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Jack & Doris Schoeck Directors





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A Message from your District Directors

Kansas Monthly Newsletter Region 'H'

Jack & Doris Schoeck Grand Master Riders Jack #1961 Doris #2389



GREETINGS from Your District Team!

Happy March to everyone! Remember that the time changes on March 13, 2016 and we will be on Daylight Savings Time again. Jack is excited about that as it stays lighter longer and he will get to ride later.

February has been a busy month for the Kansas District Team. We have made trips to Chapter Gatherings, had a Core Team meeting at Bill Tucker's house and have visited Hutchinson to take care of some matters for the State Rally coming up in April. We are all excited about the Rally and hope to see a lot of you there. The State Team has worked really hard to bring some fun activities to the membership and there should be a lot of things a person can choose from. Remember that the date for the Rally is April 22-23, 2016 at the Atrium Hotel and Conference Center in Hutchinson, Kansas.

An e-mail was sent out to all the Chapter Directors advising about the Door Prizes we will need from each chapter and also reminded them of the races we have. This year the Chapters can make a choice of having a Space Ship or a Mining Cart to race. It will be interesting to see what they all come up with.

We are also in the process of passing out the Grand Prize Tickets for the Chapters to sell. This is one of the ways the State has to earn money to put on our rallies. Remember that you can sell these to anyone and they do not have to be present to win. If someone you sold a ticket to wins, then the seller of that ticket gets \$50.00 for selling it. So members, ask your Chapter Directors about these. If we missed your Chapter meeting we will get them to you in the next several weeks.

We have visited a lot of the Chapters this month and also got to attend a couple of Valentine Parties. Chapter P had their regular meeting after a lovely dinner on February 12th and Chapter A had a Valentine Dance at Udall, Kansas on Saturday, February 13, 2016. Both events were well attended and both were a lot of fun. At Chapter Q this month, Sheila Tucker was installed as the new Treasurer for Chapter Q out of Winfield. They are excited to have her as part of their Chapter Team. Also, Mike and Mary Hildebrand were given their oath of office at their regular meeting, since they were out of town at the Mid-Winter Event. They are the new Treasurer's for Chapter H out of Hutchinson.

Upcoming events include Region H Rally in Marshall, Texas, March 17-19, 2016. There are a lot of things planned and many opportunities for Fun, and more Fun! Hope to see a lot of you there. Also, the last of March and first part of April is the Louisiana Rally in Lafayette, LA. They always have a lot of fun things to do and put on quite a party.

The East/North Picnic Ride will be on Saturday, June 11, 2016 and we will be going to the Cray Castle in Atchison, Kansas. More information will become available as the date draws nearer.

Also the State Campout will be June 17-18, 2016 at Santa Fe Cove, Council Grove Lake, and Council Grove, Kansas. We will give more information as that draws nearer also.

Until next time, Ride as often as you can and Ride Safe! We will see you down the Road!

Jack and Doris Schoeck, Kansas District Directors

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From Your Region Team

We are having a costume contest at the Welcome Party on Square in Marshall. We will be selecting a winner in 3 categories.

> They are: <u>Individual, Couple and Chapter</u>.

Each category is competing for the coveted 'RED NOSE' Award.

A Chapter entry must have at least 4 participants.

We will have some DQ Cards for the winners so you could get a brain freeze with the Red Nose you might say.



KANSAS DISTRICT TEAM



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GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION KANSAS DISTRICT





2016 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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March 17-19:	Region 'H' Rally, Marshall, TX
March 31-April 1&2:	Louisiana Rally Lafayette
April 10:	Experience Riders Course (BRC2), Wichita
April 22-23:	Kansas Rally, Hutchinson, KS
May 7:	Trike Course (TRC), Wichita
May 19-21:	Texas Rally, Temple TX
May 26-28:	Arkansas Rally, Harrison AR
June 11:	East/North Picnic Ride Cray Castle, Atchison,
	KS
June 17/19:	Campout Santa Fe Cove, Council Grove
July 7-9:	Reno Rendezvous, NV
Aug 31-Sept 3:	Wing Ding, Billings MT
September 11:	Ks State Fair Ride In
September 17:	West/South Ride TBA
September 18:	Trike Trailering course, Wichita, KS
September 25:	Trailering (two wheels), Wichita, KS
September 29/Oct 1:	Oklahoma Rally, Muskogee
November ??:	Region 'H' Team Meeting, Location TBD

Kansas Couple of The Year 2016



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Kansas Chapter Couples 2016

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Marty & Ruth Dannar

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Gary & Susan Drake

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John & Karen Glaves

Kansas Chapter Couples 2016

CHAPTER H COUPLE OF THE YEAR



CHAPTER P COUPLE OF THE YEAR



Marv & Toni Ayers

Rick & Carolyn Stevens

CHAPTER Q COUPLE OF THE YEAR



Bill & Sheila Tucker

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Carolyn Stevens Marvin Ayers Rick Kistler

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Greetings to all,

I received information from Chapter Educator KSF Russel Harrold that he was resigning his volunteer position of Chapter Educator effective at KSF's March meeting. Russel accepted the position November 2nd 2012. We will miss him and his safety presentations. We wish him well with his future endeavors. Thank you for your service to the membership of GWRRA.

Good news from the higher-ups concerning one of our riding courses. This is something Rick Stevens and I have talked about for three years and 'eureka', it happened, kinda!

We can now offer a short version of the Trike course which means we can now offer a range only class, skipping the 3 hour classrooms portion. This shorten course <u>does</u> count for recertification for your level status.

But there is a catch (Wouldn't you know that would happen?) You cannot receive credit for taking it back to back. So if you take the short version this year, you will have to take the long version next year or whenever you do take the course again and then back to the short version (alternating Long/ short course).

Any trike riding member that has never taken the course will need to take the full version first. The classroom portion is very good for the new trike rider/co-rider as well as it is for the season rider that has never had the classroom portion. It is excellent information and being refreshed every other time you take the TRC is a good thing.

As most of you know, we encourage every rider, two or three wheelers, to take a riding course every year. We even established a sliding fee schedule. For members we start at \$30.00, and drop it \$5.00 for each consecutive time you enroll, with a low of \$20.00. My team is reviewing the fee program for 2016 and possibly a change or two since we now have the short version. Non-members fee is \$40.00 each time.

Here is our riding course schedule for 2016.

April 10th= ERC Experience Riders Course (BRC2) two wheels. May 7th= TRC Trike Course (Possibly Short Version) Sept 18th= TTRC Trike & Trailer Course Sept 25th= TC (Two Wheeled Trailering Course)

All the riding courses will be held at the Wichita Water Department Parking Lot. AND REMEMBER, CO-RIDERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE AT NO CHARGE. And they can get Co-rider credit for their level certification.

The Kansas Rally is about here and Rider Education is again providing 'On Bike Games' Saturday only this year. They will be held in the Trade Center parking lot north of the hotel. The games we have require a Co-Rider.

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We will also be responsible for Poker Ride. You can take the ride Friday or Saturday. You will draw your cards at the Rider Ed booth. There will be one 1st place and 1 second place money prizes. The poker ride is 'free' and you can purchase additional cards for \$1.00 per card to try to improve your hand. There will be a limit on how any cards you may purchase. If you don't want to take the ride you can buy a hand for \$5.00 and have the opportunity to purchase additional cards to improve your hand. All the money goes to your Rider Education program.

We are again in charge of the light parade. It too will be held in the Trade Center parking lot. Each rider and co-rider will receive one ticket each for a drawing of two \$25.00 cash prizes.

Immediately after the light parade, those that wish to enter the light show (Moving & Non-Moving) categories will do so at the Trade Center parking lot. The winner of each category will receive a trophy, not money.

At the Trade Center Parking lot, the Kansas Twisters Drill Team will perform at 9:00am Saturday morning. The parking lot is within walking distance of the hotel. Don't miss their NEW routine for 2016. It's a dandy.

As we approach the season for parade riding and other activities that we display our flag on our bikes I thought I would give you some information concerning the proper displaying of the flag on the back of our motorcycle. I do not recall where I got the information, but I'm thinking it was at a Legion Riders Meeting.

"When the United States flag is flown alone, it should be at the "center" on the rear of the motorcycle, or its "marching right". The "Marching right" is on the right side of the motorcycle to the rider's perspective when facing forward.

If the United States Flag is on your bike with another, it should be to its "marching Right". This means displaying the flag with another flag to its right.

If displayed with multiple flags, the United States Flag should be centered and higher than the other flags. The other flags should be arranged in alphabetical order and in decreasing importance. You should fly the nation's first, states next in the order that they became states and territories second, military third in order of their establishment." Unquote.

That is it for now. As always, ride smart and be alert to arrive alive.

"PRACTICE MAKES PERMANENT! YOU ARE WHAT YOU PRACTICE!

Your District Educator's Bill & Sheila

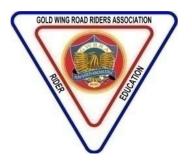
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

New Fees for our Riding Courses: \$25.00 for members, \$40.00 Non-members (no change). If you take course consecutive, \$5.00 off each time until you reach \$15.00.

Co-Riders are Always 'Free'

Takes effect April 10th, 2016





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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 JACK & DORIS SCHOECK, District Directors at 620-341-0426.

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 785-537-1988 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> Terry & Judy Mann, Sr CD 620-728-9320 4th Thursday 7:00pm <u>Sirloin Stockade</u>

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Chapter 'P' David & Sherri McDonald CD 316-650-3238 2nd Friday, 7:00pm Derby Church of Christ 225 N Derby St, Derby

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Chapter 'Q'

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March 2016





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Hello, hello, hello.

March is once again upon us, which means spring is almost here, although it will be hard to tell since winter never really got here this year but needless to say it's riding time again!!!

Before we get out on our bikes let's talk about what we did in February. I must warn you there will be few words but lots of pictures.

We had our monthly meeting on the 12th and the crowd was so big that our poor little waitress had her hands full serving us all. Chris & Michelle Grooms got to take their Oath of Office & Ruth and Marty got their patches for being our Couple of the Year for 2016. Bob Brown our Riders Ed leader gave us a great lesson on why we should take a Riders Ed course, even if you've been riding for years or taken a class before. It's just like playing on a baseball or basketball team...you've got to practice if you want to continue to play on the team. And doesn't everyone always say... practice makes perfect. If you are interested in taking a class the 1st one is an Experience Rider course on April 10th. Contact Bob for more information if you are interested in attending.

Here are just a few pictures from the meeting.



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Next up was the Sweetheart dance on the 13th. I'm sorry to say that I did not attend this event because I couldn't see going to a "sweetheart dance" when my sweetheart was home sick with pneumonia so I do not have any details about it other than it had to have been a whole lot of fun. I would like to thank Debbie Gattenby who sent me a whole lot of pictures to show me how much I missed.





On the 20th we went on a dinner ride to a place in Augusta called Popular Restaurant. I think this is a place we should go to again it has great food. Just remember to check their hours before you go because they don't open til 4:00pm on Saturday



Here's what should be coming up during March. Debbie Gattenby has the monthly ride not sure what she's planning but I'm sure it will be a good place and here's hoping the weather will continue to be nice so we can all ride our bikes

10th is our monthly meeting at the County Café at 2804 S Seneca in Wichita. Meeting starts @ 7:00 but come early to enjoy a good meal and visit with the other members.

13th Daylight Savings begins today...remember to set your clock ahead or you will be late for your 1st appointment of the day

17th St Patrick's Day...remember your green

Region H Rally begins on this date...for those of you that are going to attend.

- 23rd Hal Williams birthday
- 17th Easter Sunday
- 28th Joe Gattenby's birthday
- 29th Michelle Grooms birthday
- 31st Louisiana's rally begins

April 22nd & 23rd is the Kansas Rally at the Atrium Hotel, 1400 N Lorraine, Hutchinson Ks. Please remember to register early

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

Mary Mazur, Chapter A Newsletter editor



Remember...if you go on a ride and would like to let others know how it went please send me a brief description (and pictures if you got them) and I will add it to the newsletter

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Chapter B – DeSoto

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January ended for Chapter B with a breakfast at Pegah's Restaurant in Shawnee. After lots of wonderful food and conversations we journeyed to the Antioch library annex for our planning meeting. Lots of ideas were bandied about, with a few dates set and many yet to come. Dinner rides will continue to be on the first Thursday of the month beginning in April and breakfast rides are on the last Saturday of each month. Watch our monthly calendar for activities as they are finalized.

Our monthly meeting on February 18 was well attended with thirty eight people there to listen to Eric Wadman give his safety tips. District Directors, Jack and Doris Schoeck, came to the meeting. Someone may have tipped them off that there would be a surprise at the end of the meeting. February was Great American Pie Month and the trivia contest pertained to pie.

Pies have been around for thousands of years. Historians have traced the pie back to the ancient Egyptians where bakers for the pharaohs would fill bread dough with nuts, honey, and fruits. The Greeks however are believed to be the originators of the pie pastry. Greek pies were made with a flour-water paste wrapped around meat. This served to cook the meat and seal in the juices. When the Romans conquered Greece, they took these pie recipes back to Rome and used every type of meat, including seafood, for the fillings. Eventually the pie recipes spread throughout Europe and each country adapted the recipes to their specific customs and available ingredients.

Pie was originally a simple cooking and serving vessel created with dough. A pie with a crust was known as a coffin. This hard crust wasn't meant to be eaten and between the 13th and 16th centuries, many pies held live birds, frogs, and other small creatures. Think of the nursery rhyme, Sing a Song of Sixpence. It is extremely possible that those "four and twenty blackbirds" were really baked in the pie and sang when the king cut it open.

Howard Dickinson, Gary Ohler, and Eric Wadman were the winners of the trivia contest, each getting seven questions correct. They shared their winnings as each member received a piece of pie following the meeting.

Chapter B events for March: March 13 – Bowling, 1:00 p.m. Royal Crest Lanes, Lawrence March 17 – Chapter Meeting March 17-19 – Region H Rally, Marshall, TX

Safe travels, Paula Aiken



Chapter C - Topeka

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Chapter MEC Open

February started off with a surprise compared to the last few years. This was the first time in about 3 years we didn't have snow when we went on the February supper ride. Our destination was McFarland's in Topeka on the 2^{nd} with 14 people in attendance. We almost had a big OOPS. When Brenda and I arrived, we found out nobody had called in advance and the restaurant had 3 other groups already booked. The manager hardly bat an eye he just said wait a minute and that was about all the longer we waited and he had a table ready for us. It took a bit longer than usual to get our food but considering the number of people eating the wait wasn't too long. Be-

sides it gave us more time to shoot the breeze and enjoy ourselves.

Our meeting was held on the 16th with 21 people in attendance. Things started out with a discussion on the hazards of riding this time of year, with sand and gravel on the roads along with debris from farm machinery among other things.

The district rally in Hutchinson was discussed and it was noted that there are several motels in the vicinity of the rally site

with good rates. The host hotel is also an option with the price located on the District Website. Pre-registration ends on April 15th. Now I think the district folks could have picked a better day to raise the price of the rally since I'm convinced April 15th is the worst day of any year unless it happens to fall on either, Saturday or Sunday then the Monday after that meets the requirement of the worst day of the year. The group was briefed on the change for the District east ride and it will be noted on the website so chapter members can decide if they want to ride to the Cray castle or to the Corner Café in Riverside, MO. The Riverside ride was scheduled in November at our planning meeting so as not to interfere with the scheduled East ride. Earl Barnes had determined he will be unable to lead the Riverside ride and Rick Thompson has stepped up to lead it (thanks Rick). We would like to welcome Galen Umsheid to the chapter and also welcome Randy and Denise Benteman back as they have relocated from Cottonwood Falls to Topeka. Randy had the opportunity to transfer his position as game warden in Shawnee County, which worked to his favor allowing them to be closer to family.

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It was decided the Chapter would use a photo of the Indian on the Capitol building for our contribution to the quilt being raffled at Wing Ding. It was a tough decision; a picture of the building will be used without the scaffolding that has adorned it for so many years. It was also suggested that a picture of pot holes in Topeka would also represent where the chapter is located, however that one didn't get too far.

Our supper ride will be on the 2^{nd} with Ron and Marjie Crawford leading us from the Kwick Shop on 4500 SW Topeka Blvd at 6:00 pm, to Boomer's in Holton. Also in March, we will hold maintenance day on the 26th at Ken and Arlene Felch's home. They would like everybody planning on attending to let them know at our next meeting in order to get the correct amount of meat. In addition to the meat provided by the chapter we ask that you bring a covered dish. As we all know maintenance day in Chapter C amounts to more of a good time and party that working on motorcycles. We tend to keep out bikes in good condition year round, however last year we did get a demonstration of how to change oil in a trike. I think that only took about an hour and a half if I remember it correctly. I know I'm glad I wasn't the one paying an hourly rate to get it done.

We held the 50/50 drawing with Al and Sandy Davis being the big winner and Earl and Lenny Barnes winning the second drawing All members of the Chapter managed to avoid being married in March but Arlene Felch is having the only birthday in the chapter on the 30^{th} .

Don & Brenda Williams CD/Newsletter Editors







Chapter F - El Dorado

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Greetings from Chapter F

What a great month it turned out to be! February is always the Valentine, "Love" Month.

There were several people from Chapter F that attended the Valentine Dinner at Chapter P on Friday, February 12, 2016 and had a great time. They had a wonderful dinner and everyone had a good time visiting after the meal.

Chapter A had a Valentine Dance on Saturday, February 13, 2016 and again several of our people attended. If you like to dance, this was the party to attend!

The Chapter Dinner ride was held on Friday, February 19, 2016. It was to be held at the Pizza Ranch in Emporia, but that afternoon Doris got a call that a transformer had blown where the Pizza Ranch was located and they could not guarantee that we would have a meal. So we ended up at the China Buffet and had a great meal there as we would have at the Pizza Ranch. We had Francis and Joyce Dalsing join our group for the meal and we were excited that they came to share their time with us. They are members of Chapter B and they live in Princeton, Kansas which is south of Ottawa. Thanks for coming Francis and Joyce!

Chapter F will have a Breakfast Ride on Saturday, March 5, 2016 and will be meeting at the Copper Kettle in Eureka, Kansas at 8:15 am. There is a buffet on Saturday and Sunday Mornings so there should be plenty to eat. Hope to see some of you there.

Upcoming events for this month are the Chapter Gatherings as usual and also remember that the Region H Rally is in Marshall, Texas, March 17-19, 2016. Hope to see you there.

Until next time, Ride when you can and Stay Warm.

Submitted By,

Doris Schoeck, Newsletter Editor

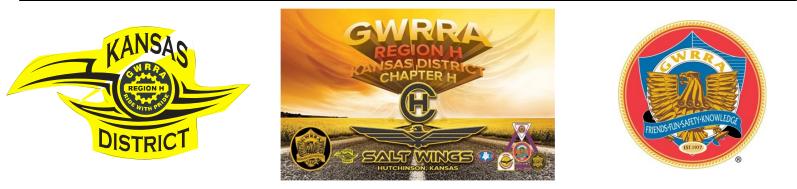




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Our regularly scheduled gathering is 7pm on the 4th Thursday of the month. We go to the Sirloin Stockade on 17th street in Hutchinson, KS (just a little west of 17th & K-61 Hwy). We begin the feeding frenzy at 6pm.

Terry & Judy Mann



We missed our first meeting as Chapter H directors in January but flying to California and driving a motor coach home was another one off our bucket list, and another chapter in our life.



We met Denny & Donna while getting the motor coach.

It was a slow riding month but did manage to ride to Pratt on Sunday Feb. 21 and had a outstanding buffet at Club D'Est. Weather was nice for February and made for a great ride.





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Chapter Scrapbook

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Hope to see a good group at our Thursday February 25th meeting.

In March we have a Bugsy ride to Cheney on Sunday the 13th and our regular meeting on Thursday the 21st.

Terry and Judy Mann Senior Directors.

Dale & Deorgeanna Tritsch ACD

First impressions means a lot.

I have heard of people who have gone to a GWRRA event and "nobody said anything to them." I get that. That has happened to me at various functions. To those that say that, I have this suggestion: Stick your hand out, someone will shake it. If you see someone you do not know, introduce yourself and make them feel as if they are missing something. Make everyone feel welcome. To get someone's attention begin by asking them something; where they live, if and what they ride, where they ride. By asking someone something that is about them you will gain their attention and respect. We all like to be involved and made to feel important. Many of my friendships began with just a few exchanges of what we do and do not have in common. We do not all have to agree on everything but we all need the respect of our peers as to who we are.

Whether at a gathering, on a ride, at a rally, or anywhere, be yourself and be connected. You never

know where a friendship will begin and where it will take you. We all have our unique way. Some like to ride fast, some like a slow easy ride. Some like steak and lobster, some like a hot dog. The only thing I do not get is Tofu – I thought that was a form of oriental foot fighting. Most of all, SMILE. Next to music a smile is a universal way of connecting. Get out there. Meet and Greet, Have FUN.

Marv & Toni Ayers CE



Ride Safe Marv

Mark & Linda Classen MEC



Rider Ed Bits

Here it is February when most people's thoughts turn to hearts and chocolate. But we, GWRRA members, let our thoughts turn to riding gear, safety chrome, and upcoming rides. With the weather we are experiencing it is easy to let our minds wander to the open road. Before you hit the open road be sure to start the riding year off right. T-CLOCS comes to mind. You are ready, your gear is ready, make sure the motorcycle is ready.

You are messing with my FUN time!

You can ask Linda - the sentiment above is exactly how I feel. When I can't ride I am not at my best. However the weather in the past week has really brightened my spirits. I hope that everybody in the chapter is getting ready for a great riding season.

If everyone looks at our calendar this year - we are trying something different and we hope a lot of fun for more of our members. We having what we call a Bugsy hop (ride) at least once a month. This ride is not a ride that may be scheduled to go to some restaurant or long ride, that would take several hours or a lot of money. These rides are for the FELLOWSHIP! It may be only to Newton, McPherson, Salina, etc. but the destination will be just the ice cream we all love, or a burger. The first one is scheduled for Feb 27 and we are going all the way to Yoder, for breakfast! Most of the time we will meet for the Bugsy Run (Hop) and decide which direction we are going from there. If this doesn't work we may "decide" from month to month the next Bugsy run on the preceding month to let every-

one know. Please give any ideas of good ice cream shops / locations to myself or any of the officers.

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Also I want to put in a plug for the Regional rally in Marshall, March 17-19th. This rally will be fun and exciting with a lot of competitions, on/off bike games, Talent shows, Bingo -(with name that tune), and of course rides! There will be plenty of surprises for all, so if you can make it, there is time yet. Better hurry though hotels are filling up and most need your reservations by the end of February. You can sign up online by following the link on the web site gwrraks.com to the Region H link and then to the rally information. Hope to see some of you there.

Finally, we have our own Kansas rally coming up, April 22-23 right here in Hutchinson, KS!! Hey everybody in case you did not know we are the host chapter for the Kansas rally. We will need volunteers for this event, so when one of the officers taps you on the shoulder - the best response will be "Sure I can help you do that". Better yet you can volunteer to do some of what is needed. We need "Hutchinson Greeters", just to make people feel welcome and want to come back. We will also need help (me) with any games that are fun and that you know and would be liked for those that are not on a ride, in a session or just looking for something fun to do at the rally. We might need help in helping people with directions (or taking them) to our attractions, the Zoo, Dillon's Nature center, Salt museum or the Cosmosphere. Just being there and being willing to help would be great! Don't forget that you need to register for that Rally also, just follow the links on our web site gwrraks.com.

We will see you on the road. Mark and Linda Classen "Riding for fun with our Friends" GWRRA.

Marv & Toni Ayers Chapter Couple



Hello, Chapter H friends. It's February, the month when thoughts turn to love, romance, and chocolate. We shared two Valentine meetings and two Twister practices with GWRRA friends.

We went to Wichita on February 11 to be with Chapter A and to Derby for the scrumptious Valentine's dinner that Chapter P prepared. (I was the really lucky double winner of the 50-50 at that event.) We're looking forward to seeing all of you at our Chapter H meeting. Thanks to all of you for sharing your congratulations with us, thanks for assurances from Bill and Sarah, and appreciation to Dale for emailing us the article about COY.

Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch News Letter Editors



February was a slow month for chapter H. Although the weather was quite good for the second month of the year, not much was planned. Kinda makes us wonder what is yet in store weather-wise. Some of us went to the Valentine Dinner hosted by chapter P. As always that was fun with plenty of good food. Then the following day was the Valentine Dance hosted by chapter A. Even though we were "framed" upon entry, we had a food time. Some of the OWs can still get down and boogie. (OW is for Old Wingers,, not how we felt the next day). Things begin to pick up again in March -- Rides, rallies, and the KS State Rally. Chapter H, being the host chapter for the KS State Rally, will be busy rounding up volunteers for various duties at the rally. We will be looking for ride leaders and assistants for the state team so we can make this the best KS State Rally ever. If you have never been to a state rally do not miss this one. It will be our chance to shine and show why chapter H is the bestes,

growinest, funnest chapter of all. Dale t & Georgeanna not how we felt the next day).



I stayed with Chris & Janice Scheurer this month. My biggest event was watching the Super Bowl.



Upcoming Events

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

KS

<u>February</u> 25 27	Meeting Bugsy Hop breakfast at Carriage Crossingin Yoder,
<u>March</u> 13 13 17 - 19 24 31 - Apr 2	Bugsy Hop Benny's in Cheney Daylight Saving Time (move ahead 1 hour) Region H Rally in Marshall TX Meeting LA Dist Rally
April 9 22 -23 28 30 Bugsy Hop	Rally Meeting KS Dist Rally KS-H is host chapter Meeting

Sunshine Events



March 5 Kit Sand 20 Don Schroeder April 1 Jeff Whithorn 13 Doug Krahn



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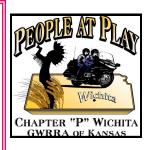
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Chapter Couple



Rick & Carolyn Stevens



Meeting Night - Friday, Brown Bag at 6:30PM Derby Church of Christ 225 N. Derby St, Derby Ks. 67037 in the fellowship hall at the south end of the building

What's happening? February brought Chapter P's annual Sweet Heart Dinner, with 46 attendees from many different chapters. Turkey and Brisket were the menu items, and made a wonderful meal. Many Thanks to all involved who put in their time and effort to make such a great meal.

Birthdays for Chapter P in March will be Dan Vickers on the 7th, Gloria Brentlinger on the 15th, and Phyliss VanBuskirk on the 21st.

Again - Mark on your calendar for March 11th as that will be Chapter P's monthly get together. Derby Church of Christ, 225 N Derby St, in Derby.

Denny and Katherine Chesnut, Twister 8,

Assistant Directors









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Chapter Q – Wellington



Senior Chapter Directors Jack & Teresa Kistler 620-782-9636

Ass't Chapter Directors Jim & Carol Owens 620-441-8097

Chapter Couple Bill & Sheila Tucker





Chapter MEC Judy Eggleston

Open

Chapter Treasurer Chapter Educator Open

Hope everyone got some riding in last month, there weren't a lot of good days, but there was some and you have to take advantage of all of them you get this time of year.

The month of February brought us some good meetings and fun gatherings. We started off with a great meeting at the Eatery. If you haven't had the chance to join us down there you're missing out on some great food, maybe we'll see you in March. The next couple gatherings on the agenda were KSP & KSA Sweetheart events. Dave & Sherri McDonald and the rest of there bunch did a great job with the Sweetheart Dinner. The food was wonderful and the time with everyone was even better. The following evening Joe Gattenby and Chapter A hosted a Sweetheart Dance. Once again the food was good and plentiful. We all had a great time at both events and if you missed out this year, you need to mark your calendars for these events next year.

We had our first Breakfast Ride of the year in February and had a great time. We went to the Tee Time Café in Clearwater and there were even some of us that rode. It was a good place to eat and I think everyone that attended had a very good experience.

Now we hope that all of you can join us for our next event. On March 12th we will be hosting our annual St. Patty's Day Party. We will be having our Potato Bar once again with all the fixings and

I'm sure lots of desserts. We encourage all of you to make your potato centerpiece to help decorate our tables and we will once again vote on the best Potato Decoration. Be ready for some games, jokes and who knows what the leprechaun might have up his sleeve! So pencil us in for March 12th at the Udall Comm. Building and let's have some fun!

Chapter Q will also being doing a Spring Ride on April 30-May 1st, this is a one night event and we will be going down into Oklahoma. We will have more information as it becomes available.

Last but not least we want to wish Rick & Brenda Kistler luck at Marshall in their run for Region Couple of the Year. Go Kansas!!

> March Birthdays: Teresa Kistler 12th Gordon Smith 23rd Gary Mangus 27th

Until the next time, Ride Safe and Have Fun. Jack and Teresa Kistler Jim and Carol Owens

BY THE BOOK

By: Jack Wagner Deputy Director Region H Trainer



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

Achieving the Vision continued

Last month we began our exploration of how the elements of the GWRRA Vision statements come into play at the Chapter level. Lets continue that journey. The next portion of the Vision statement reads:

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

The family-oriented part should be obvious. I frequently see Members bring their children (or grandchildren) to Chapter events. GWRRA Members should conduct themselves in a manner that no one would be embarrassed to bring their children/grandchildren along. Chapter events are usually held at family friendly facilities.

We conduct our 'business' in a non-political environment – no voting; no election of officers; no Robert's Rules of Order. Whenever there is voting there are naturally winners and losers - the 51% rule. What about the Members on the 'losing' side? Will they go along, or be upset and leave? What about pressure to vote with your friends, even if that's not what you really want? Do elections produce the best Officer? Campaigning for office brings about favors or promises for votes. GWRRA appoints their officers based on ability. When it comes to a decision, the Director and his team listen to input from all Members, then make the appropriate decision. Our Chapter gatherings are social events conducted to provide information and FUN - not meetings with formal report-outs and rules of order, motions, etc.

While we are like-minded when it comes to our love of motorcycling, we come from a multitude of backgrounds. GWRRA isn't attempting to persuade or dissuade anyone from their religious beliefs - religion is a very personal choice, not to be dictated by anyone. The statement serves only to create an environment where no one feels obligated to participate in any religious expression that may make them uncomfortable. IF we were to endorse or practice a particular religion, whose would prevail? The Director? What happens when a new Director with different beliefs comes in? There is also potential liability exposure when refusing to allow a Member the opportunity to express an alternate belief. The best way to satisfy everyone is to ask for a moment of silence where all are free to quietly express themselves as they see fit.

Religion and politics can be very polarizing subjects because people have very strong opinions about them. My Dad always said not to discuss either when at work or when visiting in someone's home. It shouldn't have to be that way, but it is and until people can let go of the need to be right and believe only their opinions are the right ones, these will continue to be very sensitive topics. It can be very hard to change or open your mind to a different point of view.

We're supposed to be having FUN riding our motorcycles, being with our friends and their families. Anything standing in the way of that is something we should all strive to avoid.

There are good reasons for the way things are.

The more you know, the better it gets!

Jack

March 2016

Kansas District Rally April 22-23, 2016 Atrium Hotel & Conference Center Hutchinson Kansas



Theme "Space for Wings"

Things to do. Tour rides, Trade Show, 50/50, Grand Prize, On Bike Games, Races, Light Parade, Light Show, KS Twister Drill Team Performance, Supper Rides,

Sight Seeing: The Cosmosphere & Space Center, Dillon Nature Center, The Underground Salt Mine Museum, Hedrick Exotic animal Farm, Indian Creek Bison Ranch, Motorcycle Museum north of Hutchinson, and much more. Host Hotel

KANSAS DISTRICT RALLY

April 22-23, 2016 Hutchinson, Kansas



'Space for Wings'

'Poker Rides' 'Tour Rides' 'On Bike Games' 'Brain Teasers' 'Off Bike Games' 'Bike Show' 'Seminars' '50-50' 'Grand Prize Drawing' "Kansas Twisters Drill Team' 'Trade Show' 'Chapter led Supper Ride' 'Skits' 'Light Parade' 'Light Show' 'Vendor Walk'

Hutchinson offers many places to visit. 'The Cosmosphere & Space Center', 'Dillon Nature Center', 'The Underground Salt Mine Museum', 'Hedrick Exotic Animal Farm', 'Indian Creek Bison Ranch', 'Motorcycle Museum North of Hutchinson' and much more.

Registration Form

Atrium Hotel & Conference Center 620-669-9311 Room Rate \$72.00
1400 North Lorraine, Hutchinson KS. 800-363-5018

Pre-register before April 15th
Life Members: \$20.00 per person, after April 15th \$25.00 per person
Members: \$25.00 per person, after April 15th \$30.00 per person
Non-Members: \$30.00 per person, after April 15th \$35.00 per person
Rider: _______GWRRA #_______Age: __Email: _________
Co-Rider: ______GWRRA # _______Age: __Email: _________
Address: _______City: ______State: ______Zip: ________
Phone: ______Chapter: ______District: ______Region: ________
I/we agree to hold harmless GWRRA, any Co-sponsoring organizations, and any property
owners for any loss or injury to self or property by reason of participation in this event. I/We also

 Rider Signature:
 Date:

 Co-Rider Signature:
 Date:

agree to assume responsibility for any property that I/We knowingly damage.

Make checks payable to: GWRRA Kansas & Mail registration and check to Judy Eggleston, 3307 Osage Crt., Winfield Kansas 67156.

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