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Ride safe and ride often





A Message from your District Directors

Kansas Monthly Newsletter
Region 'H'

Jack & Doris Schoeck
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Greetings from the Kansas State Team!

Well, April has been a very busy month for most of us and there has been a lot of riding, visiting, and seeing new roads!

We would like to extend our sympathy and thoughts to the family of Ray Wirtz, from Winfield, Kansas. Ray passed away on Tuesday, April 21, 2015. He was a long time member of Chapter Q. We are sure his wife Norma would appreciate our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Also, on Saturday, Judy and Terry Mann, Chapter Directors for Chapter H got notification that their granddaughter's husband was killed in a motorcycle accident. He was 25 years old. Please remember this family in your thoughts and prayers also.

The announcement was made that Jim and Reba Berry, from Louisiana, will be the new Region H Directors, taking over for Jack Wagner. We would like to offer our congratulations to them both and we know they will do an awesome job for Region H. We also offer our congratulations to Jack Wagner who has been promoted to the position of Deputy Director for Regions H and D. He has done an awesome job as our Region H Director the last 3 years and we know he will do a great job in the Deputy Director position.

Kansas did very well this year at Region H Rally in Marshall, Texas. Kansas had the largest percentage in attendance for Pre-Registration. There were approximately 37 people from Kansas that attended this year. Chapter H, got the award for the Kansas Chapter of the Year. They have worked very hard this past year and they very much deserve this award! Please congratulate them when you see them. Kansas is very excited for them and very proud of them as we have not had any chapter in this category until now. Chapter H also got 2nd place in the Windshield Cover competition. Carma Gray from Chapter H in Hutchinson won the medallion on Saturday. She received \$25.00. Brenda Williams from Chapter C in Topeka won the quilt from Rider Education. Rick Kistler

won 2 different certificates in the give-away prizes. One was for \$10. and one was for \$5.00. The certificates were donated by H&R Honda in Marshall, Texas. Steve Bockhaus also won a \$10. certificate from the same company. Terri won the award for the Youngest Female Rider and the Longest Distance Female Rider. So, all in all Kansas did very well this year and we are proud and excited for each and every one!

There were 121 people present this year at the Region H Level IV Breakfast. That is a lot of education in one room! We are proud to be a part of that group.

Steve and Terri Bockhaus did Kansas proud with their presentation at the Couple of the Year Selection; however, they did not get the Region H title. It was a very difficult decision this year as each of the couples was very good. The Region H Title for Couple of the Year went to Steven and Carolyn Cotton, from the State of Oklahoma. We congratulate them and know they will do a great job for Region H.

I hope I have not missed anyone who was recognized or won awards at the Region H Rally. We are very proud to be the District Directors for Kansas as our members are the greatest! Thank you for all you do for us.

Jack and I would like to announce that Bill Watts and Sarah Taylor of Chapter H in Hutchinson have been added to the State Team as the newest Kansas Assistant Directors. Please welcome them when you see them. They are excited to take this position and we know they will be doing a good job. Look for a future announcement as to who will be taking their Membership Enhancement Co-Coordinator position.

Remember these upcoming events:

Texas Rally	April 30-May 2, 2015 at Temple, Texas
May 22-23, 2015	Arkansas Rally at Harrison, Arkansas
May 30, 2015	East Picnic Ride to Caney, Kansas to the Zoo
June 4-6, 2015	Missouri Rally at Branson, MO
June 19-20, 2015	Kansas State Campout at Santa Fe Cove at Council Grove Lake

There are a lot of opportunities coming up so be sure to look at the State and Chapter calendars to see what you might like to do. Each chapter has a calendar full of plenty of riding and eating out. I am sure you will also find some ice cream along the way!

Until next time, remember to ride often and ride safe!

Jack and Doris Schoeck,

Kansas District Directors



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GWRRA Kansas Chapters, Chapter Directors and Get-Together Time & Place

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

Call the CD if you need more information about a Chapter activity.

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Kansas Couple of The Year 2015



Rick & Brenda Kistler

KS-F

Kansas Chapter Couples 2015

CHAPTER A COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Chris & Michelle Grooms



CHAPTER B COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Richard Bogie & Mary Rose Enderle



CHAPTER C COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Gary & Susie Drake



CHAPTER F COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Gene & Delores Shannon



Kansas Chapter Couples 2015

CHAPTER H COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Bill Watts & Sarah Taylor



CHAPTER P COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Garry & Phyllis VanBuskirk



CHAPTER Q COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Jim & Carol Owens



MESSAGE FROM YOUR 2014 COUPLE OF THE YEAR—STEVE & TERRI BOCKHAUS

I don't know about you, but I had to come home to rest after the Region Rally. Competing in the Region Couple of the Year selection was an awesome experience. While it was somewhat calming to be among friends, it was also very competitive. We have had the pleasure of being friends with Steve and Carolyn Cotton for a number of years. They are very deserving of this title and will serve you well as your new Region Couple of the Year. Steve and I want to thank all the Kansans who came out to support us. With the lights on stage, it was hard to see your faces, but we sure saw the big Kansas flag waving, and all your blue shirts. Any stressful situation is eased when you have a little help from your friends.

Speaking of support, thanks to all who came out in the rain to watch the Twisters perform. We postponed the show about 15 minutes due to the rain. We received many attaboys/attagirls for performing on a wet surface. Truthfully, that was the least of our problems. The range was sloped and not smooth. We had to accelerate into a turn and decelerate out of it, which of course is opposite of what we are taught in the riding courses. It was a challenge, but that is what makes it all the more rewarding. We love performing for you. Your compliments are our paychecks, so keep that applause coming.

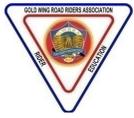
After the performance, we had a wonderful opportunity to meet some new friends, Don and Cheri Walloch, the Region E COY. We had lunch with Dottie and Mike, the Tennessee district COY. While it rained a lot during the weekend, we were blessed with only a few sprinkles and threats while we were riding.

I just have to mention all the fun we had at the Louisiana Rally recently. It was the first time we've had to visit Louisiana. Now I understand what the hype is about. Those people know how to party! Watching the costume contest was fun, and then we danced all night. I think Steve was looking for a hot tub to soak in by the time we made it back to the hotel. I held a baby alligator, and ate lots of Cajun food (including alligator.) I think everyone in the whole state knew when I won the grand prize of \$500!!!! That was a fine display of how to act when you win. We will definitely have to party with them again.

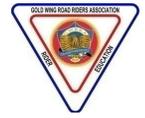
We also got to spend some one on one time with both the current International COY Barb and John Pons, and the former International COY Gayle and Tommy Wilson. They gave us good tips for the competition. However, Steve Cotton was also in the meetings. Only one winner is chosen, but we made them work for it! J

The level IV breakfast in Louisiana was awesome. Their region staff was dressed up and acted like "other motorcyclists", displaying bad and unsafe attitudes about riding. The message was that as level IV riders, we need to be proud of our achievements, and keep our commitment to ride safe. It was an excellent program, with a lot of thought and effort involved. Great job, Rodd, rider educator!

Steve & Terri Bockhaus 2014 Kansas District Couple Of the Year



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IT HAPPENED AGAIN!!!! We had a FULL Trike class that was given April 4th, 2015 at the Wichita Water Department Parking Lot.

We had six Co-Riders that received their 2up completion cards. Chapters represented are: KSA, KSB, KSF, KSH, KSP. Two of the riders were lady riders, one from KSB and one from KSP.

We had our classroom session at Rick and Carolyn's home. We thank them for allowing all of us, including KSF 'Peanuts' the Chastain's cute dog, to invade their home. After the class, Rider Ed furnished lunch, then off to the SCMTC range for five plus hours of riding exercises under the watchful eyes of Rick Stevens and Bill Tucker. This class was comprised of first time participants except for one Phyllis VanBuskirk. Rick and I had fun coaching them and according to the evaluations of the course (Classroom & Range Riding) they had fun while learning while sharpening their skills. Rick & I took time before every exercise to coach the Co-riders on what they should be doing during the exercise, besides whacking the rider on the helmet. Nine participants signed up in the Levels program, all entry level I. Congratulation to them.

Our next riding course is the BRC2 (Experience Riders Course) for the two wheelers May 16 & 17 at our Wichita location. We have so many wanting to take the course that we added a second day. Right now, we have room in the Saturday session, Sunday is full. So if anyone

wants to join us just email me (Bill Tucker wtucker1@cox.net) to enroll.

I had the honor to present two Level IV achievement awards to Kathy and Dennis Chesnut, KSP at KSP's April 10th gathering. Rick Stevens, Chapter Educator and Asst District Educator assisted with the presentations. **CONGRATULATION TO THE CHESNUT'S.** We will see you at the Level IV 'FREE' Breakfast during the Region 'H' Rally and Kansas Rally.

Speaking of Level IV. Janice James, KSB application has been sent to the Region Educator for review, approval then sent up the chain.

Congratulations to Don Williams, KSC for completing the Road Captains Course/Seminar while attending the Region 'H' Rally.

Rick & I decided we needed to flip-flop the dates for the two Trailering courses. The Trike Trailering Course (TTRC) will be held Saturday October 3rd and the two wheeled Trailering (TC) will be Saturday, October 10th.

Maybe Kansas Rider Education 'Safety Weekend Retreat' is going to become a reality. I've wanted to have one for years.

Rider Education

Rick Stevens and I decided to schedule a 'Retreat' October 30 through November 1. It is on the Kansas Rider Ed Web page. Activities begin on Friday, October 30th 6pm and go to Sunday, ending time to be determined later. A location has not been selected yet. If a Chapter would like to co-host this 2 ½ day event please contact me, Rick or Marv. We have invited the Leadership Training Division and Membership Enhancement to participate. Both have accepted the invitation. Please mark your calendars to attend this 'FREE' training opportunity. We hope to have very interesting seminars, some you need for your level certifications. The Road Captain Course will probably be offered as well. Sooooo, stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.

As you can see, this event is in the infancy planning stages so if you have any suggestions regarding what we should include in the training agenda send them to me. Your input is important to us! Your seminar presenters will probably be Bill Tucker, Rick Stevens, Carolyn Stevens, Doris Schoeck, Marv Ayers from rider ed. The Dannars (LTP) and Watts/Taylor (MEC) will be on the agenda as well. I'm hoping we will be able to get a couple more folks certified as seminar instructors in all three categories (REP,LTP, MEC).

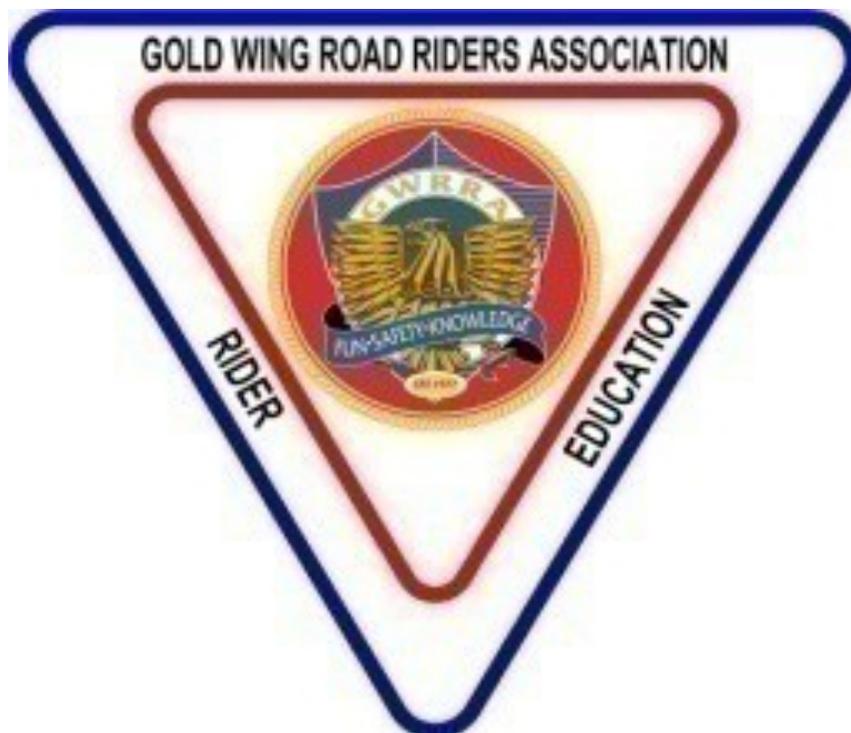
One more congratulation. Congrats to Bill Watts and Sarah Taylor for their upcoming Wedding. Watch for announcements and further information from them. And another congratulations to them for their appointment to the position of Assistant District Directors. They will be a tremendous asset to the team and membership.

See ya soon! Enjoy the ride and remember!

PRACTICE MAKES PERMENANT! YOU ARE WHAT YOU PRACTICE!
"If you keep doing what you are doing, you will keep getting what you are getting!"

Bill & Sheila, Your District Educator's

See next page.



Thank you Riders & Co-Riders!

Rick Stevens & Bill Tucker GWRRA Trike Instructors for Kansas and Carolyn Stevens, Admn Asst wish to extend our sincere thank you to each of the individuals listed below for their participation in the Trike Riding Course April 4, 2015.

Bogie Bogenrife KSB
Sam Boling
Bob Brown KSA
Everett Chastain KSF
Carol Chastain KSF
Mark Classen KSH
Francis Dalsing KSB
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Mary Rose Enderle KSB
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Carma Gray KSH
Gary Ohler KSB
Reba Ohler KSB
Kit Sands KSH
Donna Sands KSH
Mick Schurer KSB
Rick Thompson KSC
Phyllis VanBuskirk KSP

A special thank you to Rick and Carolyn Stevens for opening their home for the classroom portion of the Trike Course.

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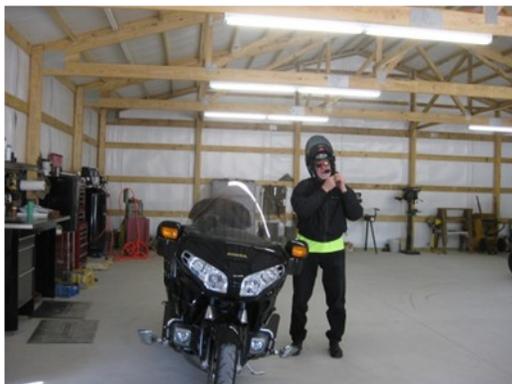
Chris & Michelle Grooms



Hello Everyone...

Well May is upon us again...but wasn't April fun? It started out with our chapter's Annual Maintenance Day which this year was held on April 4th @ Chris & Michelle Grooms homestead. What a place and their garage is HUGE. There wasn't a very big crowd there but for those that were there it was a great time

There wasn't much work done on bikes but there was a whole lot of visiting...and eating



Wasn't long after this before we were all back together again. April 9th was our monthly meeting and we had 35 people at our meeting which included 11 visitors.



KSA

If we keep this up each month I'm not too sure that meeting room that we meet in is going to be large enough.



One of the things we talked about was the contest that Steve Bockhaus came up with called "Visit the Town". He came up with a list of 46 towns that are also the names of a country and the idea is to try to visit as many as you can between now & October 31. Take a picture of you with your motorcycle by something with the town name on it and e-mail it to Steve @ Bockhaus@cox.net and those of you that have visit at least 10 towns will get your name put into a drawing for a cash prize. Please note towns visited with anything other than a motorcycle or trike will not be eligible for the prize. Bob Brown our Riders Ed leader gave a good lesson titled "Stay Awake, Stay Alert, Stay Alive..." which is all about how riding while fatigued can be deadly. Here are some of the things that the National Safety Council recommends. Get enough rest. If possible, try to get someone to ride with you. Avoid long distances at night and during the daytime wear sunglasses to help fight glare and help prevent eye fatigue. Take frequent breaks. Don't overeat...have light meals & snacks. **DON'T DRINK ANY ALCOHOL.** Last and probably the most important...listen to your co-rider who may well know what's going on better than you. And Co-Rider...you need to watch for the warning signs and tell the rider that YOU need a break.

One more thing about the meeting...our fearless leader Marty has started something that we can all participate in if we so choose. When you go out of town and stay at a motel/hotel if you don't use the little bottles of shampoo, conditioner & bars of soap if you could go ahead and collect them the plan is after a few months or year of doing this taking all that was gathered and donate them to a homeless shelter or someplace like that. I'm sure it's hard for the people that stay in those places to always have these things and they would be small enough that they wouldn't be very heavy to carry. So if you could try to remember this then next time you go out of town.

One last thing, for those of you that were not at the meeting...ask someone who was all about Marty squirting the geese with catsup.

Next up...April's dinner ride. It was held on the 13th and we went to Nancy's Sandwich shop on north Maize road and it was wonderful. There were only 11 of us and besides the people that work there we were the only ones in the place so we could make as much noise as we wanted to (and you know us that's just what we did). I know that it's kind of close to everyone so it wouldn't be much of a ride but I think everyone should keep this place in mind when the weather gets cold.

As you know the Region H Rally was April 16th through the 18th and a few of us from Chapter A ventured down to Marshall TX for the party.

KSA

The main reason of course was to support our very own Kansas District COY Terri & Steve Bockhaus who were competing for Region H COY but also in support of the Kansas Twisters who were performing their new routine for the 1st time this year.



I'm sorry to say that Terri & Steve were not named Region H COY but they are still #1 with Kansas .

Chapter A is proud to introduce our newest members, Chris and Margo Roberts from Maize. They were introduced to GWRRA by Joe Gattenby after Chris successfully completed the basic riding class last August. Immediately after completing the class, Chris purchased a 2001 blue 1800. Now most of us would probably agree that riding a Goldwing fresh out of the chute is not a good idea. However, once you meet Chris, you will understand. One will wonder how in the world a 6 ft. 11 in. man even fit on a Rebel 250. Chris confirms that it isn't easy to ride while sitting on the back seat and having to lean forward to prevent doing wheelies. The size 14 shoe wasn't conducive for shifting, either. Margo says she had no trouble picking out her husband in the group while he was riding! I know you will all introduce yourselves and be supportive of them while they are getting familiar with their new bike.



Okay...here are some of the events coming up for May...

1st - May Day

2nd - Chris Roberts Birthday

5th - Cinco de Mayo

9th - 5 state Run. Guyman OK

10th - Mother's Day

14th - This is the date of our monthly Chapter meeting. Meet at Golden Corral on East Kellogg & Greenwich road. Meeting starts @ 7:00 but come early to eat and visit with the other members.

16th - BRC2 class

Armed Forces Day

23rd - Eureka Springs trip (maybe-Chris Grooms is in charge so I'm sure there will be more information coming as soon as things are decided upon.

25th - Memorial Day

Our Dinner ride for May is being planned by Bob Brown so I'm sure we will get more information about when & where soon.

Please remember...if you attend an event or go on a ride and would like to let others know about it just send me pictures and a background story. I would love to include it the newsletter. Send it to me at scarymary1210@sbcglobal.net That's all for now so until then...ride safe.

Mary Mazur ,Chapter A Newsletter editor



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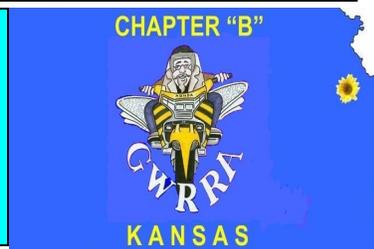
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March in Northeast Kansas ended with seventeen members of Chapter B, led by Ed and Janice James, enjoying breakfast at Roosters in Gardner. Following breakfast was the annual maintenance day at Bill and Donna Groh's home in Olathe. Several bikes were worked on and checked over to prepare for the riding season.

April 2 found us on our first dinner ride of the season. The weather was chilly, but Allen Robertson led thirteen members to Jumpin' Catfish in Olathe to enjoy primarily fish and chicken. The rest of the meal was served family style with lots of yummy coleslaw, hushpuppies, wedge cut potatoes, and beans and ham.

The annual journey to Moonshine, Illinois occurred on April 10-12. Once again Joe Magnant and Eric Wadman led the group of twelve bikes and sixteen people to the event. Many were there from around the United States and over 3000 burgers were served.



Crossing the river on a ferry and sey, Illinois were extra highlights



seeing the world's largest wind chime in Ca- this year.

On the way home, the group stopped at Niehaus Cycle. They were treated to a discount on merchandise and t-shirts. What motorcyclist can pass up a discount and members left a considerable amount of money there. Minor delays occurred when Joe Magnant had a flat tire attributed to a bad valve stem and Jerry Bishop from Missouri Chapter K locked his keys in his trunk. But after riding about 1100 miles in three days, everyone had a great time and arrived home safely.



KSB

The monthly meeting was attended by forty Chapter B members and guests. Three fifty/fifty drawings were held for a total of \$60 and all were won by Paul Korb. Trivia questions were about Earth Day and Rider Educator, Eric Wadman talked about the levels program and presented Francis Dalsing with his level three patch.

Eleven members on seven bikes led by Bogie Bogenrife and Mary Rose Enderle traveled to Hutchinson and the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale n April 17. Funds raised through auctions and food sales benefit the Mennonite Relief Committee which provides funds throughout the world to help those in need. Totals for this year's two day event were approximately \$530,000.00.



The group enjoyed food at the Mustard Seed in Buhler on the way and arrived at the fairgrounds in Hutchinson ready to explore and view the items for sale and available at the auctions, including handmade quilts, furniture, antiques, and more. On Friday, over three thousand people were fed a selection of German and Russian foods typical of the Mennonite heritage. More food was enjoyed at Shake It Up Bogey's where there were over one hundred flavors of milk shakes and at the Carriage Crossing in Yoder on the way home. Cheeses and sausages came home with some in the group. A great time of food and fellowship was had by all.



Chapter B events for May:

May 7 - Dinner Ride

May 9 - Surprise Ride

May 16-17 - Thunder on the Smoky

May 21 - Chapter Meeting

May 30 - Breakfast Ride

May 30 - Shatto Dairy Ride

Safe travels,

Paula Aiken

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For Chapter C April started out “situation normal” with our supper ride being on the 7th. The ride was hosted by Gary and Susan Drake at the EZ Rock Café in Lyndon. We had 6 bikes and a total of 16 people so it was a fairly loud event and we were lucky enough to not get tossed out. The service could have been faster, however in fairness there appeared to only be one waitress and she did a fine job and it was Taco Tuesday so they were very busy even without our bunch. The food was good and the socializing was even better. We did get a bit surprised when Bill Hanson showed up using a crutch. More than one person accused Margaret of finally reaching the end of her patience with him. Actually Bill finally admitted that he had thrown his back out doing some exercises. Now for those that aren’t already aware of this high risk situation here is a not so subtle reminder that you can get hurt doing that kind of thing. The 7th was Susan’s birthday but because of her outgoing personality and desire for attention she didn’t say a word and Ron Crawford had to let the cat out of the bag. The Chapter was kind enough to not sing Happy Birthday to her either. That could have been out of fear of total embarrassment to the Chapter but I’m only guessing on that part.

Ron ask me if I wanted to brief the folks on our ride scheduled the 11th to Palucci’s in Atchison I told him no, since I didn’t know if we were going to go to Nebraska to get there or not and that we would figure that out on the fly. Chapter C is noted for its rides to someplace which means we know where we are going after we get back. Being flexible is wonderful. With virtually all members having a CB on their bike it is very easy to change a route on the fly by a simple announcement on the radio with all riders acknowledging what is going to happen. That might come from my Air Traffic Control background. Just key the mic and tell them what is going to happen and when you get an answer you just do it. Actually I had two routes in mind for the ride but didn’t decide to take the long or short route until we were on the road. With GWRRA’s meticulous pre-trip planning in mind on the 11th we met at the Kwik Shop in Topeka on time for our ride to Atchison with 5 bikes and 7 people and that was when the plan started changing. After fighting with my GPS getting out of town (it kept wanting to go a different way) we rode through Effingham to Hiawatha taking a short break at Casey’s. Since I had programed one route via Falls City, NE and another via US 36 out of Hiawatha to be determined at the rest stop. We headed toward Falls City with an unscheduled stop at the Davis Memorial (not related to Al and Sandy). Everybody was really surprised at the quality of the memorial since it was built during the depression.

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It was a bit sad as some of the sculptures were damaged but it is still well worth the stop to see the workmanship. After leaving for Falls City my GPS got confused and took us a third route that was going to send us to Falls City and then make a U turn and backtrack the same road. Deciding that wasn't too enjoyable we just shortened the route and headed to Palucci's arriving at almost the exact time we told them we would be there. One of the waitresses recognized Al, but she was in a very good and forgiving mood and let us in anyway. Once seated and getting our orders taken care of we conducted ourselves in a very civil manner. I think the fact our waitress is a parole officer during the week and probably has an in with the police department helped to keep us in line. After eating we rode back to Topeka and all went our separate ways home.

The Region H Rally was the weekend of the 18th. Brenda and I rode down to Marshall with John & Teresa Gull taking the long scenic route with several good stops for visits and good food along with playing tourist. We even managed to dodge all the rain in the area. As a matter of fact we only had to put on rain gear twice the whole week and the last time it quit raining before we got it all on. It seemed like we had a guardian angel on the way back for the weather. It just for the most part kept moving out of the way. I don't think we went thru more than 10 miles of rain and that was near Burlington, KS. The Kansas wind did make it a lot of work keeping the trikes between the proper lines especially when we rode thru the frontal boundary and the wind which was about 30 mph suddenly switched 180 degrees making it a WOW moment that somehow got transmitted over my CB giving John a brief time of concern. The rally was a good one. Chapter C was well represented with us and also Gary and Susan Drake. Kansas District was the most represented by percentage within the region. The district also walked away with our share of prizes with Bill Tucker winning one of the 50/50 drawings and Rick Kistler winning two door prizes. He was actually lucky enough to win the second one before he got back to his seat from winning the first one. Brenda won the quilt that that was raffled off. It was valued at \$250. I won't say how she sounded when her number was called but the sound of a farm animal comes to mind and made me jump a bit.

I decided to take the Road Captains seminar while I had some free time and because the instructor wasn't certified by the state of Texas he couldn't do the road portion there so we all "infiltrated" to Louisiana for the road portion. After we finished that John Gull looked up the phone number and address of a friend from his days in the National Guard and we rode over to Bossier City in an attempt to find them. We were lucky as we found the house he thought was theirs and we pulled into the driveway totally blocking it. Teresa rang and doorbell and the only answer was from a big dog, but as we were leaving a jeep pulled up and the wife of his friend got out and recognized him and didn't call the police. They had a nice visit and he got to talk to his friend over the phone but wasn't able to link up with them because of prior commitments for them so the little side trip wasn't a total loss.

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The trip to the rally served as a tune-up for us as we are riding to West Virginia on the day after our maintenance day and taking John & Teresa with us since they have never been there and John doesn't know what a "holler" is so we will be showing him several of those along with taking him up a holler for our stay. I'll include a brief ride report in next month's newsletter for any of you that might be heading that way or get lost while going back east. Truthfully it is some of the best motorcycle riding in the country if you like hilly, twisty roads with not a whole lot of traffic or cities.

We held our meeting at Perkins on the 21st with 17 people in attendance. Since Gary Drake was at the Region H rally he didn't have time to prepare anything formal for safety, however he did "wing" it pretty well after seeing a guy on a Harley riding toward Topeka as he was coming to the meeting. He said the guy was riding without a helmet and it was a bit windy. He also had a long beard and with the angle of the wind it wasn't "separated" as normal long beards do and it was blowing up in his face and hindering his vision. Gary said that he was trying to ride with one hand and keep his beard out of his eyes all at the same time and not having a lot of success with it. The moral of the story is to be prepared when you ride. If you have a long beard and no way to keep it from blowing around then braid it, tie it up, or stuff it in your shirt or jacket. Bill Hanson jokingly asked if it would be considered eye protection but I won't repeat the answers to that.

Ron led a discussion about maintenance day to determine what was needed in the line of food and Ken Felch wanted to know how many were planning on coming in order to have enough hamburgers for everybody. He also wanted to know what kind of maintenance would be taking place in case he needed to make any preparations in his shop. It appears that most of us have our maintenance up to date which is pretty normal for the chapter as we all pretty much take care of our maintenance when it's needed and not wait until we have a failure or a maintenance day.

Bill Hanson wanted to make sure our newest chapter member was "officially" recognized since this was the first meeting that Terry Hull had attended even though he has been on a few rides and has been considered a Chapter C member for several months. We also had a short discussion on the e-mail list and some minor problems with it then held the 50/50 drawing with Earl Barnes and Marjie Crawford winning the money. With that we ended the meeting and headed home.



May Birthdays
6. Don Williams



Anniversaries
2. John & Teresa Gull
16. Gary & Susan Drake
19. Bill & Margaret Hanson

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Greetings from Chapter F!

Our members from Chapter F have had a busy month!

Gene Shannon did the 40 to Phoenix ride and we are sure he had a good time.

We had 21 people go on the April 3rd, Friday night supper ride to the Eatery at Winfield, Kansas. There was plenty of good food and wonderful visiting with friends.

Several people from our Chapter attended Region H Rally and a good time was had by all. Kansas did us proud in that several people won awards or prizes. Kansas was given the award for having the largest percentage in attendance for Pre-Registration. Also, please offer congratulations to Chapter H out of Hutchinson, as they got the Kansas Chapter of the Year Award. They have worked very hard and deserve this award. Please see the District Directors newsletter to see who all were recognized. We are very proud of Kansas!

There are many opportunities coming up for riding and getting together to eat and visit. Please check all the calendars to see what you might like to do. Most of the chapters have many events planned and some really interesting places to go to.

We (Chapter 'F') have a scheduled ride to Burns Kansas Café May 1. Those interested should meet at the café at 6:30pm.

Remember to look at the events coming up in the next few months as there are plenty of places to go and things to see.

Until next time, enjoy all your rides and remember to stay safe!

Doris Schoeck, Chapter F Member

and District Director



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From your Chapter Directors



Terry & Judy Mann

We had a good ride to Strong City on Sunday April 12th and great food at Ad Astra restaurant, had several Chapters represented. Of course we took the long way home and finished up at Braum's in Mcpherson.

This past week the District H rally was held in Marshall, TX with 9 from Chapter H attending. Our Chapter won Chapter of the Year for Kansas. Chapter X from OK won the Chapter of the Year for the Region. Thanks to all that contributed to our Chapter of the year. We entered the mascot, banner, scrapbook and windshield cover competition, and only got a second for the windshield cover. I believe Buggy got overlooked again, he certainly appeared to be the winner.

The KS Twisters put on a great show on a wet parking lot and did an outstanding performance. Our rider Educator Marv Ayres is part of that group.

The weather coming home Sunday was good until we hit Kansas. I keep asking myself why do we keep coming back?

The Officer Certification Program is this Saturday April 25 in Emporia, several of us are planning on attending.

If you plan on taking our Annual Memorial Weekend Branson ride on May 22-25, let me know.

We are in the planning stages for a Chapter H Iron Butt ride, will discuss more at this month's Chapter meeting on Thursday April 23; hope to see you then.

Terry and Judy Mann
 Senior Directors of Chapter H

From your Assistant Chapter Directors



Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch

Are you having Fun? Are you gaining new Knowledge? Do you feel Safe being with your GWRRA friends? If you can answer yes, then we all must be doing something right. There are times when we have a bad or down day. We can get that GWRRA high and begin feeling up again just by being with our GWRRA family.

There are times when we begin to lose interest because everything starts to feel like the same 'ol same 'ol. It happens to all of us at one time or another. Officers get the feeling that what they are trying to do just doesn't matter or they do not receive recognition for their efforts. Some members think they could do a better job. Not everyone is on the same page with the agenda. That is where we all should take a step back and realize that not everyone has the same interest or goals. Our duty as officers is to see that everyone has an opportunity to be involved in what they like. We all do not like just going to a meeting and then going home without having any input as to what we would like to do. We all do not like riding to the same destination every year and doing the same thing again. We all have our ideas of what would be a fun ride or event. That is where the member input comes in. Let your officers know what you like to do and see. Many fantastic fun rides and events are the result of ideas from our members.

Just because there is an event on the calendar does not mean it is cut in stone. Things change, conflicts happen, and another great replacement idea may come up. Keep up with your calendar and event pages, attend your meetings, and offer input. Your officers want to make your chapter the best it can be. They rely on knowing what the members want.

So when you get that "down" feeling about being a part of GWRRA, get with another member who is involved; or start talking about GWRRA and how it has been good for you. Think positive and you will have more fun.

Even though you may not think of holding an officer position, take the OCP class and learn what makes a good officer in GWRRA. You will learn what is required of your officers and how the members can enhance the GWRRA experience. There is an OCP class coming up April 25 in Emporia, KS. Contact your chapter director about it and get involved. It is fun and informative. Just because you attend you will not be obligated to becoming an officer; you will, however, come away with a lot of knowledge that can help your chapter grow.

From your Chapter Educator



Marvin & Toni Ayers

This is Distracted Driver Month and after our trip to Marshall Texas for Region H Rally I can assure you they are out there. As a rider you not only have to operate your motorcycle with due diligence to protect you and yours, you have to drive to protect the distracted drivers you are going to share the road with. How can they watch for motorcycles when they are texting, reading a book, or any other number of things 4 wheel drivers do. To compound the issue the weather was not ideal for riding. While keeping track of other drivers we had to deal with tornado warnings, ping pong ball size hail, strong winds, and torrential rain. I like to think that the success for everyone making it home was due, in part; to the training and skill we achieved taking GWRRA classes. Next time you see one of the riding instructors be sure and tell them "Thank You" for the time and effort they put forth to make GWRRA the elite motorcycle riders on the road.

Ride Safe
Marv

From your Chapter MEC



Bill Watts & Sarah Taylor

Hello again our Kansas Chapter H family. There has been some fun stuff going on since the last article. As the weather continues to get nicer we are actually getting some spring time temps instead of going from the freezer to frying pan as we have for the past couple of spring seasons. It has given a lot of us a chance to get out and get some great riding done. For those of you that have not been able to join us, we have missed you. We all understand that each of us have other events and activities that we must attend and that is Ok. We still have a full schedule of fun ahead of us for the months to come. Sarah and I are both very happy and proud of our Chapter H family with our recognition and award of Kansas District Chapter of The Year given out at the Regional Rally at Marshall, Texas this past weekend. We do wish we could have been there to share in the moment with our family members but we had important events to tend to here at home this year.

We both know that in order for our chapter to achieve this award it took some work and dedication and a lot of participation to make it happen. None of it would have been possible without each and every one of our members and for that we both thank you from the bottoms of our hearts. You are all the best there is and could be. This award also now gives us all just one more thing that we can mention to new or perspective members about along with all of the other things we can tell them about to help them either feel or reassure them they are making the right choice about membership in our family, because we as a group are committed to upholding and practicing and promoting what the GWRRA philosophy and mission statement implies.

There is one thing I have learned over the years when dealing with people and groups, be it public, private, social or organizational, is that people want to belong and participate with groups and others for not only what they get out of belonging but also what each of them can bring to the table for the better of the group and the interaction with others who have the same interests and shared passion. Folks, what really sets us apart from so many other organizations is that we encourage each of our members to participate and we welcome any ideas or suggestions they may have and that we listen and most of the time we act upon suggestions or ideas because in this Chapter everyone has a voice regardless and that all of our members are just as important as the next person. It has not been possible for Chapter H to come this far in such a short time without all of you!

Have Fun Ride Safe
Bill Watts/Sarah Taylor
KS Chapter H
Membership Enhancement Coordinators

From your Chapter COY



Bill Watts & Sarah Taylor

Hello Chapter H family. We hope this article finds all of you and your families are well and things just can't get any better for all of you. It's been a fun past month for both of us. We have been able to get out and enjoy some time with some of our Chapter H family and we have been able to go visit other Chapter families as well, and we are having fun while doing so it's always great to go and hear what they have to talk about at their chapter meetings and see how they interact with each other and what they do. It has also been a busy past month for both Sarah and I away from our Chapter H life as Sarah's daughter got married to a terrific young man and we have been busy renovating our existing shop building out here at the ole' ponderosa. The new construction has begun on the newest building out here and my contractor is standing by his mid to latter May completion date; I have full faith he will be done by then as long as the weather cooperates.

Sarah and I are excited and looking forward to hosting a couple of upcoming activities out here that include our GWRRA family. As most of all of you know by now Sarah and I are engaged and to the best of our knowledge it is our first chapter wedding to take place. That's right, a wedding, so each of you circle your calendar's for June 27th at 1:00 P.M. at Emanuel Lutheran Church here in Hutchinson. It is going to be a casual service and riding apparel is good so no need to worry about what to wear that day as both of our Ministers will know that some of you will be on either two or three wheels for your transportation mode to the ceremony. Directly after the ceremony we will have a casual reception with cake, coffee, tea and punch out here at the house. When Sarah and I were discussing the cake and refreshment details I told her that we also had to have Ice Cream because it would just not be an official GWRRA get together unless something frozen got served and she agreed and there will be both Chocolate and Vanilla Ice Cream. Yes, Terry and Dale, you can have a scoop of each! We hope that all of you can and will come and join the celebration with us. The other event will be the 4th of July cook out here just after the parade downtown. Sarah and I will be providing the burgers and brats and iced tea and water and even some lemonade. The other dishes will be a covered dish but more information will be coming out the closer to the date we get and yes, probably more Ice Cream.

If It Is Not Fun Don't Do It!

Bill Watts/Sarah Taylor

Chapter H

Couple of The Year

From your Chapter Newsletter Editors



Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch

We have some awesome events and rides planned. Check out our chapter page, the Chapter Events link on the Kansas District web site and find out all about our upcoming plans.

On May 9 we will be riding to the Hickory Hut in Salina, KS. Watch your email for time. We will ride north from Medora to US56 east to McPherson county 447 north (at the gas plant) to Marquette, KS. Then K4 east to Muir Rd north to K140 east to Salina, KS. It should be a nice ride in different surroundings.

On May 16 we are riding to Fort Larned for some history and road time. We will be going through the Quivera Wetlands to K19 to Larned and to K156 to Fort Larned. After a tour of the fort we will ride K19 East to US281 South to US50 East to Stafford, KS and to the Stafford Mercantile for some ice cream. Then we will head out east of US50 back to Hutchinson. Bring your rain gear because a lot of cattle trucks travel on US50 !

On May 22 - 25 we will be going on our yearly Branson, MO ride.

On May 29 we will be riding to Barb's in Turon, KS. It will be a straight on ride - Hutchinson to Turon. After we may take a different route back depending on weather and light.

Don Gray and Dale T rode the route we are planning for June 13. It will be an all day ride. Some have requested an all-day ride so this is it. More on this in the June newsletter.

There are many things happening in KS-H country this year. Stay informed and join in. Invite your friends to come and see what makes chapter H so much fun. See you at our monthly meeting and at our events.

Remember to keep your ride in top shape and the rubber part on the pavement. We don't want to hear about this:



dale t & George
newsletter team



Send photos and info about your rides

Send your photos and descriptions or short article of what you have been doing to Ann Whithorn izzy2freckles@hotmail.com so she can add it to the chapter scrapbook.

Also send it to Dale Tritsch dalet@cox.net for the newsletter. Even a short ride for ice cream or pleasure would be appreciated.

Mike Hildebrand has his new seat installed



Bugsy



Bugsy did a fantastic job of representing KS-H at the Region H rally. He had his vest and his hobo costume for the theme of the rally. Although he did not win the competition, he did get many good comments. Bugsy helped Dale T with putting together the newsletter and updating the KS Dist web site. No photos, just a lot of time spent at the keyboard. Thanks Bugsy.

Afterthoughts

If you are looking for some good info about Goldwings, get online and go to www.goldwingdocs.com. There are a lot of forums with good questions and answers and also good videos and how to information. You can join for free and be able to access more sections.

Upcoming Events

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

April 26	Bugsy Ride - ice cream is involved
May 9	Hickory Hut in Salina
May 16	Ride to Fort Larned
May 22 - 25	Branson Ride
May 29	Barb's in Turon

Sunshine Events

Birthdays

May 3 Nancy Hazen

Anniversaries

May 1 Mark & Carolyn Goering
 May 5 Jim & Sedena Shaw
 May 7 Jeff & Ann Whithorn

CONVENTIONS RALLYs

Mark your Calendars!

Louisiana District Rally	March 26-28, 2015
Region H Rally	April 16-18, 2015
Texas District Rally	April 30-May 1-2, 2015
Arkansas District Rally	May 21-23, 2015
Reno Rendezvous	June 18 - 20
Wing Ding	September 3-5, 2015
Kansas District Rally	September 18-19, 2015
Oklahoma District Rally	October 15-17, 2015

Buy, Sell or Trade

See more items on our Kansas District website Chapters page
Contact dalet@cox.net with bike related items for sale, trade, or wanted - be sure to include photos and your contact info

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We begin the feeding frenzy at 6pm.

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

If the member to whom the number belongs sees it
and is present at the next gathering after the number is published,
that 800360-01 member wins \$5.

(it pays to be a member and attend gatherings)

Hey, get in on a good thing. 50/50 is 10 for \$5.

Did you find your membership number? Better read me again.

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Be sure to read the **Kansas Winger** on the Kansas District web site each month
See what all our Kansas chapters are doing

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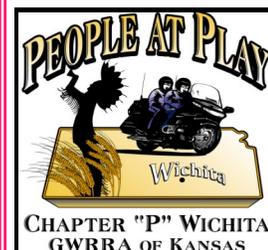
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Meeting Night - Friday April 10, Brown Bag at
6:30PM

Derby Church of Christ 225 N. Derby St,
Derby Ks. 67037 in the fellowship hall at the
south end of the building

What's happening? Many of Chapter P enjoyed a nice ride to Marshall Texas Mid April for the Region Rally. Very nice ride down, coming back a bit more dicey from Oklahoma on in to Wichita. Good Rally, even better that the Twisters were there doing Twisters stuff. Several of us got a bit of maintenance done while there, replacing rear rotors and brakes, in my case did front brakes also. Felt so good about that I even bought new tires. Discovered my Bridgestones were wearing from the INSIDE!! The tires made in the last two years from Bridgestone are of softer compound. That means those wonderful DynaBeads are rolling around wearing the middle of your tire from the inside. Brought my front back for proof. The CounterBalance beads do not jump around freely in the tire. They actually stick where needed. Much better performance and you can still knock them loose to use again.

Looking Ahead

Looking ahead to May will be Joe and Janet Gonsalves Anniversary on May 7, with Dan and Tammy Vickers close behind May 25. My good friend Rick Stevens turns another year more seasoned on May 15. We have cancelled our trip to Yellowstone due to lack of affordable lodging. It will be re-

planned for next year with rooms set up far in advance. We will instead attend WingDing in Huntsville, then mosey off into the southeast for a few days of interesting countryside and riding. Chapter P members are all busy with spring activities, like reroofing from storms, so dinner or breakfast rides will be announced as they come up.

Also remember the Chapter P monthly brown bag meeting at the Derby Church of Christ, 225 N Derby St, in Derby, on May 8th at 7 PM (Brown Bag chow around 6:30). Meetings are always a good time to be mesmerized by our Chapter P Leader David MacDonald, who always provides interesting discussion and conversation.



Top Billing

Level IV Breakfast

Everyone have a safe month!

Dennis and Kathy Chesnut
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The Golden Years or for us The Gold Wing Years

Who ever said things were supposed to slow down as we got older? We all seem to keep packing more things into our everyday lives. Some being our bucket lists or our Honey-Do's, but the fact of it all is this should be our favorite time of the season to ride our motorcycles after being parked for the winter months and all the thoughts of how much riding we are going to do the everyday stuff seems to get in the way.

Most of us have kids, grandkids and parents that we have to work into the mix of things. Then along comes the stuff like Prom, Graduation, Weddings, Funerals and just appointments in general. Next comes cutting the grass and yard work that was put off from past years, storm damage, water line breaks, sewers plugged up, then you loose a day because you have to get a new washer & dryer. These are just some of the setbacks that mess up another planned weekend of riding.

Of course then what about those of us that still work that 8 to 10 hour day that seems to turn into 12 to 13 hrs, so then it's just easier to go home and crash for the evening. Then when you finally get that opening do you choose taking the wife to a movie, going golfing with your buddies or wash that dirty car and truck. *Oh* I forgot I need to do some maintenance on all 5 of our vehicles that I'm behind on. Then there are the hours of a day that seem to revolve around our 2 cats and 2 dogs and it doesn't matter at all what you are doing they will let you know they are more important. So that brings up the next problem, how long can you be gone on a ride before you have to make arrangements to take the "kids" (that's our dogs) to the daughters house for doggy daycare. Now you still have to figure in the yearly church and school events, along with annual fundraisers, auctions, garage sales and any other town festivities, sporting events or concerts that we just *have* to go to. By now we decide to step on the scales and realize we need to get more exercise or go to the gym. *A ride would be so much more fun.*

Did I forget to mention the grandkids? So here we go again, soccer, softball, basketball, wrestling and volleyball. They know we try to never miss a thing they do and we know that everything they do is important to them and they expect us to be there. They grow up way to fast as it is so we don't miss much. Then there are the medical problems that we all have, from sore feet, back problems, poor eating habits and everything else that keeps us from being as productive as we used to

be. These things really get in the way and seem to be the deciding factor whether we go or stay home once again. Oh and I forgot about sleep was we supposed to do that and if so how many times was that interrupted?!

Now if that's not enough each and every one of us seem to take on the extras to make life really exciting and busier. For us it's coaching a High School Softball Team of 20 girls that ends on Memorial Weekend. So is it finally time to ride?? For some maybe but not for us because now we have to catch up on work projects that we put off so we can be ready to take our first long ride of the season to Reno Rendezvous. Then here we go again getting caught up so we can make the trip to Huntsville, Alabama for Wing Ding. Somewhere in the middle of all of this we love to go to chapter events and rides, state rally's etc. and spend some valuable time with our friends that we consider our Gold Wing family.

For most of us being bored is not and never will be an option. Life is just that LIVING! You never get these years back, so we need to enjoy the good things that have been given to each and every-one of us. The fact of the matter is we all want to ride as much as possible, but other things just have to be done once in a while.

With that being said, try your best to pick some chapter events and rides that you can fit into you schedules, because it's the members smiling faces and pretty motorcycles that seem to keep us all going and looking forward to the next gathering of our real friends. GWRRA has many advantages, but by far the best is the "Family" you gain.

Jack Kistler

We want to say Thank You to Jim & Carol Owens for taking care of our April meeting for us. It was a small crowd but we hear they did a great job!



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Drill Team

Steve Bockhaus, Team Captain



Well the Region H Rally is now behind us. We hope that everyone had a good time. Some people rode in to get there and then rode in it going back. Some of us lucked out and had a good ride both ways. You just never know what the weather will throw at us.

Upon arriving in Marshall Texas, we were greeted by the Mall sign telling everyone about our show on Saturday. Now if that drew people or not, we do not know. But it was sure nice to see. The Mall management was very cooperative with us and had the maintenance crew rope off the center of the parking lot for us. This was done on Friday night. That way we had no worries about cars being in the lot. The team arrived after the level 4 breakfast and started to lay out the range. Now we knew that there would be a slope, and we knew that the surface was not real smooth, but then to add rain to the mix was a bit much. We delayed the performance 15 minutes hoping the range would dry. But it did not. We came close to cancelling and then we saw approximately 100 people were there to see us. We then decided "the show must go on". All of the range problems messed with our timing a little bit, but we completed it with no mishaps. It was sure nice to hear the applause and then all of the people who greeted us after, made it all worth while. It is hard to describe how much your support helps us and builds our confidence. Thank You ALL who came out to see us.



While at the Rally, we wore our new Team dress shirts for the first time and also used our new windshield covers. We hope all of you noticed and liked them. The routine we performed was also new for 2015. It is a very busy routine and should give you a lot to watch.



The Twisters Continued



This next picture has to be our favorite picture from the show. Notice the line up of 8 bikes. (look close)



Our next scheduled show will be for the Missouri District Rally in Branson the first weekend of June.

Also, if you would like to be a part of the Twisters and feel you have what it takes (we can train you), contact any of the members. We also have a need for a substitute “caller”. This does not involve riding with the routine, but calling out the moves and setting our timing.

Until Later ---- Ride Safe and Ride Often

Kansas Twisters motorcycle Precision Drill Team



Debbie Gattenby
Activity Coordinator
For Lady Riders



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Lady Riders had a reality quiet month. As soon as the weather decides what season it would like to be, the Ladies will be out and about for more events.

We went to Valley Center to check their City Wide Garage Sales for treasures and some Ladies did find treasures! An awesome set of pots and pans were found by a couple of Ladies that they snatched right up! Also found was "shaker" dumbbells (guessing at the name) to help with exercise. Various other treasures were uncovered at the garage sales for everyone. Of course all that garage sale scavenging worked up appetites, so off to Cracker Barrel for lunch and to check out their store! It was a great day! Included are some pictures of our Valley Center garage sale adventure.

I recently learned that the Bartlett Arboretum in Belle Plaine is a beautiful place to see. We will keep this in mind as a place to see. Below are upcoming events for May. Please let me know if anyone is interested in going to any one of these events.

Listed below are upcoming Lady Rider's outings:

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| May 1, 2015: | Cirque Musica Syphonic | \$35 |
| 7:30pm | | |
| May 1-3, 2015: | Goddard City Wide Garage Sale | |
| May 8-10, 2015: | Vintage Market/A Gypsy Came | Park City |
| | General admission \$5 | 3 Day Pass \$10 |
| May 14-16, 2015: | Derby City Wide Garage Sale | |
| | Casino Night (no date yet) | |
| May 29 – June 6, 2015: | Riverfest | |
| May 30, 2015: | Steampunk Day @ Cowtown | |
| | "Crafts, music, contraption demonstrations, combines science fiction and romantic literature with classic costumes of the late 196 th – 20 th centuries..." | |

As some of these events get closer, more information about time and date will be provided. If you are interested in any of these, please drop me an email (gattenbyd@yahoo.com) with date and time that works best for you.

Thank you Ladies and look forward to catching up with you for some "Lady Rider" time.

Deb Gattenby



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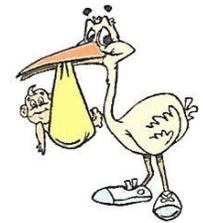
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2015 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS Kansas & Region

- March 26-28: Louisiana District Rally, Lafayette
- April 4: Trike Course, Wichita Range
- April 16-18: Region 'H' Rally, Marshall, TX
- April 25: Officer Certification Program (OCP), Emporia
- April 30-May 2: Texas District Rally
- May 16: Bike Training (BRC2), Wichita
- May 22-24: Arkansas District Rally
- May 30: KS District East Picnic Ride, Caney
- June 17-20: Reno Rendezvous, NV
- June 19-20: Kansas Camp Out Council Grove Lake
- September 3-6: Wing Ding, Huntsville Alabama
- September 13: KS State Fair Ride In
- September 18-19: Kansas District Rally, Best Western Hotel, Park City Ks
- September 26: KS District West Picnic Ride, Greensburg
- October 3: Trike Trailering Course, Wichita
- October 10: Two Wheeled Trailering Course, Wichita
- October 15-17: Oklahoma District Rally Sequoyah State Park, Wagner, OK
- November 14: Region 'H' Team Meeting, Marshall TX



BY THE BOOK

By: Jack Wagner
Region H Trainer



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

What If I Don't Go to Your Church?

Within GWRR there are guidelines and there are policies. While these words are often used interchangeably, they are completely different. A guideline is something that provides help and assistance for use within certain boundaries. A policy implies more structure and less ability to change. We don't have many true policies, but those we do have primarily exist for a reason – to retain Members. For that reason GWRR has a **policy** on religion that must be adhered to.

The policy states “GWRR is purposely designed to be free of religious persuasion and ceremony. This is not because the Association is opposed to religion, but religion is, and should be, a personal choice. No Member should be compelled or forced by virtue of their attendance at a GWRR function to participate in a religious ceremony that may be in conflict with their own beliefs. If for some reason it is determined that prayer is appropriate, make it a moment of silence so everyone in attendance can offer their thoughts in their own way. If worship services are offered at GWRR functions, they should be announced in advance and denoted as optional on the event program and staged in a separate location for those who want to attend.”

If you were attending a Chapter gathering and forced to participate in a religious ceremony that was in direct conflict with the way you believe, how likely would you be to return? When I was conducting one of the early Officer Certification Program (OCP) classes, I had a Member tell me they were very happy we were stressing adherence to the policy on religion. They had the reputation of always being late to Chapter gatherings. They went on to explain the reason they were habitually late was because the Chapter gathering always began with a prayer. The Member then told me they were Atheists and rather than make a scene, always arrived late enough to be confident the opening prayer was over. No one in the Chapter knew of their belief and the Member didn't want to make it known for fear they would be ostracized or made to feel unwelcome. Its fortunate they felt that strongly toward the Chapter, otherwise they assuredly would have abandoned the Association. We definitely do not want to run anyone off just due to their religious belief. Aside from being the right thing to do, the policy needs to exist, because discriminating against anyone based on their religious belief is against the law.

The more you know, the better it gets!

Jack Wagner
Region H Trainer



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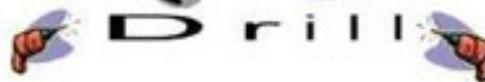
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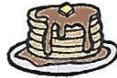
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