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Greetings from your District Staff!

Hope this finds all of you out riding and enjoying it! Until these past few days, the weather has been ideal for getting out and riding somewhere. We have had some much needed rain here in Emporia the last couple of days, but it does not make riding the motorcycle any fun.

As most of you know, Jack had an emergency appendectomy on May 15, 2014 which has curtailed our riding for a while. He is doing much better now and is on the road to recovery. Thank you to all who have had him in your thoughts and prayers and for the get well cards and wishes. We appreciated all of them very much!!

We were sorry to have to cancel the West Picnic Ride to Greensburg in April. How-

ever, the weather was not good and after talking to some of our staff, we all decided we did not want to have a gathering of motorcycles where they were predicting tornadoes.

Please remember our upcoming State Campout at Santa Fe Cove, Council Grove Lake at Council Grove, Kansas, June 20-22, 2014. We will have Hobo Stew this year on Friday evening and will be notifying the Chapters on what we would like for them to bring to add to the stew. We hope to see a lot of you there and if you are planning on coming and not camping you will need to call and make motel reservations as there is a BIG Washunga Days of Council Grove that same weekend and rooms may not be available even as I write this. We will have a picnic with the state providing the meat on Saturday evening and ask that everyone bring a covered dish to go with that. I will also be including information on that in future e-mails to the chapters.

Several of our members from different chapters have attended the Texas and Arkansas Conventions this month and reported they had a really good time at both events. We were sorry we were not able to attend these functions this year. Hopefully next year we will be able to do that.

Please remember to look at the activities that are coming up in the different chapters and the state activities. Now that summer if finally here, there are a lot of opportunities to ride and have fellowship with our fellow Gold Wing family. Our State Convention will be in Abilene, Kansas September 12-14, 2014. We are planning a great time and hope all of you will be there.

A week after the State Convention, on Sunday, September 21, 2014, we will have our East Fall Picnic Ride to Wamego, KS. There is a Wizard of Oz museum there which should be very interesting to see.

Until next time, please ride safe and ride often! See you down the road. Jack and Doris Schoeck, Kansas District Directors

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# Feel free to attend any Chapter meeting and introduce yourself. You will be welcome.

Call the CD if you need more information about a Chapter activity. If you are interested in organizing a Chapter in your area, Please contact JACK & DORIS SCHOECK 620-341-0426 for more information

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for Kansas was good. Got a little hot 100+ by the middle of the afternoon and like most days was breezy J.

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May was somewhat busy for your Rider Ed Team. May 4<sup>th</sup> we had our first riding course of the year. The BRC2 was full. The weather,

I wasn't feeling well but with the outstanding help provided by Carolyn Stevens, registration and all the paper work was done very well. Not only did she do much of my job, but she was assisting us on the range by picking up cones. Great job Carolyn! You were a life saver for me and the crew (Jim & Rick).

Our second adventure, the Trike Course was scheduled for the 31<sup>st</sup> in Wichita. We had to cancel it because of the 10K river run route caused the city to block off all entrances to our range. We will reschedule.

In three months, our Kansas Convention will be upon us. As always I am asking the membership to let me know what seminars you would like to have presented by Rider Education. You can go on the Rider Ed page and see all the seminars available. Need help, ask your Chapter Educator.

Your Rider Education Seminar team is offering each chapter the opportunity to have a special day just for your members. We will be glad to come to your area and spend the day with seminars that you want. Just contact your District Educator (that's me J) or one of the following Rider Ed facilitators: Jim Lamb, Carolyn Stevens; Marv Ayers; Doris Schoeck; Rick Stevens. And if you would like a PLP (Parking Lot Practice) we have certified PLP Facilitators. Contact Steve Pena for details.

### THE LEVELS

Recently while attending chapter meetings, I have been asked about the Levels program by our newer GWRRA family members. I answer their questions then refer them to their Chapter Educator for an in depth discussion and hopefully they sign up. Below is a brief description of three of four levels.

### LEVEL I: SAFETY BY COMMITMENT – SAFE RIDER/CO-RIDER

This program is a commitment to safe riding. That's it. We all want to be safe while riding, and by signing up you are letting your peers know you are serious about it. There is no other requirement or anything else you have to do and it's FREE. Patches are available for a fee.

### LEVEL II: SAFETY BY EDUCATION – TOUR RIDER/CO-RIDER EDUCATION

This level is a commitment to participate in the educational part of Rider Ed and there are requirements to obtain this level.

1) You need to have ridden 5000 safe miles on your current motorcycle. 2) You have to have a motorcycle endorsement on your driver's license if your state requires you have a motorcycle license. 3) You have to have taken an approved Rider course within 3 years. The Co-Rider must have attended a Co-Rider Seminar within 3 years. Signing up is FREE but to take the riding course you will pay a fee. Co-Rider seminars are FREE. Kansas Rider Ed is the least expensive available and discounts are available. Patches for the Level II are available for a nominal fee.

## Rider Ed Continued

### LEVEL III: SAFETY BY PREPAREDNESS – CERTIFIED TOUR RIDER/CO-RIDER

This level prepares you for being able to assist others if something happens that may require immediate action by you. Some of the requirements would be handy in your home in case of an emergency. 1) Current in Levels I & II with the MC endorsement. 2) Must be current in CPR and First Aid. 3) Must be current in Approved rider course or Co-Rider Seminar within 3 years. Must have taken the Motorist Awareness Seminar (it does not expire). 4) Must carry First Aid Kit on the motorcycle.

**LEVEL IV:** I will write about Level 4 another time. It is the ultimate. There are four levels within the Level IV program. Master Rider; Senior Master; Grand Master; and Life Grand Master. As I said more on it later.

### TIRES AND TRACTION

Whenever you enroll in a rider's course you are told that you will need to do a TCLOC of your motorcycle before you can participate in the range exercises. One of the things on the TCLOC form is TIRES/WHEELS. In fact it is listed first. It suggests you check the tread depth, wear, weathering evenly seated, bulges, and embedded objects.

As you are very aware, the tires provide traction and management of traction is how we stay up. So it stands to reason that we must be very sure the tires are up to the task. So here we go.

TIRE PRESSURE: Most of us check the tire pressure first then maybe other things after. Proper tire pressures will allow the tires to perform optimally. How, you might ask? Or not! Proper PSI controls tire flex, helps with maintaining heat range, certainly extends tire life. Proper airing of the tires decreases risk of tire failure and should provide you with the best grip on the many different surfaces and condition you will be confronted with. One more thought. While airing the tire check your valve stem very closely. There have been some problems with them leaking from cracking or possibly being cut by the rim.

**TREAD DEPTH**: I'm not an expert on what tires have the depth tread bar in them but I do know some do not. To easily check the tread depth without a gage is use the penny with the Lincoln head headfirst in a groove and if you can see the top of his hair it's time to order new tires from your favorite dealer. By the way, that depth is 1/16". Low treads affects traction specifically in rain. After all, the groove depth is there to push the water out and help prevent hydroplaning.

**TIRE WEAR**: "cupping or scalloping". We can usually feel that while riding. Not much we can do about that problem except replace the tire. What are some causes of 'cupping'? My 'cursory' research found incorrect inflation, suspension problems i.e., to adjust suspension when loading or towing a trailer, hard braking, improper loading of the motorcycle are a few causes. I'm sure there are more.

**WEATHERING:** Overtime, the rubber can be affected by the changing weather, i.e. hot, cold, wet etc... It causes it to become hard and lose some flexibility. Cracking may also show up which would be your clue that replacement is needed. Not too long ago I read an article that said most professionals recommend you buy a new tire if your tire is more than five years old even if the wear bars are still there. HUM! Didn't ride very much did they? L

The week and year the tire is made can be determined by the manufactured numbers on the side of the tire. A few years ago someone put out an email on how to read the numbers. Example: It said that if your tire was made the 14 week in 2012 it code would read 1412.

Well, that's it on checking tires. You may have additional information you would like to share, just send it to me. I <u>do not</u> consider myself an expert, but I do take time to read about tire care. *It's got to be one of the most important things we do before we put our loved one on the back and take off for an enjoyable ride*. And don't forget ATGATT. (All The Gear All The Time).

Be Safe and remember

### PRACTICE MAKES PERMANENT! YOU ARE WHAT YOU PRACTICE!

Do yourself and your loved one a favor. Take a Riders course! (If you keep on doing what you are doing, you will keep on getting what you are getting!)



Bill Tucker KS District Educator



# BY THE BOOK

By: Jack Wagner 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/officerhandabook.html Please feel free to reprint these articles in Region, District, or Chapter newsletters.

# Changing of the Guard

GWRRA no longer specifies a tenure of office. As long as the Officer is enjoying their position, the appointing officer is happy with the performance and the Members are having fun, an Officer can remain in position as long as they wish. But eventually every Officer within GWRRA moves on - hopefully voluntarily but sometimes its necessary to remove an officer. Lets address the voluntary departure or retirement first. We've discussed the procedure for appointing a new officer previously. So lets discuss what happens as part of the transition.

When an Officer resigns, they shall turn over to their appointing officer or their replacement: 1) all materials of that office; 2) all property of that office (copy machines, file cabinets, etc.) paid for with funds generated by that office; 3) all fund balances generated for the operation of the office along with a full accounting and financial report. In other words, anything that belongs to the Chapter/District/Region that is in the Officer's possession should be turned over to the new Officer. The transfer should take place within a mutually agreeable period of time but MUST NOT exceed 30 working days. The Appointing Officer should then forward the Officer Change Appointment Worksheet to the Home Office along with a new signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for processing.

In the unfortunate situation where an Officer must be removed from Office, the process is pretty much the same as above with a couple of additions. The appointing Officer with direct authority over the removal must provide the reasons for dismissal, steps taken to correct the situation and all supporting documentation. The affected party should also receive a copy of the GWRRA grievance procedure outlining his rights. All discussions relating to the removal should be kept private, only involving the appropriate parties. This should all be done with care, discretion, and respect for the affected parties – after all, they are volunteers. I like to refer to the process as 'tearless termination'. Copies of all correspondence and documentation must be forwarded to the appropriate Region Director and the Director of GWRRA.

The more you know, the better it gets!

Jack Wagner Region H Trainer

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Hello everyone...

You know...they say that "April showers bring May flowers" but I don't see many flowers but of course I didn't see much rain in April either (unless you count that 8 hours of rain we rode through coming back from Marshall Texas) Anyway May started out bit on the hot side with a day or 2 over 100 but that didn't last long and spring finally arrived in Kansas which means better riding weather. And finally as we got into the last couple of weeks of May the rain that we've all needed and wanted.

May started out on a high note with Cassoday Sunday on the 4<sup>th</sup>. I don't know how many of you ride up to Cassoday on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month but when you do go look for Chapter F's meeting place. It's a good place to park your bike and you can get a good breakfast. But don't wait too long because it's a place where a lot of people to eat and they may run out...



Here's a picture of a couple good looking bikes that were there that day

We had our monthly chapter meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> and there was a pretty good turn out to enjoy the food and company and we had a good lesson about the 5 key points to safe riding









which are 1-always assume you are <u>invisible</u> to other drivers (so look out for them because they probably aren't looking for you), 2-look where you <u>want</u> to go (watch out for those ditches), 3. Counter steer, 4-use both brakes, 5-<u>Never</u> stop riding the bike.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> we had our monthly dinner ride. We met at the Quik Trip at 47<sup>th</sup> and Oliver so we could ride out on Thunder Road to the barbeque place in Augusta called "No Mercy". We didn't have a real big group only 8 bikes with 11 people but we made enough noise that they probably thought there were twice as many people there.









And some of the conversations that when on...they talked about a lot of strange things but the two that I remember the most were about some of the medical procedures that they have all endured over the years and they talked a lot about "barking spiders". Marty even challenged the ladies with whoever caught the 1st spider had to call or text everyone else to let them know. Well we didn't have to wait too long because Larry caught one right after we walked out the door (thank goodness he caught it outside because it was huge!)

There was a ride on the 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> that Joe Gattenby was leading down on Route 66 but I wasn't able to attend so maybe someone will give us all some information about what all went on. There was also a Trike class put on by Bill Tucker and his group so I'm hoping all that attended had a great time and learned a lot.

Well this is all I know about what we did for the month of May...now let me give you a little information about what is coming up in June.

5<sup>th</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup>, is the Missouri District Rally.

If you go, be sure to catch the Twisters performance on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

7<sup>th</sup> is the annual Beranek Bash

11<sup>th</sup> Powells anniversary

12<sup>th</sup> is our next chapter meeting @ the Home Town Buffet on West Central.

Meeting starts @ 7 but come early to eat and visit with other chapter members

14<sup>th</sup> Flag Day

15<sup>th</sup> Barb Browns birthday 19<sup>th</sup> Dinner ride & Glen Koch is in charge of this one.

20<sup>th</sup>- 22<sup>nd</sup> is the District Campout

22<sup>nd</sup> Beranek's anniversary

Couple dates to keep in mind

July 2-5 Wing Ding

Sept 12 & 13 District Rally

This is all I can think of for now but if I missed anything or you would like me to include something that you would like the members to know about please e-mailing me at scarymary1210@sbcglobal.net and I will include it in the next newsletter



Until then...ride as often as you can. Mary Mazur Chapter A Newsletter editor

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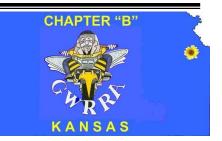
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"We were in how many different states?" It was time for the annual "Ride Around \_\_\_\_\_". After traveling the roads around Texas and Kansas the past two years, this year the group ventured around the state of Missouri. Traversing the roads outlining a state can be a challenge, but a wonderful opportunity to see what lies on the often little known areas of the state. Missouri, along with Tennessee, borders eight other states. What a chance to "visit" a lot of states in a small amount of time.

Fourteen bikes and sixteen people, led by rider organizer John English, set out on a cool Saturday morning from Overland Park without regards to the storm approaching from the south. Another bike joined up shortly after crossing the Missouri River. The group headed west to visit a campsite of Lewis and Clark on the Nebraska side of the river where they found an Army Corps of Engineers river dredge, the *Captain Meriwether Lewis*. With Nebraska done, it was back into Missouri for lunch and a leisurely ride through the farmland of northern Missouri. The evening venue was in Bloomfield, Iowa with dinner at a restaurant on the square across from a unique Victorian style county courthouse.



Sunday morning found rain falling, but as luck was with the group, it stopped as breakfast ended. Back in Missouri, the group stopped to view a mural of a Pheasant Biplane on the wall of a factory where the airplanes were built in the 1920s. They continued their journey toward Athens and the northeast corner of Missouri. Athens was once a river port town, but

is now only a park commemorating a skirmish between unionists and secessionists in 1861. The pavement ended at the park and the group retraced their route back to MO-81. Lunch was in Quincy, Illinois. Heading south along the Mighty Mississippi, the group stopped to help Tom Sawyer paint his famous fence in Hannibal, Missouri. Rain gear was a necessity as the storm finally caught up with the group as they traveled toward St. Louis and the Arch. In spite of construction detours, cobblestone streets, huge speed bumps, and some wrong turns, the group managed to take some photos of the Arch and continued on their way to Sainte Genevieve, the oldest city in the state of Missouri. Four Chapter B members met the group for dinner at The Anvil where everyone enjoyed great food and local history.



A trip to see the high water marker in Sainte Genevieve on Monday morning left the group glad that they hadn't visited the city in 1993. John and his GPS had some disagreements on the way out of town which led to a nice tour of the city and the help of the local police stopping traffic to get the group through some of the intersections. With a sigh of relief from the local townspeople, the group finally left Sainte Genevieve heading south toward a ferry into Kentucky. Rainwater from previous storms was standing in the fields and on the road. Unfortunately mud on a curve resulted in one bike and rider going down. The bike suffered some damage, but with duct tape it was back together. The rider bounced back up, but decided that he would be stiff and sore in the morning and headed back to Overland Park with an escort.

The rest of the group headed on to the ferry. A huge storm could be seen coming up the river and as the ferry docked, it hit hard. An unscheduled lunch stop allowed the extremely wet group to get out of the rain for sandwiches and coffee. After lunch, the skies cleared, but the planned route was closed due to the high water. A detour took the group farther into Kentucky and Tennessee than originally planned, but taking it in stride, they jumped on an interstate and were once again back in Missouri. Thunderstorms followed the group as they traced the Missouri boot heel where they found fields flooded and many farm houses mere inches above the water. Water across the road was encountered, but with caution the group sailed through.



Dinner at Lambert's was wonderful and a spectacular sunset was seen as the group approached Dexter for the evening. Another rider joined the group in Dexter and word was received that the two motorcycles had reached Overland Park without further incident.

On Tuesday with no rain in sight, the group journeyed south on a roller coaster highway, MO-19, toward Mammoth Springs. The dogwoods were in bloom and provided a welcome of spring to the area. As the trees were just beginning to leaf out, it was possible to see deep into the forest along the way. After a stop to see the spring and a leisurely walk around a small lake fed by the spring, the group discovered a railroad station and power plant. The headwaters of the Spring River were located there. Following the roads west, Branson was the stop for the night. Three more joined the group and enjoyed dinner and a show with them.



Some of the group headed home Wednesday morning while others headed out for a day ride around the Branson area or went to shows. In the evening the entire group went to the College of the Ozarks for dinner at the Keeter Center. One of the student waiters shared with the group his motorcycle journey from New York to Branson on an '84 Suzuki. Following the wonderful meal, some enjoyed another Branson show.

Thursday morning found the group leaving Branson and traveling along the Arkansas border through Roaring River State Park. The final southwest corner marker was found between Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri and then it was homeward bound. Heading north and exploring the alphabet roads near the Kansas/Missouri border, smaller groups of riders left the main group and headed for home. It was six days, nine states, twenty five participants, and approximately 1750 miles. A huge thank you goes to John English and Roger and Missy Shores for their work in planning and making another "Ride Around \_\_\_\_" successful.



May 3 found Chapter B members at the Cracker Barrel in Independence, Missouri getting ready to head to the Warm Springs Ranch, home of the majestic Budweiser Clydesdales. Twenty six bikes and three cars, a total of forty people, enjoyed a wonderful excursion arranged and led by Bogie Bogenrife and Mary Rose Enderle. The ranch and grounds were beautiful and well groomed.



The tour was excellent and everyone learned about the time and effort involved in breeding and caring for the Clydesdales as well as the history of the farm and the special events in which the Clydesdales participate. A one day old colt and its protective mother were a sight to see.

After the tour, everyone followed some winding roads to Rocheport, Missouri and a yummy lunch of pizza, sandwiches, and salads. To walk off the calories from lunch, the group wandered down the KATY Trail, across an old railroad bridge and through a brick and stone train tunnel. The workmanship was amazing. Homeward bound, the group split up and went many different directions. A great time was had by all and a huge thank you to Mary Rose and Bogie for the trip.

It was a surprise ride on May 10. Once again, Mary Rose Enderle and Bogie Bogenrife were in charge and ready to take Chapter B on another outing. Everyone met in DeSoto, divided into two groups and headed off on back roads, destination unknown. All the group knew was that lunch was to be provided at the stopping spot. After a fun ride, we came to a small country home that Mary Rose and Bogie had designed and built. The group enjoyed a wonderful cookout and had a great time visiting in the beautiful setting. What an excellent way to spend an afternoon of fun and camaraderie thanks to Mary Rose and Bogie.



Chapter B events for June:
June 5 - Dinner Ride
June 7 - Citadel Cave Ride
June 14 - Jamesport Ride
June 18-21 - Mississippi River Cruise
June 19 - Chapter Meeting
June 28 - Breakfast Ride/Dean Weller Garage

Safe travels, Paula Aiken

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Our monthly supper ride was well attended. Brenda & I led the ride to Boomer's (where the service is always good and the food better) from the Kwik Shop in southwest Topeka. We had 5 bikes and one car. John & Teresa Gull were in their car because Teresa had cataract surgery earlier in the day. She was in good shape and even a good mood given that she couldn't wear her glasses so therefore couldn't see a lick. There was plenty of harassment going around because of her eye patch but it was all in good fun. We had 10 people in attendance with plenty to talk about. It seemed like everybody had something interesting to talk about from an iron butt ride, to the safety course in Wichita, and future trips. The weather was pretty windy but since we were riding north it was a tailwind almost all the way. The weird drivers were out almost all the way. Riding 50 mph in a 65 mph to get cars in the middle of our group to pass didn't even work. It seemed like they just wanted to be surrounded by motorcycles. The ride was safe with no close calls and that is what is important. The ride home was nice as the wind died down and the temperature was almost ideal for a nice ride.

Our extended ride on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> to Joe Snuffy's in Abilene wasn't as well attended we started with 3 bikes but one dropped out early. After talking with several chapter members there were a multitude of reasons for the "no shows". Pretty much all of them were valid reasons which isn't necessarily a bad thing. The ride was the scenic route taking us about 130 miles to get to Abilene. For those of you that aren't familiar with the restaurant it's located on1st street with plenty of parking available (some of it gravel) and plenty of room inside and the food and service is excellent even with the place being packed like it was when we were there. They also have some huge homemade rolls that are very good.

I did manage to take a wrong turn getting there. Like I said it's on 1<sup>st</sup> street which should make it easy. We passed 2<sup>nd</sup> street and I turned at the next street without reading the sign but in Abilene that can be a mistake since after 2<sup>nd</sup> street comes Texas then the next street is 1<sup>st</sup> street. Who would have thunked it?

We held our meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> and I was drafted into trying to keep everybody in line and it didn't work at all. Ron & Marjie Crawford weren't able to attend because their grandson was graduating in Lawrence. Ron didn't say if it was college, high school or kindergarten that he graduated from, just that he graduated. Bill Hanson started the meeting off with discussing an incident on US 24 where two riders went down in a group of approximately 50 bikes. What happened was a possum crossed the road and one bike swerved to miss it and the rear wheel hit it. This caused the first rider to do down and the second one to go down had no place to go and hit the first bike. There were injuries but Bill didn't know how bad they were hurt. The point was made if an animal runs in front of you and if it is small enough that it can be eaten in one sitting, HIT IT, don't swerve. Also we discussed an incident that was posted on the GL1800 rider's board where a rider on a Goldwing was passing a semi on the interstate and had a Harley pass him on his right side between him and the truck. He said a couple of miles up the road the Harley pulled off. Not sure if it was because of the vibration of the bike or if he needed to check for a clothing change. It for sure wasn't a very bright move.

Just as the meeting was winding down Lenny Barnes slyly waved a set of Goldwing keys letting everybody know she now was riding a trike. They picked it up near Austin and now, as Earl says they have salt and pepper bikes. His is a black '10 CSC and Lenny's is a white '06 Roadsmith.

After Lenny finished showing off (good for you girl!) the "rigged" 50/50 drawing was held with Al Davis drawing the number and Sandy reading it with nobody else seeing the number and the winner was... Sandy! Oh well they need the money, since they are going on vacation to the Northwest. We will be waiting for a trip report from there next month.

Birthdays 1 Teresa Gull Anniversaries 30 Don & Deb McCollough

15 Sandy Davis

28 John Gull

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Well here it is, time for the June Newsletter already. Chapter f had it's meeting on May 22 nd and as it has been in the past, or at least sense I took the reins

I made a mess out of the meeting. I get messed up and then frustrated, but every one had a good time. The deserts were provided by Carol Chastain and they were great. Thanks Carol.

May 4 th was the first Sunday of the month and CASSODAY Motorcycle Sunday. Chapter F hosted the Motorcycle Club House and opened at 6 am. By 10 am we were out of food. We had sold

75 Burrito's

135 biscuits

7 gallons of gravy

12 Egg, Cheese, Sausage sandwiches

By Noon we had sold 4 gallons of ice cream

and 7 two litter bottles of Root Beer.

ITHANK!! Everyone who pitched in and made this fund raiser a great success for the Chapter. I know everyone had a great time and we all had a good time fixing the food. We were disappointed when we found out we were not

going to have a chance to do it again this year.





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Anniversaries
Jack and Doris Schoeck 6/16

Ride Safe & Ride Often





# Chapter H — Hutchinson Blue Dragon Country

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We had a good riding month so far with a dinner ride to Barbs in Turon on May 2. Great food and fellowship. Judy and I met Chapter Q at Dutch Kitchen in Hutchinson for lunch on May 3rd and then a full day on Sunday to Cassoday and then to the new Cycle Gear store in Wichita and of course Braum's in Newton. The May 17 Saturday was a full day with rides to Moundridge to see the Kansas Twisters perform and then had a large group go to Thunder on the Smoky in Marquette. After lunch we headed to the Garden of Eden in Lucas for a real eye opening experience and then to the historic Midland Railroad Hotel for dinner and finished the day with ice cream at DQ in Lyons. Sunday we had 10 go to Greensburg Mennonite church for a MCC benefit ride, probably the best buffet I've ever ate at. We'll fin-

ish the month with 8 of us going to Branson for our annual memorial weekend run with a side trip to Harrison to take in the GWRRA Arkansas convention.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Glen Koch's loss of his sister in Moundridge. Thanks Terry and Judy Mann

**Assistant Chapter Directors** Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch



It is finally, about time, officially riding season. We all want to get out and ride. That is a good thing. We also want the comradity of our fellow members. So when the time to ride feels right, call someone and say "hey, let's go for a ride". An impromptu ride is a fun thing. Call, text, email. If you know ahead a day or two that you are going to ride, let others know so they will have the opportunity to join you. Sometimes just a short ride for coffee or ice cream (what, us?) will take the edge off of a hectic week. Maybe even just a relaxing ride for the pure therapeutic value will do. Whatever the moment, ride and enjoy it.

From your Chapter Educator Marvin Avers



Rider Ed Bits

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. Think about that statement. It is so easy for us who ride motorcycles to understand how important it is. Until the motoring public understands the importance of that statement, every time we venture out on a ride we are the ones that have to be aware for them. We not only have to operate our motorcycles safely we have to maintain extra vigilance for the other traffic around us. As I have told you in the past, "Ride like you are invisible", because to some we are. Look twice to save a life -- can also be what saves your life.

RIDE SAFE! Mary

Chapter MEC, Bill Watts



Greetings to my GWRRA Family. I know the month of May has been a busy one. So far it sure has been for me. To this point I got my youngest son graduated from Buhler High and now it's to college next, so yes it has been a busy month of May for me too, but I have also found time to ride as much as I can.

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And we here at Chapter H have had some fun rides so far for the month of May and June is looking like it is going to be another month of fun rides and activities.

Just a recap on some of our rides for May so far: on 5-2 we rode to Barbs Bar and Grill in Turon, Ks. It was a great ride and dinner was good as well some of the best smoked ribs I have had in quite a while I might add. On 5-4 we rode to Cassody, KS for the monthly ride in and enjoyed some great Biscuts and Gravy made by Chapter F. We then rode over to Wichita and checked out the new Cycle Gear store, then stopped in Newton for Ice Cream before heading for home. 5-17 we rode to Moundridge, KS and watched the Kansas Twisters perform at the air and car show. From there we traveled to Marquette, KS and took in the annual Thunder On The Smokey and then headed to Lucas, KS and toured the Garden Of Eden, which is listed as one of the eight wonders of Kansas. I might add it is an odd but interesting place if some of you have never seen it. We then rode to Wilson, KS and had dinner at the Midland Railroad Hotel and Steakhouse. We then headed for home. It was a long day and a lot of miles but it was a fun day. 5-18 we participated in the M.C.C. Ride for Relief which is a great cause by a great organization and the help they provide reaches worldwide. The ride started in South Hutchinson, KS and we rode to Greensburg, KS and attended a service that was followed by and incredible lunch served by the Greensburg Mennonite Church. After lunch we visited the Big Well, our second eighth wonder of Kansas in less than 24 hours. I wonder what we could have seen if we would have had another couple of days? After leaving the Big Well we started for home. Norm Frederick led the ride and showed us where his farm was located North of Greensburg. We rode an alternate route home, it was both a little cool and windy but it was still a great weekend to get out and ride. Those are just some of the weather conditions we all have to deal with and adapt to.

5-22 through 5-25 some of us from Chapter H are headed to Branson, MO for the weekend. We also will be taking in the Arkansas Rally at Harrison, AR, and folks the month of June is taking on the same kind of look for rides and activities and I think it too is going to be another fun month for Chapter H. Keep an eye out for e-mails about rides and activities and keep in mind Wing Ding is less than 60 days away. It will be here before we know it I know I am excited about the trip and I hope you are as well.

Now I would like to take some time and remind everyone in Chapter H about the challenge I made to each of you at our May Chapter meeting and to bring those not in attendance up to speed on the challenge and how it is handled. As your MEC I take membership in Chapter H very serious, not only for you that are already members, but by also growing our Chapter and making it the greatest Chapter in the Kansas District. So my personal challenge works simply like this, if you the member bring either an individual or a couple to any of our meetings or activities and they sign up and pay the fee to become a GWRRA Member, I will personally pay your dues, less Rescue Plus, for the next calendar year that they are due. If you were to sign up two people from different households I will pay your dues for two calendar years. At this time I am prepared and willing to pay up to four years of dues for any one current member that is to sign up to four new memberships from four different households. I know some of you might be thinking I may have lost my mind by making this challenge and no, I have not. This is just an incentive that is fair to each and every one of you and levels the field for all of us. It is not just a one shot incentive that once a member gets in on it no one else can. Each and every one of you can get this if you work at it. The prospective members are out there. Let's all go get them and bring them into this fun GWRRA family.

Have Fun and Ride Safe! Bill Watts

Chapter COY
Dale & Georeanna Tritsch



We will be on the road again doing our thing. We will be traveling to all the Region H Conventions and also Missouri and Colorado. We have been meeting many new and prior acquaintances and having fun. There are so many good folks in GWRRA that it is always like going to a big family reunion; and the family keeps growing. I think more members from all over are going to the conventions and events. That is a good thing. We have learned a lot from those whom with we visit about many various subjects. We have always felt safe around GWRRA members. Where else can you find folks you can trust. If you leave your keys in your bike (who would do this?) they will be there when you return or the keys will be brought to you. If you drop money, most likely another member who sees it will see that you get it. I believe that when traveling members stop by and need a place to stay, it is safe to give them a key and say "lock up when you leave". I do not know of any other group or organization that has the trust inherent within the GWRRA organization. Oh, yeah, don't forget the hugs!

Chapter Newsletter Editors Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch



We have had good turnouts at our gatherings. I know that conflicts arise and not everyone can attend all events all the time. It is with great pride that KS-H has one of the best participation records in our district. We have done a lot together. We have great officers and fantastic members. There is one of the most important aspects of keeping a chapter going that KS-H has – involvement. We get involved. We participate. We do things together.

Our chapter supper ride to Hoof & Horn on April 25 was changed due to a late time for us to be seated. We instead went to Acapulco Mexican Restaurant in Newton, KS.

It was nice having other chapter members join us. We always extend an invitation to all chapters to join us in our antics.











Of course we had to ride to Moundridge, KS to Scoops for ice cream.



On May 2 we went on a supper ride to Barb's Bar & Grill in Turon, KS. It was a great day for a ride. The wind finally died down and there weren't many 072572 **suicidal bugs**.

Terry Mann taking a group photo.









Bugsy got his salad. Happy bunny!





On May 4 we rode to Cassoday to the monthly get together there. On the way back we had to stop at Braums in Newton.

On Saturday, May 17, we rode to Moundridge to see the Kansas Twisters Mortorcycle Drill Team perform. It was also an air show having old Planes on display









We then headed for the Garden of Eden in Lucas, KS to see the cement works of S. P. Dinsmoor.











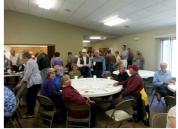
We left Lucas and rode to the Midland Railroad Hotel Steakhouse in Wilson at 5 pm and then home.





On Sunday, May 18, we went on a benefit ride for MCC. We left the South Hutch Mennonite church and rode to Greensburg, KS for church service and a benefit lunch. We saw the Big Well in Greensburg before going home.









We had a few members who couldn't make these rides due to other commitments or health reasons. That is a reason, not an excuse. We accept reasons. We all have them. Excuses are for bumping into someone, leaving before others, or passing gas. We respect reasons and other commitments. Things happen. If you have a reason, we understand. If you make excuses, we don't want to hear it.

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Our regularly scheduled gathering is 7pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. We go to the Sirloin Stockade on 17<sup>th</sup> street in Hutchinson, KS (just a little west of 17<sup>th</sup> & K-61 Hwy).

We begin the feeding frenzy at 6pm.

We draw one membership number which is placed somewhere in the next newsletter.

If the member to whom the number belongs sees it and is present at the next gathering, that member wins \$5.

(it pays to be a member and attend gatherings)

Hey, get in on a good thing. 50/50 is 7 for \$5 or 15 for \$10. Did you find your membership number? Better read me again.

# Upcoming Events

### Chapter H

June 7th Moundridge kettle days parade June 8th memorial ride honoring Aileen Koch to Potwin June 20-22 District campout Council Grove June 21 Moundridge Mec poker ride June 26 Chapter H meeting.

Watch email for times and possible changes.

### District

May 23-25, 2014: Arkansas Convention, Harrison
May 31, 2014 Rider Education Trike Course
June 20-22, 2014: District Campout, Council Grove Kansas
August 9, 2014 Rider Course Trailering or BRC2
September 6, 2014 Rider Course Trike Trailering
September 12-13, 2014: Kansas Convention, Abilene Kansas
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September 25-27, 2014: Oklahoma District Rally, Shawnee OK.

# Birthdays

Bud Mounts 6-18

Charlie Pitts 6-20

# Appiverseries

Norm and Joan Frederick 6-10

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Meeting Night - Friday, June 13th - Brown Bag at 6:30pm Meeting 7:00pm

Derby Church of Christ 225 N. Derby St,

Derby Ks. 67037 in the fellowship hall at the south

end of the building

Rides last month

The Chapter P dinner ride was held at Curtis C's in Newton Kansas on Friday May 23 there were 10 in attendance. Special thanks to Rick and Carolyn Stevens for setting up the ride.

Also this past weekend David and Sherri McDonald, Denny and Cathy Chesnut and Dale and Janice Mooney rode to the Arkansas state rally.



At the Cat house Lounge Eureka Springs Arkansas.

June Birthdays-None

June Anniversaries- Garry and Phyllis VanBuskirk





Everyone have a safe month! David & Sherri McDonald Directors Chapter P **Chapter Couple** 

Steve & Sue Boone

# Chapter Q - Wellington



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Greetings all,

This short article is from you Asst CD Bill Tucker, as Jack & Teresa did not have the time to submit an article on our May activities.

Since I was sick, I was unable to attend our chapter meeting, nor were Jack & Teresa because of softball games so we had our illustrious Asst District Director ramrod the meeting for us. Thanks Rick Kistler for helping us out. I'm told it was well attended and I'm sure Rick kept everyone entertained.

What I can report on, well kinda, is the 'Q Crew' ride May  $3^{rd}$  to the Dutch Kitchen located about five miles west of South Hutchinson on US 50. Sheila & I met the 'Q' bunch as they were coming through Mulvane. Since planned the ride, I took the lead and off we went.

The trip to the restaurant was uneventful. It was a beautiful day for a ride. We got there around 11:45am and had to wait about 15 minutes for them to set up the table for all of us. We were joined by Terry & Judy Mann, CD's of KS-H. We thank them for coming and visiting and eating with us.

Once we were seated, the service was very good. The food arrived hot and everyone said they food was very tasty.

We had reservations at the Kansas Salt Mine Museum at 1:20pm, so off we went. Again, nothing exciting on the ride to the museum. Just straight east on US50 to Yoder Road left turn and 1/2 mile were there. This is where I'm short on information. I had been recovering for m bronchitis so chose not to venture done the 600 plus feet to the mine. Which by the way take's only 90 seconds to go down. Maybe Jack & Teresa could tell us about it at our next chapter meeting June  $5^{th}$ .

It's been a while since I planned a ride for my chapter. I enjoyed it and think I might, I repeat might? volunteer again.

Other news. Jack & Teresa and Steve & Carolyn Boone attended the BRC2 riding course May 4<sup>th</sup>. Yep, Teresa braved it again and got on behind Jack. Maybe she gets her kicks that way! What about it Teresa? I hope they enjoyed themselves. I sure enjoyed having them as their instructor.

Sorry, but is all I have to tell you. I don't have the 'Q' event schedule with me so cannot tell you about any upcoming events. I'm sure Teresa will send out emails on any planned activity.

Don't forget our June meeting on the  $5^{th}$ . Win some money, Maybe!!! We always look forward to visiting with each and every one of you.



# Kansas Chapter Couples 2014

CHAPTER A COUPLE OF THE YEAR Robert & Barb Brown



CHAPTER F COUPLE OF THE YEAR Rick & Brenda Kistler



CHAPTER B COUPLE OF THE YEAR
Steve & Brenda Milam



CHAPTER H COUPLE OF THE YEAR Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch



# Kansas Chapter Couples 2014

# CHAPTER P COUPLE OF THE YEAR Dennis & Kathy Chesnut



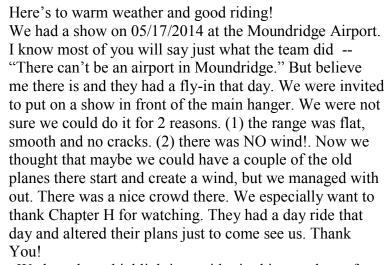
CHAPTER Q COUPLE OF THE YEAR Steve & Sue Boone



# The Kansas Twisters

# **Drill Team**

Steve Bockhaus, Team Captain



We have been highlighting a rider in this newsletter from time to time. This month we would like to highlight Rick Stevens

### Rick Stevens

I learned to ride motorcycles as a teenager on my neighbor's dirt bike. Once I finished high school, I did not have the opportunity to ride for almost 20 years. I worked for a short time with a Mortuary service where I began riding again as a motor cycle escort for funereal services. In the fall of 2005 we bought a 1979 GL 1000 to "save on gas." Well, you know how much that saved. We joined GWRRA in January 2006 after we attended a couple of Chapter P meetings with Jim and Carol Lamb.

We had the opportunity to upgrade to a 1985 GL 1200 LTD about 18 months later. In the spring of 2008 we found a good deal on our 2006 GL 1800. We have since put about 70,000 miles on the bike. Our adventures have taken us as far west as Utah, as far east as North Carolina, as far north as Mt. Rushmore and south to Marshall, Texas. My wife and I have been Assistant Chapter Director, Chapter Couple and Chapter Director. Currently, I am an MSF Instructor and teach Experienced Rider Courses with Bill Tucker and am the Rider Educator for Chapter P. My wife



and I also teach Rider Education Seminars at our State Conventions. I am looking forward to teaching a class at Wing Ding this July.

I attended the kick off meeting for the Kansas Twisters, but was unable to participate for the first few months because of time conflicts. I joined the team this winter and am looking forward to improving my precision riding and performing in many more events as a Kansas Twister.

June 7<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 10:30 a.m., we will put on a show for the Missouri District Rally. It is in Branson, just a short fide from here. Come and see us if you can. We will also be at Wing Ding in Madison Wisconsin. It will be July 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Please come and watch us if you are there. It really helps to see familiar faces when we are performing and while we represent the riders of Kansas.

See you on down the road! ------Steve Bockhaus – Captain – Kansas Twisters Motorcycle Drill Team See us on Face Book --- Kansas Twisters MDT



# GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION KANSAS DISTRICT

# 2014 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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August 9, 2014: Rider Course 2 Wheel Trailering/BRC2

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September 12-13, 2014: Kansas Convention, Abilene Kansas

"Where Rails meet the Trails"

September 21, 2014 District Brown Bag Ride to Wamego

September 25-27, 2014: Oklahoma District Rally, Shawnee OK.

November 15, 2014: Region Staff Meeting, Marshall, TX

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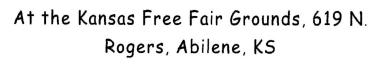
January: Kansas Mid Winter Rendezvous, Park City, KS

March 26-28: Louisiana District Rally, Lafayette

April 16-18: Region 'H' Rally, Marshall, TX

# Kansas District Convention

"Where The Rails Meet the Trails"



September 12-14, 2014

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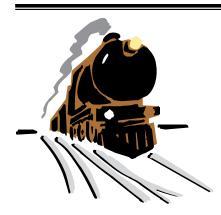
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