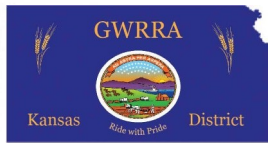
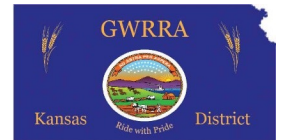


KANSAS DISTRICT NEWS



'The Winger'



Gold Wing Road Riders Association

"Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge"

Bill & Sarah Watts
District Directors



Anita Alkire
President of GWRRA

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

Because GWRRA members are members of all chapters, they are encouraged to attend any chapter gathering and participate in any chapter event.

The Gold Wing Road Riders Association is all about "FUN, SAFETY, and KNOWLEDGE".

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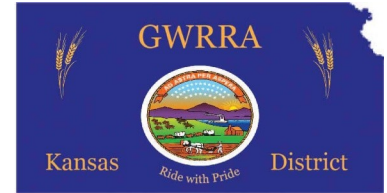
Ride safe and ride often

A Message from your District Directors



Kansas Monthly Newsletter

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



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

As always Sarah and I hope all is well with you and yours and that each of you are looking forward to brighter and warmer days that are just around the corner. I know both of us are and we also know that means it will reward each of us with the opportunities to get out and get some long overdue Handle Bar Therapy,

But just a reminder that now is the time to make sure that not only your Motorcycles are ready to hit the road but all of your riding gear is also in proper shape as well. And let us remember that the Motorists have not seen much of us for a while and each of must have our heads in the game and as always Be Aware! And let's all look out for and do our part to take care of each other and keep everyone safe out there.

In the coming months both Chapter and District activities will be increasing and we encourage all of our Members to check the web site and take a look at what is going on with all of them and get out and participate and have FUN. And here are just a few of the things that come to mind as I am writing this article from the District level. March 17th the very first Kansas Summit, will be held in Hutchinson, Kansas and this will be a FUN day of some very good training for all to attend and lunch is even included. There is still time to get registered and attend and if any of you have any questions you can contact Mark Classen mnclassen@gmail.com or the Chapter Directors.

And our new District Ride Coordinators, Bob and Barb Brown have a great ride scheduled for our first District ride of the New Year on April 21st-22nd going down to Arkansas. They have put together a flyer describing this ride and activities and you can get this information by contacting Bob and Barb at barbandbob@cox.net or the Chapter Directors. And we do hope that many of you will

make plans to attend these FUN events.

As your District Team we have just finished up meeting and finalizing the schedule for our 2018 Kansas District Rally, June 14-16 in Pittsburg, Kansas. And this year's Rally is also going to be a FUN event that is being held in a location that is going to be new to several of us. The daily schedule of activities and events will not be posted on the web site due to the fact that changes and last minute changes to the schedule can and do happen. But there is also a flyer that has some pictures and some information of things to see and do while attending the Rally. And both the flyer and the registration form for the Rally are on the Kansas, web site and we encourage all of our Members to attend and come ready to Participate and have FUN!

Sarah and I look forward to seeing all of our Members soon and as always if any of you have any questions comments or concerns you can always contact either of us at any time.

Bill and Sarah Watts,
 Kansas District Directors,



Did You Know

The Kansas Web Page address has been changed? It is now www.gwrraks.org. Visit it regularly for up-to-date happenings in Kansas and other GWRRA districts. Thanks Dale Tritsch for a great job on the Web site.

Did You Know

That the new positions, District Ride Coordinator (DRC) and the Chapter Ride Coordinators (CRC) are up and running. Bob & Barb Brown are the DRC's and have hit the ground at full speed. Check the Web Site www.gwrraks.org and 'The Kansas Winger' for scheduled rides. Also check with your CRC.

Did You Know

The first Kansas Summit is almost here. It is March 17th in Delos V. Smith Sr Center, 101W 1st, Hutchinson KS.

This is a opportunity to meet with friend and make new one while participating in a educational activity. It is 'FREE' except for the Medic First Aid and the District Directors, Bill & Sarah are providing a lunch.

We need to know how many will be attending the summit and how many will be taking the MFA renewal class. Please fill out an enrollment form and send it to Mark Classen OR email Mark at mnclassen@gmail.com

Did You Know

That when you joined GWRRA you became a member of every chapter in GWRRA. Then you chose which chapter you wanted to spend the most time with. Every member is welcome to participate in every chapter event. Visit a chapter. You will have an rewarding experience.

KANSAS DISTRICT TEAM



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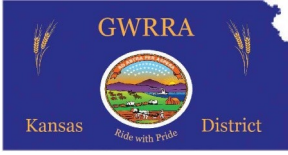


Steve & Terri Bockhaus

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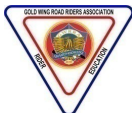
**Bobby & Andrea Shepherd
KSQ**

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION KANSAS DISTRICT



2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- March 17: Kansas Summit (By Rider Ed & University Coordinator)
- April 7: GWRRA Trike Course (TRC-R)
- April 12-14: Louisiana Rally
- April 22: MSF BRC2
- April 28: District Ride to Bentonville AR
- May 5: GWRRA Trailering Courses (TTRC-TC)
- May 17-19: Texas Rally
- May 22: Rain Day for above courses
- UNK: Arkansas Rally
- June 14-16: Kansas Rally, Pittsburg Kansas
- September 9: Kansas State Fair Ride In
- September 27-29: Oklahoma Rally
- Aug 28/Sept 1: Wing Ding Knoxville TN
- October 5-6: District Campout, Council Grove



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Senior Master IV #8248



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Life Grand Master #527



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Bob Brown

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Rick Stevens
Bob Brown
Doris Schoeck

RANGE AIDES

Carolyn Stevens
Rick Kistler

Hello All,

Not much to report as far as Rider Education activities in February. We did have our first Medic First Aid class January 27 in Hutchinson. We thank Chapter 'H' for sponsoring the class. It was well attended. The MFA Instructors were Bill Tucker & Jack & Doris Schoeck. I thank them for driving so far to assist with this very important class.

Bob Brown, Rick Stevens and yours truly attended a Training session facilitated by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF). It was held on the campus of Kansas City Kansas Community College and they were the Sponsors for the training. Here we are paying attention, kinda! Bob & I were winners of door prizes. Sorry Rick.

The following page has a listing of most of our 'Coming Attractions' for your opportunity to participate in.

Also take time to read Mark Classen's article. You will find it under District University Coordinator (DOC). He did a good job of explaining what all the classes that will be presented at 'THE SUMMIT' are about.

I would be remiss if I didn't 'shout out' a reminder that the riding season is very close for most of us so be sure you and you co-riders are personally prepared and your favorite ride is mechanically ready to roll.

Don't forget to check your First Aid Kit for expired items, have the Gold Book on board, personal Medical information etc..

Hope to see you at 'The Summit' March 17, 2018, at Delos V Smith Senior Center, 101 W 1st Ave, Hutchinson. Classes start 8am. Coffee & Sweets available and a FREE lunch provided by Bill & Sarah Watts.



"PRACTICE MAKES PERMENANT! YOU ARE WHAT YOU PRACTICE!"

Bill & Sheila Tucker, your Sr. District Educators

Rider Education Opportunities

Fees for all the riding courses is **\$25.00** for members and if space is available **\$40.00** for non-members. If the non-member **joins GWRRA**, cost is reduced to **\$25.00**.

To enroll email Bill Tucker at wtucker1@cox.net. Limit twelve units per class. We encourage you to bring the Co-Rider with you IF she/he rides with you most of the time. They will benefit by participating and there is no charge for them.

March 17: Kansas Summit, Hutchinson Kansas. Free except for the Medic First Aid Class which is \$20.00 per person. The schedule includes, Medic First Aid; Trike Classroom; 'Co-Rider' Seminar; 'Who's Afraid of the Dark' module; 'Only Sugar Melts in the Rain' module; 'Road Trippin'; 'Team Riding'; 'Cha, Cha, Cha Change'; 'Brrr, It's Cold'; 'Do You Have a Minute'. Lunch is provided by the District Directors Bill & Sarah. To enroll email Mark Classen mnlclassen@gmail.com

Aprils 7: Trike Riding Course (TRC-R) without the classroom portion. In Wichita. \$25.00 per Trike. Co-Riders. Information will be sent to you regarding start time, registration and what you must wear while on the range, and more. Email Bill Tucker to enroll.

April 22: BRC2, the MSF Experienced Rider Course. In Wichita. To enroll email Bill Tucker. \$25.00 per bike, Co-Riders free. If you ride 2-up bring your Co-rider

April 28: District Ride to Bentonville AR. Let your Chapter Ride Coordinator know you are interested. Groups are forming for the ride. It will be enjoyable.

May 5: The Trike Trailering Course (TTRC) and Trailering Course (TC). \$25.00 per unit, Co-Riders free. Two classrooms will be used. Time division will apply on the range. Ride 2-up? Bring those second set of eyes with you for an rewarding experience. Enroll by emailing Bill Tucker.



Notes from Your District University Coordinator Mark Classen



Hello Kansas Riders!

Linda and I are getting really anxious to get some real riding weather going this spring. I know that it has been a real bummer of a winter and we haven't had much of a taste of spring yet but don't kid yourselves it is coming and we must be ready for it.

One of the ways that you can be ready for riding season, is to prepare mentally for it and that is exactly what your University Training team is geared up for coming this March 17th! Mark it on your calendars and bring a friend. That is what GWRRA is all about Friends, Fun, Safety and Knowledge, and we will get all four at the Kansas Summit. This is a perfect time to reach out to non GWRRA members and to show them what we are all about. All that we ask is that you contact either your chapter director or myself at my email so that we can have a guess of how much food we need to make! Remember that this Saturday is without any cost to you, except if you are planning on attending the MFA course and that we have to charge for at 20.00 a person.

What can you expect at the Kansas Summit? Here is just a short overview of what we will be having at the Summit:

Morning MFA course. This will cover you on the levels program, but is a must for being safe and prepared for any emergency. It covers CPR, First Aid and emergency defibrillator use.

Afternoon Trike Classroom course. This will cover you on the levels program. This is the classroom portion of the range Trike course. We are having a range Trike course a couple weeks later in Wichita. You only need the classroom portion every couple years.

8:30 Co-Rider. This is also a levels course, but is good for anyone that rides 2 up. Covers the safety and proper riding habits of your 2nd rider.

8:30 Who's afraid of the Dark. This is a general riding course that is excellent for getting safety tips and proper night riding habits.

10:30 Only Sugar Melts in the Rain. Another general riding course that will give instruction to your riding habits in rain and how to properly react to that riding condition.

10:30 Road Trippin. This is a Leadership level course on setting goals. That does not mean that only leaders are to attend. We all need to set goals in our lives and make better decisions.

12:45 Team Riding. Another levels course that should be attended by everyone. We all need to be aware of the

riders around us and how to properly ride in a group.
12:45 Cha Cha Cha Change! This is another Leadership level course that we can all benefit from. Change always comes into one's life and in this course we talk about handling the change.

2:30 Brr – It's Cold. A riding course about – riding in the cold. Practical suggestions and training on how to handle the cold when caught in it and riding in colder weather.

2:30 Do you have a Minute. This is also considered a Leadership course but is more suited for everybody in that we will be discussing proper ways to handle and give feedback to your chapter, friends or any other organization.

You can see that we are going to have a big day on the 17th! I would love to see every class full so make your plans and we will see you there! Chapter Directors – Please email me any participants that have contacted you so I can get a estimated count of people.

Note – Anyone that wants to attend the MFA course in the morning we need 2 things from you.

\$20.00 per person to be collected before the class begins. Please email your email address to me so that we can contact you before and give you any special instructions.

Linda and I are anxious to see you all there, my email is mnlclassen@gmail.com. Come ready for a great day!

Mark & Linda Classen

District University Coordinators DUCS



Invest in your Knowledge and Safety at the GWRRA Kansas Summit



March 17, 2018

Delos V Smith Sr Center

101 W 1st Ave

Hutchinson, KS 67501



Come for a day of fun and learning – offering Levels courses to keep you current on your levels program

And University courses for fun and retention of your chapter!

The fee for this training day is FREE!

There will be a fee for Medic First Aid of \$20.00 per person.

Class 1

7:45 – 8:30

Medic First Aid
Jack and Doris

8:00 - 12:00

Fee \$20.00

11:45 – 12:45

Trike
Classroom
Rick

12:30 – 4:00

Class 2

Coffee & Sweets for Everyone

Co-Rider
Rick

8:30 – 10:00

Break 10:00 – 10:15

Only Sugar Melts In the
Rain – Riding in the Rain
Bob
10:15 – 11:45

Lunch on Us!

Team Riding
Bill
12:45 – 2:15

Break 2:15 – 2:30

Brr, It's Cold – Riding
in the Cold
Bob
2:30 – 4:00

Class 3

Who's Afraid of the Dark
– Riding at Night
Bill

8:30 – 10:00

Road Trippin –
Setting Goals
Mark
10:15 – 11:45

Cha, Cha Cha Change –
Managing Change
Doris
12:45-2:15

Do You Have a Minute?
– Giving Feedback
Joe
2:30 – 4:00

**Please if you plan on attending
Contact Mark Classen at,
mnlclassen@gmail.com
or contact your Chapter Director**

**Please give us your name and
how many are planning to attend.**

**If you are planning to attend the
Medic First Aid we must have a
Count on that attendance.**

Registration:

Name: _____

Number attending: _____

Attending MFA : _____ Yes/No

Thank you for sharing your Saturday with us and we hope that this has been an experience that you will want to do again!

MOTOR AWARENESS

Steve and Terri Bockhaus
Coordinators



As you may or may not be aware, Steve and I are the Motorist Awareness Coordinators (MAC) for the state of Kansas. Sounds like a fancy title, doesn't it? But, what does it mean? Well, in a nutshell, it means that it is our job to educate the public about motorcycle safety. Sounds pretty simple, huh? Considering that this position is appointed by the national, not state office, by an organization, (GWRRA) whose main mission is to promote safety, you better believe it is an important position that we take very seriously! So, how is this accomplished? Let me share a little insight with you.

Steve attends meetings in Topeka every quarter and participates in many "zoom calls" with GWRRA National Motorist Awareness Program officers. Recently I was able to take off work to go to Topeka with him. These motorist awareness meetings are held at the Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office on Wanamaker Street. There were representatives from Substance Abuse Prevention Awareness, Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP), Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA), A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactment (ABATE), Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Department of Transportation (DOT), and Legislatures. There is no funding from GWRRA or Kansas tax payers to cover the expenses of these meetings. All the representatives are as passionate about safety on the highways as we are, so are willing to volunteer their time and talents for this mission.

We were shown charts and discussed statistics about crashes. The biggest challenge of course, is how to improve the statistics. How is the best way to spend what little money we have? Have the yard signs and bill boards been effective? Did the radio ads, "Click it or Ticket" reach many people? How about the "Don't drink and drive" campaign? As one can expect in such versatile groups, there was much discussion about more or stricter laws, especially regarding right of way violations. Steve and I have always felt that instead of making more laws that are unenforceable, it would be much more effective to provide education instead. And, let's just say, shyness is not exactly our virtue.

While there is no current information regarding the number of crashes involving motorcycle riders who are motorcycle safety foundation trained vs. untrained, most of us will have to agree that there are more motorcycles on the road, and more M endorsements issued. Education and practice are required to drive a car, truck, bus, etc, but not a motorcycle. How crazy is that!? And, how many that do have an M endorsement were "grandfathered in", but haven't ridden in years? (Or worse yet, can honestly say they've been riding since they were a kid, but never had any formal training, so are doing nothing but reinforcing bad habits.)

This topic led us directly into our next discussion: why don't people take riding classes? Well, there are many reasons, including: time, money, convenience, pride/embarrassment. One possible solution may be interactive online classes, with mandatory range time. I have to say, the other riders at this meeting were shocked to find out how cheap and how much education that GWRRA provides. We have a good thing going here folks, so keep doing all you can to recruit new members! Also, these meetings are open to anyone, so if you are ever interested in attending, contact Steve. He would be happy for the support.

Terri Bockhaus

I have recently been on a Zoom call with the Michael Olsen (National MAP). All of the 6 of us on the call are working to get the MAP program in order and how to function on the District and Chapter levels. I will be sending out more information as I get it -----Steve

Kansas Couple of The
Year 2018



Jack & Doris Schoeck
Chapter 'F'

Kansas Chapter Couples and Individuals of The Year 2018

CHAPTER 'A'



Dave & Dana Beranek

CHAPTER 'B'



Gary & Reba Ohler

CHAPTER 'C'



Sandy Davis

CHAPTER 'F'



Rick & Brenda Kistler

CHAPTER 'H'



Don & Carma Gray

CHAPTER 'P'



David & Theresa McDonald

CHAPTER 'Q'



Duane & Vicki Kalous



KSH



Rhonda Guerrero
Individual of The Year

Kansas Directory for Chapters Directors and Chapter Gathering Time and Place



You are welcome to attend any Chapter Gathering and Introduce yourself!

You will be welcome

Call the Chapter Director if you need information about a Chapter activity.

If you live in an area that does not have a Chapter close by and would be interested in starting one, contact District Directors Bill & Sarah Watts at 620-728-8347

Chapter 'A'

Joe & Debbie Gattenby CD

316-644-3066

2nd Thursday, 7pm

Country Café

2904 S Seneca, Wichita

joegattenby@yahoo.com

Chapter 'B'

Joe & Pan Magnant CD

913-660-5176

3rd Thursday, 7pm

JT's Grill

33255 Lexington Ave, DeSoto

Joe.magnant51@gmail.com

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Chapter 'C'

Don & Brenda Williams CD

785-341-4211

3rd Tuesday, 7pm

Perkins Restaurant

1720 SW Wanamaker Rd, Topeka

dwilliams44@cox.net

Chapter 'Q'

Jack & Teresa Kistler CD

316-651-7423

1st Thursday 7pm

Kansas Buffet Company

2825 N Summit, Ark City

Actionjackson@wheatstate.com

Chapter 'F'

Everett & Carol Chastain CD

620-374-7917

4th Tuesday, 7pm

Oil Hill Elementary School

2700 E 6th, El Dorado

Brown Bag-Desserts Provided

Chapter 'H'

Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch CD

620-921-5941

2nd Saturday, 7pm

Gamino's Pizza

310 S Main, South Hutchinson

dalet@cox.net

Chapter 'P'

David & Theresa McDonald CD

316-213-5712

2nd Tuesday, 7pm

Derby Church of Christ

225 N. Derby St, Derby

Brown Bag—Dessert Provided

Mcdonald.david46@yahoo.com



Chapter A – Wichita

Meet 2nd Thursday in Wichita at Country Café 7:00pm– Eat 6:00pm



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Chapter Ride Coordinator

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Newsletter Editor

Mary Mazur

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Chapter Couple

Dave & Dana Beranek

Chapter MEC

Tim & Cindy Howard

Hello everyone

Well March is here and all I can say about February is man were parts of it real cold...and icy. But enough about that lets talk a little bit about what we did during February.

1st up was our monthly meeting on the 8th. Don't have a lot to say about this meeting except to say that fun was had by all. Tim and Cindy Howard who are The Membership Enhancement Coordinators (MEC) for our Chapter . And here they are receiving their certificate to make it official.



Here are a few other pictures of those that were in attendance.







Now I don't normally say anything about the pictures (I let them speak for themselves) but I'm going to make an exception with the very last one...If you know or think you know who this is, you might ask how much for a ticket and just what do you win if your ticket is the winner...?

Next up is our Chapters Sweetheart get together. It was held in Udall on the 10th and again it was a fun time for all that was there with fixings for sandwiches with chips & veggies and other great things to eat and of course lots of visiting.





And after that there were games to play. Here some are playing Jenga



Here's a picture of Jack Kistler's move...and it's after effects



Then here is the group that played Mexican Train Dominos...a very interesting game if you've not played it or seen it played you should watch and learn.



After our chapters luncheon was over, it was on to Chapter Ps "Sweetheart Dinner" that was also held on the 10th where they dined on roasted pork...yum.





At this time I would like to give a “shout-out” to Larry Mazur & Debbie Gattenby because they are much better and remembering to take pictures and are always nice to send them to me.

That’s all I know that happened in February. Now let’s talk about what’s coming up in March.

Larry Mazur is in charge of the dinner ride for March and the first chance to learn where we will be going and on what day will be at our Chapter meeting on the 8th.

4th – For those of you that like to go to Cassoday for “Biker Sunday...well that starts in March. Remember that Chapter F has a little club house there where you can park your bike while you walk around. And don’t forget you can have breakfast, something to drink or just hang out (that’s my favorite)

8th – is our Chapters monthly meeting at monthly chapter meeting @ the Country Café @ 2804 South Seneca. The meeting starts @ 7:00 but please come early for a meal and/or to visit with the other members.

10th – David & Sharon Hohlfeld’s Anniversary

11th – Daylight Savings starts this date so remember to “spring forward” or you might just be late for a very important date.

17th – Kansas Summit – It’s at the Delos V Smith Sr Center in Hutchinson (101 W 1st Ave). If you are in the Levels Program they are offering courses that will help keep you current. University courses for fun and retention for your chapter. And it’s all free. There will also be a Medic First Aid course with a fee of \$20 per person. (See the flyer in the newsletter for more details)

23rd – Hal Williams Birthday
 25th – Glenn Bindley’s Birthday
 28th – Joe Gattenby’s Birthday
 29th – Michelle Grooms Birthday
 31st – the chapters Maintenance Day

Just like in the movies...here is a preview of upcoming events

April 7th is the Trike course (TRC-R) – talk to Bill Tucker the Senior District Educator for more information

April 22nd is the MSF BRC2 course – Talk to Bill Tucker for more information

April 28th & 29th the Kansas District ride to Bentonville, AR. Please text the District Ride Coordinators Bob Brown @ 316-217-5909 or Barb Brown @ 316-217-5908 for information or if you have any questions.

May 5th is the Trailering course (TTRC-TC) – again talk to Bill Tucker

June 15th & 16th is Kansas District Rally with the theme “Wings in the Wind”. It’s in Pittsburg Kansas so make sure you get your registration in as soon as you can so you don’t miss out on the fun.

Please remember to send me some information and/or pictures (just like Debbie & Larry did) of a ride or event you’ve been involved in and I will be glad to add it to the newsletter. You may e-mail me @ scary-mary1210@sbcglobal.net

That’s all for now so until then...ride safe
 Mary Mazur, Chapter A Newsletter editor





Chapter B – DeSoto



Meet 3rd Thursday every month in DeSoto at JT's Grill 7:00pm– Eat 6:00pm

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The ice and cold temperatures didn't make February a very good month for riding in northeast Kansas. Chapter B members have stayed bundled up and home for most of the time. The monthly meeting was held on February 15. Chapter Director, Joe Magnant, provided the 2017 mileage report. Members who reported their mileage rode a total of 209,266 miles. Many of the fifty states were visited. Arkansas, Colorado, and Iowa were the states visited by the most members. Roger and Missy Shores, once again, rode the most miles with 26,067 miles.

The Winter Olympics was the topic for the monthly trivia contest. The first Winter Olympics was held in Chamonix, France. Norway has the highest gold medal count throughout all the Winter Olympics. The white tiger is considered the guardian and protector of the people of South Korea and was thus named as the mascot of the 2018 Winter Olympics. Dan Gray won the gold medal in trivia with seven out of ten correct answers.

Twenty-one Chapter B members met for breakfast at the Corner Bakery Cafe in Leawood on February 24. Great food and conversations were enjoyed. Following breakfast, the group moved on to the library to hold the annual planning meeting. Dinner and breakfast rides were confirmed for 2018 along with district activities. Several annual rides will continue with some new ones also being planned. Many ideas were discussed and planning will continue throughout the upcoming month. Watch our monthly calendar and/or our website for more information and

come ride with us.

Chapter B events for March:

March 15 - Chapter Meeting

March 18 - Bowling, Royal Crest Lanes in Lawrence, KS

March 31 - Breakfast Ride

Safe Travels,
Paula Aiken

Chapter C - Topeka

Meet 3rd Tuesday every month in Topeka at Perkins Restaurant 7:00pm– Eat at 6:00pm

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Chapter Web Master John Gull		Chapter Individual of The Year Sandy Davis		

This month was a total “washout” for Chapter “C”.

The schedule for the chapter this month which normally means we meet at McFarland’s in the snow. This year wasn’t much different other than the weather guessers said 1 to 3 inches of snow and frigid. Being weather people they weren’t wrong (just ask them) but they weren’t right either. I don’t call the low teens, in Kansas, frigid however it was a bit cool. The snow forgot to show up and it appeared most of the chapter folks believed the forecast. When Brenda and I showed up just before 6:00, Bill and Margaret had just arrived (the two couples that live the furthest from Topeka). We went in and discovered we were the first ones there. After waiting until shortly after the agreed upon meeting time, we realized we were also the last ones there for the evening. Not ones to waste time, effort or good food we got down to the important thing of ordering and eating a good meal. After managing to kill over an hour and half we packed it in for the evening and drove back to our homes.

Just to keep the month messed up, the weather guessers decided to forecast up to a half inch of ice for the night before our meeting. Well the ice got here in a manner of speaking. I don’t think it was quite the amount they forecast but there was ice around so the guessers weren’t “wrong” again. The highways were clear but when you got onto the city streets of Topeka it appeared that the road crews might have been on vacation. Anyway, once everybody that decided

it was worth driving under those conditions got to Perkins we had a grand total of 6 people show up. This constituted our modified meeting; 1. We ate (have to have priorities straight) 2. We said The Pledge of Allegiance. And because we had pretty much solved the world’s problems while we ate, we went straight to 3. Which was our 50/50 drawing, with the big winners for the evening Earl and Lenny Barnes with Brenda and I getting the consolation prize.

Earl did say they are planning on selling both of their trikes and becoming snowbirds to Arizona in the future, so if anybody is in the market for either a CSC or Roadsmith trike either call me or drop me an email and I will make sure you get linked up with them. I know the CSC trike is a NAVI model and the Roadsmith has the auxiliary fuel take if my memory is correct. They haven’t settled on a price yet. The CSC is black and the Roadsmith is white. Not sure of the year of either machine.

After the 50/50 drawing we packed up our stuff and headed back to our homes with probably the shortest meeting on record for the Chapter.

We only have two birthdays in March Tiffany Criss on the third and Arlene Felch on the 30th with no anniversaries.

Don & Brenda Williams
CD/Newsletter Editors



Chapter F - El Dorado



Meet 4th Tuesday every month at Oil Hill Elementary School Brown bag at 6:00pm, meet 7:00pm

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GREETINGS from Chapter F!

Spring is not far off now and I think everyone is ready to start riding their Motorcycles and taking trips. Winter time brings a little Cabin Fever so bring on the road trips.

Remember to look your bikes over and fix anything that needs to be done before you ride. There are three Chapters that are having maintenance days for checking out your bikes, eating good food, and fellowship with other Gold Wing Riders. Please check the other news article to see which chapters are offering this service.

Everett made announcements and introduced the Kansas District Staff that attended our meeting.

We would like to thank our visitors from other chapters that joined us tonight. We had visitors from Chapter A, Chapter H, and Chapter P. We had Bill Watts, District Director, and Dale and Georgeanna Tritsch, Assistant District Directors, and Joe Gattenby, Assistant District Director from our State Staff. Jack and Doris Schoeck were recognized as the Kansas District Couple and Chapter Couples; Rick and Brenda Kistler from Chapter F, and Don and Carma Gray from Chapter H.

Bob Brown, District Ride Coordinator, presented Jack Schoeck with a letter of Certification for being the Chapter F Ride Coordinator.

We would like to welcome our newest members to Chapter F. They are Bob and Joan Warren. They have visited us before but are now members of our Chapter. We welcome you and hope you enjoy our meetings and riding with us!

Jack Schoeck gave a report of the February Supper Ride, which was held at the new Kings Buffet, a Chinese Restaurant in Augusta, Kansas on Friday, February 2, 2018. There were 23 people there for the supper. We had Chapter F members, Chapter Q members, Chapter A, and Chapter P members and everyone had plenty of food and lots of visitation went on. Thanks to all who attended!

Rick Kistler read an article titled "How Children Perceive their Grandparents. It was very funny and everyone had a good laugh.

Bill Watts, District Director, gave announcements of upcoming events. He talked about the Kansas District Rally, which will be held in Pittsburg, Kansas and will be held on June 15-17, 2018. The Flyer and the Registration Sheet will be on the Website, but the schedule will not be as it is constantly changing. The schedule will be posted at the Rally and everyone will have a schedule in their packets they pick up at the registration table.

Bill also advised that the Kansas District Summit is coming up on March 17, 2018. It will be held at the Senior Center in Hutchinson, Kansas and will start at 8:00 am. Medic First Aid will be taught in the morning and there will be seminars and modules presented in the afternoon. The lunch food will be provided by District Directors Bill and Sarah Watts and will be at the Senior Center so that no one needs to leave for lunch. If you are attending and have not told them, please let them know so they will know how much food to supply.

Bill also announced that Bob from Horizon Bikes and Trikes lost his wife this past week. Bill asked that we all keep him in our thoughts and prayers

Bill announced that Chapter H will have a maintenance day on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at his and Sarah's home. They will provide Biscuits and Gravy and welcome all who want to come.

Bob Brown, District Ride Coordinator, advised the first District ride will be to Bentonville, Arkansas to the Crystal Bridges Museum. There is no cost to go through the museum. A place to eat lunch will be announced later and this will be a two day ride on Saturday and Sunday April 28th and 29th. There will be more information forth coming and people will be told where they can meet up with the group that is leaving Wichita on Saturday, April 28th. Bob advised that anyone going on this trip needs to make their own reservations at the motel as there is not a block of rooms reserved. The address for the motel is 3001 N. 11th, Bentonville, Arkansas and the telephone number is (479) 254-7800.

Bob also advised there is a ride planned to go to Leavenworth, Kanas, which is planned for Saturday, May 26, 2018. There will be a visit to the Carousal Museum. More information will be coming about that event. Also, there is a Pikes Peak Ride, which will be a 3 day ride and that also will be addressed with more information later.

Everett Chastain advised that Chapter F will be taking a Ride to Woolaroc Museum. Woolaroc is south of Bartlesville, Oklahoma. The ride will be on Saturday, June 9, 2018 and there will be more information coming about that trip also. The cost of going through the museum is \$12.00 normal, \$10.00 for seniors, and will be \$5.00 a person if we have 20 people going. So mark your calendars and come join us for a fun time!!

The question was asked as to what the Chapter Ride Coordinator's job will be. Bob advised that it will be to keep the District Coordinator up to date on the Chapter Rides and anyone that has had the Road Captain Seminar can lead the chapter rides. It does not have to be the Chapter Coordinator. This person in the Chapter would also let other chapter coordinators know about all the rides from their chapter so that anyone from any chapter that wants to go on these rides will know when they are and where they are going.

The 50/50 drawings were won by: Everett Chastain, Chapter F, won \$17.00 and Phyllis Van Buskirk, Chapter P, won \$17.00.

Refreshments were provided by Jack and Doris Schoeck. Everyone enjoyed the desserts.

Birthdays for the month of March are: March 5 -- Rick Kistler
 March 9-- Gene Shannon

Anniversaries for the month is: March 30 – Gene and Delores Shannon

Until next time, remember to watch the weather at this time of the year and Ride Safe if you are on your Motorcycle!

Submitted By,
 Doris Schoeck, Chapter Newsletter Editor



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The next Chapter gathering will be held

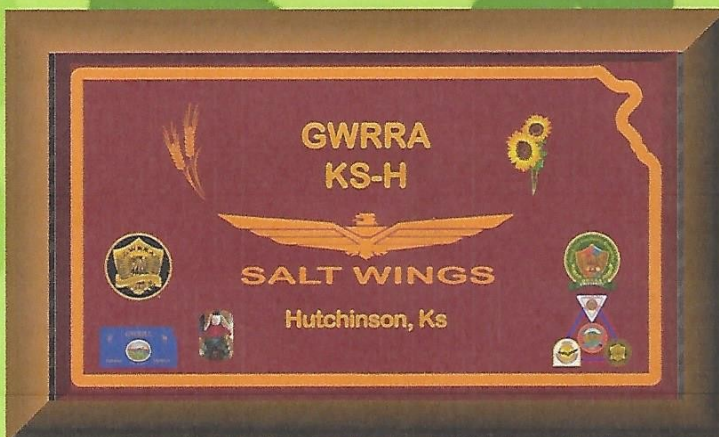
SATURDAY
March 10, 2018

at

GAMBINOS
310 S. Main Street
South Hutchinson, Kansas

COME JOIN US!

**6:00 PM for the feeding frenzy before
we settle down to business at 7:00 PM!**



Dilly
Dilly

Spring is almost here and we have a lot of great events coming up. Hopefully the weather will cooperate so we can do some riding to those events. Watch your e-mails, check out the Chapter H page on the website, and the Special Notice page on the KS District website. There is sure to be something for everyone. Remember anyone is invited to attend our events. We really enjoy having folks participate and see what we are all about. The more the merrier.

There were 6 KS-H members in attendance at the Chapter A Valentine event and 11 at the KS- Valentine dinner. I know there are plenty of things going on all over (not to mention the flu going around) but it would be great to see more interaction between our Chapters whenever possible. After all, it is our GWRRA family.

We would also encourage everyone to join or renew your GWRRA membership. I strongly urge everyone to check your expiration dates and give the home office a call to keep your membership current and/or notify them of any changes to your mailing address or email address, names or additions to your membership and with what Chapter you want to be associated.

If you have input for rides, events, or other things you would like to see, let me know. We want to have everyone involved in some way. Also remember that if you have a talent or expertise that you would share with us, please let us know. We always appreciate our volunteers. The pay is the same for everyone and every position – the satisfaction of making our GWRRA family FUN and GROWING!

Maintenance Day at the Watts garage on March 10 is coming up. You don't need to have something to work on, you may learn a thing or two just by watching and listening. Also the biscuits & gravy will be worth it. If you plan on being there, please let Bill Watts know so he's sure to have enough B & G for everyone. watts_bill@yahoo.com

You should also plan on attending a course or several on March 17 at the KS Summit Retreat. All of the info can be found on the Special Notice page on the KS District website. It will be informative and FUN and includes a free lunch. Contact Mark Classen to let him know what you would like to attend. mnlclassen@gmail.com

Bugsy is getting cabin fever and is ready for a new adventure, so if you would like to have our mascot visit you, come to the gathering on March 10 and adopt him for a while. Check out his scrapbook and see some of his previous adventures. He is up for pretty much anything.

Everyone, take care and stay well. We want you healthy and ready to enjoy our FUN group.

Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch
Your Chapter H Directors and Team



Anniversaries



MARCH

25 Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch

Sunshine Events

Happy Birthday

MARCH

5 Kit Sand
8 Sharry Stauffer-Thompson
15 Chuck Schmidt
20 Don Schroeder

APRIL

1 Jeff Whithorn
20 Cecil Milhon
27 Rob H Barber



dates to Remember

MARCH

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

APRIL

- 7 TRC-R at noon
- 12 – 14 Louisiana District Rally
- 14 Chapter H gathering at KS-F Birthday Party - El Dorado
- 22 BRC2 at 8am
- 28 – 29 KS District Ride to Bentonville, AR

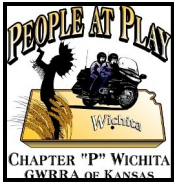


(You can see everything going on the calendar for Chapter H at <https://www.gwrraks.com/chapter-h.html> and other GWRRA Kansas events at <https://www.gwrraks.com/calendar.html>)

We encourage everyone to join our merry group of motorcyclists and find out what we are all about! We generally meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month, BUT sometimes that will change so be sure to read the newsletter or check the calendar on our website so you'll know when and where we're getting together.

On occasion we will draw one membership number and then hide it somewhere in the next newsletter. If that member spots it and is present at the next meeting, he or she wins \$5!! So come to our gatherings and catch up with your motorcycle buddies. We have a lot of fun, learn a few things and you might just win some cash too!

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

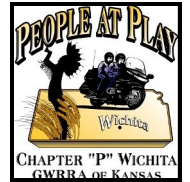


Chapter P – Wichita

Meeting Night

2nd Tuesday every month. Brown Bag at 6:00pm

Derby Church of Christ in Fellowship Hall, south end of building, 225 N. Derby St



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In January David and I attended the Medic 1st Aide course put on by Bill Tucker and Chapter H. There was 12 in attendance



January 25th Chapter P had a dinner ride to Emerson Biggins, we had several in attendance and food was yummy.



February 10th was Chapter P's Sweetheart dinner... Everyone enjoyed Pork Roast, Mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and lots of desserts. It was a big success.

Thank you to everyone and all the chapters that attended. Pictures next page.



March Birthdays Dan Vickers March 7
Phyllis VanBuskirk March 21

Anniversaries- none

It's getting closer to the weather we all enjoy, we will be getting our bikes out and preparing for Rides, Rides and more Rides coming soon.

Everyone be safe

David & Theresa McDonald
Chapter P Directors



Chapter Q – Arkansas City



Meet the 1st Thursday every month Ark City at the Kansas Buffet, 7pm– Eat 6pm

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Kansas Chapter Q March 2018 Newsletter

Well the month of February has come and gone, so now it's time to look at March and get to riding. All the monthly ride-ins should be kicking off this month so saddle up and head on out to Cassoday, Beaumont or wherever the road takes you!

The month of February was a fun time with Valentine's Day. We started with a Potluck Sweetheart Dinner with Chapter A at the Udall Comm. Building. They had lots of good food and several games to keep everyone busy. Then later that same day we all made our way to Derby to Chapter P's Valentine's Dinner. At P's dinner we were all seated and served a wonderful meal and great desserts. To bring the evening to a close they had lots of door prizes they gave away, I think everyone that made it out that evening had a lot of fun.

Now that we're into March it's time for some maintenance on those bikes to get them ready for riding this spring. So you will have 3 different ones to choose from this month. On the 10th Chapter H will be having theirs, on the 31st KSA will have one also. As for KSQ we will hold ours on the 24th in Udall at Action Jackson Automotive. We plan to start around 8am and go till lunch. If you make it early, it has been mentioned that someone (Vickie Kalous) may be making cinnamon rolls for the early birds. Once we have all finished working on the bikes we plan to ride somewhere for lunch. We hope to see all of you that morning.

Also a reminder that on March 17th the District is having a training day; it is being called the Ks Summit Retreat. The day will be filled with some very informative classes, so mark you calendars to attend.

Don't forget to change your clocks on the 11th for Daylight Savings Time, spring forward and let the long days begin!!

March Birthday: Teresa Kistler on the 12th

Until the next time,
Jack & Teresa Kistler

COOK OUTS

Like to Eat? I have yet to meet a Winger that didn't like to eat. Below are the Cook-outs that this editor found out was happening including the grandfather of them all BBBB. "Bubba's Birthday Burger Bash"

June 8th– Cookout at The Beranek home .

June 30th– Cookout at the Watts home.

July 7th– Cookout at The Tucker home. The BBBB, aka 'Bubba's Birthday Burger Bash'. He turns 83
July 2nd.

July 14– Cookout at the Cassoday Club House, by The Shannon's .

October 13th– Cookout at The Tritsch home.

The BBBB is considering having the time set for around 6pm. The reason is that KSH has a 'Bug' run ride scheduled the same evening. Dale & Bill discussed having anyone that want to do the Bug Run' should attend the BBBB and after getting filled up take the Bug Ride afterwards.

More information from Dale as to where the end of the ride will be. The activity is still a 'work in progress' right now.

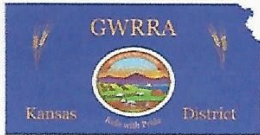
MAINTENANCE DAYS

March 10 KSH at Watts Home, Hutchinson

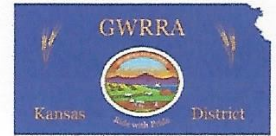
March 29 KSQ at Action Jackson Business, Udall

March 31 KSA at Grooms home, Hutchinson

Contact the Chapter Directors for additional information.



"Wings in the Wind"



Kansas District Rally
June 15-16, 2018



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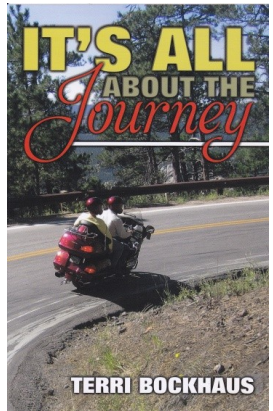


Visit Solidarity Mural - Timmons Chapel (Pittsburg State Campus). Ride 10 miles to Arma to see the Arma Mural & Veterans Memorial. Eat at the original 'Chicken Annie's or at one of the other Chicken diners. Visit Riverton's Route 66 Memorabilia, only 23.4 miles from rally. Galena Mining & Historical Museum is only 27 mile from rally.

Early Bird Ride Thursday Evening 5pm. Stage at Rally Site

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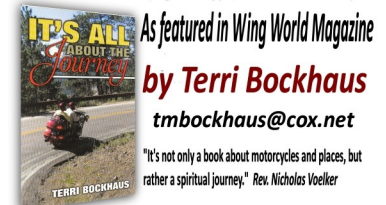
GWRRRA of Kansas has a new author. Terri Bockhaus is pleased to announce the publication of her book titled, "It's all about the Journey". The journey referred to in the book describes her personal journey with GWRRRA. She describes her mishaps as she progresses from being a co-rider to a rider, then joining the Kansas Twisters Motorcycle Drill team. The book tells of many of the funny (and sometimes scary) things that have happened on some of their trips, and embraces the GWRRRA motto of "Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge". You may have read the article about her in the November 2016 issue of Wing World Magazine.

Terri and her husband Steve joined GWRRRA in 2004, and have held several positions in the association, including: Senior Chapter Directors, MFA instructor/trainers, National Director of the Year recipient 2011, District COY 2014, Kansas Twisters Motorcycle Drill Team Captain, and MAC.

The book is available for purchase at Dan's Cycle in Hesston, Ks., Faith and Life Bookstore, in Newton, Ks., Beaumont Hotel and Café in Beaumont, Ks., and by contacting the author directly at tmbockhaus@cox.net.



From back seat driver to drill team Rider



As featured in Wing World Magazine
by Terri Bockhaus
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"It's not only a book about motorcycles and places, but rather a spiritual journey." Rev. Nicholas Voelker

Her stories embody the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRRA) principles of having fun while riding safe—and this is one lady who knows how to have fun and laugh at herself. Terri has successfully broken into a motorcycle rider world dominated by men and proved herself worthy. Even if you don't ride, you will enjoy this wonderful collection of entertaining stories. If you do ride, it's even better." Jack Wogner, Deputy Director, GWRRRA



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