KANSAS DISTRICT NEWS



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## A Message from your District Directors

Kansas Monthly Newsletter Region 'H'

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



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

Sarah and I hope all is well with each of you and all of your family, and we are both quite sure that given the time of year it is that things are just as busy for you as with us. It is hard to believe that it is June already and we know like most of you find ourselves, asking were has the time gone already? And we do hope that all or most of you have been able to get out and ride, and attend some of the many things that are going on with not only your home Chapters but other Chapters as well. One of the many things we have learned about this great Organization, is that if you are looking for something to do on any given week or weekend, all one needs to do is get on the web and take a look at all the Chapter schedules. And you will find there is something going on somewhere yes it may not be your own Chapter or it may be a Chapter from another District even. But hey if you are looking for a reason to ride why not saddle up and go because we all know they would welcome you and be glad to have you with them that is what we call Participation and Fellowship, at its best.

Now let us remind all of you about some fun, coming up right here in our own State, for the month of June 2017. The Kansas, District Spring picnic ride, will take place on June 10<sup>th</sup> and our destination for this ride is Lucas, Kansas it is going to be a fun ride and fun day up there. So pack a lunch and gear up or buckle up and plan to come join the fun for the day on June 10<sup>th</sup> I have sent out an e-mail to all Kansas, Chapter Directors as far as times and meeting points for this ride. If by chance any of you have not gotten this information please contact either your Chapter Director or Myself and we will make sure you get it.

And the fun does not stop on June 10<sup>th</sup> as our own Kansas, District Rally (Winging into Oz) is scheduled for June 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> in Hutchinson Kansas, and we do hope that all of you plan to attend because we have some fun planned for this year's Rally as well. And we are encouraging all attendees to dress like their favorite Oz Character, on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> and there will be a prize for the best one. We are also encouraging Skit or any other type of performance, for the talent show, portion of the Rally so if any of you have something you would like to share please feel free to do so. There is going to be some new stuff this year so make your plans to attend now and Sarah and I are looking forward to seeing and being able to visit with all of you soon.

Ride and Drive Safe! Bill and Sarah Watts Kansas District Directors,

# KANSAS DISTRICT TEAM



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## GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION KANSAS DISTRICT



**Region** 'H'



## 2017 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

June 10: June 23-24: July 8: July 13-15: Aug 29-Sept 2: September 10: September 16: September 28-30: Oct 6-8:

Spring Picnic Ride to Lucas Ks KS District Rally, Hutchinson KS Bubba's Birthday Burger Bash, Mulvane AR District Rally, Eureka Springs Wing Ding, Grapevine TX KS State Fair Ride In Fall Picnic Ride TBD Oklahoma Rally, Muskogee OK Kansas Campout Santa Fe Cove

### **2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

April 12-14:Louisiana RallyApril 26-28:Region 'H' Rally, Paris TX (Love Civic Center)

CHAPTER MEETING TIMES IN ORDER OF OCCURANCE

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

# Kansas Couple of The Year 2017



**Bill and Sheila Tucker** 

KS–Q

# Kansas Chapter Couples 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 'Q'

CHAPTER 'P'



Dennis & Kathy Chesnut







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#### MFA INSTRUCTORS

Bill Tucker Jack & Doris Schoeck Steve & Terri Bockhaus

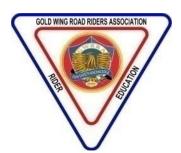
#### **RIDER COACHES**

Bill Tucker Rick Stevens Bob Brown

#### SEMINAR PRESENTERS

Bill Tucker Rick Stevens Carolyn Stevens Bob Brown Doris Schoeck

RANGE AIDES Carolyn Stevens Rick Kistler



It is with great sadness that I have to addounce that I received notification from my Sr. Chapter Educator (CE) for Chapter 'H', Hutchinson that he is resigning his position of CE and all other positions for personal reasons.

This man and his wife Toni will be missed. Not only as the Sr. Chapter Educator, but my Assistant District Educator. And lets not forget his status as a Medic first Aid Instructor and Rider Education Seminar presenter. He was also very involved with the success of the Kansas Twister as their 'caller' and fill in team rider.

Anyone that has attended a Chapter 'H' gathering and listen and watched Marv give his safety talk will understand why I say He will be missed a bunch. He made every seminar he facilitated interesting and enjoyable while learning a lot.

Thanks Marv and Toni for the past 4 + years volunteering your time to make all of us safe riders and better people. May your future be good to you and yours.

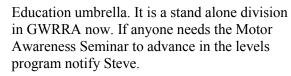
Other news in the Rider Ed family. Jack & Doris Schoeck were sworn in at KSF's monthy gathering as the new Chapter Educators. We wish to thank Gene Shannon for his very interesting talks he gave at the meetings and for his volunteer hours he put in to educate the participants of KSF.

Steve Bockhaus has been appointed to the position of District Motor Awareness Coordinator. We wish him the best in performing the duties.

Motor Awareness is no longer under the Rider



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



We have completed our riding courses for the year. However if there is a need for a repeat of a course and enough participants, Bob, Rick and I will be available to schedule another one.

The rally is almost here (June 22-24) in Hutchinson and Rider Ed will be having some seminars for you. Check out the schedule for more details.

That's it for now. Anytime you have a rider ed question don't hesitate to contact Rick Stevens or me. If you have question about your level status and how to advance, contact your Chapter Educator. Until I appoint a replacement for Marv at Chapter 'H', all question should be directed to me, <u>wtucker1@cox.net</u>, phone 316-215-2782 cell.

Remember; PRACTICE MAKES PER-MENANT! YOU ARE WHAT YOU PRAC-TICE!

Bill &Sheila Tucker Sr. District Educators

# 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

<u>Chapter 'A'</u> Joe & Debbie Gattenby, CD 316-644-3066 Second Thursday, 7:00p.m. <u>Country Café</u> 2904 S Seneca, Wichita joegattenby@yahoo.com

<u>Chapter 'B'</u> Joe & Pam Magnant CD 913-660-5176 3rd Thursday, 7:00pm JTs Grill 33255 Lexington Ave, DeSoto Joe.magnant51@gmail.com

<u>Chapter 'C'</u> Don & Brenda Williams, CD 785-341-4211 3rd Tuesday, 7:00pm <u>Perkins Restaurant</u> 1720 SW Wanamaker Rd, Topeka Dwilliams44@cox.net

<u>Chapter "F'</u> 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 <u>Chapter 'H'</u> Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch CD 620-921-5941 4th Thursday 7:00pm Gambino'sPizza 310 S Main, South Hutchinson dalet@cox.net

<u>Chapter 'P'</u> David McDonald CD 316-213-5712 2nd Friday, 7:00pm <u>Derby Church of Christ</u> 225 N Derby St, Derby Brown Bag– Desserts Provided DennyChesnut@FlightSafety.com

<u>Chapter 'Q'</u> Jack & Teresa, Sr CD 316-651-7423 1st Thursday, 7:00pm <u>Sirloin Stockade, Ark City</u> Actionjackson@wheatstate.com







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Well it's June which means "Schools out for the summer" which also means for a lot of people that vacation time has started so whatever you have planned enjoy it. In the meantime let's talk about what we did during the month of May

We had our monthly chapter meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> and of course it was raining (just as it did most of the month of April) so the attendance was a little low but as always we had a blast.

Bob Brown our Riders Educator gave a great lesson about riding in the wind (and I will try to do him justice by trying to repeat some of his information here).

When riding in the wind (which in Kansas can be an everyday thing) it can be a battle to keep the motorcycle on the road because it seems that the wind is unpredictable but there are clues to watch for such as watching the grass and trees around you. You can tell by how hard they are moving in the wind as to how strong the wind is blowing. We all know that going past something that is blocking the wind, such as a row of trees or a large truck, that as soon as those thing end the wind will be blowing again so be prepared so you don't get blown off the road or into oncoming traffic. When a gust of wind slams into your bike immediately press both grips upwind. If the gust pushes you to the left then you press both grips toward the right. When the gust dissipates quickly & firmly press the grips the opposite way to get the bike rolled upright again.

Protect your eyes from the grit & debris. Don't think that just because you don't see anything around you that it's not there. It can come from wind blowing, but it can also come from another vehicle passing by

Avoid getting tired. The extra energy spent keeping your bike under control will wear you out so take a break every hour or so even if you don't think you need it.

Pay attention to the forecast if high winds are forecast or if there is a tornado alert try to choose a route that avoids the area or abort the ride until conditions improve.

BTW...Steve & Terri Bockhaus got sworn in as M.A.D. leaders for the state of Kansas. For those who do not know what M.A.D. is, it's the Motorist Awareness Division and their goal is to establish the safest motorcycling environment possible and will do this by educating the motorist community. The hope is to reduce the number of motorcycle crashes with other vehicles thus safe lives & avoid injuries. So the next time you see Steve & Terri tell them congratulations.

May 13<sup>th</sup> brought us our monthly chapter ride & Dave & Dana Baranek where in charge. They planned a day ride to Big Brutus. I couldn't go so I am pleased to say that Debbie Gattenby was kind enough to send me the following information

"We had a great time. The weather was perfect and we had a great turn out. Lunch was at a little picnic area beside the office. Big Brutus is still BIG!!!! Hahahahahaha. Dave provided us with a great day and a great ride. Thanks Dave and Dana"

They did get a little surprise when as they are just leaving Augusta they heard on their radios a greeting from Larry & I as we passed them on our way back to Wichita (crying because we couldn't go on the ride)

Here are a few pictures sent to me by Debbie...(thanks again Debbie)









Please remember when you go on a ride be it by yourself, or with others please send me a little bit of information about what you did (and pictures if you got them) so I can put it in the newsletter and other can hear about your fun...and maybe next time they'll go with you.

Some things to look forward to doing in June

3<sup>rd</sup> is the annual Baranek bash @ 6:00...it's always a great time for all who attend

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

8<sup>th</sup> Hal & Sharon William's anniversary

- 11<sup>th</sup> cookout @ Joe & Debbie Gattenby's
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dave Beranek's birthday
- 15<sup>th</sup> Barb Brown's birthday
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Dave & Dana Beranek's anniversary

June  $23^{rd}$  &  $24^{th}$  is the District Rally in Hutchinson @ the Atrium Hotel & Conference Center. This year the theme is "Winging into OZ"

A couple other events to be thinking about.

July 29<sup>th</sup> – we will be going to the NBC baseball tournament @ Lawrence-Dumont. Please talk to Dave Beranek for further details

Aug 29<sup>th</sup> – Sept 2, 2017 – Wing Ding in Grapevine Texas

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

Mary Mazur, Chapter A Newsletter editor



Chapter B – DeSoto				
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It has been a full month of riding for Chapter B members. Ed James led the monthly dinner ride on May 4. Seven Chapter B members enjoyed barbecue at Biemer's in Lawrence. The group was small, the weather was not so great, but the food, fun and friendship were wonderful.

An impromptu ride and lunch was led by Allen Robertson on May 13 to the BBQ Shack in Paola. The weather was perfect for the eleven bikes and one car making the journey. Heading south via the back roads, the group rode by and honked at Chapter B member, Chuck Finley's home. The barbecue was exceptional as well as the friends that participated.

It's November 11, 1918 and the guns were silenced. An Armistice was declared to end the fighting of World War I. Two weeks after the Armistice, leaders in Kansas City met to discuss the creation of a monument to honor the men and women who served in the war. More than \$2.5 million was raised in ten days. After three years of construction the Liberty Memorial was completed and President Calvin Coolidge gave the dedication speech on November 11, 1926.

On May 17 Chapter B members met and rode to enjoy breakfast at Dagwood's Cafe and then ventured on to the Liberty Memorial for the midmonthly ride. The Memorial and Museum are sights to see and there are many artifacts to view and much information to provide an insight into World War I.



Chapter B member, John English provided the following information about the ride he led on May 20. It was a great time for all who went. Thanks John.

One of my favorite early season rides is to Marquette, Kansas for the Thunder on the Smoky rally. The week leading up to the rally was filled with thunderstorms and the early forecasts were for dismal weather on Saturday. But by Friday afternoon, the weather people were telling us that Saturday would be partly cloudy with a 70 degree high, almost perfect riding weather. Four bikes left Lenexa under cloudy skies and just under 60 degrees, but it looked good off to the west. We picked up another bike in DeSoto with a light mist falling. We added two more bikes just south of Lawrence in a light rain. The rain had stopped when we picked up our last bike at US 56 and we could see a little blue sky off to the west. We followed a mule into Burlingame and stopped for a "breakfast feed" as part of the local Rodeo Days.

We topped off the tanks in Council Grove and headed west across the Flint Hills with a spattering of rain off and on. The hills were really green this year with what appeared to be an extraordinary number of cattle fattening up on the bluestem grasses. When a wide load, one of the tower parts for the wind turbines, blocked the route to K 4, we took a tour through downtown Herrington and picked up K 4 west of town, arriving in Marquette at about noon - done with rain for the day. After talking to a couple who hit a deer last year, crashing both of their bikes,

I was asked if was safer to hit a deer on a trike or a two wheeler. If you know the answer to that question, you might share it. My advice was not to think about it.

I hadn't been to this rally for a few years and a couple of things had changed. The vendors were about the same as was the music in the park. In previous years there had been some street activity - motorcycle games, stunt riders, etc. - not this year. I had also expected a reduced number of bikes because of the weather and I hadn't seen much advertising. However, it looked like it was as popular as ever. I got to visit with a couple of people I knew and hadn't seen for a while. We stayed for about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours, gassed in Lindsborg and took K 4 to Topeka. K 4 is always a great ride and today was no exception.

In Topeka we visited Coyote Canyon for dinner and I got a shot of us "Relax Inn" in the parking lot. Take a look at the sky. That is apparently "partly cloudy" because that it what it looked like all day. We reached the high for the day, 61 degrees, about the time we arrived in Topeka.

Gary and Reba Ohler led the breakfast ride on May 27 to Perky's Café in Basehor to finish out the month. Showers were in the forecast and the sky was rather ominous, but nineteen people enjoyed breakfast and time together.

Chapter B events for June: June 1 - Dinner Ride June 4 - 9 - Ride Around Iowa June 14 - MMR, Fort Leavenworth June 15 - Chapter Meeting June 17 - Jamesport Ride June 23-24 - Kansas District Rally June 23 - Smackdab Run June 24 - Breakfast Ride

Safe Travels, Paula Aiken







# Chapter C - Topeka

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May was a "short" month for Chapter C in relation to activities. We had all scheduled activities completed by the 16<sup>th</sup> of the month. That doesn't mean we didn't have a productive month just that we didn't waste time doing it.

As per usual we started the month off with our supper ride on the 2<sup>nd</sup> with 4 "bikes" and 8 people simply because there were no two wheel machines on the ride (three trikes and a sidecar). Al & Sandy Davis let them to Wayne and Larry's in Lawrence. Brenda and I were unable to make the ride since we had to go to Austin.

In Austin, TX we kid-sit the grandkids for a week, some way or other both of us *and* all the kids managed to survive the event. I know that I, for one, am way too old for all the noise that 3 kids (8, 5, and 2) 1/2 years old) can make. The trip was a good one other than we rode in the rain from the rest area on 135 between Newton and Wichita all the way to the Texas state line. The weather cooperated the next day on into Austin. Then, on the way back from Austin to Lawton, OK to visit friends, the wind raised its ugly head. Riding 350 miles with a quartering headwind in 40 MPH wind isn't my idea of fun, but we made it safe and sound, which is the important thing. Our extend ride was on the 13<sup>th</sup> to Marilynn's in Osage City led by Bill and Margaret Hanson with 6 people and 3 bikes (again all with 3 wheels). After a leisure old fashioned breakfast we headed out on a short relaxing ride. It was probably only

about 75 miles of wondering south of Topeka and ending up back at the Kwik Shop but it worked out well allowing everybody to be back home early in the afternoon to do as they wished.

Our monthly meeting was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> at Perkins with 10 people in attendance. It appeared that whatever bronchial ailment that is going around hit several of the chapter members leading to the small attendance.

We started the meeting off with a spirited discussion of people that, as we determined either want to intentionally scare us or even possibly cause an accident. Bill asked me to relate an incident I had told him about on our ride from Lawton to Manhattan where a pickup with 5 men in it was passing us on the turnpike in Oklahoma and when they got beside of us just drifted/cut over a bit toward our lane causing a quick reaction on my part. After they passed us the 3 in the backseat turned and laughed at us leading me to believe it was intentional not to mention dangerous. That led to several people talking about different situations similar for them over the years. The main point of the discussion was always be alert and that's whether on a bike or in a car because just about anything can happen at any time.

Our supper ride in June will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> to Poncho's, being led by John & Teresa Gull. We will meet as usual at the Kwik Shop at 6:00 pm. Our extended ride will be the District spring ride to Lucas on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Bill will send an email asking to RSVP either yes or no so we can plan on meeting places along the route before linking up with the folks from down south in Salina or also make alternate plans for those that want a shorter ride. A follow-up email will be sent out after receiving the RSVPs for alternate plans if needed.

The dates for the district rally were discussed again with some options in Hutchinson for things to do while there. In addition Wing Ding was also discussed, with me making an attempt to explain the parking-fee-situation at the Gaylord center.

With that we did the 50/50 drawing and as seems to be the norm lately Ken Felch won the large one and Rod Williams the small one. I'm not sure how many months in a row those two have walked away with the money but it's been a lot for sure.

Birthdays:

1 Teresa Gull 15 Sandy Davis

28 John Gull

Don & Brenda Williams CD/Newsletter editors



Chapter F - El Dorado

Chapter Director Everett & Carol Chastain

Chapter Editor Doris Schoeck Asst Chapter Director Open

> Chapter MEC Rick Kistler

Chapter Educator Jack Schoeck

**Rick & Brenda Kistler** 

Jack Schoeck Jack & Doris Schoeck Chapter Scrapbook

**Chapter Couple** 

**GREETINGS** from Kansas Chapter F!

Our monthly gathering was held on Tuesday, May 23, 2017. We had a total of 24 people who attended and we had visitors from Chapter H, Chapter P, and Chapter Q. We appreciate all our friends coming to visit and welcome you back anytime!

After Everett Chastain, Chapter Director opened the meeting with the Flag Salute, Bill Tucker, Senior District Educator, installed Jack and Doris Schoeck as the new Rider Educator for Chapter F. We welcome them to the current staff.

Bill Watts, Kansas District Director announced that the Spring District Ride will be on Saturday, June 10, 2017 and the destination city is Lucas, Kansas. Bill advised there are a lot of different things to do and see while there. Bill also announced that the last details are being taken care for the Kansas District Rally, which will take place June 23-24, 2017 at the Atrium Hotel and Convention Center. There will be a lot of different things to do which includes a Light Show, Bike Show, Seminars, vendors and many regular activities to keep us all busy. Bill advised that each chapter would need to donate 8 door prizes for give away. We look forward to seeing a lot of you there! Bill also advised that Benny Garcia will be attending our Rally. However, Shirley will not be able to come.

Sheila Tucker reminded everyone about pulling any skits together for the Talent Show on Friday night. This should be a really fun time.

There was a question about the No-Zone Truck coming and Bill Watts advised it is still on the schedule to be there. This is a very good safety demonstration to watch.

Bill Watts and Roslin Snyder showed the chapter the Afgan that Roslin is donating for a Raffle at the Rally in June. It was lovely and you will all have to come to the Rally to take a look at it. There were 11 people at the May Supper Ride on May 5, 2017 with 9 of those being members and 2 guests attended. The June Supper Ride will be on Friday, June 2, 2017 at Mom's Café in Whitewater, Kansas. The group will leave El Dorado at 6:00 pm and meet at the Café at 6:30 pm to eat. We were told they have good catfish there.

Rick Kistler shared a game where the audience had to guess what the acronyms meant that we hear all the time in GWRRA. Was a fun game with a lot of people participating. Thank you Rick!

People from other Chapters announce upcoming events, so you will want to check out Chapters H, P, and Q for the dates and times.

Jack Schoeck gave a Rider Education talk on the T -Clock and the many other things you can check on your bike while you are doing that check. Use a list to mark off what you check as you go along.

The 50/50 winners were Everett Chastain \$20.00 and Roslin Snyder \$20.00.

Our meeting was adjourned and refreshments were provided by John and Karen Glaves. They were very good and we appreciate them providing for us. Till next time, Ride Safe and Ride Often! Submitted By,

Doris Schoeck, Newsletter Editor



**June 2017** 

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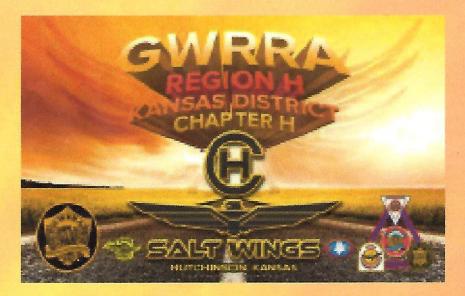
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# KS-H Newsletter MAY 2017



On the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM, we have our regular Chapter gathering.

Our next gathering will be held on

APRIL 27, 2017 at GAMBINO'S PIZZA 310 S Main – South Hutchinson, Kansas

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



FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE



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**June 2017** 

Wild weather this past month has kept us guessing on our plans to ride, but then the skies would clear and the sun would shine on those days we had scheduled on the calendar. So we have lots of pictures to share of adventures far and near.

AND ALL YOU GWRRA MEMBERS OUT THERE

## LET'S GET READY TO RALLY!

In just four short weeks the GWRRA Kansas Rally will be upon us. ARE YOU READY! I hear lots of FUN things are going to be **"WINGING INTO OZ"** and you do not want to miss it! Hope we see you somewhere along the yellow brick road and watch out for those flying monkeys!





Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch

#### Greetings to one and all!

I would like to report that we did fairly decent at our Chapter garage sale on May 6<sup>th</sup>, bringing in a little over \$400.

And we would like to extend a big THANK YOU to Carolyn Colahan for allowing us to use her location in the Inman City Wide Garage Sale. We had a few items left over and intend to have another garage sale in the future on some open weekend in Hutchinson. We'll keep you posted.

On Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, six Chapter H members attended the TTRC in Wichita. The weather was nice and everyone had a good time learning new skills and updating old skills.

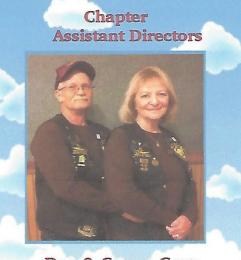
A big shout of thanks to our fabulous instructors for their time and efforts in helping us all to be better, safer riders.

The weather was pretty wet and wild for a few days, but it finally cleared off and appeared to be cooperating long enough for nine Chapter members to go on the Kansas/Oklahoma ride on May 20-21. It was a fun ride with the wind being tolerable and the chance of rain minimal. We were happy to have riders from other Chapters joining us as well.

I haven't heard any more about who is going on the Branson Ride May 26– 30. I will not be going so hopefully someone will take on the responsibility of putting it together. I have a previous commitment on that Saturday with some cousins for Memorial Day weekend.

See you soon Dale and Georgeanna





Don & Carma Gray

Good day my fine FUN Chapter members!

Well another month has passed by with some good riding weather finally here.

I was given the honor of conducting our the last monthly meeting and talk about being nervous! I definitely was. So thanks for not throwing food and I hope you all had a good time.

The FUNdraiser at Inman turned out well. THANKS to everyone that was able to be there and help out.

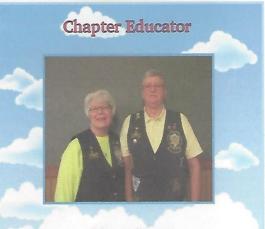
We had some FUN get togethers the past few weeks with twelve Chapter members making it to the Harvest Café in Inman where we enjoyed some good food and camaraderie.

Eleven Chapter members made the ride to the Old Mill Museum at Lindsborg on May 7<sup>th</sup>. It was a GOOD ride getting there and a WINDY ride coming back. But hey, this is Kansas and what's a little wind when you're on your bike riding with your friends and having FUN! Carma and I, our son Travis and his family, saw his youngest daughter (and our youngest granddaughter), Ashton, off to basic training for the Army National Guard on May 10th. She'll been gone for about 10 weeks before going on to Virginia to school, so it will be awhile before we see her again. Boy where does time go?

We had good weather for the trike/bike trailer course (TTRC) and it was well attended with numerous bikers and trikers, with and without trailers. Instructors, Bill Tucker, Rick Stevens and Bob Brown did a great job of teaching and coaching. I'm proud to say I learned how to backup a trailer with my trike. The on-the-bike training and classroom were both actually very informative and a lot of FUN. There was so much information and help from these great instructors/educators to help improve our riding skills. It is really training that all of our FUN members should consider taking, with or without a trailer.

Hope everyone gets to go for a ride and have some FUN.

Don and Carma Gray



**Marv** Ayers

All in all, it has been a great month to ride. Sadly, some people still ride without gear, training, and motorcycle endorsement on their license.

GWRRA stresses education and training to all members. Some members take all the classes they can to improve their skills. Yet some members maintain there is nothing GWRRA can teach them about riding a motorcycle. I guess what they say is right, ignorance is bliss.

Why am I ranting you ask? A senseless death, a loss of a young man with his life ahead of him. This is a true story of a young man two days from graduating high school buys a crotch rocket, against his mother's wishes. The last picture she has of him is one of him with the crotch rocket and the caption, "sorry mom". His first ride was his last ride.

The police determined the factors in the single vehicle crash were: being unfamiliar with the bike, no protective gear, lack of experience, excessive speed, and no motorcycle endorsement on his license.



This is not a single occurrence sadly it happens every day in every age group of motorcycle riders.

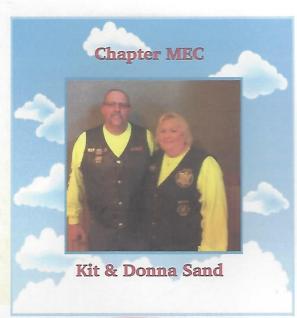
If you have the mentality that there is nothing you can learn from taking a GWRRA Road Course please reconsider your decision, check your ego at the door, and take the class with an open mind. It may surprise you.

Kansas District is blessed with skilled and knowledgeable instructors. Take advantage of all classes offered by GWRRA.

The motto, "Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge is not just a motto it is a reminder that we as members owe it to ourselves and fellow members to be the safest riders we can be.

> Ride Safe, Marv





#### Congratulations Chapter H!

With graduations here, we all have a chance to help our family members pursue the dreams of a lifetime.

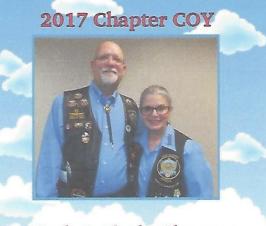
Spring weather has finally arrived allowing us to enjoy the passion for riding that has brought us all together. Being a family member of GWRRA, gives us an opportunity to help make someone else's day special too. By meeting NEW people who share our passion for traveling the highways and byways by motorcycle, we can extend an invitation to come join us for even more Fun, more Friendship, more Safety, and more Knowledge. Just ask them!

Hope to see a lot of you at one of the many events coming our way in the near future!

Sincerely Kit and Donna,







#### Mark & Linda Classen

Linda and I have been busy! We attended the Region Rally in Marshall Texas and we had a blast! We tried our best to put our best foot forward for you all, and thanks to Bill Watts, that prodded me a bit, I was able to really give one of Marshall's welcoming council members a real Kansas Chapter H feel for fun and family.

Carolyn Howard, Director of Main Street, Tourism and Downtown Economic Development, said at the welcoming session that she had never been on a Gold Wing. We went downtown for free ice cream on the first night and she was there. Bill told me that since I had my trike there I should offer her a ride. Well let me tell you that was an experience! We went around 2 blocks and she was screaming and holding up her hands as if she was on a roller coaster. She was quite the rider, laughing and having a great time, she said it was one of the best times of her life! She is quite a lady – you need to Google her and find out more.

Linda and I also attended Chapter Q's meeting this month in Arkansas City and, again, had a great time. It was another experience that did not turn out the way I had anticipated. I had ranted about the last time I had attended Q's Chapter gathering and how great the food was at the Eatery in Winfield. However, when we arrived in Winfield, the Eatery was closed! I got on the phone immediately and found out from Bill Tucker that they were meeting at Sirloin Stockade in Arkansas City! So Linda and I jumped back into the car and made it to Ark City in time for their meeting. What a joy it is to share Chapter H with other Chapters around the state, we are really having fun at this! Linda then left me for about a week and a half in the middle of May. As many of you know we became grandparents again, (number 11), and great grandparents all within 3 days. Our daughter Angela was pregnant at the same time her daughter, Brooklyn, was pregnant. Brooklyn is our oldest grandchild. As it happened, Brooklyn delivered on Friday night, and Angela had a C-section on Monday! So if you do the math the nephew is 3 days older than his aunt! Linda won't let me not share the particulars to everybody, so here they are:

Brooklyn's baby boy, Carson Wayne, was born at 11:57 pm, 05/05, weighing in at 7lbs 11 oz and 19 inches long! Angela's baby girl, Makenzie Rayne, was born at 1:01 pm, 05/08, 7 lbs and 18 ½ inches long!

And on a final note, the day Linda left for Tulsa, our trailer was stolen. We had used it once on the trip to Marshall. It was insured and we have not heard anything from the police yet as to if it has been found. We still have our trike and we are still riding! Well that has got to be enough to happen to Linda and I in one month! We still count it a great pleasure to be your ambassadors of Chapter H in GWRRA! Mark & Linda





Carson Wayne

MacKenzie Rayne



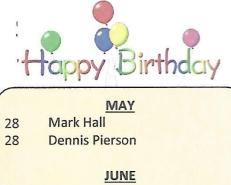


On May 7<sup>th</sup> Rhonda let me ride along with the Chapter up to Lindsborg, Kansas, where we toured the Old Mill Museum. This fine gentleman was our tour guide. Wow! Did you know they have "Take Your Bunny to Work Day" ? Well that is exactly what my girl, Rhonda, did. I got to see how hard she works and meet some of her coworkers. She is awesome! I think her boss should give her a raise !



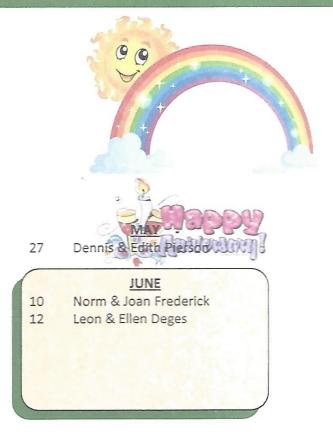


<u>MAY</u> 25 26-29	Monthly Meeting (Gambino's Pizza, 310 S. Main, South Hutchinson) Branson Missouri Ride
<u>JUNE</u> 10 15 22 - 25	District Ride to Lucas Monthly Meeting (Knackies, 111 S Maple, McPherson 289113) Kansas District Rally
JULY 20 22 29	Hutchinson 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday Bike Show / Fundraiser 6:00 to 9:00 PM Rock Ranch in Strong City Ride Monthly Meeting (Gutierrez Mexican Restaurant 640 Westport Blvd, Salina ) (See all the happenings on KS-H webpage at <u>www.gwrraks.com</u> )



#### 18 Bud Mounts

- 18 Donna Praytor
- 20 Charlie Pitts
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- 29 Grace Evans



## **Rallies, Rides and Events**

June 2 - 4	Missouri District Rally
June 10 <sup>t</sup>	Kansas District Ride to Lucas, KS
June 23 - 24	Kansas District Rally - Hutchinson, KS - Atrium Hotel
July 14 - 15	Arkansas District Rally - Harrison, AR
Aug 25 -27	Colorado Rally - Salida, CO
Aug 29 - Sept 2	Wing Ding 39 - Grapevine, TX
Sept 10	Kansas State Fair - Hutchinson, KS - Goldwing Ride-in
Sept 16	Kansas District Fall Ride (location TBD)
Sept 27 - 29	Oklahoma District Rally - Muskogee, OK
Oct 6-8	Kansas District Campout - Council Grove, KS (Santa Fe Cove)



Come join our merry group of motorcyclists and find out what we are all about!

Each month we draw one membership number which is hidden somewhere in the newsletter. If the member who it belong to spots it and <u>is present</u> at the next meeting, he or she wins \$5!! So come to the meetings and see your motorcycle friends. We have a lot of fun, you learn new things and you might just get some cash too!

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

Did you find your number? There's a bit of cash waiting for you if you find it.



# **OOOOk-lahoma** where the wind comes sweepin' down the plain, May 20 - 21, 2017





Then back on the road again to Seaba Station Motorcycle Museum in Warwick OK



And then for a well deserved meal at Da Vinci's in Stillwater OK after a great day of riding.











# Chapter P – Wichita

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**Chapter Couple** 

Dennis & Kathy Chesnut

Senior Chapter Educator Rick &Carolyn Stevens 316-213-4630

Membership Enhancement Phyllis VanBuskirk 316-323-4027

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

Howdy All!

I have been a member/co-rider now for about 9 months and boy has it been a great time.

I have met so many wonderful new friends and I have a whole new family. You all have made me feel so welcome and I am proud to be a part of the GWRRA family.

I love keeping busy with all the monthly activities, the rides to new and exciting places and of course the dinner rides.

I have decided to take a step further and try my hand at doing the newsletter. So here we go..... RIDES-

Chapter P had eleven on our ride to Airport Steakhouse 1100 Airport road Hutchinson Kansas. The buffet was outstanding and the service was great.



David and I will be riding to the Missouri State Rally this weeknd, Hope to see all of our GWRRA friends.

May 9<sup>th</sup> after our meeting we will be riding to Salina for the GWRRA State Ride.

June 22<sup>nd</sup> through June 24<sup>th</sup> will be the GWRRA State Rally in Hutchinson. Chapter P will be putting on the bike show. (It will be new and exciting this year).



May Birthdays- Rick Stevens May 15th

Happy May

May Anniversaries- Joe and Janet Gonsalves May 7th Dan and Tammy Vickers May 25th



#### **June 2017**

#### Kansas Winger





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Kansas Chapter Q June 2017 Newsletter

Surprise! We're finally back among our GW family and we have missed seeing everyone. Jack's softball season has ended for this year, so even though we are still following our granddaughters who play, we plan on seeing all of you once again.

We hope that all of you have registered for the District Rally this year at Hutchinson. The district staff has worked hard to put together a great rally for all of us this year, so please try to join us if possible.

We have no birthdays for the month of June, but we do have 1 anniversary, Gordon & Bev Smith on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Until the next time, Jack & Teresa Kistler Bubba's' Burger

# BBBB! Bubba "Bill Tucker" is celebrating his 82nd Birthday on

# July 8th 5:30pm at 15 Willowdell Dr, Mulvane



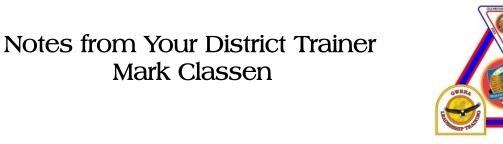




Sheila is furnishing the doggies, hamburgers, brats, iced tea, birthday cake . If you wish bring a side dish (full of goodies) or dessert, chips please do.

As in the past, if you like, roast Bubba with cards.

RSVP would be good by July 6 at wtucker1@cox.net or call 316-777-1052. BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS!



GWRRA Knowledge!

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GWRRA "sits" on a chair with 4 legs. They are Friends, Fun, Safety and Knowledge. Without all four legs the chair would not be stable and could easily tip. In order to have our GWRRA Friends and have Fun with them, we must have the Knowledge to Safely ride our motorcycles. This is when we are on a chapter ride, going to work, or just out with our wife, husband or friend for a nice ride.

LTP – Leadership Training Program, is evolving to make training (knowledge) more efficient and fun in the seminars that are being given. As Clara Boldt, Director of Training for GWRRA University states:

"The Training curriculum focuses on leadership skills while understanding that knowledge is an enabler of those skills. Though some of the training deals specifically with skills needed in a GWRRA leadership position, other training deals with Life Skills and Member Orientation topics that will enhance the member's life both within and outside of GWRRA. In general, our training is designed to reach visual, verbal, and kinetic learners; our goal is "something for everyone". It is the intent of the LTP to deliver training in a professional manner and to make certain that training is a fun learning experience for all participants.

The training is intended to help members realize their full potential and to provide the best possible learning experience."

If you are interested in being part of this training team for your chapter, or just want to expand your knowledge base, GWRRA is offering a certification seminar at Wing Ding 39. It will be on Thursday, August 31.

Ride Safely with your friends knowing you have the knowledge to do so!

Mark Classen

Kansas District LTD

**June 2017** 

# "Winging into OZ"

Kansas District Rally June 22-24, 2017

# Atrium Hotel & Conference Center

# Hutchinson Kansas

# Things to do!

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



Sight Seeing



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

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Make Checks payable to: <u>GWRRA Kansas</u> and mail check and registration to: Judy Eggleston, 3307 Osage Crt., Winfield Kansas 67156 <u>rjeggl@gmail.com</u>

Co-Rider Signature\_

For additional information contact DD Bill & Sarah Watts email <u>watts\_bill@yahoo.com</u> or Bill Tucker <u>wtucker1@cox.net</u> (Event Coordinator)

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The book chronicles her mishaps as she learns to ride her own motorcycle, and many of the funny (and sometimes scary) things that have happened on some of their trips. You don't have to be a biker to enjoy this book.

Terri and her husband Steve were involved in a serious motorcycle wreck in 2004. During their recovery, they were introduced to the Goldwing Road Riders Association (GWRRA), an organization that promotes safe motorcycling. Terri reports that she has always enjoyed riding on motorcycles, but never thought of owning one, let alone riding on a motorcycle drill team. She has always dreamed of having her original writing published. She hopes that through her love of writing and riding, that she has brought a glimpse of her passion of both to you, the reader. Terri and her husband live in Newton Ks..



The book is available for purchase at Dan's Cycle in Hesston Ks or by contacting Terry directly at tmbockhaus@cox.net.



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Bill & I are Life Members with GWRRA. We wish you and yours a very safe, fun, 2017.



#### **June 2017**

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