

MARCH

Kansas Winger **KANSAS DISTRICT NEWS**

Welcome to the Kansas Winger, a monthly publication comprised of articles from Chapter Editors and our District Team.

Check out what Chapter members have been up to and see what fun events are coming up.

GWRRA members are members of all Chapters and are encouraged to attend any Chapter gathering and participate in any Chapter events.

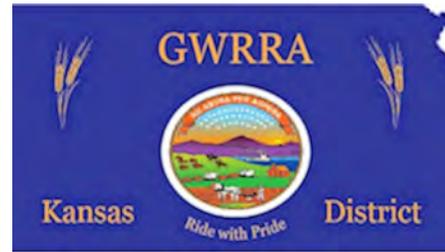
Gold Wing Road Riders Association is all about
"FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE"

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A message from your KS District Directors

I'm sure glad someone turned the deep freeze off for us. That was definitely some cold weather. On the other hand it gave me a chance to catch up on some honey-dos in the house. Debbie missed most of it, she was Virginia Beach for her dad's 90th birthday, and she returned to temperatures in the 40's.

We made a few meetings last month and enjoyed visiting with all of you. At Chapter H's meeting in Hesston, we were honored to present their Chapter Directors, Don and Jan Schroeder, with a "You Make A Difference" certificate and pins. Their innovative use of social media and unique ways of keeping their members involved last year was truly inspiring. Congratulations guys, you deserve the recognition.

We just got the word, Wing Ding is a go! So, get registered and reserve your rooms, we already have. It's going to be a real treat to see the folks we haven't seen in so long. I hope you take advantage of having this great event so close to us. Kansas has been tasked with the light show, if you can assist Debbie and me with it for a shift on that Friday, we'd be most grateful. Let your Chapter Director know you wish to help or contact us directly as soon as you are able to. It'll be fun, thank you in advance.

We're planning our State Rally as if it's a go also. I've talked with Arkansas' District Directors about a possible joint rally with us, they're interested, and will take it up with their team. It will be a lot of fun if they accept, and we're sure hoping they do. So, register, reserve your rooms, sell the Grand Prize Tickets and prepare for a good time for us all. A registration form is included in this newsletter and we'll get one on our website.

I also want to thank all of you that donated coats and blankets for the Salvation Army's Drive. Like always, you came through in a big way. Kathy's SUV was filled to the max with your gifts. You folks are nothing short of amazing.

I got my first COVID vaccine of the 15th, didn't feel the shot, my only reactions to it were a tender, not sore, arm and a bit of tiredness the next day. Debbie said it wasn't tiredness, just laziness. She hasn't had her first shot yet, she's just a puppy, not old enough yet.

The weather is supposed to be nice today, so I think I'll gear up and see if the wing will still go after give it a good once over. Maybe I'll see some of you out there, hope so.

Joe and Debbie

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COATS FOR A CAUSE

DONATE JAN. 4 THROUGH FEB. 5
VISIT KAKE.COM FOR DETAILS





GWRRA
wing-ding.org



Wing Ding 42

Springfield, Missouri, June 29 - July 3, 2021

Springfield Expo Center, 635 St. Louis Street, Springfield, MO 65806

REGISTER TODAY! SIMPLY MAIL OR FAX YOUR COMPLETED FORM

Contact Member Services at 1-800-843-9460 with any questions.

Please visit www.wing-ding.org & click "REGISTRATION" at the top of page.

TRADE SHOW OPENS JUNE 30, SEE EVENT SCHEDULE FOR MORE INFO!

RIDER'S NAME: _____ GWRRA MEMBER # _____

CO-RIDER'S NAME: _____ GWRRA MEMBER # _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ST/ZIP: _____ COUNTRY: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ ALTERNATE PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

YES! I would like to opt-in for mobile text alerts! Cell: _____

PREREGISTRATION: (Postmarked before May 25, 2021)

Number of Life Members _____ x \$20 = \$ _____

Number of Members _____ x \$40 = \$ _____

Number of Non-Members _____ x \$50 = \$ _____

LATE: (Postmarked May 25 - June 8, 2021)

Number of Life Members _____ x \$22 = \$ _____

Number of Members _____ x \$45 = \$ _____

Number of Non-Members _____ x \$55 = \$ _____

Children 15 and under at the time of the event are admitted free. Cancellations in writing must be received at the Home Office on or before June 8, 2021, and are subject to a \$15 processing fee. No refunds for meal functions, Grand Prize Tickets, 50/20-15-10-5 Tickets, Poker Run, Bike Show, T-shirts or Polos will be given after June 8, 2021. No telephone or verbal cancellations will be accepted.

Please note, only registered delegates may participate in Wing Ding functions, activities and events! You will receive a confirmation via email 24-48 hours after your registration is processed. Please visit our website for hotel and camping information. Armbands, tickets, T-shirts or any other items purchased will be available for pickup beginning the day prior to Wing Ding in the registration area (see website for hours and location).

Day Pass: (sold on-site only) \$22 per person, \$15 GWRRA Members

Day pass fee includes the following:

- One-day pass to indoor Trade Show
- One-day access to Demo Rides on all participating manufacturers' bikes (subject to availability)

Full registration includes:

- Access to 'Pre-Event Day' activities!
Tuesday 6/29
- Wing Ding Welcome Party - **Tuesday 6/29**
- 4-day pass to indoor Trade Show - **Opens 6/30**
- 4-day pass to Demo Rides on all participating manufacturers' bikes (subject to availability)
- Access to Seminars and Parades
- Access to Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Access to free Evening Entertainment Event
- Optional dinner and priority seating prior to free Entertainment Event
- Souvenir Event Pin and Pocket Guide
- Exclusive opportunities for tours, dinners and other ticketed events
- Numbered armband for chance at thousands of dollars in great prizes!
- Precision Drill Team Exhibitions and other performances
- Optional Rider Education Safety Courses, CPR Classes and more

FAX or MAIL this form to:

GWRRA Member Services

P.O. Box 42450, Phoenix, AZ 85080-2450

1.800.843.9460 or 623.581.2500 (Local)

Fax: 877.348.9416

Register on-line at: www.wing-ding.org

RIDER EDUCATION COURSE

The number and availability of courses is dependent upon the number of participants. You will be notified of your class time and location as soon as possible. **Note: Certification cost is per bike!***

ARC: Experience advanced techniques in turning, maximum braking, and swerving plus mental and situational strategies in GWRRA's own Advanced Rider Course. Co-Riders welcome. 8 hours (class and range)

ARC (Recertification): The GWRRA ARC for those who have PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED the ARC. Includes discussions at the beginning of the course and between exercises. 5 hours (range only)

SIDECAR: Experience advanced techniques of riding with a sidecar as well as situation strategies and accident avoidance tactics. 8 hours (3 classroom/5 range).

TRAILERING: Learn advanced trailering techniques and strategies for safe and enjoyable travel. Motorcycles only--no trikes or sidecars please. 8 hours (3 classroom/5 range)

TRIKE: This course teaches advanced riding skills for the trike rider such as maximum braking, swerving and turning. 8 hours (3 class/5 range)

TRIKE/TRAILER: This course combines the Trike Rider Course (TRC) with some guided practice in backing a trailer. 8 hours (3 class/5 range)

TRC-R (Recertification): The GWRRA TRC for those who have PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED the TRC. Includes discussions at the beginning of the course and between exercises. 5 1/2 hours (range only)

Vanguard Rider Course: A performance based course to be used in conjunction with a 2 1/2 hour seminar to be taken separately.

AORC (Add-On Kit Rider Course): A Rider Course designed for the motorcycle with a 2-Wheel Add-on Kit installed.

CPR/First-Aid: This course is designed to teach and certify you in the basic principles of CPR and First Aid. 4 hours

CLASS	#OF PEOPLE	TOTAL
ARC	_____ \$50 per bike = _____	
Rider	_____ Co-Rider _____	
ARC (Recert.)	_____ \$50 per bike = _____	
Rider	_____ Co-Rider _____	
Sidecar	_____ \$50 per bike = _____	
Rider	_____ Co-Rider _____	
Trailering	_____ \$50 per bike = _____	
Rider	_____ Co-Rider _____	
Trike	_____ \$50 per bike = _____	
Rider	_____ Co-Rider _____	
Trike/Trailer	_____ \$50 per bike = _____	
Rider	_____ Co-Rider _____	
TRC-R (Recertification)	_____ \$50 per bike = _____	
Name	_____ Name _____	
Vanguard Rider Course	_____ \$50 per person = _____	
Name	_____ Name _____	
AORC	_____ \$50 per bike = _____	
Rider	_____ Co-Rider _____	
CPR/First-Aid	_____ \$50 per person = _____	
Name	_____ Name _____	

*\$20 refund after course completion

Rider Education Total _____

GRAND PRIZE - Must be present to win! Drawing held at Closing Ceremonies

_____ 5 Tickets = \$15 _____ 10 Tickets = \$20
 _____ 20 Tickets = \$30 _____ 40 Tickets = \$50
 Total _____

GRAND 50/20-15-10-5 (4 Winners!) Must be present to win!

1 Yard (18 Tickets) = \$10 3 Yards (54 Tickets) = \$20
 7 Yards (126 Tickets) = \$40 Drawing held at Closing Ceremonies
 Total _____

GWRRA DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT EVENT!

Thursday, July 1, 2021

Includes Dinner and Entertainment!

Pulled pork, Potato salad, BBQ sauce, Baked beans, Kaiser roll, Plated brownie, Tea and Water.

(Seating is limited, while supplies last).

Number of people _____ x \$24 = _____

CORPORATE SPONSOR EVENING EVENT!

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Includes Dinner and Entertainment with Tossed salad w/ 2 dressings, Grilled chicken w/ signature sauce, Roasted potato, Green beans, Plated cookie, Tea and Water. (Seating is limited, while supplies last).

Number of people _____ x \$24 = _____

PEOPLE'S CHOICE BIKE SHOW! - Includes a souvenir pin.

Number of bikes _____ x \$10 = _____

SOUVENIR T-SHIRT (Place quantity next to size.)

_____ Small x \$15 = _____ _____ 2XL x \$17 = _____
 _____ Medium x \$15 = _____ _____ 3XL x \$17 = _____
 _____ Large x \$15 = _____ _____ 4XL x \$20 = _____
 _____ XL x \$15 = _____

Embroidered Polo Shirt (moisture wicking performance material)

Small - XL (\$30 ea.) 2XL (\$35 ea.) 3XL (\$37) 4XL (\$40)

Total _____

GRAND TOTAL: \$ _____

ENCLOSED: Check Money Order
 Please send check or money order in equivalent U.S. funds. All others will be returned to sender for adjustment.
 Please do not send cash.

CHARGE MY: M/C VISA AmEx Discover
 Number: _____

Exp. _____ Signature: _____

In accordance with federal regulations, some prizes may be subject to up to 25% federal withholdings payable prior to receipt.



Winging Free
at the
2021 Kansas Rally
September 10th - 11th

Join us at the
Independence Civic Center
410 North Penn Ave.
Independence, Kansas

HOTEL INFORMATION:

APPLETREE INN PHONE: (620) 331-5500
201 N.8TH - INDEPENDENCE, KS 67301
KING BED ROOM \$65 + TAX - 2 QUEEN BED ROOM \$75 +TAX
(HOTEL HAS AN ELEVATOR)
RESERVE NOW ! ROOMS BLOCKED UNTIL AUGUST 27TH

Information may be subject to change and we will do our best to keep you advised

Gold Wing Road Riders Association

KANSAS 2021 DISTRICT RALLY

“Winging Free”

September 10 - 12, 2021

Independence, Kansas

Host Motel:

Appletree Inn
201 N. 8th Street
Independence, KS 67301

Rooms blocked until August 27, 2021

Room Rate: King \$65 + tax 2 Queen Beds \$75+ tax

Call for Reservations: (620) 331-5500

Please Print

Rider: _____ GWRRA # _____ Age _____ (optional)

Co-Rider: _____ GWRRA # _____ Age _____ (optional)

Address: _____ City _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Your Chapter _____ Your District _____ Miles to Rally (if riding) _____

Grand Prize drawings will be Saturday evening during the closing ceremony

50/50 Drawings on Friday and Saturday evening

	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
GWRRA Life Member	_____	\$25.00	_____
GWRRA Member	_____	\$30.00	_____
Non GWRRA Member	_____	\$35.00	_____
One Day Pass Member	_____	\$15.00	_____
One Day Pass Non Member	_____	\$20.00	_____
District Director	_____	\$15.00	_____
District COY/IOY	_____	\$15.00	_____

Master Level IV # _____ # _____

Are you an Officer in GWRRA (any level)? Your title _____

Are you a current “Couple of the Year”? Chapter _____ District _____

I/we agree to hold harmless GWRRA, Kansas District 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 agree to assume responsibility for any property that I/we damage.

Rider Signature: _____ Date: _____

Co-Rider Signature: _____ Date: _____

Make checks payable to GWRRA Kansas and mail with registration to:

Carolyn Stevens, District Treasurer, 6410 Aberdeen Street, Wichita, KS 67206.

For additional information contact Joe or Deb Gattenby at jogattenby@yahoo.com or gattenbyd@yahoo.com

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KANSAS DIRECTORY OF CHAPTER DIRECTORS AND CHAPTER GATHERINGS TIMES AND PLACES

You are welcome to attend any Chapter gathering and introduce yourself
Everyone is welcome!

Call the Chapter Director if you have questions about a Chapter activity

If you live in an area where there is no Chapter close by
and would be interested in starting one,
contact the District Directors for assistance

CHAPTER A

Chris & Michelle Grooms CD
316-788-7842
chgrooms@cox.net
2nd Thursday, 7pm
Spears Restaurant
4323 W Maple, Wichita KS

CHAPTER B

Gary & Reba Ohler CD
913-845-3946
3rd Thursday, 7pm
JT's Grill
33255 Lexington Ave, DeSoto KS

CHAPTER F

Rick & Brenda Kistler CD
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4th Tuesday, 7pm
Oil Hill Elementary School
2700 W 6th, El Dorado KS
Brown Bag - Desserts Provided

CHAPTER H

Don & Jan Schroeder CD
dnjschroeder@gmail.com
2nd Saturday, 7pm
Applewoods
1515 S. Main, South Hutchinson KS

CHAPTER P

David & Theresa McDonald CD
316-213-5712
mcdonald.david46@yahoo.com
2nd Thursday, 7pm
Spears Restaurant
4323 W Maple, Wichita, KS

CHAPTER Q

Jack & Teresa Kistler CD
316-651-7423
actionjackson@wheatstate.com
1st Thursday 7pm
Boss Hog BBQ,
314 W 8th Street, Winfield KS



YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



GWRRA
wants to thank
DON & JAN SCHROEDER
for everything they do!

THANK YOU!

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Senior Master IV #8248



Asst District Educators

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A WORD FROM YOUR DISTRICT RIDER EDUCATORS

Here is already March already. Things are starting to open up some and people are starting to get the vaccinations.

We are starting to plan some riding courses for the upcoming riding season. I have been contacted about putting on a Road Captain Course some time in the very near future. Please let me know if you would like to take this course. Just because you take the course does not mean that you have to lead the rides. This course presents you with what the Road Captain and drag bike are doing when they are helping you with the ride. These 2 riders are doing what is necessary to make your trip as safe as possible.

We will also soon be getting back to Medic First Aid and CPR classes. I know that a lot of you will be needing to take this training when we do. In the meantime if you have taken Medic First Aid and/or CPR if you will get me a copy of your completion card(s) I can give you credit for the training and enter the information in the Rider Education Database.

Below I have some information for the ladies in our group about how to fit and purchase riding gear for both lady riders and our beloved co-riders. I hope this information is helpful for you.

There are still some open slots in the 2-wheeled Advanced Rider Course being offered by the Oklahoma District in Ponca City, OK on Saturday March 13, 2021. Applications are attached.

Stay safe and let's get ready for the upcoming riding season. See you next at a Chapter Gathering or a ride some time soon.

**Remember
Practice Makes Permanent
You are what you practice**

Catch the Spirit...



Oklahoma District Bike Advanced Rider Course



**MARCH 13, 2021
PONCA CITY AIRPORT 8AM-4PM
PONCA CITY, OK**

CONTACT:

**MAX ROWLETT
MAXER50@AOL.COM
580-704-8290**

OR

**STEVE COTTON
SCOTTON01@COX.NET
405-285-5962**

HURRY: ONLY 12 SLOTS



**GWRRR Rider Education
Rider Course Registration Form**



Advanced Rider Course

March 13, 2021

COURSE INFORMATION: An Advanced Rider Course for motorcycles only. Class starts on March 13th, 2021 at 8:00 am at Ponca City Airport, 2213 Waverly St., Ponca City, OK. Range starts at 1:00 pm at the airport.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION: - Please complete (print clearly)

Rider: _____ GWRRR Membership # _____

Driver's License # _____ E-mail: _____

Co-Rider: _____ GWRRR Membership # _____

Street _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Chapter: _____ Day Phone: _____ **Emergency Number:** _____

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

1. Cost for all courses is **\$25.00** per motorcycle Full payment is required to reserve spot.
2. Registrations are accepted on a first-come basis. Class size is limited.
3. Cancellations will be accepted up 7 days prior to the course.
4. GWRRR reserves the right to cancel or reschedule courses. In the event of a cancellation by GWRRR, fees will be refunded. If the course is rescheduled, students will automatically be enrolled in that class. If a student is unable to attend the re-scheduled class, fees will be refunded.
5. Courses will take place rain or shine. No refunds due to weather.
6. Submitting this form does not guarantee a place in a course.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS: - required at the beginning of class:

1. Proof of current motorcycle insurance or bond coverage.
2. Riders/Co-Riders GWRRR members have priority over nonmembers.
3. Riders/Co-Riders must wear full protective gear as defined by GWRRR. (Helmet, gloves, long sleeves, full pants, and boots/shoes that cover the ankles).
4. Riders must have proof of valid operator's license with motorcycle endorsement.
5. Participation/waiver statement for course participation.
6. Co-Rider's participation will be determined by the instructor, based on the rider's capability.

NOTE: GWRRR Rider Education reserves the right to deny course participation to anyone failing to meet the above criteria or presenting an unsafe condition.

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

DATE: _____

Make check payable to: **GWRRR OK District**

Mail completed form and check (no cash please) to: **Max Rowlett, 13955 NE Tag Office, Fletcher, OK 73541**

Check _____ Received by: _____ Date _____

Female Riders & Passengers: How To Select Riding Gear That Fits

Ladies, pavement doesn't care whether you're a rider or passenger so make sure your gear fits properly. By [Joanne Donn](#)



Female Riders & Passengers: How To Select Riding Gear That Fits.

What's the big deal when it comes to shopping for [motorcycle gear](#)? You visit your local dealership, try on something, pay for it, and then you're done. Unfortunately, it isn't that easy for most women riders. The Motorcycle Industry Council says that among 27 million riders in the US, 6.7 million of us are women. However, only 12.5 percent of us are motorcycle owners, which means the vast majority are actually passengers.

As a result, we're often ignored. Having worked extensively in the women's [motorcycle gear](#) market for the past eight years, I've found that female passengers don't see themselves as riders but "just passengers." These words make my heart sink every time because she doesn't understand the consequences of falling off the motorcycle. Pavement doesn't discriminate! This perception is a challenge because if she's not interested in wearing gear and has zero experience shopping for it, how will she know what to look for? This is only one of the many challenges women face when shopping for the right gear.

SIZING. When I ask a man what size he wears, there's always an answer: "34/32 jeans" or "medium shirts." If I ask a woman what size she is, "I don't know" is a common reply. Many times, she doesn't know what her dress size or true measurements are. What makes this really important is the fact that motorcycle gear for women is not vanity sized the way jeans and T-shirts are. How can you possibly know your true size when one brand says you're "X" but another one says you're "Y"?



Female Riders & Passengers: How To Select Riding Gear That Fits

VARIABILITY. Further complicating this issue, motorcycle gear size charts are often inconsistent and can vary from one brand to the next. And we can't ignore the fact that we often have curves, so you might be a different size from your upper half to your lower half! There is simply no easy way to translate from casual clothes to safety gear.

FIT. We have also been trained to try on clothes in front of a mirror, not on a motorcycle, so it's extremely difficult to immediately understand the way our gear should fit while seated on a motorcycle, not standing next to one. These sizing challenges are significant because it can impact the way our gear performs while riding and in the event of a crash. Your gear should fit better on the bike than off. Jacket sleeve length should be longer than usual, and may feel tight across the chest and loose across your shoulders, all so that it fits properly when you reach forward to the handlebars. Pants should run slightly long so that the knee armor slides perfectly into place when your feet are on the pegs. Gloves should have a pre-curved fit so they feel comfortable when gripping the bar. Boots should limit your foot from excessive forward or backward movement. Finally, everything should fit snugly so that the armor stays in place should you fall off.

FEATURES. A lot of thought is put into how a piece of gear will make your ride as comfortable, convenient, and safe as possible. Jackets designed to work in more than one season should have removable liners and strategically placed ventilation for more airflow. Waterproof jackets should have covered or sealed zippers to keep you dry. Some pants have the ability to adjust your knee armor up or down depending on how tall you are, and jackets may have straps on the sleeves to help keep armor in place. The more features like this a garment has, the more likely it is to be both comfortable and functional across many riding conditions.

PROTECTION. The two key criteria for protection are impact and abrasion resistance. Body armor is critical. If a garment doesn't accommodate armor then it might not be very crashworthy. Some brands do not include armor but offer pockets so you can add your own, and third-party armor is available for these or as an upgrade to the basic armor included with some items. For abrasion resistance, the main issue is the material a garment is constructed from. Materials like leather and Cordura provide significantly more abrasion resistance than denim or other fabrics. Also consider the seams: Are they stitched with a material that will ensure that the garment won't fall apart upon impact? The gear must be constructed in such a way that it protects you no matter what.

FIT, THEN BUDGET. It's important to ignore price tags while you're shopping at first. Let yourself enjoy, just in the beginning, the possibility that you can afford anything you want in the store. By ignoring price tags, you may miss out on something that fits you like a glove. Many times, a more expensive piece of gear may fit better than other less expensive options. Finding that fit in the beginning is the most difficult part. But once you figure out what brands/styles/fits work best, it's a much easier process the next time you go shopping, and you'll know exactly what to look for or what brands to seek out. If you find that you still can't afford the high-priced item you've just fallen in love with, that company probably has more options in the catalog. Often, dealers can only afford to put out one or two options on their apparel floors, so it doesn't hurt to ask to see what else they have to offer that fits in your budget.

PATIENCE. Now that you know what you should have, the question is: How do you get it? Normally, you shop at one of your local dealers. Their job is to provide knowledgeable staff and plenty of gear options in a brick-and-mortar or online environment (which can be 10 times more difficult). I've mostly worked in storefronts selling gear, and it's so much easier when I am face to face with my customers. However, many shops lack a great selection of sizes, shapes, and features. The story I keep hearing over and over again from stores is, "But women just don't come in here," or, "I've tried and I can't seem to sell anything."

Selling women's gear requires more than just stocking a huge selection; the salespeople should know the fit or sizing differences between one brand and the next. They also have to care about reaching women riders, educating them if necessary, and reaching out to the local riding community to find them.

This is where patience comes in. You, as the consumer, need to do your homework. My own site, gearchic.com, is dedicated to that, but it's not the only resource. Share information with friends, read the online reviews closely, and keep looking until you've found the right, protective, functional gear for you.



What's Wrong with Form over Function?

When I made the choice to ride 11 years ago, I immediately accepted the risk of injury. I have some respect for those who know exactly what riding without gear means yet do it anyway. But when you don't educate yourself about those risks, and you make choices without all the information, you're backing yourself into a corner.

Some of you are thinking: It doesn't matter what I wear. But those are the rare accidents. What if you're riding down the street at 15 mph while a car merges into you because the driver didn't check his blind spot? Depending on what you're wearing it can mean the difference between getting up and walking away with a few bruises or being taken away in an ambulance because you're unable to walk.

I would certainly love to wear a casual, lightweight leather jacket when riding. Without protective features the jacket would be softer, lighter, and look better on me than most motorcycle jackets. My cute, stylish wedge boots would be less bulky and far more comfortable to walk around in than motorcycle boots. And my favorite jeans, which I can practically sleep in because they're so comfortable, would be preferable to riding pants. However, my body means a lot to me, and I try to give it as much sensible protection as I can. Even the best motorcycle gear is often a compromise, but casual clothes offer absolutely nothing in terms of safety or protection. Strong seams, reinforcement along impact points, and body armor are nowhere to be found.

Once you make the choice to wear safety gear, it's important to accept that almost everything with real protection still won't feel or look like casual clothes. Many brands have attempted to create stylish, protective gear, and some have succeeded. Yet I still find that many of these options must sacrifice some protection in order to achieve the ultimate goal of being fashionable. When your safety as a rider takes a backseat to how our gear looks, you'll very likely regret that choice down the road.

Find gear reviews, in-depth fit strategies, and personalized recommendations at Donn's site, gearchic.com.



Chapter A – Wichita

Meet 2nd Thursday in Wichita at Spears Restaurant 7:00pm– Eat 6:00pm

Chapter Directors

Chris & Michelle Grooms
316-788-7842

Assistant Directors

Bob & Barb Brown

Treasurer

Barb Brown

Ride Coordinator

Larry Mazur

Newsletter Editor

Michelle Grooms

Individual of the Year

Bob Davis

MEC

Chris & Margo Roberts

Hello from Chapter A!

I hope everyone has been able to get through this very cold weather we have been having without much trouble or damage. I know that we definitely stayed inside as much as possible. We are more than ready for spring to get here, just likey'all, as we are wanting to get the bike out of the garage and enjoy the beautiful riding weather that is surely coming soon.

I'm sorry to say not a whole lot went on during February. Partly because it being the winter weather season and secondly because of the virus.

Chapter A's next gathering is at Spears Restaurant; eat at 6pm and gather at 7pm on March 11th. Of course, 'Free Pie Thursday' is still on!

Happy Birthday to our members who have birthdays in March.

Birthdays for March:

- March 18th Charlie Brooksher
- March 28th Joe Gattenby
- March 29th Michelle Grooms

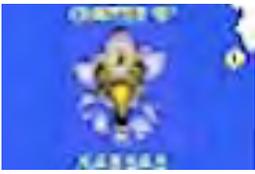
No anniversaries for the month of March.

As the season for riding is drawing near, remember our motto:

F- FRIENDS F- FUN S- SAFETY K- KNOWLEDGE

Until we meet again,
Chris & Michelle Grooms
Chapter A Directors





Chapter B – DeSoto

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

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Chapter Couple of the Year

Bob & Audrey Savner

DeSoto has a new restaurant and five Chapter B members decided to check it out on January 30th for a breakfast get-together. Perky's Cafe, a favorite in Basehor, has opened a restaurant in DeSoto. According to those who attended, the space is rather small and if we had our normal, pre-COVID group, it would be a tight squeeze to get everyone seated. But the smaller group did just fine and enjoyed each other's company.

February 18th found thirteen members at our monthly meeting. Many of the group there had gotten at least the first of their COVID vaccinations. Ideas for various summer and fall rides were discussed, including some District rallies and day trips to some new restaurants. Hopefully everyone will feel comfortable to join in again and do some riding by summer.

February is National Bird Feeding Month and the trivia was primarily about backyard birds. Bob Garrett and Gary Ohler must spend a lot of time watching the birds as they each answered eight of the ten questions correctly. In case you need some trivia about birds to use to amaze your friends the following might be just the thing. There are approximately 10,000 known species of birds in the world. You should travel to South America for the best bird watching. Over 3,200 species are known to exist on that continent. Did you know that the hummingbird is the only bird that can actually fly backwards without relying on the wind? Or that woodpeckers peck in short bursts because their heads overheat? The rapid pecking causes the woodpecker's skull to heat up, so the short bursts of pecking with brief breaks in between gives the head some time to cool down. There are many different names for specific groups of birds.

A group of owls is a parliament. Some other group names include a bevy of quail, a cast of hawks, a company of parrots, a host of sparrows, a murder of crows, a party of jays, and a watch of nightingales.



Chapter B events for March:

March 18 - Chapter Meeting

March 27 - Breakfast Get-together

Stay safe,
Paula Aiken



Chapter F – El Dorado

Meet 4th Tuesday every month at Oil Hill Elementary School 7:00 PM - Brown Bag at 6:00 PM

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GREETINGS from Kansas Chapter F!

Our meeting was held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021. There were 21 people present, and 8 of those people were from Kansas Chapter A (4) and Kansas Chapter P (4).

The meeting was called to order by Chapter Director, Rick Kistler. The Flag Salute was given after the meeting was called to order.

Rick asked the question, What is PMS? It is Park Motorcycle Syndrome.

District Director, Joe Gattenby, announced that Wing Ding is officially on for Springfield, Missouri this summer. Joe announced that our Chapter is working the Bike Show. Joe will do a 2 hour working time and will let us know. No date was given, but will be announced later and also in the Wing World.

The Kansas Rally will be in Independence, Kansas, September 10-12, 2021. There is a possibility that Arkansas will join us for the rally. They will let us know.

The Grand Prize tickets are on sale, even though they have a 2020 date.

Duane Kalous has the Covid-19 disease. His softball team may not be participating this year. More information will come later

Chris Grooms from Kansas Chapter P had nothing to report.

Kathy Chesnut advised their meeting would be on March 11, 2021. Please look at the District News article for more information.

Rick Stevens, District Rider Education Director, advised that there are openings for the 2 Wheel Class on March 13th. Talk to him for further information.

Chris Grooms advised he had no news concerning Membership Enhancement.

Jack Schoeck, Chapter Rider Education Director that there is a lot of sand and gravel on the road right now. He advised that riding on gravel was like riding on marbles. Please be careful if you find yourself on gravel. He also advised on his health. He had his Gall Bladder out last week and is doing fine. He is to have a new Pace Maker put in in March. He advised everyone to ride safe and always be diligent about your riding.

Sharron Webster advised that Virginia is out of the hospital as of yesterday. She is home and doing good.

Brenda Kistler advised she was in the hospital last week and they found no blockage of her heart. Rick Kistler advised he went to get his Driver's License and went to the eye doctor. They advised him he has to have cataract surgery, which will be on Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

February Birthdays were Carol Chastain February 3, 2021, John Glaves, February 10, and Virginia Baird, February 18, 2021. In March, Rick Kistler's birthday is March 5.

Joe and Deb Gattenby will soon celebrate 38 years of marriage and Rick and Carolyn Stevens will celebrate 49 years of marriage.

Deb Gattenby and Michelle Grooms will both be having surgery this next Thursday. Please keep them in your prayers.

Bob Warne, Christian Motorcycle Association Member, advised anyone wanting their bike blessed, to let him know. He advised he will also have a Heart Cath next Tuesday, March 1, 2021. Please keep him in your prayers also.

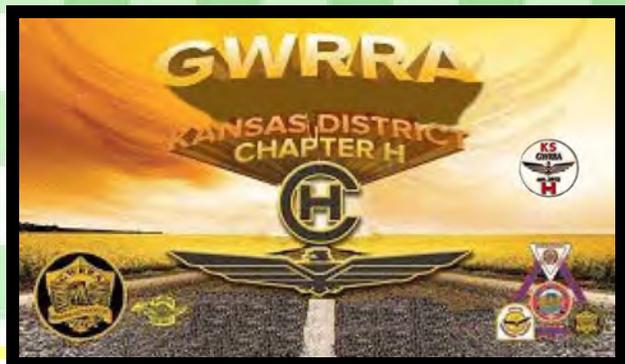
The 50/50 was won by: Bob Warne, \$13.50 and Doris Schoeck, \$13.50. The Table Pieces were won by: Debbie Gattenby, Sharron Webster, Karen Glaves, Carolyn Stevens, and Kathy Chesnut.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at the same meeting place.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By,
Doris Schoeck, News Letter Editor





KS-H Newsletter

Our next Chapter
gathering is
March 13, 2021
6:00 P.M. at
Applewood's
South Hutchinson, Kansas



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KS DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Joe & Debbie Gattenby



Believe it or not, winter is coming to an official end in less than a month! I warmed up the Goldwings the other day just to make sure they start. It's been almost a month since we rode.

Weather has sure put a damper on any type of riding, but you already know that. However, it is time to begin preparation for spring and more pleasant weather. Jan and I are looking at what kind of riding we may want to do this year and beginning to plan accordingly. We appreciate our ride coordinators helping with Chapter rides.

For now, COVID seems to be simmering down, allowing some slack in precautions. We all still need to be cautious as the variant viruses are something of an unknown. To help put this coronavirus in perspective, the US has exceeded 500,000 deaths in a year. The 1918 influenza pandemic caused about 675,000 deaths in the US in two years.

We would like to update our Birthday and Anniversary list. The current list has some errors, so if you have not done so, please respond to the email that was sent February 23 asking for Birthday and Anniversary dates.

Since Reno County has upped the meeting limit to 45 persons, we plan to meet at Applewood Restaurant on March 13. I encourage you to check out the Chapter H upcoming schedule. There are other events you may be interested in as well.

Jan and I greatly appreciate your involvement in making Chapter H a great Chapter, and look forward to seeing you soon.

Don & Jan Schroeder
KS - H Directors

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHAPTER H !

February 13, 2021



Our 2021 Chapter Birthday bash was celebrated on a cold day in Hesston, Kansas. The Chapter enjoyed a Power Point presentation of 2020 pictures and a delicious spaghetti dinner. Games and the beautiful decorations, courtesy of Sharry Thompson and Nita Regier, highlighted the evening. And in a true GWRRA giving fashion, donations were made to the Reno County Food Pantry.



March Birthdays

- 5 Kit Sand**
- 8 Sharry Stauffer-Thompson**
- 15 Chuck Schmidt**
- 18 Steve Clayton**
- 20 Don Schroeder**



March Anniversaries

- 25 Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch**

March GWRRA Anniversaries

Congratulations to this month's Chapter H member celebrating his membership anniversary with GWRRA!!

CHAPTER H MEMBER

YEARS WITH GWRRA

Twila Good	10
Eugene Oborny	10
Norm Frederick	9
Joan Frederick	9
C I Wettstein	6
Linda Wettstein	6
Carl Wettstein	6
Caleb Hiebert	5
Don Evans	4
Grace Evans	4





Chapter H Upcoming Activities

- March 13** – Meeting at Applewood Restaurant, 1515 S. Main, S. Hutchinson
Eat at 6:00 p.m., order and pay at the hostess desk. Meeting at 7:00 p.m..
Masks required.
- March 22** - IHoppy Hour. IHop in Hutchinson. Meet there at **5:30 pm.** \$5 specials.
RSVP appreciated but not required. Text 620-727-7789
- March 26** – ‘4th Friday’ Breakfast- Russell’s in Salina. 649 Westport Blvd, (Crawford exit).
Meet at Love’s Truck Stop in McPherson, **helmet time 8:10 am,**
Arrive at Russell’s 9am or meet us at Russell’s.
RSVP appreciated but not mandatory. 620-727-7789 or kdsand@ks-usa.net
Thank you to Kit and Donna for hosting.
- April 10** – Maintenance Day. 9:00 a.m. at Don Schroeder’s in Hesston. Home or Shop depending
on the weather. Same day tire change available if you contact Dan’s Cycle to get the tire
ordered. Oil change, etc.
Cinnamon Rolls and coffee available. RSVP to 620-727-7789
- April 10** - Meeting at Applewood Restaurant, 1515 S. Main, S. Hutchinson
Eat at 6:00 p.m., order and pay at the hostess desk. Meeting at 7:00 p.m..
Masks required.
- April 23** - ‘4th Friday’ Breakfast/Brunch, Cara’s in Arlington. Sharon Eisler hosting.
Meet at Kwik Shop on 30th in Hutchinson at 10:00 a.m.
Or meet us in Arlington at 10:30 a.m.
RSVP text 620-727-7789, or email Sharon at: shotzie2016@gmail.com
- April or May** - Overnight ride to Trails and Rails Museum over I-80, Kearney, NE. (TBD)
- May** – Ride to Eskimo Joes, Stillwater, OK. (TBD)
Ride to Dodge City, KS (TBD)

DISTRICT AND OTHER CHAPTERS' EVENTS AND FUN RIDES

1st Thursday – Chapter Q meeting, Boss Hog 314 W. 8th Winfield

2nd Thursday - Chapter A meeting at Spear's, 4323W. Maple, Wichita

4th Tuesday – Chapter F meeting at Firebird Grill, 719 E. Main, Towanda

June 18-21 – Smack Dab Run – June 19, Labanon, KS, to Rugby, ND. 675 miles in 1 day.

For more information go to: <https://smackdab281.org/>

(This is not a GWRRA sponsored event)

June 29-July 3 - Wing Ding, Springfield, MO. You can find registration forms in our March Kansas Winger or go to <https://www.wing-ding.org/#register> for information and forms.

Hope to see you along the way!

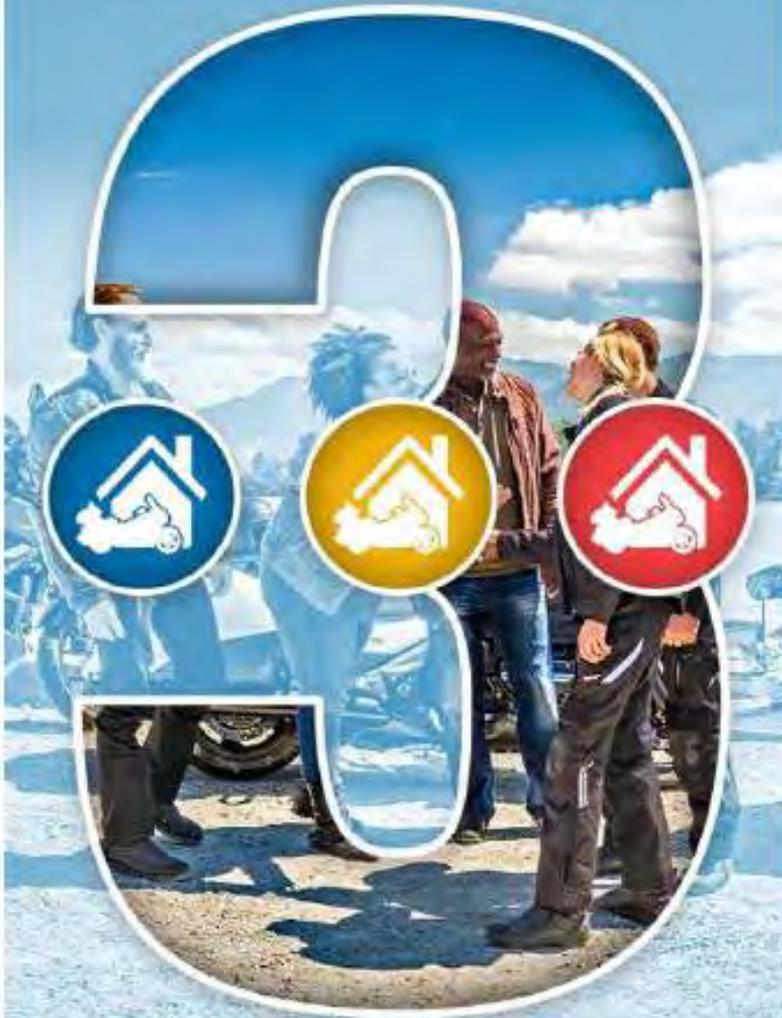


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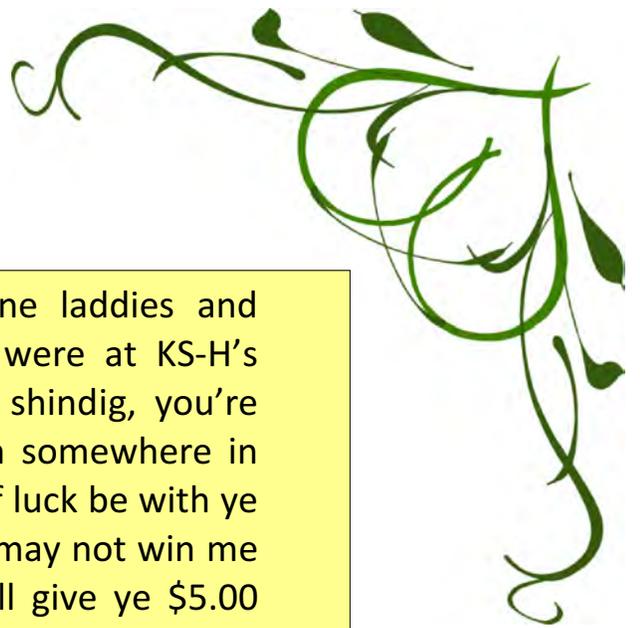
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Hey there me fine laddies and lassies! If you were at KS-H's Chapter Birthday shindig, you're number is hidden somewhere in this newsletter. If luck be with ye and ye find it, ye may not win me pot-o-gold, but I'll give ye \$5.00 just to see ye smile!





Chapter P – Derby

Meet 2nd Thursday in Wichita at Spears Restaurant 7:00pm– Eat 6:00pm

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Couple of the Year

Don & Tammy Vickers

Scrapbook

Janet Gonslaves



CHAPTER P MARCH NEWSLETTER

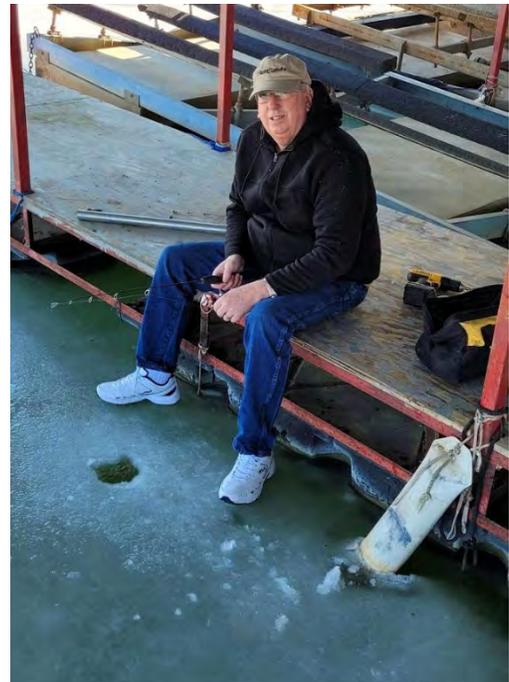


Started off the New Year (2021) still seeing the effects of Covid, but we are seeing the down slope of this ugly virus.

We had a very cold and snowy February, lots more snow and very cold temperatures we haven't had anything like that in years.



David McDonald even tried to do a little ice fishing!



Spring is just around the corner. I hope that we can start dusting off the cob webs on our bikes and start planning some rides and get together with our GWRRA members.

I have noticed the Daffodils are sprouting now!



March Birthdays

March 7th-Dan Vickers
March 31st- Jim Orchard

Anniversaries

March 31st- Jim Orchard

Happy Saint Patties Month!
David & Theresa McDonald
Directors Chapter P





Chapter Q – Winfield

Meet 1st Thursday at Boss Hogs BBQ in Winfield - 6:00 pm to eat 7:00 pm to meet

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MEC

Judy Eggleston

Spring is right around the corner, so are you ready to **RIDE??** I know we are and hope to real soon. We all need to remember though that after all the snow there is a lot of sand to deal with, so be extra careful.

We had a good meeting in February. We were missing a few of our own but were blessed with a group from Oklahoma K. It was nice to see our friends from down south.

Remember to spring forward on March 14th for Daylight Savings Time. Also, the first official day of Spring is March 20th.



Chapter Q only has one birthday for the month of March:

Teresa Kistler on the 12th

Until the next time,
Jack & Teresa Kistler

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