill & Sarah Watts



CHAPTER P COUPLE OF THE YEAR

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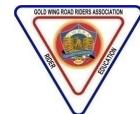
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Doesn't time fly when you are having 'FUN'! It is article time again.

First a glimpse at what we participated in this past month. It was ZOO time again. In May I rode with KSQ to a Safari Zoo in Stafford MO. June brought on another zoo in Caney KS, southeast part of our great state. I had no idea that zoo was there, but it has been for some 20 plus years, privately owned. What a great show the keepers and animals put on for us. It is guided tour type zoo and worth every penny. It took about 1 and 1/2 hrs because we were taking the tour at mid-morning feeding time. What a 'best kept secret' place to go. It is well worth your time to get a group together, mount your Wing and head that way. Thanks to Bill and Sarah Watts, KSH for getting this ride together. They even let Sheila & I lead them on back roads to Caney and different back roads back.

I attended Chapter 'A', 'B', 'F', 'H', 'P', and 'Q' gatherings. Only missed KSC and that was because I was a little under the weather. Watch out KSC. I'm heading your way next month.

With help, I have been able to schedule two Medic First Classes in our district. The first is July 18th in Wichita. It will be hosted by KSP at Rick & Carolyn Stevens home, Chapter Educators for 'P' and one of my assistant District Educators. If you have an interest in taking this renewal 4 hour training, contact Rick or Carolyn and reserve a spot. Jack and Doris Schoeck are the instructors.

The second one will be northeast with KSB the hosts. The date for that one is November 21st. and will be held at a church. More information to follow. Jack and Doris will be the instructors.

The third MFA class is being sponsored by KSH, Hutchinson. Marv Ayers the Chapter CE and Assistant District Educator is setting that one up. No date as yet. Marv and I will be the instructors for that one.

In all of the CPR/First aid classes you will have an opportunity to use an AED. This life saving equipment is everywhere now days and we need to be familiar with them. Might just save a life.

What other stuff does your rider Ed team have for you? At the Kansas Rally in September you will have the opportunity to participate in four 'on bike/trike' challenges. Some have been around for some time but not made available for years. This is a DO NOT MISS opportunity for you and your co-rider to have 'FUN' defeating these rides. It's FREE. They are scheduled for Friday and Saturday mornings before it gets Kansas hot.

This is down the road (time wise) and mentioned in an earlier article. The first ever 'Kansas Rider Education Safety Weekend Retreat' is coming together.

nuedMy team and I plan, not only educational opportunities, but a 'FUN' not done before riding exercises that will give you challenge but rewarding experience. Mark your calendar for October 30th through November 1 as an 'Opportunity to improve self and have 'FUN' doing it.

I'm in the process of writing an article to be posted on the Rider Ed page of our super good Kansas GWRRA web page, thanks to the outstanding work by Dale Tritsch, our Web Master. I think I will knight him and address him as 'Sir Dale' for all the time he devotes to making the web page enjoyable. Keep it up Dale.

Closing with an observation. There are rides in abundance to take to very interesting places with 'FUN' safe riding people to go with. Most have taken "Team Riding" or "Road Captain "Seminars and know how to ride safe in a group. Makes a lot more fun doesn't it! Check out the seven chapter event calendar and join them. They will welcome you as family, and you are GWRRA family.

One more non-rider Ed related activity. My 80th Birthday Burger Bash (BBBB) July 11, 2015. See flyer in Winger.

See ya soon! Enjoy the ride and remember!

"PRACTICE MAKES PERMANANT! YOU ARE WHAT YOU PRACTICE!"
Bill Tucker, MSF/GWRRA Motorcycle Rider Coach

"If you keep doing what you are doing, you will keep getting what you are getting!"
Martin Hall, PGA Teaching Professional

Bill & Sheila, Your District Educator's

Your Rider Education Team is eager to serve you. You only need to ask!

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July is here and I can't believe that this year is now half over, which means Christmas will be here before you know it. But before we get there let me talk a little bit about what went on in June.

The 1st thing that happened is the Missouri District convention was the 1st weekend of June and it's where Kansas Twisters put on their 2nd show of the year. I'm not going to talk too much about that because I'm sure that Steve will have a lot to say about it on the Twister page in this newsletter. What I am going to do is show you pictures of something that you don't see very often...a Goldwing being worked on by the side of the road.



Granted they are just taking the hitch off of Steve's bike and putting it on Larry's so he could pull Steve's trailer and help relieve some of the pressure off of his bike as it was having mechanical problems but you have to admit it is a rare event. (And yes that is Bob supervising the work)

On the 11th we had our monthly meeting at Golden Corral on east Kellogg and it was a pretty good crowd with 32 people in attendance.

Larry gave the Rider's Ed lesson because Bob was suffering from a tooth ache and he taught us 5 key points to safe riding: 1-assume that you are invisible to other drivers, 2-Look where you want to go, 3-Counter steer, 4-Use both brakes, 5-Never stop riding the bike.





The dinner ride was on the 24th and they went to Jeri's Kitchen in Kingman.

I'm sure all who attended enjoyed it and as you can see it was a very big crowd.

Now here is a list of some of the things that are coming up in July.

1st - Canada Day

4th - Independence Day there may be a ride on this day to go someplace to watch fireworks...I'm sure an e-mail will be sent out with information if there is

7th - Ruth Dannar's birthday

9th - Chapter meeting @ the Golden Corral on East Kellogg. Meeting starts @ 7:00 but come early to eat & visit with the other members.

14th - Steve Bockhaus's birthday

16th - Glen Koch's birthday

22nd - Ann Gillett's birthday

31st - Debbie Gattenby's birthday

The dinner ride for July is being planned by Chris Grooms. Looks like the date may be the 25th but not sure of time or place so I'm sure we will be given more information as it becomes available

Some other events to think about and put on your calendar.

August 2nd The chapter is planning a ride up to Cassiody for "Biker Sunday" (Larry's leading and meeting time & place will be announced soon)

Sept 3rd Wing Ding starts in Huntsville Alabama

Sept 13th - Kansas State Fair ride

Sept 18 & 19 Kansas District convention in Park City

As I write in every newsletter...if you attend an event or go on a ride and would like to let others know about it just send me pictures and a background story. I would love to include it the newsletter. Send it to me at scarymary1210@sbcglobal.net

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



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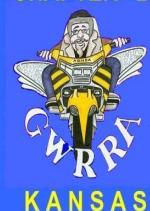
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CHAPTER "B"



The cooler weather followed Chapter B through the end of May as we journeyed to Cameron, Missouri to visit a Victorian Home and the nearby Shatto Dairy. Roger and Missy Shores led the ride on scenic back roads from DeSoto to Cameron. Twenty five people enjoyed the trip including a stop in Plattsburg, MO to see the statue of Missouri Senator, David Rice Atchison. Atchison was supposedly the twelfth president of the United States for a single day in 1849. However there are several extenuating circumstances that refute this, and others that claim it is true. Only through research will you, the reader, be able to form your own opinion.



Lunch at Dino's Diner in Cameron, where we were joined by Roger and Missy's friend, Dixie Pollard, was excellent. Following lunch we toured Dixie's Victorian home. Dixie's family has farmed and ranched in the Cameron area for over one hundred years. She graciously opened her home for us to look around and explore her treasures, told us some of the history behind the house and her family, and also provided us with dessert and drink while we were there. When we left she walked with us to the parking area and took a ride on a Goldwing. What an interesting time it was.



The Shatto Dairy was the final stop of the day where we were treated to ice cream that they make. Some of the group ventured to the barns to see the baby calves while others purchased cheese and butters to bring home. It was a great trip and fun for all.



The sun finally made an appearance in time for the dinner ride on June 4. Dave Aiken led a group of eleven bikes to K & M Barbecue in Spring Hill. The back room already had several full tables when we arrived and twenty five people enjoyed excellent barbecue, conversations, and camaraderie.

Mary Rose Enderle and Bogie Bogenrife led a group of three motorcycles and two cars to Waterville, KS on June 14 to attend a fund raiser to restore the old Waterville Opera House. A stop in St. Mary's for lunch at Froggy's allowed a second group of six to join up, but the first group left them behind once again and took the scenic route via Tuttle Creek Reservoir. After traversing the route around the reservoir three times the group finally arrived in Waterville where the second group was already seated and waiting.

After seeing a great performance by an Elvis impersonator, everyone journeyed to the hotel across the street for ice cream. There was a stop on the way home at Helen's Hilltop Harley Motorcycle Dive near Tonganoxie. We understand that "what happens at Helen's, stays at Helen's". But fun and good times were had throughout the day.



June 20 found the Chapter B pace car, driven by John and Donna Stevenson, leading the group to Jamesport for the annual meal and exploration. A stop at the furniture store as well as other interesting stores provided for fun shopping along with the wonderful Amish meal. Everyone ate too much, but enjoyed the day.



Congratulations to Janice James for receiving her Level IV rider education patch.

Chapter B events for July:

July 2 - Dinner Ride

July 16 - Chapter Meeting

July 25 - Breakfast Ride/ Blackberry Run

Safe travels,
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We started the month off with almost perfect weather for our supper ride to Poncho's in Ottawa on the 2nd led by John & Teresa Gull. It was also an almost birthday ride for Teresa as she turned the big 60 the day before. She did seem to be a bit creaky walking around. We had 6 bikes and 12 people on the ride and also met Gary and Susan Drake at the restaurant. The staff got things right by putting us in the back of the room they had closed off to the general public. As is par for Poncho's the food was good and plentiful. If you leave there hungry it's your fault. We sat around and shot the breeze for so long that it got dark on us before we got back to Topeka. Just as it was dark enough for the headlights to be doing some good Rod Williams hit something with his rear wheel and did a bit of a zig zag directly in front of me. There was nothing unsafe about the move, but it was a surprise. Neither Rod nor I saw what he hit. We stopped when we had an area where we could get off the road and have some extra light and looked the trike over. There was a scuff mark on the sidewall of his tire. It just goes to show you that even if you are on the alert something can come out of nowhere and give you a surprise. After looking over Rod's trike we all headed home and arrived without further incidents.

Our extended ride was scheduled for Saturday the 13th. It was supposed to be a surprise destination and was going to be a little longer than our normal extended rides. However on Thursday John (the ride leader) checked the forecast and decided it would not be a good idea to try the ride because

of the forecast of thunderstorms over pretty much the entire area of the ride. Utilizing my 20/20 hindsight he made the correct decision. When we would have had to leave the house for Topeka it was raining and it rained off and on all day with some lightning and thunder mixed in just to add to the mess. Personally I am of the mind that if you have to put on rain gear to start a ride then stay home unless it is something that more or less must be done like a vacation trip. John had forgotten that Teresa and he had also signed up for the July extended ride so he didn't even get much relief from planning a ride.

Our monthly meeting was held on the 16th at Perkins with 16 people in attendance to include Galen & Dee Baird from Arizona. They also have a place in Manhattan and get to visit the Chapter once or twice a year. Gary started things off reminding everybody to not forget to check the air in their tires. That is something that is overlooked way too often and with the stiffness in the sidewalls of the Goldwing tires they can be way low on air and not show it at all. It was also mentioned a motorcycle rider was killed just south of Topeka on US 75 earlier in the month when he ran into the back of a semi. Nobody had heard any kind of reason for this to happen but it goes to show that it's very easy to end up in a bad situation quick.

John Gull brought up that Go Daddy (our website provider) is changing their servers and also no longer using Front Page as the software.

KSC Continued

Our website was constructed many years ago using Front Page. John worked with his son Jamie to convert things to HTML, however he warned the Chapter that it might go blank toward the end of the month. It was decided to just wait and see if the "fixes" worked. If they don't then something else will have to be done and a decision will be made at that time.

Bill Tucker will have a birthday party at his home in Mulvane on the 11th of July from 5:30-9:00. It is his 80th birthday and his wife says no gifts since he's too old to open them. For further information there is a flier on the District website.

The rides for July will be on the 7th to Williamsburg for ribs led by Al & Sandy Davis meeting at the Kwik Shop 46th and SW Topeka Blvd at 6:00 pm as helmet time. The extended ride will leave from the same location at 9:00am on the 12th with the destination TBD. Let's hope John & Teresa has good weather this time for the ride.

With nothing further to discuss the 50/50 drawing was held with Bill & Margaret Hanson winning the big one and Al & Sandy winning the other. Bill and Margaret provided the following comments on their ride back east earlier in the month.

At Chapter C, we have been trying to share reports with others who may read the newsletter.

This will be a write up with a bit of history about my wife and I finally being able to complete a recent ride east then south and then West towards the heat, rain and flatlands.

In the fall of 2003 we were riding in the Southeast part of the country. This included all the attractions of Smokey Mountain National Park, the hyped riding South of there and a trip north along the Blue Ridge Parkway and Skyline Drive. We were aware a hurricane, Isabel, was lurking along

the coast east of our location. Being inland I was not too concerned.

We had a reservation for the night at what should have been an easy ride north. The first half was, the second was not due to the fact we hit major wind then torrential rain. We arrived soaked, checked into the motel and were advised the restaurant was closing because of the storm. They graciously served whatever they had cooked and we retired to a shaking wood framed motel.

The next morning we returned for breakfast, motorcycle fuel and were advised there was no electricity north of our location. A BRPW patrolman stopped and advised you motorcycles should beware because trees were down everywhere. Off we went running over anything thumb sized or smaller. Of course we needed fuel again and exited the BRPW to find a line at the first station we found. It was being powered by a generator and we were able to get fuel. Shortly after we had to wait for a front end loader to arrive and push a land slide off the road. Water was running everywhere and the forest had suffered greatly. Next we pulled up to Skyline Drive and the gates were closed due to the storm.

We went into the next town to find chaos. We were able to get a room and were told there was no electricity from there to the Atlantic coast. The next morning we headed west for home.

As the years passed motorcycles changed and were added, surgery helped some ailing body parts and I began to compile a list of good motorcycle roads from various publications and organizations.

A plan for a reverse ride of the 2003 ride with a twist was hatched. The twist was going East and riding as many of these roads as river crossing would make possible.

KSC Continued

Of course this was mostly back roads and not a direct route. I ordered nine maps from states and received six. The remaining ones were picked up in the states while we were there.

We headed East through Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia and into Virginia. We crossed the Mississippi River, the Wabash River and the Ohio River three times. We saw tobacco being planted in Indiana. One plug at a time with what we saw. From Eastern Ohio on we were basically in the forest with curvy roads. One road in Ohio was third and fourth gear for 12 miles. Not the hot setup for a Wing and trailer but still fun.

Don and Brenda Williams, our ACDs and newsletter editors are West Virginia natives and were gracious enough to point out some highlights and good roads in that state. What they did not tell me was the fact there are no 100 yard straight sections of road in the state.

At the end of our first day in West Virginia a motel was not to be found. A local suggested a state park nearby. A chance encounter with a state park worker at the same gas station provided directions to the park. Not only did it keep us from riding 80 more miles it was wonderful. The forest was 4 feet from our window and the dining room was excellent.

The next day we opted for the New River Gorge Bridge instead of Hillbilly Hot Dogs. Then Northwest towards the Skyline Drive. We stopped in Elkins, West Virginia in a pouring rain at a motel and restaurant which gave motorcycles who road in a 10% discount. I stopped there because they had the first covered parking I saw. Blind luck again.

We arrived at Skyline Drive about noon and got on free with my senior pass and \$15 for the younger set. The road is 105 miles long at 35 mph.

Scenery was as the name suggests. Some fog was present and I heard a visitor center employee tell a visitor that this was a clear day. We got off at the end about 4 pm and spent the night.

The next morning we got on the Blue Ridge Parkway and headed south. There is no charge to enter for 469 miles at 45 mph. This was Saturday and the Parkway was busy. There probably were 10 motorcycles for every car and more bicycles than could be counted. Most of which were not riding single file. We rode 290 miles and got off to spend the night and get fuel. It rained all night.

The next morning it was foggy and the Parkway was covered in fog. We needed to get to Maggie Valley for laundry and a visit the next day. Off we went into the fog. 40 miles of the next 75 was riding following the double yellow line on my left. I have ridden in worse fog on Talimena Drive so it was doable, just not very scenic. After 75 miles or so the fog was gone and the ride into Maggie Valley was great. If possible there were more bicycles out on this day.

Maggie Valley is a tourist trap community which caters to motorcycles. The domestic brand is everywhere. Our major objective in Maggie Valley was the Wheels Through Time Museum. If you are a gear head who appreciates old machines this is a must see. It has wonderful examples of motorcycles, cars and equipment powered by American engines with none newer than panhead Harleys. That would be 1964. Lots of projects sitting around but again wonderfully restored machines of all brands, some of which I had never heard of.

Through Smokey Mountain National Park by joining the long line of rubber neckers. This is the most visited National Park and it was in full force that day. It rained three times on us. Spent the night west of the Park.

KSC Continued

Walked across a parking lot for supper and it began to rain and basically rained all night.

We made our way down Deals Gap. No rain but the road was wet with a lot of tree debris. The road side had been mowed and about 1/3 of the driving lane was covered with tall wet grass.

There were four different ez ups with photographers along the route. Pretty sure they wasted card space on the slow moving Wing with trailer. Road onto and across the Cherohala Skyway, beautiful road. We saw two road kill black bear cubs.

We were now headed west, sorta. We had to cross the Tennessee River and the Mississippi Rivers. We made our way towards Helena, Arkansas to visit my last remaining aunt. The roads in Mississippi are a reminder of what Kansas will have in a few years. Thanks Sammie.

After a restful night in a non-motel we headed towards Northwest Arkansas and the Peel ferry. Across the lake, with us and another motorcycle the only ferry users. We spent the last night in Ozark, Mo. Home was a short ride away.

Some observations along the way were: Logging trucks are very slow and plentiful in forested states, not all advertised hot breakfasts are the same even in the same chain, it is not easy to plan a route on back roads because of the lack of bridges across the rivers and it is better to have two pairs of eyes while looking for road signs.

Not all motorcycle specific roads are better than the surrounding roads. Some were great, most were nothing special.

Birthdays

19 Lenny Barnes
24 Bill Hanson

Anniversaries

7 Earl & Lenny Barnes
21 Don & Brenda Williams

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This has been a great month for Kansas Chapter F. We now have new Chapter Directors, as Everett and Carol Chastain have now taken their oath of office and are leading our chapter. They are excited and have done a good job of leading our chapter already.

We are in the process of ordering new Chapter Shirts. They are purple in color and Carol has been taking orders for them and will get the order placed in the near future.

Karen and John Glaves served cookies and chocolate sheet cakes for our desserts after the meeting this month and everyone appreciated those goodies! Thanks John and Karen!

There will be the Chapter Breakfast Ride on Saturday, July 4, 2015 for our Chapter. The place to meet will be the Copper Kettle in Eureka, Kansas. There are a lot of activities going on in Eureka that day starting with a parade at 10:00 am. We will plan to meet at the Restaurant at 8:00 am and after breakfast feel free to stay and enjoy some of the activities going on.

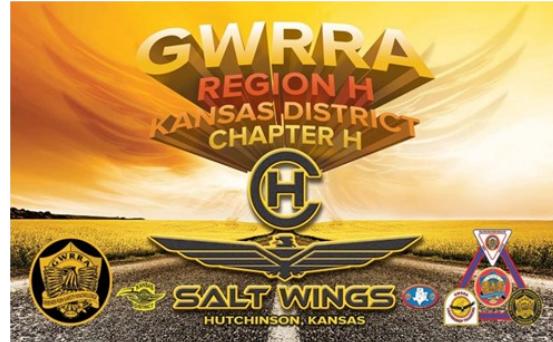
Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 and we meet at the Oil Hill Elementary School in El Dorado, Kansas. We have a brown bag meal at 6:00 pm and our meeting begins at 7:00 pm. We always appreciate visitors and welcome any and all who want to come.

Our Birthdays for July are: Patty Sivits – July 4th; Dave Wilson – July 10th, and Jack Schoeck – July 26th. Anniversary for the month is: Dale and Janis Mooney on July 27th.

Until next time, remember to stay cool as you ride your bikes in the next several months.

Submitted By, Doris Schoeck





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Our regularly scheduled gathering is 7pm on the 4th Thursday of the month.

We go to the Sirloin Stockade on 17th street in Hutchinson, KS (just a little west of 17th & K-61 Hwy).

We begin the feeding frenzy at 6pm.

From your Senior Chapter Directors

Terry & Judy Mann



Welcome to summer in Kansas. We consider ourselves a warm and friendly chapter, but lately we have become a hot chapter. We proved that on Saturday, June 20 when we rode to the Lavender Festival in Bennington, KS where we learned about lavender and how it is harvested and its many uses.





After the lavender farm we rode to Abilene, KS to the Brookville Hotel for a chicken dinner.



We watched a gun fight reenactment.

Since we were getting accustomed to the heat, we decided to ride again. On Sunday, June 21 we celebrated Father's Day with a small group ride to Twin Peaks in Wichita, KS led by Bill and Sarah, outstanding food and easy on the eye waitresses.



From your Assistant Chapter Directors



Marv Ayers was promoted to Senior Rider Educator by Bill Tucker. Congratulations Marv.



From your Chapter Educator
Marvin & Toni Ayers



June Rider Ed. Bits

Here we are deep in the riding season. As riders we have experienced cold, rain, hail, wind, and even tornados. During this time we have ridden on all types of roadways. Thankfully we have had but a few misfortunes. This speaks well of the training we have received from GWRRA instructors. Through their time and effort they have prepared us to be able to handle any and all weather and road conditions. As you get ready for the next road trip remember to check your bike, check your gear, and be mentally prepared for any and all encounters.

Ride Safe, Marv

From your Chapter MEC



Mark & Linda Classen

Assistant Chapter MEC



Bill Watts & Sarah Taylor

Bill Watts presenting officer patches to Mark & Linda Classen, the new chapter Membership Enhancement Coordinators



MEC - June 2015
Bill,

Hey Bill, you won't believe who just emailed me about writing an article for GWRRA's monthly newsletter, Dale. Doesn't he know that the only reason that I took this position was for the salary you promised me. Well this gives me a good chance to let you know something, this position and being able to ride with the greatest group of men and women has been a real treat and honor for Linda and me.

I have had more fun with these people than with any other group of riders that I have ever ridden with. They are friendly, they are warm and they really accept people-as they are, and that makes people feel good and have fun easily.

I also cannot believe the additional friends that we have gained during the past year. Linda and I have doubled our circle of friends. GWRRA is the greatest motorcycle club there is ANYWHERE!

Then there has been the training. Man I thought that I was a good rider, I thought I knew everything there was about riding a motorcycle. Then when we started to come to GWRRA I found out that I had more to learn. Then after I triked my Wing, I learned even more. Terry and you were a wealth of information on safe riding on our little 1000 mile trip to Alabama.

That just made me want to share with this group and return to it even more. Hutch Chapter H has poured into Linda and I so much that I decided to lead 6 bikes on Saturday, June 6th on a 1018 mile Saddle Sore, Iron Butt ride. Man what a great ride we had. No problems, no accidents and no break downs. Jan Schroeder, Daryl Regier, Norman Frederick, and Kit Sand all rode this grueling endurance run for the 1st time. Terry completed a 2nd 1000 mile run with Judy earning her pin as a co-rider! This will be my 4th Iron Butt pin, (maybe my last).

You know something, reading over what I wrote; fun, friends, safe riding and knowledge. All this coming from a motorcycle club, Chapter H may be onto something here. Just wanted to let you know that I will not accept your generous salary offer - I will do this for nothing!!! You can let Terry, Dale and the rest of the club know what our decision is.

Mark & Linda Classen

Well Mark, I was afraid that if I really told you and Linda about what all responsibilities you were just about to agree to that you two would have second thoughts and told me no. So naturally there were a few things I had to hold back on and keep close to the chest, but it appears to me you have been able to figure them out pretty quickly on your own; and yes, this is and always will be the greatest group of people you can surround yourself with. It's like one big family that does look out for each other and is always there when each of us is in need.

We need to work on the club phrase though and I think I may have just come up with a fix for that. Every time a member refers to GWRRA as being a Club instead of an Organization, it's going to cost them 50 cents payable to our Chapter, and as of right now you are on the hook for the first \$1.00. Now that clears that issue up and as far as the salary, well I guess I could use the old line the check is in the mail or when I get mine I will make sure you get yours, but please don't run to your mail box and see if it has gotten there yet. I did that every day for the first few months and it just made me tired. In fact when I filed my 2014 taxes my accountant asked me if I had any additional income to report and I told him yes and he of course asked how much and from whom? And I told him I did not know because I had yet to receive my first check and he just said we would skip it then. So I really am relieved that you have decided to do this job for free and it speaks volumes about the kind of people you and Linda really are and I know everyone else will feel the same.

About that 1000 plus mile trip to Alabama to get an Iron Butt Award and get your motorcycle converted to a trike, it was fun and it proved a lot to me that I, as well as my other fellow Chapter H members, are serious riders and I am proud of all of them that have completed this ride of endurance. But the other reason I went was so I could count how many times you either tried to put your right foot on the ground every time we stopped and tried to put your side stand down before you got off your motorcycle. Don't worry it's my secret and I won't tell anyone. Maybe!!!

Sincerely
Bill Watts

*editor note - I counted 3 times club was used. That would be \$1.50

**District Editor note: I changed the word club for organization or chapter, but when I got to the end of this article and saw that Bill Watts addressed it, I put that nasty word back in the article. Good job Bill .

From your Chapter COY



Bill & Sarah Watts

Greetings all of our Chapter H Family. Well as most or all of you can imagine, it has been a very busy past month for Sarah and I as we are on the count down for our big day on the 27th of June. We do hope all of you will forgive us for not being able to participate in as many chapter events these past several weeks, nothing like having a couple of building projects going on out here at the house and making sure everything is being attended to for a wedding also at the same time. Hmm, I wonder which one of us thought it would be a good idea to have everything going on at the same time? I am sure if any of you were to ask Sarah she would quickly tell you it was not her! But there is light at the end of tunnel for all of it and things should get back to normal out here over the next 10 or so days. That's my story anyway and I am sticking to it! I can assure all of you one thing, none of what has been accomplished so far would have even been possible without Sarah working right along beside me. When things were not going as planned, she kept me focused and she always had the right words to say and it brought me back around to seeing things as she did. To tell you the truth it's made it all a little more enjoyable. The what if's have also come up for the big day and she and I have also decided as long as it's not a major thing we are going to roll with it and most people won't even know the event will go on.

That brings both of us around to some of what we have learned from being members of this wonderful organization, the ability for all of our members to be able to adapt and overcome some of the things we encounter while we are together out on the road on a ride, or any other activity, gives us such a great sense of comfort with these great people we have surrounded ourselves with and we continue to be proud to serve each of you as your Chapter Couple.

Sarah and I are looking forward to having each of you come and share our special day with us on the 27th of June. We also want to remind everyone about the July 4th lunch out here at the house. I will be grilling Burgers and Brats and some Hot Dogs as well. Serving will begin right at noon but all of you are welcome to get here when you can. For those of you who have never been out here to our house there is approximately a quarter of a mile of gravel road to drive on, but they do a pretty good job of maintaining it so none of you should have any problems with it.

Live, Love, Laugh and Ride Often!

Bill and Sarah

Chapter Couple of the Year

From your Chapter Newsletter Editors



Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch

I have included an article at the end of the newsletter that may be of interest. "What Will Fail On Your Goldwing".

We have had a busy month. Although rain and chance of thunderstorms caused us to cancel some of our rides, we still did get to do quite a lot. We have rescheduled some rides for later; hopefully the weather will be better then.

When Dale & Rhonda were in McPherson fueling, they met a couple from Quebec, Canada. Rejean & Sylvie Trottier. His name is pronounced "Region". We had a good visit and learned a little about riding in Canada. They come to the US every summer and ride a different region. They really enjoy the US and say almost all the drivers are courteous and the people they meet are friendly. I will be getting emails from Rejean when he gets home. He is going to send photos of their road trip.



On May 30 chapter H went on the KS District SE KS ride to the Safari Zoological Park in Caney, KS. Everyone had a good time and I think the animals did also. Kojo, the Russian Grizzly Bear entertained everyone with his antics and waving at the crowd. We also saw the new white tiger cubs. Of course all the animals were fun.



From there we rode to Sedan, KS and had a picnic lunch at the Hollow, a neat little park there.



On June 11 some of us went to the KS-A meeting. A good time. Then on June 12 we went to KS-P meeting. Another good time. On June 23 we went to KS-F. More fun.

We had our Moundridge EMS benefit ride on the morning of June 13.



On June 13 some of us went to the afternoon wedding of members Charlie & Sue Breintebach. It was an outdoor affair and we even danced in the driveway.





Send photos and info about your rides

Don Schroeder gives two 70+ year old church ladies their 1st ride on a motorcycle, and they both absolutely loved it !! The 2nd lady's husband wasn't so sure it was safe, but let her go.



Upcoming Events

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

June

- 20 Bennington Lavender Festival & Brookville Hotel
- 23 KS-F meeting ride
- 27 Bill & Sarah wedding
- 28 KS-H Memorial ride 1pm

July

- 4 Hutchinson Parade & KS-H BBQ
- 9 KS-A meeting ride
- 11 B Tucker 80th birthday and BBQ in Mulvane
- 12 Potwin / Benton
- 25 Lumber Yard in Zenda
- 26 Ice Cream ride

Sunshine Events

Birthdays

June

- 18 Bud Mounts
- 18 Donna Praytor
- 20 Charlie Pitts
- 22 Terry Mann

July

- 5 Chris Marcotte
- 7 Mike Hildebrand
- 10 Bill Watts
- 16 Glen Koch

Anniversaries

- 10 Norm & Joan Frederick
- 12 Leon & Ellen Deges

- 4 Randy & Julie Flickinger
- 12 Lowell & Joyce Martens
- 23 Mike & Mary Hildebrand
- 30 Jerry & Donna Praytor

RALLYS

Mark your Calendars!

- Reno Rendezvous
- Wing Ding
- Kansas District Rally
- Oklahoma District Rally

- June 18 - 20
- September 3-5, 2015
- September 18-19, 2015
- October 15-17, 2015

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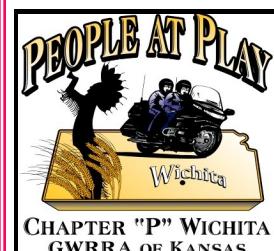
Winger Editor Note: There is additional information submitted but there is insufficient space to print it all. Please go to Chapter 'H' Web Page for an article reprint from GoldwingDocs.com June 2015 newsletter.

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end of the building

What's happening? June has brought to the Chapter P faithful a lovely time at the Missouri Convention in Branson, complete with a Kansas Twisters show unmatched by previous offerings. Weather was great, however the intense sunshine made a few of us dream of snowy winter days. June 15th brought a ride to the Dutch Kitchen in Hutchinson, with a good turnout and wonderful food. We continued with the adventure on June 20th from Wichita down to Eskimo Joe's in Stillwater Oklahoma. Here again a good ride, nice weather, and even made it home without heat stroke. Stillwater is a very nice college town, and worth a trip to see it.

Looking ahead to July Dave and Gloria Brentlinger are going to schedule some activities, and we will forward that information by e mail. The Twisters will perform at the Illinois Convention in Rock Falls Ill. on July 25, and is the headline attraction. A parade has been scheduled along with a police escort and several police demonstration bikes leading up to the show. Weather should be a typical summer period and hoping for a good turn out

We will celebrate Jim and Carol Lamb's Anniversary July 10th. Terry and Cecilia Whiteside on July 12th. Birthdays for July are Carol Lamb on the same day she got married, July 10, and the famous David McDonald on July 28. Also remember the Chapter P monthly brown bag meeting at the Derby Church of Christ, 225 N Derby St, in Derby, on July 11 at 7 PM (Brown Bag chow around 6:30). Meetings are always a good time to be mesmerized by our Chapter P Leader David MacDonald, who always provides interesting discussion and conversation.



Everyone have a safe month!

Twister 8

Dennis and Kathy Chesnut
Asst. Directors Chapter P

Lunch At Eskimo Joe's



**Resistance
is futile.**



Chapter Q – Wellington



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Really don't have much to say for "Q" this month. We hadn't planned a ride for this month because of the Dist Camp-out, which unfortunately had to be cancelled thanks to all the rain.

So I guess we'll just move onto upcoming events. On July 11th we will have a Breakfast Ride, depending on the temperature that day we may not go far. Then that evening we are all invited to Bubba's Birthday Burger Bash. The party will start at 6:00pm, 15 Willowdell Dr., Mulvane, Ks. Let's see if we can fill up Bubba and Sheila's backyard and don't forget your lawn chair.

Also, be sure to mark your calendars for August 22nd for our KSQ Birthday Party and Gumball Run. We will be serving lunch after the ride and give out a few prizes for the best poker hands. Hope you all can join us for a great time, Bill Tucker has set up a nice ride for that morning with a few twist along the way. We will start and end at the Mulvane City Park, look for a flyer for more details.

July Birthdays:

Bill Tucker 2nd
Vern Trenkle 13th
Judy Eggleston 15th
Tom Sweet 30th
Duane Sherrard 30th

Anniversaries:

Dell & Chris Naylor 10th
Jack & Teresa Kistler 22nd
Jim & Rosemary Gardner 30th

Until the next time,
Ride safe,
Jack & Teresa
Bill & Sheila
Jim & Carol

Greetings from Bill.

A reminder that our July meeting will not be at Laurie's Kitchen in Mulvane. Jack & Teresa will notify the Chapter Directors where we will be meeting. Come and join us. I'm sure Jack will have some stories from their trip to and from Reno.

The Kansas Twisters

Drill Team

Steve Bockhaus, Team Captain



The Show must go On



The Kansas Twisters Motorcycle Drill Team was Branson bound. Seven of the members on six bikes were almost to the Missouri state line. "I need to pull over for a bit. I have a problem" was the message heard from Steve, the Drill Team Captain on the CB. There was a gas station just ahead, and the ride leader signaled a left turn.

Steve told the team that he had heard a grinding noise near the rear end, and was afraid his drive shaft was going out. He was confident, however, that if he babied it, he could make it the rest of the way to Branson, and perform in the show the next day. It was mutually decided that Larry would pull Steve's trailer to eliminate any extra weight. They disconnected the hitch and receiver from Steve's bike and attached it to Larry's. Two separate riders (neither on their bikes) stopped to offer help. They both commented that it was so unusual to see a Goldwing being worked on in a gas station parking lot! The group crawled along at the top speed of 50 mph for about an hour. Even with less of a load to pull, the grinding noise was getting worse. They made it as far as the intersection of Hwy 96 and 39, just outside Mt. Vernon, Missouri. They pulled into another convenience store, and debated whether to use the Gold Book or call Rescue Plus. Steve went inside to talk to the clerk. He asked her where he could park the bike while he waited to be rescued.

She stated it would be safe to park in the back for the whole weekend. They planned to make a special trip back on Monday with a trailer to pick it up. Since Steve's wife is also a rider on the drill team, he just climbed on the bike with Terri. Although it was her bike, he insisted on driving! (Which is probably a good idea since she is not accustomed to having co-riders, especially one who outweighs her by "a few" pounds!)

Soon after their arrival in Branson, word had gotten out about Steve's bike. Within an hour, he had 5 offers to borrow a bike for the show. Approximately an hour later, Steve's cell phone rang. It was David, the chapter director of Kansas Chapter P. He stated that his brother was headed to Wichita on Sunday with an empty car trailer, and would be happy to haul Steve's bike back home for him.



Saturday morning Steve mounted a bike belonging to Alan, the Tennessee Couple of the Year. A large crowd surrounded the parking lot to watch the debut of the new maneuver called "The Twister". Despite the heat and humidity, the performance was nearly flawless. Sunday, the team made a warm, but uneventful journey home.



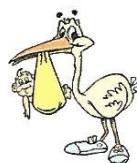
The Kansas Twisters would like to offer its sincere appreciation to all the Goldwing family for their help and support this weekend. Your actions exemplify your belief in the Goldwing motto: Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge.

Terri "Twisted Lady" Bockhaus
June, 2015



Bubba's Birthday Burger Bash

Bill Tucker turned 80 years Young July 2, 2015



When? July 11, 6:00pm
Where? 15 Willowdell Dr, Mulvane
RSVP? Yes 316-777-1052 or
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by July 8th.

NO Gifts! He is too old to open them!

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burgers

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KSQ 25TH ANNIVERSARY



24 yrs old

25 years ago, August 18, 1991, 1pm, Chapter 'Q' kicked off at the Western Sizzlin', Wellington, Kansas.

To celebrate our 25 years of serving GWRRA members, family and friends we are having a 'PIG 'apple in the mouth' ROAST', and fixins. We are bringing back a 'FUN' ride, "The Gumball Run" for your enjoyment. You might be a winner. Actually you are a winner by attending this special event.

It all will happen August 22, 2015 at the Mulvane Main Street Park.



Registration at 9:00am
First Bike Out 9:30am
Last Bike In 12:00pm

Potato Salad,
Cold Slaw,
Chips, Iced
Tea and
maybe more
are on the
menu

The pig and all the side dishes will
be served at 12:30pm



The "Q" Team, Jack & Teresa, Bill & Sheila, Jim & Carol, Gary & Becky and the entire 'Q Crew' welcome you to the party!



BY THE BOOK

By: Jack Wagner
Deputy Director
Region H Trainer



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

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

Are You Having Fun?

I'm going to depart somewhat from the 'normal' *By the Book* format and talk about another officer resource intended to help provide support for our motto of 'Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge'. If chapter gatherings are nothing more than sharing information that could be obtained by reading the chapter newsletter, then members will lose interest in attending the actual function. Yes, everyone should enjoy the fellowship gatherings provide, and hopefully the food is good enough to bring them back. But if you're looking for a way to spice things up beyond just the routine 'reading of the newsletter', Rider Ed presentation and 50/50 drawing, then keep reading..

On the Membership Enhancement page of www.gwrra.org, there is a link to the Fun Activities Guide. That guide is a treasure trove of ideas to make your gatherings and rides much more FUN. Just as there are regional cuisines, it's not uncommon for regional activities to be commonplace, some of which you may not be aware of in your area. The Fun Activities Guide is by no means meant to be a comprehensive collection. But it is a good place to go for ideas which may be new to your chapter participants. Some of the games may seem silly, but you'd be surprised by how much everyone enjoys them once they get started. There are ice breakers, which really get visitors and new members involved in making new acquaintances or learning something new about old friends. There are games of 'skill' where everyone can

take a turn at accomplishing a task. There are couples activities as well as individual activities. Take a cue from the TV show *Minute to Win It*. There are ideas for recognition awards. After all, who doesn't like to be publicly recognized for their accomplishments – okay, some 'happenings', while deserving of recognition, aren't necessarily enjoyed by the recipient. But remember, we're laughing **with** you, not **at** you. Well, sometimes we **are** laughing **at** you, but you'll get your turn to get even – which is part of what makes it fun. While these can be mildly embarrassing, they should never be in poor taste and always done in good fun.

We all enjoy just riding together – whether it be for food or just to enjoy a nice afternoon out. But there are ways to make rides more than just following each other to the destination. The Fun Activities Guide has ideas for that as well. Some of which can be easily turned into chapter fundraisers if desired.

So take a look at the Fun Activities Guide. If you have other ideas, please share them – instructions for doing that are also part of the Guide. Don't lose sight of the first word of why we exist – FUN! Remember, if it's not fun, you must not be doing it right.

The more you know, the better it gets!

Jack Wagner

Kansas District Rally

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September 18-19, 2015

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