Kansas Winger Kansas District News March 2022

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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From your Kansas District Directors Kathy & Denny Chesnut



It's cold in Kansas and activities are a bit slow. Chapter meetings are progressing with a good showing of members at each gathering. Weather cancelled a few events but hopefully, now turning the corner on warmer weather, will start people getting out their bikes.

One of the issues on the roads right now is a bunch of salt and sand. Maybe soon, some spring rains will clean that up and make riding safer.

Members of the Kansas District attended the Nebraska/South Dakota Cabin Fever Rally on February 5th in Kearney Nebraska. A nice winter get together, with good attendance. The best part of the rally was the Kansas District defending their record of thoroughly squashing the competition in baseball, winning over Nebraska 46 to 36. We challenge all to try to displace the record!!

We're looking forward now to the month of March and the new adventures that await.

Kathy and Denny Chesnut Kansas Directors





Nebraska/South Dakota Cabin Fever Rally February 5, 2022 Kearney Nebraska



Carolyn Stevens shows how to finish a home run in style as Kansas crushed their opponents in a fun round of baseball!









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KANSAS DIRECTORY OF CHAPTER DIRECTORS AND CHAPTER GATHERINGS TIMES AND PLACES

Everyone is welcome to attend any Chapter gathering and introduce yourself 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

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Rick & Brenda Kistler CD 316-200-0726 4th Tuesday, 6pm (brown bag) Circle Oil Hill Elementary School, 2700 W 6th, El Dorado KS

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3rd Monday - 6 pm Blue Dragon Room in HCC Student Union Corner of 14th and Plum Hutchinson KS

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SECURITY

Rick Kistler Barb Brown We are getting that much closer to the riding season. There are some nice rides ready to go that been set up by the District Ride Coordinators to make this a fun riding season. We are looking forward to seeing you on one or more of these rides.

If you do try to get out riding in the next several weeks please be very careful of the sand an salt on the streets.

We have some dates for riding courses for this spring. We are planning a Trike Rider Course and Trike Trailering Course in Hesston, KS and a Trike Trailering Course in the Kansas City Area. Here are the dates that we have scheduled.

- TRIKE RIDER COURSE \$25 per trike: <u>CLASS ROOM</u>: Saturday April 16, 2022 Alternate Date: Sunday April 24, 2022 (same times) King Park Shelter, 200 N. Ridge Rd., Hesston, KS Registration at 7:30 a.m. <u>RANGE</u>: Following classroom and lunch Hesston High School South parking lot.
- 2. TRIKE TRAILERING COURSE \$25 per trike Saturday May 7, 2022 Olathe, KS (Details at a later date)
- 3. TRIKE TRAILERING CLASS \$25 per trike <u>CLASS ROOM</u>: Friday June 17, 2022 7:00 p.m. King Park Shelter, 200 N. Ridge Rd., Hesston, KS <u>RANGE:</u> Saturday June 18, 2022 7:30 a.m. Hesston High School - South parking lot

TO RESERVE A SPOT FOR THIS COURSE PLEASE CONTACT: Rick Stevens: stevenst@cox.net

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When the Two Second Rule is not enough

Whether I'm running basic training or advanced courses, one recurring error that occurs over and over again, even after I have explained the dangers, is following the vehicle in front far too close. The loss of forward view is another subject altogether, but maintaining a safe distance with regard to stopping distances came up on the Ride Forum on CompuServe just recently, and so some different view points on the subject were discussed.

The Highway Code says sensibly enough that you should drive at a speed that allows you to stop in the distance you can see to be clear, and at a distance that will allow you to stop if the vehicle in front stops suddenly, and quotes some following distances. The problem with quoting distances, whether in feet (which I still think in), meters or car lengths is that it is almost impossible to visualize these distances. The quoted shortest stopping distance from 30mph is 75 feet/23 meters/6 car lengths. Now if you look out the window and try to estimate that distance you'll find that you will most likely be unable to do it to within three or four meters. Now try doing that whilst driving a car/riding a bike... no chance!

Anyway the Highway Code recognizes this problem, and offers an alternative - the Two Second Rule. What you do is watch the vehicle in front pass a fixed object (a lamppost, a tree, a shadow or even a seam in the road) and start talking: "only a fool breaks the Two Second Rule". That takes about two seconds to say, so if you have passed the marker before you have finished talking, you are too close. If you have finished, you are far enough back. In the wet, you at least double the Two Second Rule.

Why does it work? The rationale of the Two Second Rule is that it stretches following distance as you go faster because it is based on counting seconds. You'll find the Two Second Rule mentioned by all the riding manuals, as well as being taught on advanced courses.

However, what the Highway Code nor any of the other manuals or riding tips I have ever read fails to make clear is that the Rule is not perfect:

* it does not emphasize clearly enough that Two Seconds is not a target to aim for - it is a MINIMUM safe distance and should be extended at all times if the traffic conditions allow;

* it relies on the driver/rider of the following vehicle being alert and on the ball;

* there is a cross-over point where if the car in front hits a brick wall you could not stop even with a two second gap

Steve Kelly has kindly done some math for me. You travel 44 feet per second at 30mph. Stopping (reaction and braking) distance at 30mph is quoted in the Highway Code as 75 feet. In reality a modern bike on decent tires can cut several yards from that. We've made two assumptions:

- * an alert rider can react in around 0.5 second
- * a motorcycle can pull about 0.9G of braking force

Also, we've ignored wind resistance, the effects of poor road surfaces and all rolling friction. So here are the braking figures:

At 15 mph

 In 2 seconds at constant speed you will travel Your stopping and reaction distance is Your margin for error is Your impact speed is 	44.0 ft 19.4 ft 24.6 ft n/a
At 30 mph - In 2 seconds at constant speed you will travel - Your stopping and reaction distance is - Your margin for error is - Your impact speed is	88.0 ft 55.4 ft 32.6 ft n/a
At 45 mph - In 2 seconds at constant speed you will travel - Your stopping and reaction distance is - Your margin for error is - Your impact speed is	132.0 ft 108.0 ft 23.8 ft n/a
At 60 mph - In 2 seconds at constant speed you will travel - Your stopping and reaction distance is - Your margin for error is - Your impact speed is	176.0 ft 178.0 ft -2.0 ft 0.6 mph
At 75mph - In 2 seconds at constant speed you will travel - Your stopping and reaction distance is - Your margin for error is - Your impact speed is	220.0 ft 264.0 ft -43.9 ft 12.5 mph

At 90mph

 In 2 seconds at constant speed you will travel Your stopping and reaction distance is Your margin for error is Your impact speed is 	264.0 ft 367.0 ft -103.0 ft 25.2 mph
At 105mph - In 2 seconds at constant speed you will travel - Your stopping and reaction distance is - Your margin for error is - Your impact speed is	308.0 ft 486.0 ft -178.0 ft 38.5 mph

I think you can see what is happening - at 60 mph, maintaining a 2 second gap, you will crash at walking pace even if you are wide awake and brake as quickly as possible. At 90 (not an unusual motorway speed) you will have a serious accident with a big impact. At 150mph, you would hit the brick wall at a frightening and almost certainly fatal 80.2mph!

Now let's look at the effect of being a bit dopy at the bars - we'll double the reaction time to a not unreasonable one second.

At 15mph

 In 2 seconds at constant speed you will travel Your stopping and reaction distance is Your margin for error is Your impact speed is 	44.0 ft 30.4 ft 13.6 ft n/a
At 30 mph - In 2 seconds at constant speed you will travel - Your stopping and reaction distance is - Your margin for error is - Your impact speed is	88.0 ft 77.4 ft 10.6 ft n/a
At 45 mph - In 2 seconds at constant speed you will travel - Your stopping and reaction distance is - Your margin for error is - Your impact speed is	132.0 ft 141.0 ft -9.2 ft 2.9mph
At 60 mph - In 2 seconds at constant speed you will travel - Your stopping and reaction distance is - Your margin for error is - Your impact speed is	176.0 ft 222.0 ft -45.7 ft 12.4 mph

At 75 mph

 In 2 seconds at constant speed you will travel Your stopping and reaction distance is Your margin for error is Your impact speed is 	220.0 ft 319.0 ft -98.9 ft 23.3 mph
At 90 mph - In 2 seconds at constant speed you will travel - Your stopping and reaction distance is - Your margin for error is - Your impact speed is	264.0 ft 367.0 ft -169.0 ft 35.1 mph
At 105 mph - In 2 seconds at constant speed you will travel - Your stopping and reaction distance is - Your margin for error is - Your impact speed is	308.0 ft 563.0 ft -255.0 ft 47.6 mph

The speed of the impact matters little at higher speeds - the important point is that now the cut-off point is actually 45mph - you will crash at walking pace if you are a bit dozy even if you brake as quickly as possible.

Average reaction time for a typical driver is actually slightly longer than 0.5 sec - around 0.7 sec I believe - and considerably longer for someone who is tired, bored or distracted. So even if you are alert 60mph is the point at which the Two Second Rule should most definitely be stretched, and if you feel the least bit bored or tired, you should open up the gap much earlier. Don't forget, you are probably most at risk on motorways or roads which you drive repetitively!

Two objections were raised in discussion to these calculations. One guy commented: "It is well known that a modern motorcycle with good tires can stop from 60 mph in under 110 feet; this is comparable to only a few automobiles such as Porsche, Corvette, Ferrari, etc. In the vast majority of situations where maximum braking is needed, the bike will be able to come to an absolute stop, well before the standard car or truck."

Well, I'm not entirely convinced that modern cars cannot out brake (or at least stop in a similar distance to) a bike, but the point is that how many riders do you know who practice emergency stops? Braking a motorcycle at or even near the limit requires a degree of skill. Even the most incompetent of car drivers can get maximum braking with ABS, and even though stopping with all four wheels locked on a non-ABS car is not very efficient, it's still going to come to a stop a damn sight quicker than you will if you get it wrong - you will be relying on the friction of leather against the road surface after you have locked the front and fallen off - been there, done that and broke an arm as I hit the back of the car!

All this, of course, assumes good traction. Our friend stated: "When the surface is less than optimal, it affects other vehicles as well. If the rider is a capable bike-handler, he/she should still be able to out brake and/or steer past a standard car or truck, as the mass of the vehicle determines its kinetic energy when speed is equal".

The physics may be correct, and may work on a smooth wet surface but we rarely get smooth surfaces. Our roads are in a pretty poor state and the bike is much more likely to be bounced around and generally upset by road irregularities than something with four wheels. Not to mention that the consequences of stepping slightly the wrong side of the traction limit will have you on your ear.

He went on: "I don't think the Two Second Rule results in such dire consequences as the calculations imply. One is assuming a fixed object towards which one is braking. In reality, emergency braking is initiated in response to a vehicle ahead, also braking. That vehicle must decelerate from its velocity just as you do, so the Two Second Rule simply provides adequate reaction time to initiate your braking in response to the emergency ahead."

That's fine in theory.....until something unexpected happens:

* in 1995 it was a car in front of me that for no apparent reason drifted off to the right, dipped its right front wheel in the gravel drain, swung into the median in the center of the road and came to a rest upside down in front of me - that stopped pretty quick

* in 1998 (with my brother driving the van and me asleep in the passenger seat) it was the car in front of us colliding head on with a car coming the opposite way - that stopped almost dead (no serious injuries by the way in either case)

* in 2000 it was a car that suddenly lost a wheel and spun round in the road in front of me

THESE are the situations the Two Second Rule is designed to rescue you from. Three incidents in five years means having to apply the Two Second Rule is not exactly uncommon.

It is true that generally roads where you are travelling much over 50mph are likely to be in lighter traffic, wider and more open, so that you as view improves, you are reacting not to the car in front, but several cars in front of that (at least on a bike, with the better view, you should be!) ... Still, that does not allow you to cope with the emergency where the wheel falls off and the car DOES stop almost dead!

It was also pointed out that 40+ year old drivers suffer from slower physical reaction times than 17-year-olds. That's true - but studies have shown that they more than compensate for the longer reaction times by recognizing the danger far earlier, so their overall reaction times and stopping distances are shorter. Much of the ability to recognize a real emergency comes with experience.

"Rider overreaction to a perceived emergency is a greater hazard in many situations than the actual emergency itself" was another comment. I can't argue with this having done that myself and fallen off on several occasions. Riding experience allows you to sort the real danger that you DO need to react to from the merely potentially dangerous, and braking practice allows you to get the most out of your brakes when you need them.

As Mac pointed out: "The "dead stop in the road" or "car in front hits a brick wall" scenario would initially seem to be somewhat rare, in actuality it is very common. What I am referring to is when a car pulls out from a side street or a car turns across traffic in front of you. Both of those situations present you with an obstacle in front that is at a dead stop in relation to your speed. These are the situations where obstacle avoidance and emergency braking practice pays off.

"Yes, I realize that the two-second rule has no bearing on the above situations. Just thought I'd point out that one shouldn't get so involved with counting seconds that they don't see the car about to transform itself into that dreaded "brick wall".

It's actually a very good point and another reason for stretching that Two Second gap - sit too close to the vehicle in front and all your concentration is directed to the brake lights on that car. Drop back, you're not so worried about running into it, and have time to scan to the sides and the rear and generally know what else is happening in the world around you!

Which brings me neatly to another point - alternative strategies - there is often space to avoid collision by swerving if the two-second rule was being implemented. So practice collision avoidance too as just as an important a way out of trouble as braking. However UK basic training does not emphasize steering as a way out of trouble - I do talk about it in general terms on the advanced courses, but maybe I need to improve my courses here. Just like the Vanishing Point discussion last month this shows up the dangers of defensive riding strategies being considered in isolation.

You may be surprised to learn that the Two Second Rule doesn't work so well as you go faster. I knew this but hadn't bothered to do the math - so in the event I was a bit startled to find that the cross-over point was so low and I shall emphasis this point on my courses in future. As Steve said: "I'll think about this a lot more when I'm next travelling at 85mph along a Interstate highway".

In conclusion, as a general riding or driving rule the Two Second Rule works well enough and all riders should apply it, whilst remembering, as I point out on my courses, remember that 2 seconds should be considered a MINIMUM safe distance, not a target to aim for, and should be extended where possible below 60mph, and most definitely over 60mph!

Remember that Practice Makes Permanent.

Rick & Carolyn Stevens Kansas District Educators

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Chapter A – Wichita

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

Chapter Directors
Steve & Terri Bockhaus

Assistant Directors Bob & Barb Brown **Treasurer** Barb Brown Ride Coordinator Larry Mazur

Newsletter Editor	Couple of the Year	MEC
Michelle Grooms	Mary & Larry Mazur	Chris & Margo Roberts

Hello everyone! Hope ya'll are staying warm during this arctic time of year.

Our Valentine's Day Dinner was a success! We had a wonderful turn out, The food was delicious and fun was had by all. Thank you to everyone who helped put this dinner together!

Larry Mazur has accepted the position of Chapter Ride Coordinator. I see fun rides in our future! Thank you Larry for accepting this position.

Mary & Larry Mazur are the Chapter A Couple Of the Year for 2022. Congratulations!! Steve & Terri Bockhaus are the 2022 District COY. Congratulations to the both of you!

Up Coming Rides -- Dinner Meet Up on Saturday, February 26th at 5:30 p.m., at Jason's Deli located at 1821 N Rock Rd. in Wichita. Please RSVP to Barb Brown at 317-217-5908 or Bob Brown at 316-217-5909 (either by text or voice mail).

March events—Chapter A Meeting on the 17th at Pizza Ranch (21st & Tyler) 6:00 p.m. to eat and meeting to start approximately 6:45 p.m. Please use the room that is marked as reserved.

The Bockhaus annual Chili Feed will be Saturday, March 19th at 625 N Meridian Rd Newton (intersection of Broadway & Meridian in Newton). Steve & Terri will furnish the Chili, water, Coffee, Tea to drink. Everyone else is to bring side dishes (crackers, Fritos, rolls, etc). Since this is close to St Patty's day maybe some baked potatoes are in order. We will start serving at 5:00 p.m. This is come and go, so no RSVP is needed.

The Tahlequah Ride will be August 12,13,14. I have already reserved an 8 bedroom, 8 bath facility. There will be scenic rides and float trips available. Please let Steve Bockhaus know by text 316-772-6603 if you plan on going if you have not already done so.

March birthdays:

- March 7 Dan Vickers
- March 23 Charlie Brooksher
- March 28 Joe Gattenby
- March 29 Michelle Grooms

Happy Birthday to everyone! Until next time, Michelle Grooms



an irish blessing

From Terri's Desk

Steve and I had a great time at the Nebraska rally this year. We really defended our title in the baseball game, but I'll let Kathy tell all about that. I sold several of my books there. (Don't worry; I still have a few left.) I won the biggest 50/50 prize of \$60, so the weekend was pretty profitable for me! Steve won several small door prizes, mostly candy (just what he needed!) But, he couldn't resist Reese's - his favorite. Carolyn won a Dairy Queen gift card and several smaller items playing a game.

Like usual, we avoided the interstate. By doing so, we were able to visit the largest ball of twine in Cawker City, KS. A little quirky maybe, but just something you have to do. We also stopped for a photo at the geographical center of the continental U.S. in Lebanon, Ks. We noticed a pair of tall stone pillars near Beloit, so had to check it out. It was St. John Catholic Church, Est. 1894. The outside was remarkable, sure wish we could have gone inside, but it was locked. Maybe another time.





The most interesting find this trip was the "Home on the Range Cabin", located 8W and 8N of Smith Center.



The cabin was built by Dr. Brewster Higley with help from friends, neighbors, good food and plenty of cold beer. It was completed in 1872, and is still located on its original site. He wrote a poem titled, "My Western Home" in 1871. John Harlan set it to music and it became, "Home on the Range." President FD Roosevelt declared it his favorite song, and a bill was adopted June 30, 1947 declaring it the official Kansas state song. Interesting history lesson, huh? Now you know!

Terri Bockhaus

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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 Individual of the Year

Paula Aiken

Will spring ever get here????? Snow, snow, and more snow delayed Chapter B's monthly meeting on February 17th. After eight hours of shoveling, this editor finally got a big enough path open in the driveway to leave the house following a couple days of staying home. It was enough snow for the next several years as far as I'm concerned.

Our rescheduled meeting was held on February 24th. Fifteen members braved the cold temperatures and new snow that was falling that day in Northeast Kansas to meet at JT's Bar and Grille in DeSoto and enjoy each other's company. It was decided to bring back our annual bowling event that had been put on hold with the pandemic. Some of us will be bowling on March 27th, while others partake in food and laughter from the "peanut gallery". It's a great time. Come join us if you want. Rides and other events were discussed and will take place when the weather gets warmer. Watch our monthly calendar and be a part of the fun.

February is National Cherry Month and contrary to popular belief, there is no proof that George Washington actually chopped down his mother's cherry tree. John English did claim to have picked a whole lot of cherries in his lifetime and it must be true as he answered seven of the ten trivia questions about cherries correctly. I think a cherry pie may be in his future.

Cherry trees begin to produce cherries when they are five years old and can continue to produce for twenty-five years. Each season a fully mature cherry tree will produce about one hundred pounds of cherries. In the United States approximately 650 million pounds of tart and sweet cherries are produced each year. It takes about six to eight pounds of fresh cherries to make one pound of dried cherries.



Cherries weren't on the menu on February 26th, but eight Chapter B members had breakfast at Aunt Netter's in Lecompton. Mick Schurer braved the cold temperature as well as the salt and sand on the roads and rode his trike. Gary Ohler planned to lead the ride on his trike, but the cold had frozen his emergency brake. He couldn't get it to release, so he went in the car with Reba. It was a good time with friends.

Chapter B events for March:

March 17 - Chapter Meeting March 26 - Breakfast Get-Together March 27 - Bowling Fun

Safe travels, Paula Aiken KS-B Asst Chapter Director







Chapter F – El Dorado

Meet 4th Tuesdays at Circle Oil Hill Elementary School, 2700 W 6th, El Dorado, KS Brown Bag at 6:00 pm - Meet at 7:00 pm

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Good Morning Kansas! I really think Mother Nature has been off her meds. High 70's one day and the next in the single digits ?? How many agree LOL! The weather has been frightful, not so delightful but we weren't letting it stop our monthly gathering.

We had a short and sweet gathering, as well as a few groups of wonderful friends. Every Chapter had someone representing their Chapter.

Please keep Jack and Doris in your thoughts and prayers as Jack has been having a lot going on in his world. I love his attitude no matter how many times he has to have something done to make his life better he does it with a smile. He's my Sunshine!

Also keep Deloris in Your thoughts and prayers Monday as she is having her rotator cuff repaired.

Birthdays this next month, are my wonderful husband Ricks on March 5, 2022. He will be 76 years of age. He doesn't act or look like 76 unless I have a honey do list for him, then he gets tired or hurts (LOL!). You get the message. I'm just kidding. He is really great at helping out anyone and everyone, especially me !!! So don't forget to tell him Happy Birthday.

Hopefully, in the near future we will see warmer weather and it will STAY that way so we can do what we love to do most. RIDE!!

Stay safe and warm everyone!

Rick and Brenda Kistler KS Chapter F Directors



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EVENT COORDINATOR Sharry Thompson

CHAPTER COY Daryl & Nita Regier

KS DISTRICT DIRECTORS Kathy & Dennis Chesnut KS-H Newsletter Our next gathering is March 21, 2022 at our NEW location:

Blue Dragon Room HCC Student Union corner of 14th and Plum Hutchinson, Kansas



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS

As I write this, the new year is well under way. Things seem to be settling down regarding COVID, and I wish the weather would settle down as well. A high temp of 73 one day and 22 the next???

Our first meeting at HCC Blue Dragon Room went well. Certainly there was plenty of food and the room was spacious and well lit. The overall atmosphere seemed to be good. Jack Kistler's adventures with motorcycle camping were certainly interesting and produced many laughs. We look forward to hearing about the 2nd half of the trip at the next meeting on March 21st. Thanks to all who were there.

We are trying to plan ahead with some rides, including some shorter rides, perhaps an evening or Sunday afternoon. After all the disruption everyone has experienced, the plan is to get out and ride more than the past couple of years.

Everyone has their preferences about riding, so please feel free to share what you may want to see or do on a ride. We will do our best to accommodate and plan rides accordingly.

We cannot thank everyone enough for your participation in Chapter H. The Chapter belongs to the members so your input is valued. Thank you for making Chapter H fun!

> See you down the road! Don & Jan Schroeder KS-H Chapter Directors

The Pierson Report

MARCH 2022

ANSAS WINGER -

Our monthly gathering on February 21, 2022 began in our new location at the Blue Dragon Room at the Hutchinson Community College. 33 members and guests attended to check out the new location, grab some grub and hear the story of Jack and Teresa Kistlers big camping adventure in the Northwest United States. We only heard the first 15 days of their trip, so they will be back at our March gathering to conclude the adventurous tale.

Our Kansas District Director, Kathy Chesnut, advised that the 2022 Kansas Rally flyer and registration have been posted to the website and encouraged everyone to get signed up for a good time in September.

Steve Bockhaus also mentioned the possibility of another ride to visit the Father Emil Kapaun Museum in Pilsen.

Rick Stevens, our District Educator, gave us dates for trike/trailer courses and a possible bike/trailer course. It's a great course for all of us to refresh our skills.

Our 50/50 winners of the night were Brad Thompson and Kathy Chesnut and Kathy won another \$5 for finding her member number in our February newsletter. Congratulations!

Make sure you check out all of the rides coming up and we'll see you at the next meeting on March 21st.

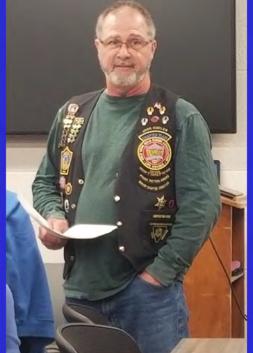
Stay safe and warm (or cold) depending on this crazy weather!

Dennis Pierson Assistant Chapter Director

Welcome to our new gathering place! Plenty of space and certainly plenty of food! The Blue Dragon Room at HCC



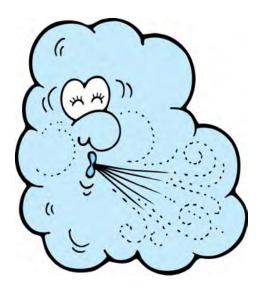




...and Jack Kistler provided plenty of entertainment!



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ALLIAN COLUMPT

15 CHUCK SCHMIDT

18 STEVE CLAYTON 20 DON SCHROEDER







March 4 – 1st Friday Dinner Ride. 6:00 p.m. at The Barn in Burrton, KS. Chuck & Kathy Schmidt are our hosts for the ride. RSVP by March 3rd by text to Kathy Schmidt at 620-480-9685.

March 21 – Chapter meeting - 6.p.m.. HCC Blue Dragon Room, Student Union on the HCC campus, SE corner of 14th and Plum. Cafeteria/Buffet across from the Dragon Room from 5-7 p.m. Laugh and cry at the 2nd of 2 presentations by Jack Kistler on their motorcycle camping experience to the northwest.

March 26 - Father Kapaun museum, Pilson. 8:00 breakfast at Curtis C's, 1039 Washington Rd, Newton, or meet at the I-135 Casey's in Hesston at 9:15. Will caravan to KS-15, then on to Pilson by 10:00. Lunch by the church ladies, \$8.00 each. **RSVP by March 18** and let us know if you are coming to Newton or Hesston-to 620-727-7789, or <u>kansaschapterH@gmail.com</u>.

April 1 - Friday Dinner Ride. Lumber Yard Steak House in Zenda, KS. <u>Helmet time is 4:45 p.m.</u> at the Kwik Shop on 30th Street in Hutchinson, or meet us in Zenda. Reservations are for 6:00 p.m. and the Lumber Yard wants our RSVP by March 24th. It is about 1 hr 10 minutes to Zenda from Hutchinson. Please RSVP if you are meeting us at the Kwik Shop or at Zenda to kansaschapterh@gmail.com or text to 620-727-7789.

April 2 - **Member Appreciation Brunch**. 10:00 a.m. at the Homebuilder Shelter House, 2 Emerson Loop Carey Park, Hutchinson. Come enjoy a home cooked breakfast, games and camaraderie with your fellow members. Ann said she is bringing the donuts so we all hope they make them here!

April 16 - **Trike Course**. 7:30 a.m. Hesston, Kansas. Registration at the King Park Shelter House, 500 N. Ridge Rd, Hesston. Breakfast and lunch provided for a donation. Range practice will be after lunch at the High School south parking lot.

April 18 - **Chapter meeting - 6.p.m.** HCC Blue Dragon Room, Student Union on the HCC campus, SE corner of 14th and Plum. Cafeteria/Buffet across from the Dragon Room from 5-7 p.m.

April 23 - Olpe Chicken House. <u>Helmet time 9:00 a.m.</u> at Newell's Truck Stop in Newton. At 9:45 a.m. we will pick up riders at Casey's 2627 W. Central in El Dorado (37 miles 45 minutes) We will ride US Highway 54 East and then take State Highway 99 North to the Olpe Chicken House for lunch at 11:30 a.m. (69 miles - 1 hr 15 min). Depending on the weather, we can ride through the Flint Hills after lunch and back to Hutchinson by about 6:00 p.m.

June 17-18 - Trike Trailering Course. Evening of the 17th and morning of the 18th. If not enough trikes sign up, we may open it up to a 2-wheel trailering course.

Watch your email for short notice rides!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - PLAN AHEAD FOR THESE OTHER RIDES/EVENTS

(Information for most of the following can be found on line or ask Don Schroeder) https://gwrraks.com/special-notice

- March 19 Bockhaus Chili Feed, 6 p.m. 625 N. Meridian, Newton, KS (bring a side dish)
- April 7-9 Louisiana District Rally
- April 16 Trike Course, King Park, Hesston, KS
- April 19-21 Arkansas District Rally, Harrison, Arkansas
- April 23 District Ride to Olpe Chicken House, Olpe, Kansas
- April 28-30 Yellow Rose Texas Rally, Kerrville, TX
- May 6-7 Trike/Trailering Course, Kansas City
- May 14 5 State Poker Run beginning in Guymon, Oklahoma (RSVP on line by April 15th)
- June 2-5 Missouri Rally, Branson, Missouri
- June 11 Chapter F Spring Fling, El Dorado, KS
- June 18 Smackdab Ride
- June 23-26 Cody-Cade Ride-In, Yellowstone area
- June 29 Wing Ding 43, Shreveport, Louisiana (Google GWRRA WingDing 43 for info)
- Sept 9-10 Kansas District Rally, Independence, KS
- Oct 27-29 Oklahoma District Rally, Ponca City, Oklahoma

ADDITIONAL DISTRICT AND CHAPTERS' EVENTS/RIDES, MISC RIDES.

- 1st Thursday Chapter Q meeting, Boss Hog 314 W. 8th Winfield, KS
- 3rd Thursday Chapter A meeting at Pizza Ranch, 2121 N Tyler Rd, Wichita, KS
- 3rd Thursday Chapter B meeting, JT's Grill, 33255 Lexington Ave, DeSoto, KS
- 4th Tuesday Chapter F meeting, at Oil Hill School, 2700 W. 6th Ave, El Dorado, KS



LOOKS LIKE A GOOD DAY FOR A TAIL WIND RIDE! **MARCH 2022**



1st FRIDAY BRUNCH FEBRUARY 4, 2022 HESSTON, KS

Tired of the snow and being cooped up, these members braved the cold (in their cars) to get together for some good food and laughs









Reminder! You can pick your friends and you can pick your nose But you <u>CANNOT</u> pick your friends nose!

GWRRA Membership Appreciation Brunch

WHERE: Carey Park - Hutchinson, Kansas (Homebuilder Shelter - 2 Emerson Loop)

- WHAT: Food, Fun, Friends and Games!
- WHEN: April 2, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.
- WHY: To celebrate YOU, our members!



PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 30, 2021 to (620) 727-7789 or kansaschapterh@gmail.com

Mark Your Calendars so you don't miss the fun!

MEC Judy Eggleston



Chapter Q – Winfield

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

Chapter Directors	Asst Directors	Treasurer	Ride Coordinator
Jack & Teresa Kistler	Duane & Vickie Kalous	Sheila Tucker	Bill & Sheila Tucker
316-651-7423			billtucker@gwrraks.com
jackkistler@gwrraks.com			

As I'm sitting here typing this newsletter, my fingers and toes are wishing that I would take them home where it is warm. I don't know about all of you but we are ready to get back to riding and this crazy Kansas weather is making it difficult.

Jack & I attended Chapter H's meeting in February and got to share part of our September vacation with the group. Jack talked about the first 15 days of our trip and hit some of the high points and when we left he realized some of the stuff that he forgot to mention. We will be back for their March meeting on the 21st to finish our adventure. Some of our stories may have you thinking "That doesn't sound like much fun", but you have to remember, we were gone for 30 days and things can happen. Our trip was a great experience and we are already planning our next one for this September. Hope to see everyone real soon!

We have one March birthday and no anniversaries, that birthday happens to be mine. Teresa Kistler on the 12th

Until the next time, Teresa Kistler

> May the road rise up to meet you May the wind be always at your back May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall soft upon your fields



(ANSAS DISTRICT RIDE

APRIL 23, 2022 OLPE CHICKEN HOUSE OLPE, KANSAS

Let's all MEET IN THE MIDDLE at Olpe, Kansas at the OLPE CHICKEN HOUSE at 11:30 a.m. We can shake off these cold winter days doing what we love to do..... Ride our motorcycles and share some camaraderie! (of course, cars are always welcome too!)

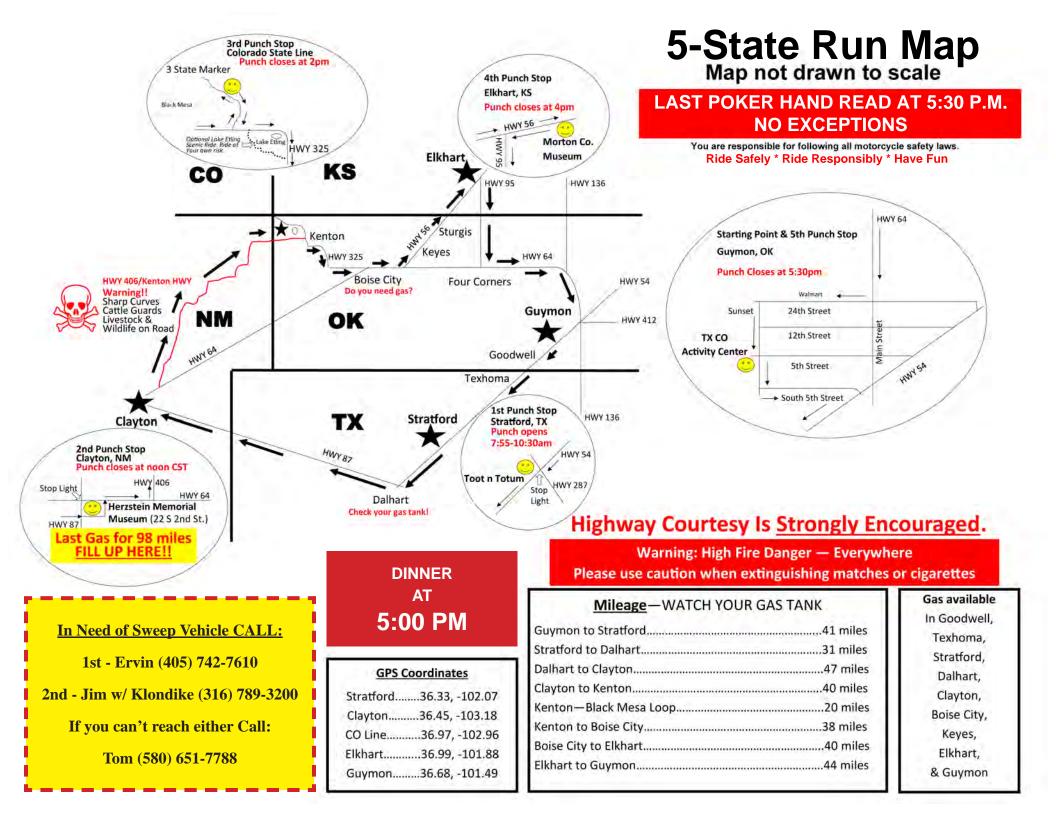
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Kansas City folks will meet us there. Talk to Gary Ohler for ride details from your area.

After lunch we can enjoy a ride through the roads of the Flint Hills before we head home



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Join Chapter A on August 12, 13, 14, 2022 In Tahlequah Oklahoma for some good rides, float trips & good company! We will be staying at the Fin and Feather Resort Housing will be an 8 bedroom, 8 bath house. (There are smaller cabins available if you wish) Cost per couple will be \$90.00 per night if we fill the house, higher if not There are also a few full hookup campsites Campsites are \$35.00 per night (only 5 are available)

There is a restaurant on site plus others in the area. There are several hotels in the area (if you wish) Costs range from\$70.00 - \$125.00 per night

There are several float trips in the area. Cost ranges from \$25.00 - \$35.00 per person.

We will be near Tenkiller for good riding. We will be leaving Friday morning and return on Sunday afternoon.



KANSAS DISTRICT PATCH/PIN PRICE LIST

Kansas Order Form

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DESCRIPTION	QTY	PRICE B & G	QTY	PRICE B & W	QTY	PRICE B & G	TOTAL
TOP BACK ROCKERS (Over 10" Patch)		\$9.75		\$9.75		\$9.75	
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CHAPTER COUPLE							
BOTTOM BACK ROCKERS (Under 10"Patch)							
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TOP FRONT ROCKERS (Over 4" patch)		\$3.75		\$3.75		\$3.75	
OPERATIONS							
FORMER							
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BOTTOM FRONT ROCKER (Under 4" patch)							
CHAPTER DIRECTOR							
ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTOR							
PATCHES		\$7.00				\$7.00	
4" GWRRA MEMBER (Gold Trim)							
BACK PATCHES		\$12.00				\$12.00	
10" GWRRA BACK PATCH							
PINS & HANGERS							
COUPLE OF THE YEAR PIN @\$5.00 each							
CHAPTER COY HANGER @\$3.00 each							
SPECIAL ORDERS - GIVE DETAILS	QTY	PRICE	QTY	PRICE	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
TOP BACK ROCKERS (Over 10" Patch)		B & G		B & W		B & G	
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Please enclose order form with check made payable to Theresa McDonald - 421East 3rd Street, Douglass, KS 67039

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