

KANSAS DISTRICT NEWS



'The Winger'



"Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge"

Region 'H' "The Hospitality Region"

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The Kansas Winger is the monthly publication provided by Kansas District GWRRA and is available to every Gold Wing Road Rider Association member and prospective member 'free'.

The goal is to inform members and friends of activities available to them that are sponsored by the Chapter and Districts in Region 'H'.

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Bill & Sarah Watts
District Directors



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Ride safe and ride often

A Message from your District Directors



Kansas Monthly Newsletter
Region 'H'

Bill & Sarah Watts
Grand Master Riders
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Greetings,

Sarah and I hope all is well with each of you and yours, as it is for us it has been a very busy past month and we have traveled, some miles. We took the long way to the Louisiana Rally, and we visited several states along the way before we got there. But I can assure you all once we arrived it was worth the trip as all of our G.W.R.R.A. Family in Louisiana did a great job with their Rally, and made it fun for all that attended. And I am also proud to say Kansas had a nice showing of support down there this year!

While speaking of support I want to send a shout out to our very own Kansas, Chapter B as they had 7 bikes, and 8 members, attend the ERC Training that took place on 4-22-17. I know it was some distance for them to travel to attend and I know each of them learned something new or got a refresher on riding safe.

Any and or all of the Training, offered and available through the Riders Ed Program, is just another one of the benefits that each of us have by being a Member of this great Organization. And I encourage each of you to take advantage of any of the courses they offer or schedule, it could actually save not only your life but your co riders as well!

As most of you know that time of year is upon us when things start moving at a fairly rapid pace, and all of our calendars start filling up fast.

And yes the District calendar, is no different and our own Rally will be here in less than 8 weeks, and yes there is still a lot to do in the meantime to make it fun for all. And trust me while each of you are there and you would like to lend a hand somewhere I am quite sure we could find a place for you. So don't be afraid to ask because we are fairly sure you won't hear No!

The District Team has fun stuff for attendees, to do this year at the Kansas, District Rally. And we are encouraging anyone that would like to dress as their favorite Wizard of Oz Character, to please do so on Friday of the rally. (Does anyone know where we can get any Flying Monkeys and some Munchkins?)

And last but not least, please don't forget and plan to participate, in the District Picnic ride on June 10th to Lucas Kansas, more details will be out on this ride next month. But we believe this is going to be a fun ride and fun day for all let's just all hope Mother Nature, feels the same way that day.

Ride Often but Ride Safe,
Bill and Sarah Watts, D.D.
Kansas, District Region "H"

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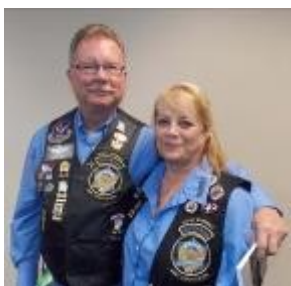
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Steve & Terri Bockhaus



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Terry & Judy Mann KSH



Rider Coaches: Bill Tucker, Rick Stevens, Bob Brown
MFA INSTRUCTORS: Bill Tucker, Marv Ayers, Jack & Doris Schoeck, Steve & Terri Bockhaus

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION KANSAS DISTRICT

Region 'H'



2017 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 13:	TC & TTRC combined courses, Wichita KS
May 19-21:	Texas District Rally, Wichita Falls TX
June 10:	Spring Picnic Ride to Lucas Ks
June 23-24:	KS District Rally, Hutchinson KS
July 8:	Bubba's Birthday Burger Bash, Mulvane
July 13-15:	AR District Rally, Eureka Springs
Aug 29-Sept 2:	Wing Ding, Grapevine TX
September 10:	KS State Fair Ride In
September 16:	Fall Picnic Ride TBD
September 28-30:	Oklahoma Rally, Muskogee OK
Oct 6-8:	Kansas Campout Santa Fe Cove

CHAPTER MEETING TIMES IN ORDER OF OCCURANCE

KSQ- 1ST THURSDAY (Ark City)
 KSA 2ND THURSDAY (Wichita)
 KSP 2ND FRIDAY (Derby)
 KSC 3RD TUESDAY (Topeka)
 KSB 3RD THURSDAY (DeSoto)
 KSF 4TH TUESDAY (El Dorado)
 KSH 4TH THURSDAY (Hutchinson)

Kansas Couple of The Year 2017



Bill and Sheila Tucker

KS- Q

Kansas Chapter Couples 2017

CHAPTER 'A'

Tim & Cindy Howard

CHAPTER 'B'

Dave & Paula Aikens

CHAPTER 'C'

Al & Sandy Davis

CHAPTER 'F'



Jack & Doris Schoeck

CHAPTER 'H'



Mark & Linda Classen

CHAPTER 'P'

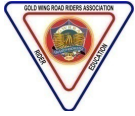


Dennis & Kathy Chesnut

CHAPTER 'Q'



Duane & Vicki Kalous



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Doris Schoeck

RANGE AIDES

Carolyn Stevens
Marvin Ayers
Rick Kistler

MOTOR AWARENESS COORDINATOR

Steve & Terri Bockhaus

HELLO ALL,

We had our second riding course for the year. The MSF BRC2 (Experienced Rider Course) April 23rd. The weather was near perfect this time. We had eight bikes with one Co-Rider. Eight participants were from the Chapter 'B' area and we had one from Chapter 'H'. See the pictures provided by Sarah Watts. I've put names under the group photo.

Thanks Sarah for taking the pictures. Bill Watts was with Sarah and I heard several comments from the class that the District Directors were there to welcome and visit with them. They appreciated that time with our new Directors.

I also want to thank Rick Kistler for once again getting up wee hours of the morning putting barricades up for us. Also to Carolyn that not only handles most of the registration but has become an accomplished Range Aid. She can set up the exercises with the best of us. Thank you Carolyn.

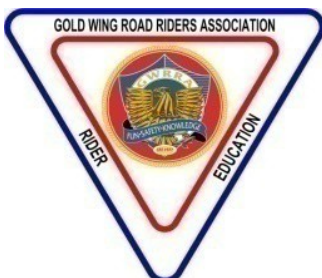
At the KSQ meeting (April 6) yours truly swore in the new Chapter Educators for KSQ. Duane & Vicki Kalous were took the oath in and are eager to get to work. I thank them for stepping up and accepting a very important position in GWRRA.

Our next and the last riding course for the year is the Trailering course. We have 4 spots open. If interested, contact me at wtucker1@cox.net and I'll get you enrolled.

From my team, Rick Stevens, Marv Ayers, Bob Brown, Carolyn Stevens, Rick Kistler and the Chapter Educators, Ride to Arrive Alive!

"PRACTICE MAKE PERMENANT! YOU ARE WHAT YOU PRACTICE!"

Bill & Sheila Tucker, Sr District Educators





THE PARTICIPANTS APRIL 23, 2017 MSF BRC2 Wichita Kansas

Joe Magnant Bill Groh Steve Ramiriz Carla Ramiriz Ed James Eric Wadman Chris Marcotte The Rider Coaches and Range Aid
 Dan Gray Tom Roskop Bill Tucker Bob Brown Rick Stevens
 Carolyn Stevens







Kansas Chapters, Chapter Directors and Meeting Time & Place

You are welcome to attend any Chapter meeting and introduce yourself.
You will be welcome

Call the Chapter Director if you need more information about a Chapter activity. If you are interested in organizing a Chapter in your area, please contact BILL & SARAH WATTS, District Directors at 620-728-8347

Chapter Meeting Information

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Chapter 'C'

Don & Brenda Williams, CD
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 3rd Tuesday, 7:00pm
Perkins Restaurant
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Chapter "F"

Everett & Carol Chastain, CD
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Hello fellow Wingers...

You know the old saying "April showers bring May flowers"...well if that's the case we should be up to our elbows in them because according to my Weather Bug app we got over 6 inches of rain in April alone (and April and the rain wasn't even over yet). So this article is going to be short because other than our meeting I don't have a whole lot to talk about.

I'm always asking if you take a trip or do something on your motorcycle to let me know about it and I'll say something here in the newsletter. So let me start out by talking about a couple things that Larry and I did the 1st part of April. On the 2nd although the rain had stopped it was still a little chilly when we rode up to Cassoday for biker Sunday. We were one of the very few that went but we did get to see the Shannons' from Chapter F and we hung out with Marty & Ruth in their little T-shirt shop.

On the 8th was the Law Enforcement Parade in Wichita and Larry and I rode in the parade with Larry's other motorcycle gang The Blue Knights which is a group of riders that are in Law Enforcement or retired Law Enforcement. Here's a picture of Larry with the flag on the back of his bike



Our monthly chapter meeting was on April 13th and we had a pretty good crowd

Chris & Michele Grooms were sworn in as the new Kansas District MECs (Membership Enhancement Coordinator).

Tim & Cindy Howard received their Level 2 rider paperwork, and Bob Brown received his paperwork for being a Level 4 rider. (If you are unsure what the Levels program is about please contact your chapter educator for this information).

Then as our Chapter Educator Bob talked to us about how every time we plan a ride on our bike that we should do a T-CLOC to make sure the bike is ready for the trip but then he reminded those who also pull a trailer that the trailer needs to be checked out also. Check the tires to see if they need air, and is the tread a good depth, do the wheel bearings need to be checked, are there chains to help secure the trailer to your bike, and these are just a few things to check for. Let's face it the trip won't be a good one if you end up losing your trailer along the way.

Next up was going to be the Chapter campout the weekend of 21st & 22 but those darn April Show2nd – Chris Roberts birthday

6th – The Kansas Twisters are going to be in Council Grove to perform.

11th – Our monthly chapter meeting @ the Country Café on South Seneca. Meeting starts @ 7:00 (or close to it) but come early for a meal and visit with the other members.

That's it for April...here's hoping May will be dryer

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13th – we are taking a trip to see Big Brutus. Dave Beranek will be leading this ride and helmet time is 9:00am at a place yet to be determined (I'm sure there will be more information available as we get closer to this date.)



Bucyrus Erie model 1850B
largest electric shovel in the world
16 stories tall (160 feet)
weight 11 million pounds
boom 150 feet long
dipper capacity 90 cu. yds (by heaping, 150 tons
— enough to fill three railroad cars.)
maximum speed .22 MPH
cost \$6.5 million (in 1962)

A few other events to be thinking about.

June 23rd & 24th is the District Rally in Hutchinson @ the Atrium Hotel & Conference Center. This year the theme is "Winging into OZ"

July 29th – we will be going to the NBC baseball tournament @ Lawrence-Dumont. Please talk to Dave Beranek for further details

Aug 29th – Sept 2, 2017 – Wing Ding in Grapevine Texas

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

Mary Mazur, Chapter A Newsletter editor



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CHAPTER "B"



Chapter MEC

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It was April 3, 1860 and a young rider left St. Joseph, Missouri on horseback to begin a ride that would travel almost 2000 miles to Sacramento, California and attempt to join a country separated by distance. Rugged terrain, violent storms, and the Paiute Indians were just a few of the struggles facing the brave riders of the Pony Express as they traveled along the route. Approximately two hundred relay stations were located every ten to fifteen miles throughout the route where riders would stop and change horses. The rider was given about two minutes to get a drink, go to the bathroom, and move the specially designed saddlebag called a mochila to a fresh horse before starting off again. The mochila had four pockets for mail. Three of them were locked and the fourth was left open to pick up any military dispatches along the route. The keys to the locked pouches were located at each end of the route. The mail was written on onion skin paper due to the high cost of \$5/half ounce. Only twenty pounds of mail could be carried by a rider. Each rider traveled between 75-100 miles before handing off the mochila to another rider. With the expansion of the telegraph in October 1861, the Pony Express ceased to exist and the founders, William Russell, Alexander Majors, and William Waddell, ended the business in bankruptcy.



Fourteen Chapter B members traveled to St. Joseph on April 19 for the mid-month ride. They enjoyed touring the Pony Express National Museum and learning about the history of the Pony Express. There are many educational exhibits detailing the Pony Express as well as displays that provide information about westward expansion. St. Joseph was the starting place for the majority of people during the westward expansion movement. Excavation sites are also visible showing artifacts found. After soaking up the local history, members enjoyed lunch at Boudreaux's Louisiana Seafood and Steaks. It was a great day of history and fun.

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On April 1 Chapter B members met for breakfast and then headed off to the home of Bill Groh for maintenance day. Everyone enjoyed the comradery as they assisted each other in making sure bikes were ready for the riding season.

Five members participated in the annual Moonshine Run. This year's trip included an extra day and a stop in Springfield, Illinois to visit Lincoln's home and his Presidential Library and Museum, another educational addition to a fun trip. The weather was great and the guys enjoyed being included in those who purchased one of the 3362 burgers sold this year.

Safety is a big part of GWRRA and seven bikes and eight people from Chapter B participated in the ERC in Wichita on April 23. It was a great training course led by Bill Tucker, Rick Stevens, and Bob Brown.

We appreciate their time and effort to keep us safe.

Chapter B events for May:

May 4 - Dinner Ride

May 17 - MMR, Liberty Memorial

May 18 - Chapter Meeting

May 20 - Thunder on the Smoky

May 27 - Breakfast Ride

Safe Travels,
Paula Aiken



Chapter C - Topeka

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According to the old saying March wind brings April showers held true this year. What little riding we got in during March was done fighting a lot of wind at times. We started April off with our supper ride on the 4th with it raining hard enough to keep everybody from riding and also kept quite a few sitting cozy at home. We had six people in attendance and decided to eat at McFarland's in Topeka because it didn't make a whole lot of sense to have a convoy of cars going someplace in the wrong direction for the chapter members. As is usual the food and service at McFarland's was excellent. While we were there we had a good discussion about the trike course that Bill Hanson and Rod Williams attended with Bill saying he was continuing to gain confidence in his trike ability especially after Rod and Galen Umsheid "assisted" Bill in establishing that riding at interstate speeds is no more difficult than riding slower speeds. Rod was in a hurry to get home for a basketball game so they kept their speed up on the turnpike all the way home.

When it appeared that we might be locked inside the restaurant until the next day we decided it might be prudent to head home.

On the 8th we had our extended ride with 6 people going along also. We decided to ride to Kelley's in Basehor with Al Davis leading the way. We took the scenic route thru McLouth coming into Tonganoxie to get there. Again the food and service was excellent and the company was good. After a leisurely lunch we headed kind of sort of on the way

back home. With Al leading you never know where you will end up. We managed to go in east, west, north, and south all getting back home. The only negative to the entire ride was the wind was blowing pretty hard and by the time Brenda and I got home we were worn almost completely out. It seemed like we were in a crosswind for the entire 300 miles we rode and I'm pretty sure most of that wind was in the 20 to 25 mph range. It was still a good ride since rides are pretty much like airplane landings. Anytime you can get out on a bike/trike and get home in one piece has to be a good ride.

We held our monthly meeting at Perkins with 14 people in attendance. We got things started off with Bill Hanson reminding everybody to notify him if they attend a class with GWRRA or even if they renew CPR or first aid training including those approved by the below listed organizations:

- AHA= American Heart Association
- ARC= American Red Cross
- BCI= Buddy Care Air Force First Responder
- EMS= Doctors, Nurses, EMTS, 1st Responders
- NSC= National Safety Council
- ASHI= American Safety Health Institute.

That request is so he can include it in the rider education report each month.

He also mentioned reading the portion of last month's newsletter about our getting older and was wondering how we adapt our riding to make it safer for us. One of the things mentioned was our "back seat" driver as either a plus or minus, the fact that as we get older our vision tends to change and the extra set of eyes is always a plus.

It was also mentioned that Lenny Barnes had what I will call a "minor" incident with her trike. Not all of the particulars were known, but she apparently got distracted and ended up running off the road and getting ejected from her trike. I say it was minor because she wasn't hospitalized which is very good news about her and as we all know vehicles can be replaced. The conversation about Lenny led to a discussion of two fatal motorcycle accidents. The first was in the Kansas City area where witnesses said the rear of the bike started "wobbling" and the rider ended up going over a drop of about 80 feet. The other accident was I'm pretty sure in California where a car lost control and hit a pole breaking it off and the motorcycle rider was decapitated when he hit the guide wire.

Our supper ride will be led by Al & Sandy Davis leaving the Kwik Shop on the 2nd of May at 6:00 pm riding to Wayne & Larry's in Lawrence. Our extended ride will be on the 8th with a breakfast ride to Marilyn's in Osage City leaving the Kwik Shop at 8:30 am with a ride after breakfast if conditions permit.

Information on the District Rally in Hutchinson was discussed with more detailed information as it is made available.

Wing Ding was also discussed and the parking fees were mentioned as a rumor that I have since verified as accurate. It can possibly cost more for parking at the event than to attend it. At the time of me writing this I have seen nothing on the GWRRA website telling the membership this will

happen, however that might change.

After our discussion of Wing Ding it was also mentioned that the GWRRA director is stepping down and will not be replaced at the present time. The president of the organization will be taking over their duties.

With that we held the 50/50 drawing with Ken Felch winning the larger of the two and Rod Williams winning the smaller. If this sounds familiar it should as one or both of them seem to have the lucky number more often than not.

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday

6 Don Williams



Anniversary

2 John & Teresa Gull

15 Gary & Susan Drake

19 Bill & Margaret Hanson



***Don & Brenda Williams
CD/Newsletter Editors***



Chapter F - El Dorado



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Chapter MEC
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Chapter Scrapbook
Rick & Brenda Kistler

Greetings from Chapter F!

Hope all of you are getting some riding time in since Spring is finally here. We could do without the rain, but there are still some beautiful riding days.

Our monthly gathering was held on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at our regular meeting place of the Oil Hill School. We had visitors from Chapters A, P, and Q. We appreciate all our visitors and were glad they came to visit us.

We had two Assistant District Directors, Jack and Doris Schoeck; and Rick and Brenda Kistler; District Senior Rider Educator, Bill and Sheila Tucker; a District Assistant Rider Educator, Rick Stevens; the District Motorist Awareness Officer, Steve and Terri Bockhaus; our new District Membership Enhancement Officer, Chris Grooms; and our current District Couple of the Year, Bill and Sheila Tucker. I believe that is the first time we have had all those officers at our meeting at the same time. We thank them all for coming.

We also had a visitor, Sherri Wilder, from Bucklin, Kansas. Sherri talked to us about products from Norwex, which is a non-chemical product that allows you to clean your house with 90% water. She also had cloths that are motorcycle friendly for washing and wiping off your bikes. She was very informative and had some interesting products. She demonstrated the cloths on the school windows and they do not leave streaks.

Jack Schoeck, Assistant District Director announced that the West District Ride will be on Saturday, June 10, 2017. We will be going to Lucas, Kansas for the day. This coming weekend is the Region H Rally in Marshall, Texas and there are several people who plan on going. It should be a lot of fun. Also, he announced that our District Rally will be in Hutchinson, Kansas for the dates of June 23-24, 2017. The District Team has a lot of fun and interesting things planned for the rally. There will be seminars, the Kansas Twisters, and lots of fun things to do.

John Glaves announced that the Supper Ride will be on Friday, May 5, 2017. The group will leave from the Oil Hill School parking lot at 6:00 pm and will meet at Bijeng's Chinese Restaurant at 6:30 pm to eat. All are invited to join us if you are in the area.

Phyllis Van Buskirk announced that Kathy Peck, a previous International Couple of the Year died this past week of heart related issues. Was a sudden thing, so thoughts and prayers would be appreciated for her husband and the family. Also a previous Louisiana Director died this past week and his family also needs our thoughts and prayers.

Rick Stevens, Assistant District Rider Educator gave the Rider Education Talk. He advised that riders need to have the Right Attitude, which means all riders need to be paying attention to the ride and everything around you when you are riding. You are not to be worrying about your job, or other distractions. Be sure to pay attention to your bike and be aware of everything going on around you. Your Right Attitude is to Ride Safe!!

For May we have the following Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Birthdays:	May 17 -	Everett Chastain
	May 25 -	Lajuana Pena
Anniversaries:	May 25	Steve and Lajuana Pena

Until next time, Ride when you can and Ride Safe! We will see you down the road.

Submitted By, Doris Schoeck, Newsletter Editor

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM KSF MEETING



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KS-H Newsletter

MAY 2017



On the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM,
we have our regular Chapter gathering.

Our next gathering will be held on

APRIL 27, 2017

at

GAMBINO'S PIZZA

310 S Main – South Hutchinson, Kansas

Come join us at 6:00 PM for a friendly feeding frenzy
before we settle down to business!



FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE



News Bits



Hope everyone had a wonderful Easter! I know you have all been on your motorcycles, enjoying the beautiful weather, visiting other Chapters, eating good food and sharing good times. The pictures were coming in fast and furious from all of the adventures you've been on. So if you were not so fortunate as to be able to join our merry band of riders on one of their many excursions, I've included a few of those pictures in the newsletter. This should inspire you to join in next time. A good time is guaranteed when you do!



and bugs!



Wow! We've been a busy Chapter these past few weeks. We had lots of people show up for events in April including the Harvest Café at Inman where we had 18 people and 9 Goldwings; the KS-F birthday party had 14 attendees; the KS-A Chapter meeting with 8 of us in attendance and 15 members enjoyed dinner at Jeri's Kitchen in Kingman. And, just for the heck of it and because we all just want to get out on the road, we did an impromptu ride on the 23rd down to Bobz Bikez. Lots of FUN was being shared these past weeks and we expect a lot more in the weeks ahead, so please try to join us. We hate to have anyone missing out on the FUN!

Our next big project is to gather items for the May 6th garage sale/fund raiser in Inman. Bring your items for sale either to Dale at 2461 E 43rd Ave in Hutchinson prior to Friday, May 5 or directly to Carolyn Colahan's at 512 Pine in Inman after 5 pm on Friday, May 5. We will be pricing items not already priced and setting up Friday evening. The sale will start at 5:30 am on Saturday. With enough coffee, I may be awake by 8am.

Don't forget on Sunday, May 7 we will ride to the Old Mill in Lindsborg to watch it run and see all the things they have to offer. We will leave Hutchinson at 12:30pm. Adults \$2 admission. Other activities include a traditional arts fair, including a quilt show, live musical entertainment, and great food.

On May 20-21 we will head the bikes south to Oklahoma. The plan is to go to Wewoka and ride the Roller Coaster Highway. We plan to stay at Stillwater and on Sunday go to see the EW Marland Mansion and museum in Ponca City. I will keep you advised by email with additional info.

On May 26 some of us will be going to Branson. We still need a leader for this trip, so speak up if you are willing and able. Also, someone will need to make overnight reservations. Volunteers are gladly accepted.

See you soon!
Dale & Georgeanna



Now that riding weather is really here, we need to get the winter grime off the bikes and trikes, get those Tclocks done and head out on the road so you can meet more FUN people that enjoy riding. And don't forget to pass out your GWRRA applications to those you meet along the way. Carma and I are planning on taking some trips, which we've found to be a great way to find other FUN people out riding.

Coming up is our Chapter fundraiser in Inman on the 6th of May. So make sure it's on your calendar. Remember the proceeds goes to the Chapter. Go check it out. You just might find something worth while that you can't live without!

The trike coarse on March 25th in Wichita was a full event. I learned a few new things and refreshed my memory on a lot of other things. We had a lot of FUN doing the riding part even if it was a bit chilly, windy and a little misty. But, you know, you will be riding in those conditions at some point, so it was good practice.

On March 26th we helped our Chapter H Directors, Dale and Georgeanna Tritsch, celebrate 50 years of wedded bliss. They had a great turn out with family and friends attending and what's a party without your fellow GWRRA members showing up!?! And show up we did! Not only our Chapter H family but friends from other Chapters showed up as well. Congratulations again Dale and Georgeanna!

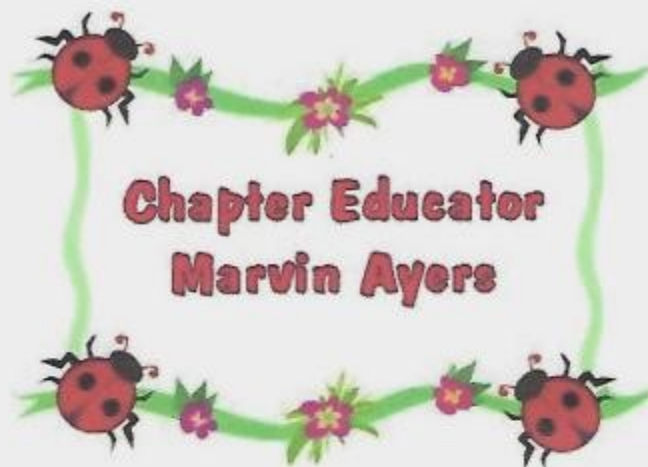
April 8th had the Chapter out on a breakfast ride to the Harvest Café in Inman and then on to Cassidy for Chapter F's birthday party. Another great turn out and a FUN time with games and some delicious food. It was a pretty windy Kansas day but all in all, a good day with good people.

On April 13th we attended a Chapter A meeting in Wichita. Chris and Michelle Grooms were sworn at or in as the new District MEC by District Director, Bill Watts.

For Easter weekend, Carma, Don Jr and myself went to Great Bend to enjoy time with our other son, Travis, and his family. Fantastic time with them and our granddaughters and great grand children.

Remember people... you need to have FUN in what ever you do and share the FUN with others. You'll be glad you did and they'll be glad you did!

Don and Carma



May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness month and with that in mind, I just wanted to throw out there the statistics for 2017 Kansas fatalities so far this year is up 37.5% with 121 deaths so far. Granted those are not all motorcycles, but motorcycle season is just now beginning and we are a lot harder to see than a car.

It would be great if we could depend on car drivers to "ditch the distractions and just drive", but as motorcyclists, we can't pretend that will happen anytime soon. Then there are always animals to be on the watch for. Little or large, they can cause a lot of damage and pain if hit. And, of course, the unpredictability of spring weather can make roads slick and motorcycles harder to see.

So, as school lets out and people start heading out for vacations, as we will be too, stay vigilant when you ride. Give yourself time to react and stay in control. Ride expecting the unexpected and stay safe.

Marv





HELLO FELLOW GWRRA CHAPTER H MEMBERS!

The weather is changing in our favor. This makes it the perfect time to reach out and promote our very special GWRRA family!

When we ride we will come across riders who may just be looking for a group to join but don't know where to look or who to call. That's a great opportunity to introduce yourself and share information about GWRRA. Let them know how much fun we have and invite them to a ride or to a monthly meeting. If we stay alert to our surroundings the next person we see could be one of our closest friends and maybe a member of our GWRRA family.

If you need some recruiting information please let me know and I will be glad to get you the information you need.

Hope to see all of you in the near future on a ride or at a meeting, until then stay safe and alert.

Your MEC
Kit and Donna





Chapter H Friends in Safety and Fun!

Another month has passed and while the weather has been warmer, it has been really rainy. It seems that we cannot get a break on riding. What hasn't changed is the "JAM"s in our Chapter. The "Just Awesome Members" of Chapter H always have a kind word for Linda or me whenever we see them. We eat quite often at Spangles on Monday nights, (half price burgers), and we see some of you there and always have a wonderful fellowship time with you. If Linda isn't able to make it because she is not feeling well, there are always sincere comments expressed to me to tell her to feel better and we miss her! That makes both of us feel all warm and fuzzy inside.

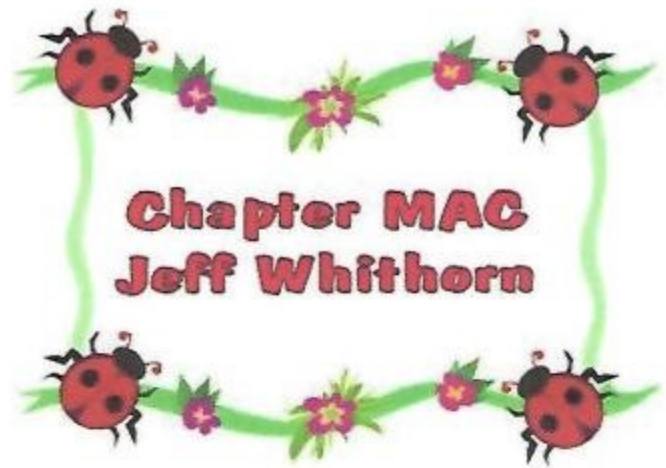
We attended Chapter A's meeting this month and proudly represented Chapter H as your COY. Our dinner was paid for by a Chapter A member and we had a wonderful time seeing our GWRRA friends and talking until they almost pushed us out the door! Also, I helped Bill as he appointed Chris and Michelle Grooms as the new District MEC's. It was just a great evening.

Linda and I also plan on attending the Region Rally at Marshall, Texas and we now have an option on how to get there. I have completed our new trailer and I must say, it looks pretty good. Now it won't matter if there is rain in the forecast or not, we will be able to represent Chapter H as your Couple of the Year in Marshall next weekend!

Thank you again for the awesome time that Linda and I are having being your ambassadors to the public and other Chapters in GWRRA as your Couple of the year.



Mark and Linda



SEE and BE SEEN! I always have running through my mind that I'm riding like I'm invisible. Nobody is looking for me or seeing me. I'm on the look out for any and all possible dangers at all times. Another visibility factor is making sure semi drivers can see you. Motorcycles can disappear and appear pretty quickly around big trucks.



None of the motorcycles in this picture can be seen in the trucker's mirrors or other blind spots. When riding on highways, try not to "hang" around tractor trailers or any large trucks. Not only do they have a hard time seeing you, but there are other hazards associated with being near trucks, especially flatbeds and dump trucks which spew stones and pebbles behind them. Several times a year there are incidents of wheel separation from commercial vehicles resulting in the deaths of car drivers and motorcyclists.

Look Twice - Save a Life
Jeff



Woolloo! I hitched a ride down to Lafayette for the one and only Louisiana Rally! They sure know how to show you a good time down south! Red and I partied all weekend! But for some reason, people kept throwing beads at me and I kept yelling back "THROW CARROTS!!!"





Coming Up!

APRIL

27th Monthly Meeting (Gambino's Pizza, 310 S. Main, South Hutchinson)

MAY

6th Garage Sale Fundraiser - Inman, KS 5:30 AM to 1PM

7th Ride to Old Mill in Lindsborg, KS 1PM to 5PM

20th-21st Oklahoma Ride (overnighter!) 6 AM

25th Monthly Meeting (Gambino's Pizza, 310 S. Main, South Hutchinson)

26th-29th Branson Missouri Ride

JUNE

15th Monthly Meeting (Knackies, 111 S Maple, McPherson)

22nd - 25th Kansas District Rally

(See all the happenings on KS-H webpage at www.gwrraks.com)

Sunshine Events



MAY

3rd Nancy Hazen
 3rd Kalin Koehn
 3rd Kathy Schmidt
 28th Mark Hall
 28th Dennis Pierson



MAY

1st Mark & Carolyn Goering
 5th Jim & Sedena Shaw
 7th Jeff & Ann Whithorn
 27th Dennis & Edith Pierson

Rallies, Rides and Events

April 27 th - 29 th	Region H Rally - Marshall, TX
April 29 th	ERC/BRC2 Riding Course - Wichita, KS Range
May 13 th	TC & TTRC Combined Courses - Wichita, KS Range
May 18 th - 20 th	Texas District Rally - Wichita Falls, TX
June 2 nd - 4 th	Missouri District Rally
June 10 th	Kansas District Ride to Lucas, KS
June 23 rd - 24 th	Kansas District Rally - Hutchinson, KS - Atrium Hotel
July 14 th - 15 th	Arkansas District Rally - Harrison, AR
Aug 25 th - 27 th	Colorado Rally - Salida, CO
Aug 29 th - Sept 2 nd	Wing Ding 39 - Grapevine, TX
Sept 10 th	Kansas State Fair - Hutchinson, KS - Goldwing Ride-in
Sept 16 th	Kansas District Fall Ride (location TBD)
Sept 27 th - 29 th	Oklahoma District Rally - Muskogee, OK
Oct 6 th - 8 th	Kansas District Campout - Council Grove, KS (Santa Fe Cove)



Come join our merry group of motorcyclists and find out what we are all about!

Each month we draw one membership number which is hidden somewhere in the newsletter. If the member who it belong to spots it and is present at the next meeting, he or she wins \$5!! So come to the meetings and see your motorcycle friends. We have a lot of fun, you learn new things and you might just get some cash too!

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

Did you find your number? If not, better **LOOK!** again..



LOUISIANA RALLY APRIL 2017



Chapter H Members had a fabulous time at the LA Rally in Lafayette. Mary met up with an old friend and Mark ran into his sister (or so I'm told)



Hunger set in and they all loaded up to go find food.... which Linda caught with her bare hands and a feast ensued! YUM YUM!



Then a party broke out in true Louisiana fashion! Lots of laughter and fun, and of course, dancing with a loved one.

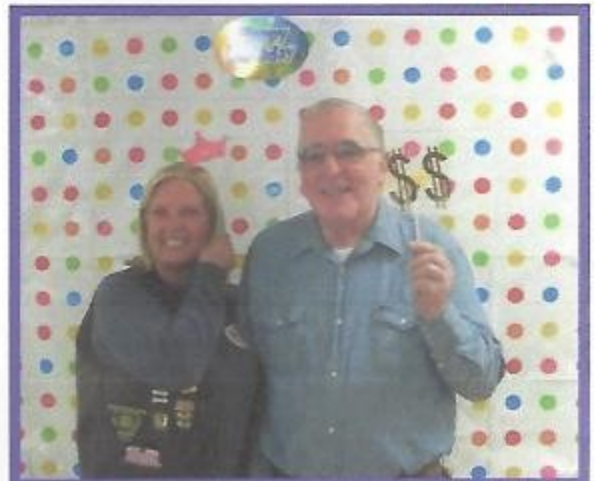
Thank you GWRRA - LA for your gracious hospitality! It was a heck of a good time!



CHAPTER F BIRTHDAY PARTY EXTRAVAGANZA



While Carma stops to smell the flowers..... some other Chapter H members had fun being silly



Spring Is Upon Us: 10 Steps to Get Your Wing Ride-Ready

April 4, 2017 - Wingstuff.com



Many of you, if you're like us, simply want to jump on your Wing and go. Of course, being the responsible rider that we know you all are, you want to make sure your bike is ride-ready, which is why we're providing you with 10 Steps to get your Goldwing ready for riding season!

Step One: Dust Off Your Manual

It never hurts to get reacquainted with your Service Manual. There may be a thing or two that you forget to address when getting your Wing spruced up for Spring. Nobody's perfect. Heck, we might have even left something out of this step-by-step process. More importantly, we can provide you with a brief list of pointers, but your manual will have all the specifics you need to help keep your beloved Goldwing in tip-top shape!

So before moving on to the next step, take a minute, dust it off and flip through it. Did your manual grow legs and walk off? Don't worry, we've got your back! And for the more visually inclined we also have some great informational DVDs available.

Quick Tip: If you've been riding around in a car all winter you may need to switch over to a motorcycle mindset. Take it easy on your inaugural trip and try to be more aware of your surroundings as there is always a chance your motorcycle riding skills need some defrosting!

Step Two: Recharge the Battery

The single most common roadblock to getting your Wing on the road for riding season is probably going to be a drained or damaged battery. The biting cold can be a killer for your Wing's battery. First, check its condition. Are the terminals clean? Are the connections secure? If everything looks good then check to see how much power it still has.

Whenever a battery loses all its juice the overall capacity becomes degraded. If that happens repeatedly, it can quickly become a real headache. If you kept your battery on a trickle charge while stored for the winter then you should be good to go. If you didn't, you can still get your hands on one and charge your battery to max capacity for your first ride.

We highly recommend the Battery Tender Jr. Smart Charger because it automatically turns off when your bike's battery reaches full capacity. That way you can plug it in at the end of riding season and forget about it until next season. You will avoid "overcharging" which can damage the battery and, similar to draining it completely, can cause degradation.

Lastly, if you attempt to charge your battery and nothing happens, then most likely it's time for a new one. Hopefully this doesn't happen to you, but if it does you can easily purchase a new one. Just keep in mind that, because of shipping restrictions, batteries can only be sent via ground transportation to the lower U.S. 48 states.

Quick Tip: Consider getting your hands on a new battery if the one you own is more than 4 years old.

Step Three: Refresh Your Fuel

It isn't unusual for riders, in their excitement and eagerness to hit the road come springtime, to overlook stale gas. This is why we strongly suggest taking a look at your fuel and fuel system as one of the first steps. If you live somewhere that keeps your Wing stored indoors for the winter there's a good chance the quality of the gasoline has deteriorated and can lead to problems. For example, your ride might not be as smooth as normal or the stagnant fuel has the potential to clog important components such as your fuel lines.

If you previously read our "Winter Is Coming" blog post then you may have added a fuel stabilizer as you prepped your Wing for the cold months. Good for you! You should be good to go in this area. If not, we recommend that you drain your tank of remaining gas, check for rust or corrosion inside the tank, and fill it up with fresh gas. Nobody wants old brown fuel running through their bike's system. Gross.

Step Four: Change Your Fluids & Filters

Again, if you checked out our Winter blog then you might have already done this at the end of riding season. If not, you'll want to make sure you do so before you take your bike on the road. The oil that is left in your bike will likely have contaminants, pollutants and condensation that can lead to engine corrosion. In the same way, the oil and air filters will be in need of replacing. If this is your first time changing the oil and filter, be sure to whip out your Service Manual for the exact procedure.

Additionally, double check your brake fluid and coolant. Look for leaks on the floor where your Goldwing has been stored or on the bike itself, check for any cracks in the hoses and top the fluids off or change them if they have gone bad during the winter (or if you can't remember the last time they were replaced).

Quick Tip: To prevent little critters from nesting in your air intakes and causing havoc during the cold winter months, you can get a pair of intake screens. They will also help keep debris from sneaking into the air intake and lowering peak performance.

Step Five: Don't Forget About Those Often-Neglected Areas

Like they say, the devil is in the details. Inevitably, there tends to be those little areas that we unintentionally forget about. We don't mean to neglect them, honest. We get caught up on the big-ticket, "Usual Suspects" like brakes, lights and tires (More on that in Steps Six and Seven Below).

In this step we're talking about all the little things you normally wouldn't check during riding season. Take a look at the grommets on your side covers that tend to dry out, causing the side cover to fall out. Check the valve stems and the clip that holds them in place at high speed. Are they in good shape? Are the clips missing? It happens from time to time.

While you're at it, give your frame a once over. Look for any cracks or dents which can be problematic. Are your forks and shocks adjusted correctly? Things like that.

Step Six: Inspect the Usual Suspects

Being able to stop your bike safely and effectively is as equally important as any other aspect of your riding experience. Before you leave your driveway, give your brake components a good once-over to see how much life is left in them. Now would be a great time to reference your Service Manual for any specifics that you may need to know. If they're looking pretty worn down, don't hesitate to get fresh ones.

Now go through all your lights and make sure they work. Turn your Wing on (now that the battery is juiced up) and look over each of them for burnt out bulbs that need replacing, blown fuses and possible faulty wiring.

Your spark plugs should be in the same condition as you left it at the end of the last riding season. If you forgot to check it, you definitely want to do so now. When in doubt, it's not a bad idea to change them out as they're not a very expensive item to replace. And you'd much rather do it now than mid-adventure. After all, it's better to be safe than sorry!

Quick Tip: If you're not the handy type or don't feel comfortable adjusting or replacing parts of your bike (especially brakes) it's okay, don't hesitate to ask a professional to do it.

Step Seven: Show Your Tires Some TLC

Your tires are the only thing separating you from the road. And when you're riding at speed, you bet you want those bad boys in prime condition. So we always want to pay special attention to them, right? While it's a good idea to check your tires before each ride, if you didn't survey them at the end of last riding season, it's crucial that you do so before you on your Wing.

Excessive wear can lead to punctures incurring more easily and a lesser chance to keep proper traction. So inspect each tire completely for cracking, punctures or wear.

After three or four long winter months, you will want to be aware of possible flat-spotting from the bike sitting for long periods of time. Even if they're in great condition you'll want to adjust tire pressure to the correct specs since air will have surely snuck out after months of non-use. Ideally, this is the best time for replacement because then you will have quality tires for the duration of riding season.

Quick Tip: Use the old Abe Lincoln trick to determine if it's time for your tire to "hit the road": Grab a penny and put it in the tire tread with Lincoln's head facing down. If you are able to see the top of Honest Abe's noggin then it's time for a new tire.

Step Eight: Look Over Your Gear

Your riding gear has most likely been hiding away in some dark closet or in your garage during the winter. It's a good idea to make sure there isn't anything wrong that you might not have noticed before. Check all your gear - especially your helmet - for any damage. It's all about safety which is why it's so important to keep all our gear in prime condition. If you treat it with care then it should last you a long time. But as the years pass by, gloves, boots and other items tend to wear down and eventually need to be replaced. So why not take inventory before riding season begins?

Have you owned your helmet around 5 years? Glues, resins and other materials used to make a helmet typically start to break down then. If you notice it becoming loose or parts of the lining coming out or if you've experienced little black flakes in your hair after wearing it, then it's probably time to send it out to pasture and get a new one whether it's been five years or not.

Quick Tip: To help prolong the life of your helmet, make sure you keep it in a cool, dry area and leave it inside the helmet bag. You can also make it last longer by wearing a helmet liner, balaclava or scarf to keep the sweat off.

Step Nine: Make Your Wing Shine! This probably goes without saying, but once you get everything else dialed in and before you and your Wing hit the pavement, make sure you give it a nice wash and wax so that it looks as good as it runs. Plus it will help protect your bike from potential sun and road damage. And don't forget to make your chrome shine like your lucky silver dollar!

Step Ten: Ride Safe & Enjoy!

Okay, you've done everything to get your ride ready for the open road. There's fresh fuel in the tank, your battery is charged, your Wing is clean and you're ready to go!

Quick Tip: Update your "Wingsurance": Double check to make sure nothing needs to be amended or updated on your policy. Some motorcycle insurance providers offer discounts for the winter months when your Wing is not in use. Give them a call and find out!

Now all that's left is to get out there, make some memories and have the time of your life. See you on the road!

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Meeting Night

2nd Friday every month. Brown Bag at 6:30pm
Derby Church of Christ in Fellowship Hall, south end of building, 225 N. Derby St
Derby Kansas



What's happening?

An excellent turnout for breakfast and windy ride to Beaumont for breakfast. Between cars and motorcycles about 24 people got there for a great country breakfast and conversation. All except one Chapter from Kansas was represented. Better yet was the ride home with about 30 knots of gusty south wind blowing.

Our Chapter P would like to get some activities going, but with so many different Chapter's and combination of all the things to do many times we just side in with whatever is happening.

Birthdays for May are Rick Stevens on May 15,



Anniversaries for May

Joe and Janet Gonsalves on May 7,
Dan and Tammy Vickers on May 25th.



Congratulations to all!

Again - Mark on your calendar for May 12th as that will be Chapter P's monthly get together. Derby Church of Christ, 225 N Derby St, in Derby.

It is surely going to be a spirited conversation!

Denny and Katherine Chesnut, Twister 8, Assistant Directors



Chapter Q – Arkansas City


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Kansas Chapter Q May 2017 Newsletter

Well the month of April was a little damp, but hopefully some of you got the chance to get your bikes out and ride. Remember to take the time to check your tires and get your bike ready for this years riding season if you haven't done this already.

We know there were several chapters with events this month; however we weren't able to attend all of them. Story has it that the KSF Birthday Party was a great time. One event that we were able to attend was KSP breakfast ride to Beaumont. It was a windy ride, but the breakfast and the chance to see everyone was well worth putting up with the wind.

The following week, KSQ had a breakfast at Hunters Café in Winfield. We had a good turnout for breakfast. Once everyone was done eating some of the bunch headed down to Ponca City for OKK's Birthday Party. I was told that everyone had a real good time down there also.

We hope that all of you that went down to Marshall for the Region Rally had a wonderful time. Be ready to share your adventures with all of us that couldn't go when you see us.

Ks. Q Birthdays for the month of May are:

Duane Kalous on the 17th

Vickie Kalous on the 25th

Jim Owens on the 29th



Anniversaries for May are:

Duane & Vickie Kalous on the 12th

Rodger & Gayle Webb on the 23rd



Until the next time,
Be safe out there,
Jack & Teresa Kistler

Special Note from Sr. District Educator, Bill Tucker. Duane and Vickie Kalous were sworn in as the Chapter Educators for KSQ. Congratulations Duane & Vickie and thank you for volunteering for this very important office.

Bubba's Birthday Burger



Bash



BBBB! Bubba "Bill Tucker" is celebrating
his 82nd Birthday on



July 8th 5:30pm at 15
Willowdell Dr, Mulvane

KS



Sheila is furnishing the doggies, hamburgers, brats, iced tea,
birthday cake . If you wish bring a side dish (full of goodies) or
dessert, chips please do.

As in the past, if you like, roast Bubba with cards.

RSVP would be good by July 6 at wtucker1@cox.net or call
316-777-1052.

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS!



Notes from Your District Trainer Mark Classen



This month has just flew past – but what do we have to show for it? Did anyone attend rallies from last month? It is there that you can cash in on one of the most important benefits of GWRRA – Knowledge! We were at the Louisiana rally and attended 3 seminars, in everyone, Linda and I walked away with something new to ponder and try to put into practice.

Then just this weekend we attended the Region H rally in Marshall, TX and again attended 3 seminars. These were different and again just as informative. Well, I will be honest 2 of the seminars were very informative the 3rd I was the facilitator, and it was just fun! We have heard nothing but great reviews of the new ITCP formats being used and we have 4 ITCP instructors in the state of Kansas.

Clara Boldt, Director of Training has released all of the current seminars available in the new ITCP format. As of April 1, 2017 they are:

Structure of GWRRA; Member Benefits Overview; Training the Members; Horizon Overview; How to Have Fun at a GWRRA Event; Stress Management; Listening & Communicating; Planning a Chapter Event; Chapter Structure & Organization; Smart Moves; Leadership; Chapter Finances; Delegation; Staffing & Appointment; Interviewing Techniques; Building High Performance Teams; Financial Reporting & the IRS; Motivating & Managing Volunteers; Releasing Volunteer Leaders; Chapter Communication Plan; Problem Solving; Win-Win Progress Reviews; FUNdraising; The Nature of Leadership; High Impact Leadership Skills; Studies in Applied Leadership; Coaching and Mentoring; Conflict Management; True Colors; Distracted Driving and Going, Going, Gone.

Several of these seminars are still available in the

UTDP format for those trainers certified in that format.

Bill Tucker, Senior District Educator and Rider Ed instructor and myself, would like all chapters of Kansas to know that any of our instructors, Bill or myself, are available to give a seminar to your chapter, if you will arrange it with Bill or myself. You do not have to travel to a distant rally to pick up that special GWRRA knowledge that is such an important part of the GWRRA family tradition. Remember if you have stopped learning – you have stopped expanding your horizons!

Mark Classen
District Leadership Trainer



"Winging into OZ"

Kansas District Rally

June 22-24, 2017

Atrium Hotel & Conference Center

Hutchinson Kansas



Things to do!

Tour rides, Trade Show, 50/50, Grand Prize, On Bike Games, Dunk Tank, Light Parade, Light Show, The Kansas Twister Drill Team Performance and much more!



Sight Seeing



The Cosmosphere & Space Center, Dillon Nature Center 'Free', The Underground Salt Mine Museum, Hedrick Exotic Animal Farm, Motorcycle Museum, Hutchinson Zoo 'Free' and more!



KANSAS DISTRICT GWRRA RALLY
 "Winging Into OZ"
 Hutchinson Ks
 June 22-24, 2017

PRE-REGISTER BY MAY 31, 2017

Host Motel

Atrium Hotel 7 Conference Center 1-800-362-5018 (620-669-9311) Room Rates 72.00
 1400 North Lorraine, Hutchinson Kansas

Rooms Blocked Until June 8, 2017

REGISTRATION (Please Print)

Rider: _____ GWRRA # _____ Age: _____ (Optional)
 Co-Rider _____ GWRRA # _____ Age: _____ (Optional)
 Address _____ City _____ State _____
 Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Chapter _____ District _____ Region _____

Distance travelled from your home to Rally: _____

MEMBERSHIP

	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
GWRRA Life Member (Pre-Register-May 31)	_____	\$20.00	_____
GWRRA Life Member (On Site)	_____	\$25.00	_____
GWRRA Member (Pre-Registered-May31)	_____	\$25.00	_____
GWRRA Member (On Site)	_____	\$30.00	_____
Non GWRRA Member (Pre-Registered-May 31)	_____	\$35.00	_____
Non GWRRA Member (On Site)	_____	\$40.00	_____
One Day Pass Member	_____	\$15.00	_____
One Day Pass Non-Member	_____	\$20.00	_____
Banquet Dinner- Choice: Chicken Fried Chicken _____	_____	\$5.00	_____
Pot Roast _____	_____		_____

Total Paid _____

Level IV Breakfast Saturday Morning (Pick up Breakfast Coupon NLT Friday 6pm at Rider Ed Booth)

If unable to arrive by 6pm Friday contact Sr. District Educator Bill Tucker wtucker1@cox.net

I/we agree to hold harmless GWRRA, any Co-sponsoring organizations, and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property by reason of participation in this event. I/we also agree to assume responsibility for any property that I/we damage.

Rider Signature _____ Date _____

Co-Rider Signature _____ Date _____

Make Checks payable to: GWRRA Kansas and mail check and registration to: Judy Eggleston,
 3307 Osage Crt., Winfield Kansas 67156 rjegg1@gmail.com

For additional information contact DD Bill & Sarah Watts email watts_bill@yahoo.com or Bill Tucker wtucker1@cox.net (Event Coordinator)



Host Hotel
Baymont Inn
 4510 Kell Blvd.
 Wichita Falls TX 76309
 940-691-7500
 Rally Rate: 83.00
 Pet Friendly
 Reservation Code GWR

Texas District Rally
"Gathering of the Tribes"
 May 18-20, 2017
 MPEC and Expo Center
 1000 5th St. Wichita Falls, TX

Host Hotel
Days Inn
 4500 Kell Blvd
 Wichita Falls TX 77309
 940-691-4200
 Rally Rate: 83.00
 Not pet friendly
 Reservation Code: GWR

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All Pre-Registrations must be postmarked by **May 12th 2017**

No refunds of registration postmarked after **May 13th 2017**

No animals or pets allowed inside or on the Property except for Service Animals

<u>Region</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Registration form</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Miles Traveled</u>
Rider		GWRRA#	Exp:Date	DOB:
2 nd Rider/Co Rider		GWRRA#	Exp:Date	DOB:
City	State	Zip Code	Phone #()	
Rider's e-mail		2 nd Rider's e-mail		

<u>DESCRIPTION</u> (All On Site Registrations will be an additional \$5)	<u>QTY</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>GWRRA Pre-Registered Member</u>	_____	\$25 ea	_____
<u>GWRRA Life Member</u>	_____	\$18 ea	_____
<u>NON-MEMBERS</u>	_____	\$35 ea	_____
<u>Child 15 years or younger is FREE with registered Adult</u>	_____		_____
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED for the following			
<u>Level IV Saturday Breakfast</u>	_____	FREE	_____
<u>Level IV Meal-Non-Current/Spouse</u>	_____	\$15 ea	_____
<u>ARC Bike Riding Course (Max. 8)</u>	_____	\$35 ea	_____
<u>First Aid/CPR---Refresher (Max. 8)</u>	_____	\$25 ea	_____
<u>Casino Trip (Thursday Evening)</u>	_____	FREE	_____
GRAND TOTAL			_____

Waiver: I/We agree to hold harmless GWRRA, the Co-Sponsoring Organization, and any Property owners for any loss or injuries to self or property in which I/we may become involved by reason of participation in this event. I/We also agree to assume responsibility for any property I/We knowingly damage.

Rider Signature: _____ Date: _____

2nd Rider/Co-Rider Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sign form and Mail with payment (payable to GWRRA-Texas) to Diane Shults 24247 E. Terrace, Porter TX. 77365



Rider: _____ GWRRA # _____ DOB: _____

Co-Rider: _____ GWRRA # _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Region: _____ District: _____ Chapter: _____ Miles to Convention: _____

Plan to stay at: Host Hotel Other Hotel Camp Other

DESCRIPTION: (All on-site registrations will be an additional \$5.00) **QTY** **PRICE** **TOTAL**

GWRRA Life Member _____ \$20.00 _____

GWRRA Member _____ \$30.00 _____

Non-GWRRA Member _____ \$35.00 _____

Closing Banquet Meal Ticket (per person regardless of age) _____ \$15.00 _____

Children under 12 attend rally for free (+ fee for meal). **NO MEAL TICKETS WILL BE SOLD ON SITE**

Level IV Breakfast (Must be current and list number.) _____ FREE

Rider Master # _____ Co-Rider Master # _____

Level IV Breakfast (Not current) _____ \$10.00 _____

CPR/First Aid – Renewal Only (Friday 9-12 am) _____ \$25.00 _____

TICKET SALES (MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN)

50/50 Tickets Thursday 9/28/17 (Per Stretch) _____ \$10.00 _____

50/50 Tickets Friday 9/29/17 (Per Stretch) _____ \$10.00 _____

50/50 Tickets Saturday 9/30/17 (Per Stretch) _____ \$10.00 _____

Make checks payable to: **OKLAHOMA DISTRICT** GRAND TOTAL **\$\$ 0.00**

Mail to: Jeannie Smith, 23451 E. 66th St. S., Broken Arrow OK 74014

Pre-registration deadline - September 16, 2017

I/We agree to hold harmless the GWRRA, co-sponsoring organization, and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property to which I/we may become involved by reason of participation in this rally. I/We also agree to assume responsibility for any property which I/we knowingly damage.

Rider: _____ Date: _____

Co-Rider: _____ Date: _____

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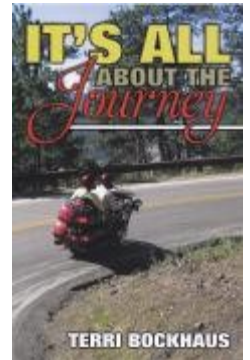
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