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Congratulations

Garry and Phyllis Van Buskirk

For Your appointment to Assistant Region 'H' Directors
And to Senior District Directors

We would like to THANK every member in Kansas for helping us as your District Directors. With your help it made our job easier. We would like thank each Chapter Director for all their support. Without our Newsletter Editor Bill Tucker that seen that all articles were to him in a time for the newsletter to be put out and to Dale Mooney as the Web Master to see that all items or event was posted on the Web Page. We are looking forward to be able to be on Region Staff full time. We want to thank you again, for without you we would not have been able to receive the The Senior District Directors Appointment.

Kansas New Directors

Jack & Doris Schoeck

Assistant District Directors

Rick & Brenda Kistler
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Greetings! We are Jack and Doris Schoeck, your new Kansas District Directors as of April 6, 2013. We were appointed at the Region H Convention in Marshall, Texas at the closing ceremonies. We are honored and excited to be appointed to this position! Our Assistant District Directors are Rick and Brenda Kistler from Towanda, Kansas. We all currently call Chapter F our home chapter. We are all here to serve the members so please let us know if we can help you in any way. We will be visiting your chapters in the upcoming months and are looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones.

We would first of all like to congratulate Garry and Phyllis Van Buskirk, who were awarded the Senior District Director Award at the Region H Convention. They have worked very hard for the state of Kansas and are very deserving of this honor. Be sure to congratulate them when you see them. Also at the Region H Convention, a new Region H Couple of the Year was selected. Their names are Tim and Becky Dinnel who are from Louisiana. They are members of Chapter A there and live in Gonzales, Louisiana. Becky is currently the treasurer for their chapter. They will more than likely be at as many conventions as they can make. Be sure to introduce yourselves to them, as they are great representatives for Region H.

The Region H Rally was fun with many different activities. Region H Director Bill and Dea Ann Gray and their staff put together a wonderful, exciting time and if you went we are pretty sure you found something to do and had a good time. We were busy at the Bike Wash and did not get to see the Theme Bike Show, but heard it was a wonderful success. Check out our website for pictures as our own Dale Tritsch from Chapter H was in the show. Your Region Staff always has the members in mind when they put together a convention. Kansas helped with the Bike Wash, the Bike Show, and security during the weekend.

All of the Kansas people who attended the rally got together on Saturday evening after closing ceremonies and went out to supper. There were 26 of us for supper and we went to a fish restaurant just before you crossed the Texas/Louisiana border. A good time was had by all even though some of the meals were not as good as we had expected. The only bad note for our weekend was the accident involving David McDonald. We were all thankful that he was not injured any more than he was. If you have checked out the Kansas website, you will find some pictures of the accident.

We attended the Louisiana Convention on April 17, 18, and 19 and had a blast! These people really do know how to put on a party! There is always the Cajun music and the colorful costumes contest they put on right before the dance on Friday evening. There were several groups in the contest and then they had couples who competed. It was awesome to see all the colorful and unique costumes and naturally everyone had fun. Dave and Dana Beranek from Chapter A were 2 of the 3 judges for the contest. There were plenty of seminars and things to do. We got to see some old friends and made some new ones. It is always fun to get to know people from other regions of the country.

We have some fun activities coming up in the next few months. We have a Sandwich Ride to Fort Scott, Kansas on Saturday, May 11, 2013. We are looking forward to seeing a lot of you there. If you have questions, please call Rod and Ann Gillett from Chapter A as they are the ones putting it on. We have the District Campout the weekend of June 14-16, 2013 at the Santa Fe Cove at Council Grove Lake. And then September 13 and 14, 2013 we will have the Kansas District Convention in Abilene, Kansas. More information will be forthcoming as we get it.

Jack & Doris
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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.

If you are interested in organizing a Chapter in your area, please contact GARRY & PHYLLIS VANBUSKIRK 316-321-0896 for more information.

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Time and Space

The following information is taken from the March 2013 Motorcycle Consumer News. “Time And Space” is the paragraph I’m quoting. The entire article is authored by Ken Condon, MSF RiderCoach, and chief instructor for Tony’s Track Days and author of Riding In the Zone. NOTE: I will be quoting the article as written by Ken Condon.

“Still not convinced that your superior physical skills may not be enough to keep you safe? Then consider the timing and circumstances of a typical 30mph crash. At that speed you are traveling at 44’ per second (1 mph=1.47 ft/sec). Getting the motorcycle stopped from 30 mph takes just over two seconds and requires about 35’ of space. But braking distance include more than just the time and space to physically stop your motorcycle. It also includes “thinking time’ and “reaction time.” At 30 mph you can count on using about .7 seconds or 31’ to realize that there is a problem. It then takes you another .3 seconds or 13’ to react by rolling off the throttle and reaching for the brakes. That means you traveled 44’ before even touching the brakes. Finally, it take you about 2.2 seconds or 35’ (with a typical deceleration rate achieved by the average rider) to bring the motorcycle to a halt. Add this “braking time” to the “thinking time” and “reaction time” and you will need a total of 3.2 seconds and 79’ in which to stop.

Let’s say you are traveling at 30 mph and a car pulls out from a side street. It takes one second for you to perceive that action is required and for you to react. You execute a perfect, quick stop, but did you have enough time and space to avoid a collision? The car would have to be at least 80’ away (about three and a half seconds) when you noticed it as a threat. Unfortunately, it is likely that you will have only two seconds from the time the driver begins to move until impact. This is an impossibly short amount of time to complete the thinking and braking sequence. Your braking skills would have slowed you significantly, but not enough to prevent a collision.

Swerving is an alternative to emergency braking when there isn’t enough time and space to stop. However, effective swerving requires excellent counter steering skills that are well-practiced. To steer a motorcycle quickly requires a forceful push on the handlebars, which can be a real challenge for many motorcyclist. The rider who elects to swerve must also have the discipline to resist braking because there is not enough traction to swerve strongly and brake hard at the same time.

Effective emergency braking and swerving both require excellent skills that many rider lack. This is another reason why it is unwise to rely solely on your braking or swerving sill to keep you safe. Yes, these skills are critical, but when you consider that you might have only two seconds to react, I think you’ll agree that it is best to do all you can to avoid being faced with the need to use superhero skills in the first place.”

That’s the end of the quoted article.

Ride Safe, Ride Alert, and Ride Smart. Please consider taking a refresher BRC2 or Trike course this year. Your Co-rider will be glad you did. :-)

“PRACTICE MAKES PERMANENT! YOU ARE WHAT YOU PRACTICE!
(Don’t Practice Bad Habits.)

Bill ‘Bubba’ Tucker
District Educator, KS

Rider Ed Courses:
August 11th- BRC2 (Two Wheels-Old ERC) Wichita
September 22- TRC (Trike Course without trailer) Wichita
BY THE BOOK

By: Jack Wagner
Region H Trainer

“By the Book” articles are intended to help familiarize GWRRA Volunteer Leaders and Members with the policies, procedures, and information contained in the GWRRA Officer’s Handbook (OHB). A copy of the Officer’s Handbook can be found at the following Internet website: www.gwrra.org/oconnect/officerhandbook.html

Please feel free to reprint these articles in Region, District, or Chapter newsletters.

Our Core Values

In the past issues of By the Book we explored the GWRRA Mission and Vision statements. Now it's time to turn our attention the the Core Values of our Association. These are values that all of our GWRRA officers from the Chapter level to the 'top of the house' should strive to exhibit.

EXCELLENCE - Our quest for excellence includes an abiding pride in our Association.
CHARACTER - Honesty, integrity and commitment are the key character elements in developing trust and respect within our Association.
FOCUS - Our focus is to meet the needs of our Members and provide leadership through our Officers and staff.
ATTITUDE - Our Officers and staff maintain a positive, enthusiastic and creative attitude in their approach of providing an atmosphere for fun, safety and knowledge.
FAIRNESS - The resolution of any issue should stand the test of “is it fair?”
COMMUNICATIONS - The more we share information and communicate about goals, values, measures and rewards, the more effective we can be as individuals and as Members of the Association.
TEAMWORK - Teamwork is the ability to work together toward our common vision. It is our ability to direct individual accomplishment toward Association objectives. It is the fuel that allows all of us to achieve exceptional results.

TRAINING - Well-trained Officers and staff will provide improved Member services and create increased position satisfaction.
QUALITY - To be the best we can be and to hold the Members in highest esteem and respect will guarantee the quality of our Association.

The core values form the basis of many other facets of the Officer Handbook. Do they sound like the qualities you would like to see in your Chapter Team? I imagine they are. They are simple, easy to understand and if you keep them in mind as you go about running your Chapters, you will have happy Members and thriving Chapters.

Jack Wagner
Region H Trainer
Hello Kansas!!

By now, everyone has heard about the accident that happened on the way to Marshall, Texas. So there is no need for me to go into details about it. What I want to say is – I am proud of the Kansas riders! Terri and I had just passed through the intersection when the truck can into the eastbound lane. So we got through it without problems. Terri saw the truck cross the center line. The next thing we heard was “Davids down, Davids down!

I got turned around and went back to the scene. As I pulled up, Bill was pointing at a place for me to park. There were others helping to direct traffic. Jack was with David. This allowed me to walk up to the scene, look it over and begin to help treat the downed rider. Everyone did a job that was needed. There was no panic, no yelling, no barking of orders. Just everyone doing the needed jobs.

If I had planned a drill, I could not have choreographed it any better. From the initial going down until the scene was vacated, it was only 45 minutes. That included EMS loading the rider, police and sheriffs department taking their reports and Klondike loading the bike and trailer. Great job everyone!

I would like to give Jim and his “Klondike” truck a special “Thank You” for being there. We got to see him in action.

Great job everyone involved! As an Instructor, it sure makes us feel good that what we teach is being remembered. Stop and think, we do teach not only CPR and first aide, but what to do at the scene of any kind of accident. Staying calm and crowd control are also part of treatment.
Fund raising is a must for all Chapter, Districts and Regions. This is one way we continue to move forward as an active organization. Education and training is how we stay viable. The success of our activities is completely dependent on attendance. Region H has a Region rally, 5 District rallies and approximately 70 annual Chapter rallies, anniversaries and fund raisers.

Scheduling can be a challenge. To make things more interesting we see the majority of District and Chapter activities PACKED into 4 months. Not to mention District and Region activities outside of Region H. Regions and Districts have only ONE OPPORTUNITY to raise funds. Chapters on the other hand have many opportunities such as monthly 50/50 sales, bake sales, spirit wear sales as well as their annual anniversary/fund raiser/rally. Here is the challenge:

How do we prioritize these activities and make them a win/win for all? First, we encourage all District and Chapter Directors to work together as you build your calendars for the year. Second, please consider National, Region and District rallies when scheduling chapter activities. Third, check District calendars to prevent conflicts with other chapter functions. Lastly, with 12 months to work with, consider a less busy time for your annual chapter activities so you can capitalize on getting the most attendees.

For most of us, there is only so much time and money to go around. As leaders, Directors have a responsibility to optimize our members opportunities to attend and participate in GWRRA activities.

AS MEMBERS WE CAN'T DO IT ALL BUT LET'S DO WHAT WE CAN!

See you somewhere!

Bill & Dea Ann Gray

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Operation H- No Winger Left Behind
Hello Chapter A

Before I talk about some of the things we did in April I would like to take you back to March and talk about our Maintenance Day which was held on March 30th at the Gattenby’s and if my memory serves me right I believe I counted 14 bikes total. Here are some pictures (I tried to get a picture of every one of them)
I'm not sure how much work was done on the bikes but I believe we ate a lot of hamburgers & hot dogs and the salads were good
Now let’s talk about some of the things we did during April. To start off the month Region H had their little get together down in Marshall Texas. I didn’t get to go but I’m sure that you will read about this event in some of the other articles in this newsletter.

Our monthly meeting was held on the 11\textsuperscript{th} and we had a pretty good turnout 23 members from our chapter were there along with 9 guests from the other chapters, District & Region leaders.

There was a dinner ride on the 18\textsuperscript{th} Bob Davis was in charge. I hope everyone went had a good time
There was also a “day ride” on the 27\textsuperscript{th} that Ron Gillett was in charge of and I will try to write more about that in the next newsletter since it happens after I have turned in this month’s article.

So now we come to what’s up for the month of May. With any luck Mother Nature has finally convinced Old Man Winter that it’s time to go to bed and let Spring out to play so we can get out and ride our bikes without the fear of getting frost bite…

So here’s what’s on the calendar for May. This will include Chapter A rides, birthdays and anniversaries. Looks like there are a lot of rides scheduled...please remember some of these are subject to change (mostly depends on the weather)

4\textsuperscript{th}...Breakfast Ride Glen Koch is in charge and I'm sure we'll get more details as we get closer to this day
KS-A Continued

5th...Cassoday ride
   The Joynt’s anniversary
6th...Aileen Koch’s birthday
9th...Chapter A monthly meeting 7:pm at Home Town Buffett on West Central
11th...Sandwich ride to Ft Scott
16th...Dinner Ride and the Beranek’s are in charge
25th...Day ride and the Gattenby’s are in charge

One last thing...since I’m a day late on turning this article in I thought I would show you a few pictures of the people that showed up to help mark the new course for the BRC2/ERC classes.

This was done on April 21st. It was a pretty day, sun was out but it was real windy. I think we had someone from almost every chapter and I believe with everyone’s help we got this done in about 4 hours. It will be good to have a place close to do the classes. (And don’t be surprised to find out other people are using this once they know it’s there)

Well that’s all for this month.
Just remember when you are out on your bike look out for others because they may not be looking out for you

Mary
April found Chapter B ready to ride. The weather wasn’t as cooperative as we would have liked, but that didn’t stop some members who were tired of being cooped up in the house from venturing out.

April 5 found nine bikes and ten riders headed on a journey around the state of Kansas. Last year John English led a ride around Texas. This year it was time to explore our home state. Dave Aiken, Earl Baker, Barton Bloom, John English, Ed James, Greg Marquardt, Maurice Reiter, Mick Schurer, and Missy and Roger Shores set off on a four day adventure to travel around the four sides of Kansas. They started along the east side and headed south to Pittsburg where they stopped to see the Hotel Stilwell which was built in 1889 and the Besse Hotel constructed in 1927. From there they followed Route 66 to Rainbow Curved Bridge and the old Riverton Store where they enjoyed Route 66 root beer.

In Galena they saw Tow Mater. This vehicle was the inspiration for the tow truck Mater in the Disney movie, Cars.

Then it was on to Independence to see the Booth Hotel, another grand old hotel completed in 1912.

Saturday’s journey took the group through the Gypsum Hills where they were able to see many land formations, including, flat mesas, deep canyons, sharp high hills, red soils and caprock formations, and on to the Cimarron National Grasslands, the largest area of public land in Kansas and the only parcel managed by the Forest Service. This also led them to the second “corner” where a windmill marked the joining of Kansas, Colorado, and Oklahoma.

They continued north still in the grasslands and saw the Point of Rock.

Also outside Galena was the first corner with a marker of rocks indicating the meeting of Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri.
It was a continued trip north on Sunday with stops at the giant reproduction of Van Gogh’s “Three Sunflowers in a Vase” and the Cherry Creek Encampment, a memorial to the Cheyenne and other Indians who survived the November 29, 1864 massacre at Sand Creek, Colorado, and who fled to the Cherry Creek Valley. The group was unable to actually stand at the third state corner as it was out in a plowed field and though they traveled on some gravel and sand, they drew the line at plowed ground.

As they turned back to the east, they visited the cabin where the song, “Home on the Range” was written in 1872, the geographical center of the contiguous forty eight states, the Pawnee Indian Village Museum, and the Pony Express Monument before stopping for the night.

Monday found the group setting out toward the final corner with a stop in Hiawatha to see the Davis graves and elaborate stone work at the cemetery and a stop in White Cloud at the Wilbur Chapman Monument.

Wilbur, a local ten-year-old, owned a prized pig named Pete. He sold Pete in 1910 to raise money for a leper colony. The story caught the attention of the press and the people, in such a way that “piggy banks” were invented as a generic way to save money. Since no one was in the mood for swimming and the northeast corner of the state is underwater, the group didn’t actually get to that corner either.

The giant carved Indian totem pole in Troy was also on the agenda as the group headed to lunch in Leavenworth and the end of a wonderful 1500 mile journey with friends.

The following weekend found members once again setting out, this time for Moonshine, Illinois and the Moonshine Lunch Run. Seven bikes and nine riders left on a cold Friday morning.

Joe Magnant served as the ride leader and following along were Wendal and Judy Morris, Dave Patton, Allen Robertson, Roger and Missy Shores, Eric Wadman, and Wes Wadman. The group headed toward Hannibal, Missouri and then on to Moberly for lunch. It was on into Illinois and some great two lane roads including several miles along the Illinois River. There wasn’t a bridge to cross the river, but a ferry appeared to provide transportation.

More back roads took the group to Effingham, Illinois to spend the night. Saturday morning it was on to Casey, Illinois and a stop for cinnamon rolls. All the yummy rolls were homemade and provided at no charge to the riders. Donations were taken for local charities. The group purchased Moonshine t-shirts and visited with other riders. A guided ride led the group the fifteen miles to the Moonshine General Store. A sign proclaimed a population of two, but that wasn’t the case that day. Along with about 1800 of their closest friends, the group enjoyed a moonburger. There were motorcycles of all types and many of the riders had traveled long distances to attend. Following lunch, it was time to ride. More back roads and a route that went through Indiana, Kentucky, and Illinois before stopping for the night at Sikeston, Missouri and a meal at Lambert’s. It was time to head home on Sunday morning and the group made it there in time to miss the rain. A good time was had by all.

Chapter B events for May:
- May 2 - Dinner Ride
- May 11 - Kansas Sandwich Run, Ft. Scott, KS
- May 16 - Chapter Meeting
- May 18 - Thunder on the Smoky, Marquette, KS
- May 25 - Breakfast Ride
- May 30 - Missouri Rally, Branson, MO

Safe travels,
Paula Aiken
Things got off to a quick start this month with the supper ride being on the second. Al Davis started the ride off in an interesting fashion when he showed up in something that had a wheel on each corner, we also had 3 bikes and a total of six people make the ride. Anybody that knows Al is aware that if traction is available he’ll probably be on his bike. He said he couldn’t ride without a seat. I suggested the Wal-Mart cushion but his complaint to that was no Utopia backrest so we just had to give it up and listen to him complain when he wasn’t feeding his face at 5 Guys Burger. Actually he’s getting his seat redone by Tom Simmons of www.tscustomseats.com in Fayetteville, AR. It should be back anytime now so he should be a happy camper again.

The ride to Lawrence was pretty uneventful, after we finally got out of Topeka. There is a real mess at the Kwik Shop with construction so detours were the item and with only one probably illegal U turn Sandy Davis got us safely to 5 Guys. Anybody that has eaten there knows that you don’t get the large anything there unless you are starving. While eating I think we all managed to solve the world problems, however nobody knew how to get the folks in charge to listen to common sense. Jamie and Gayle Conway and John and Teresa Gull had plans to take their trikes to Florida and then split up and visit their children prior to linking back up for the trip home together, however the Gull’s plans got changed and the Conway’s ended up taking the trip more or less alone. John needed to put some miles on his trike in order to get the 4,000 mile service done prior to going to the Louisiana District rally so they rode as far as Neosho, MO with them then turned around and came home. Jamie and Gayle had an enjoyable trip other than the fact that Jamie now has fewer friends than when he left since he decided it was proper to call them up and rub in the fact that it was 76 degrees at 10 o’clock in the morning while it was struggling to get above freezing in Kansas at the time. He did have a complaint since they got stuck in construction traffic in Florida and it took them an hour to cross one bridge and they both were worn completely out after not getting very far, however he was lucky and got a room for 1 ½ days for the price of one day. When John & Teresa’s plans got changed there was still a bit of a problem with not having enough miles on their trike. With their sense of humor they came up with the following trivia question…. How many miles does a Goldwing have to travel to get an oil change?

Answer: According to John and Teresa, 410 miles.

Since they needed to go 410 miles to get the oil changed they thought why go alone there has to be somebody that wants to take a ride. Our phone rang and it was Teresa asking if we wanted to ride to Russellville, AR with them. With Brenda and me if you mention a ride we’re game and it pretty much doesn’t matter where or when. The maintenance John needed was the 4,000 mile service. Basically an oil change, however Honda of Russellville checked several more things while they had it in the shop. It worked out that when we arrived in Russellville he had 4010 miles on the trike so the timing was perfect. Now the maintenance agreement John purchased with the new trike is set up so he can get the work done at any dealer with a phone call to take care of paperwork.
That being said what is the fun of going down the road 10 miles to a dealer?
We left mid-morning on Friday for Russellville and after getting the work done headed back to Kansas mid-morning Saturday. The ride was pretty much perfect with no wind, sunny skies and temperatures in the low 70’s. Honda of Russellville has an excellent selection of Goldwings with Hannigan, California Sidecar, and Roadsmith trikes, which let me do some side by side comparisons as I’m researching trike kits now for future reference. Along with a good selection of trikes they have several GL1800’s and a bunch of the F6B’s. For those of you that haven’t seen the F6B for some reason Honda widened the front of the seat which causes problems with reach to the ground if you have short legs like me. We had a very interesting trip back home in that we it seemed being “dive bombed” by birds having several come close to our bikes. It appeared John even hit a small one with his radio antenna. We had stopped in Fayetteville, AR for lunch and as we got to the top of the onramp and started to accelerate to merge with traffic all of a sudden a car right in front of John took off to the right and by the time it got straightened back up it had been all over the shoulder and back in front of us. I said it wrecked three times but that the car didn’t realize it. It was extremely close to a multi-vehicle pile-up with the two of us sandwiched around a semi and several cars. Lucky for us John was very alert and we got slowed down before any contact was made with hard stuff.
As we were getting close to Topeka we discussed it and decided breakfast at Big Mike’s in Holton would be a good way to relax after the ride. It was agreed we would meet at 9:30 rain or shine number of wheels didn’t matter. John & Teresa were on their trike Brenda and I were in the pickup (Brenda had an ankle giving her problems). While having a leisure breakfast, I think it lasted 3 hours. We discussed the finer points on how to tune a CB radio. I managed to hit the channel change switch instead of the volume control and didn’t realize it until Teresa left a message on Brenda’s phone to check it. Anybody that has a NAVI bike is aware you don’t see any of the icons on the left side if you have the screen set up to show distance to the next turn and that is the way I ride most of the time when using the GPS. That’s my excuse and I’m sticking to it.

John and I also considered calling the Guinness book of world records for Teresa’s accomplishments on the trip. As is well known in Chapter C Teresa tends to require the bike to be stopped frequently to determine the cleanliness of various facilities along whatever route we are riding. This can be a big plus for other riders that are a bit shy about speaking up over the radio. Much to Teresa’s credit on the trip to Russellville and back she was able to ride tank to tank on two occasions non-stop. With her doing that John did make a comment that he needed to reacquaint some body parts to each other from spending that much time in the saddle. In addition to that the Butler cups had to be stretched for the entire tank of fuel. The next time anybody sees Teresa don’t forget to congratulate her on her staying power. I’m not sure but John may be considering an auxiliary fuel tank to see if she can get a better record time.

We received both bad news and good news this month reference to one of our members. Terry Widner ended up in the hospital on IV antibiotics because of some post operation infection. After positive encouragement from Cathy Logan (most men would say threats) Terry went to the ER where thankfully his problems began where they were able to successfully treat him.
KS-C Continued

After several days in the hospital he was taken off the IV antibiotics and placed on oral antibiotics and allowed to go home. He is able to get around now and is doing well. As many of you know Terry had to sell his Goldwing because of medical reasons, but is still an active member in Chapter C. We wish Terry a quick recovery and lasting good health. Terry did call Ken Felch while several of us were at Ken and Arlene’s for our maintenance day and was in good spirits.

Our Maintenance day didn’t consist of a lot of maintenance being done as most of the chapter members tend to ride when the roads are safe, so not that much maintenance is required early in the spring to get the Wings road ready. Al Davis did install a nice flashing LED brake light to his bike and also wired his trailer light connector. It apparently was a fairly complicated task since he had to have four supervisors during the install. With the “expert” advice by the chapter members Al was successful in completing the work and getting the rear fender back on the bike and no parts left over. The installation was interrupted by the need to eat pizza and also Ken providing his famous cookies for both appetizers and desert (can’t get enough cookies). In total there were six couples in attendance with considerable fun had by all.

Our monthly meeting was held on the 16th with 14 people in attendance. Bill Hanson started things off by pointing out that road construction projects were starting up and the need to pay close attention to construction areas for workers, equipment, and debris on the roadway, especially sand and loose gravel. Also mentioned was the danger of riding two abreast. John Gull pointed out a fatal accident in the Topeka involving multiple bikes riding two abreast. Brenda and I will be leading both the supper ride and dinner ride in May. We will be going to Boomers in Holton for the supper ride on the 7th. Because of construction at the Kwik Shop we will be departing from two locations. Bill & Margaret Hanson will lead those meeting at the Kwik Shop departing at 6:00 p.m. The remainder of us will link up at the gas station at 46th st and U.S. 75. Our lunch ride will be to Paolucci’s in Atchison on the 19th. We will be departing from the Kwik Shop at 45th and Topeka Blvd at 10:00 a.m. Ron Crawford also mentioned the sandwich ride to Ft. Scott that is being planned by Gary Drake and Rod Gillett from Chapter A. More information is to follow on the exact date and times.

The 50/50 drawings were won by Marjie Crawford and Teresa Gull. Gary & Susan Drake, John & Teresa Gull, and Brenda & I had plans to attend the Louisiana District rally. Since Gary & Susan didn’t make the meeting we called them to finalize the departure time. Gary said because of the forecast they had decided not to go so we and the Gull’s left Topeka at 8:30 and rode to Paris, TX. We couldn’t figure if Gary & Susan made the right decision or not since it stopped raining for the most part twenty minutes out of Lyndon. John & Teresa didn’t even have on rain gear and stayed dry and it even got to the high 70’s before we arrived in Paris. The reason we couldn’t figure out if the Drakes made the right decision or not was when we left Paris it was raining and rained most of the way to Lafayette. The rally was an excellent event. The selection of vendors was varied and of good quality. On Friday the four of us and also Gene Shannon took a guided ride around the Lafayette area to sample some of the local foods and also most definitely ice cream. The ride was around 60 miles and probably didn’t get more that about 15 miles from the rally site. It just goes to show you that a ride doesn’t have to be long to be good. It took a total of approximately three hours and was worth every minute of the time. The Gulls and us parted company on Saturday with Brenda and I going to Austin, TX to visit our daughter and grandchildren while John & Teresa went back to Topeka. Since even though John has retired Teresa can’t decide if she’s retired or not so is working part time for a temp agency and needed to get back to go to do that four letter word.

Birthdays
6th Don Williams
18th Verle Cunningham

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

Don & Brenda Williams
ACD/Newsletter editors
This has been a fairly busy time for Chapter F. Some of us met with Chapter ‘P’ at Uncle Henry’s Steakhouse in Augusta for their supper run and also met at the Hoof & Horn at Sedgwick with Chapter ‘H’ for their supper run. Both good places to eat.

Some of us went to Burden with Chapter ‘P’ for their breakfast ride.

Our chapter had their meeting on the 26th. Good meeting.

Several went to Marshall, Texas to the Region ‘H’ Convention. A good time seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

Chapter ‘F’ had a supper run to Angela’s Restaurant in Wichita.

Had a trike & Trailering course at Hutchinson. Bill & Rick did a great job teaching that. Learned a lot.

Hopefully spring will get here soon and we can get out and ride more.

Dale
It has been a cold month. Dale T rode the 40 To Phoenix and really enjoyed the ride and the other Wingers; especially the warm weather in the South West. Most of the info and pictures are on Facebook on our chapter H page, others are on the GWRRA site. That may help to keep this shorter.

The Region H rally was fun and informative. Dale T and Tom C rode down on Wednesday. Others rode down on Thursday. We all had a good time. Tuesday it snowed (is this April ?) on Dale & Tom for about two hours, then changed to rain. Our gear really kept us dry and warm. Daryl & Nita R met us at McAlester, OK where we spent the night. We all rode to Marshall early the next day. Dale T entered the Beach Bike contest. There were a lot of “what the….?” and OMG remarks. Hopefully he will be invited back. What a hoot! Pictures are in the album on the Facebook Chapter H page. Terry & Judy Mann rode back with us on Sunday.

The Kansas group rode over to LA, just inside the state line to the Catfish Village for food and fun.

We received our wood chapter tabletop, whatever it is called, from Garold Sivits of Chapter F who makes them as a fundraiser.

Dale Mooney of KS-F gave a very good, informative presentation about the Membership Awareness Program. It will help us when visiting about the benefits of GWRRA. Thank you, Dale.

Some of us went to the Chapter A meeting this month to hear about David McDonald’s accident and the safety gear that saved him from serious injury.

On Saturday, April 13, the Lady Riders from KS-A and Georgeanna T went to Guthrie, OK for an antique shop hop.
KS-H Continued

On Sunday, April 14, we had our Trike/Trailer training in Hutchinson. Rick, Bill, Jim, and Marvin did an excellent job with the class and range. We all had a good time and learned much. We are a new chapter and working hard to become what GWRRA is all about. I personally want to thank our members for the input and participation from everyone. There is much involvement in joining together for rides, meetings, conventions, and all things that make KS-H a chapter for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge.

Speaking of conventions, some of us are going to Texas for the Gumball rally – TX State convention which will be May 16 – 18. We invite other chapters to meet and ride with us. We will be sending an email to KS District CDs as to when we plan to leave and our proposed route of travel. Hopefully KS will be well represented.

On Saturday, May 4 we will be having a garage sale as a fundraiser for our chapter. It will be in Inman, KS located at 512 S Pine at Tom & Carolyn’s. This will coincide with the Inman city wide garage sale. We are requesting as close to 100% participation as possible in supplying items for this sale. These funds will help us to have events as other chapters do. Please have your donations priced and delivered by 5pm on Friday, May 3 at that location – or – delivered to Dale at 2461 E 43rd in Hutchinson, KS so he can take them to Inman. It will be advertised and will happen rain or shine. If you have items that might be noteworthy email dalet@cox.net by April 29 so it can be advertised. Anything left over will be disposed of unless you want it back. It will need to be picked up by Sunday afternoon.

On May 18 some of us will ride to Marquette, KS for Thunder on the Smokey. It is an all-day event with lots of bikes, vendors, and entertainment.

May 24 thru 27 there will be a ride to Branson, MO. Anyone interested contact Terry Mann as soon as possible for arrangements. I understand that motel rate would be $50 a nite at Fall Creek Inn. Silver Dollar City on Saturday, May 25. ($56 + tax). Showboat Cruise and lunch on Sunday May 26 at noon ($42 + tax).

Remember that we have calendars now with our proposed activities for the year. If you do not have one, get it at the meeting. I will try to have a monthly calendar on our Facebook page if I can figure that one out.

Our next meeting will be April 25 at the Sirloin Stockade in Hutchinson. Chow time 6pm and meeting at 7pm. We will be deciding our next dinner ride on April 27 (if it isn’t snowing again). Also we will plan the starting time for our ride to KS-Q to join their meeting. Also we will plan for our breakfast ride on Tuesday, May 7.

As always, input from members is what makes our chapter strong. Keep us all up to date about your personal events; family celebrations, rides/trips, or anything which the group may be interested in.
(I know, my participle is dangling again) Send photos also.

As I close this newsletter, I have received word that Crystal Pauls of Wichita, the daughter of members Janice & Chris Schurr, had finished the Boston marathon in 3:47.01, about 10 minutes before the explosion. She was a block away when the bomb went off. We are grateful that she is okay.

*note: Terry Mann has a new email address – remotemann@gmail.com

Ride safe and have FUN!

Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch
Newsletter Editor
Region H, Kansas District, Chapter H
dalet@cox.net

Birthdays:
May 6 – Aileen Koch
May 20 – Tom Colahan

Anniversaries:
May 5 – Jim & Sedena Shaw
Chapter P – Wichita

Meeting Night -
Friday, May 10th - Brown Bag at 6:30pm Meeting
7:00pm
Derby Church of Christ 225 N. Derby St,
Derby Ks. 67037 in the fellowship hall at
the south end of the building.

Chapter P traveled to Marshall, Texas in April for
the Region H Convention. We were responsible for
security on Friday morning and the Bike wash Sat-
urday morning that was put on by the Boys and
Girls Club. We all had a great time after we ar-
rived. The highlight of the convention was watch-
ing the hypnotist. We will be getting to see that
again at the District Campout, Thanks to the
Mooney’s!

5 Guys Burgers: YUM YUM!

On Friday, April 19th we had a dinner ride to 5
Guys Burgers near old town. We had 17 in atten-
dance. Everyone drove their cars due to the cold
weather. It was great to get together for fellow-
ship.
KS-P Continued

RIDES- All Chapter State sandwich ride to Fort Scott Saturday, May 11th
Rick & Carolyn Stevens are in charge of the rides and dessert for May

ACCIDENT UPDATE:
I would like to say thanks to all my GWRRA family that supported me during and after my recent motorcycle accident. The turnout at the chapter P meeting was overwhelming and so kind. I hope there was some nugget of information about the accident that may help in the future for someone to avoid this type of event. I am still healing and have a soft tissue injury to my left shoulder which will take time to heal. I believe it was my training in ERC’s and commitment to safety through proper riding equipment that aided me in such a positive outcome.

Thank you all and ride safe,
David

May Birthdays-
Sandy Shutt May 14th
Rick Stevens May 15th
Josh Vickers May 31th

May Anniversaries-
Joe and Janet Gonsalves May 7th
Dan and Tammy Vickers May 25th

Everyone have a safe month!
David & Sherri McDonald
Directors Chapter P
Well, I don’t know about the rest of you, but we’re beginning to wonder if winter is ever going to truly end. There were a few days in April a person could ride but not as many as we would have liked.

We want to start by saying Thanks to Becky Mangus for leading our April meeting. She said all went well, even though the crowd was small due to the Region H Convention. For our May meeting, Bill Tucker will be conducting the meeting. Our location has changed for May also; it will be at the Ark City Pizza Hut at 2504 N. Summit, if you would like to call ahead the number is 620-442-1900. Our Thanks go out to Jim Owens for checking out this location for us. Please let us know how you feel about it.

On April 13th we held our annual maintenance day. We had a slow start to the day because of the cool temperatures and some gusty winds. But as we all know those two things won’t keep a winger from going. Thanks go out to Becky Mangus, Brenda Kistler and Carol Chastain for bringing the food items for our lunch. Once again it was a great day and that evening a few of us made our way to Angela’s Café Cantina for supper with Chapter F.

At this time we want to extend a Big Congratulations to our new Ks. District Directors, Jack and Doris Schoeck and their new Assistant District Directors, Rick and Brenda Kistler. We know that they will do a great job for all of us.

Also, Congratulations to Garry and Phyllis VanBuskirk, who have accepted the position of Region H Assistant Directors.

May Birthdays: Linda Johnson 16th, Jim Owens 29th and Norma Wirtz 31st.

May Anniversary: Rodger and Gayle Webb 23rd.

We look forward to seeing all of you soon. Remember, if you get to ride call a friend or two.

Until the next time,
Ride Safe,
Jack and Teresa Kistler
Ks. “Q” Directors
Kansas Couple of The Year

David purchased his first motorcycle in 1982 when he was just 19. It was a Honda CX500. At that time he looked at and dreamed of someday owning a Goldwing motorcycle. David and Sherri met some years later in the summer of 1986 and married in 1987. They have lived near or in Douglass Kansas for most of the last 26 years. Since then they have owned a number of motorcycles most of them small Yamahas and Hondas. In 2009 they purchased a GL 1500 and started riding together with Chapter P Wichita. They have attended a number of GWRRA events including many state and region conventions. Sherri held the position as chapter treasurer and they are currently the directors for Chapter P Wichita. Sherri recently left her job with Christ Lutheran Church to spend more time with David and to be available to travel and enjoy many of the GWRRA activities. David is a senior manager for D-J Engineering. Just last year Sherri found David his dream motorcycle on craigslist, a 1981 GL 1100. They have rode it to many GWRRA functions.
Steve and Terri Bockhaus have been members of GWRRA and Chapter A since 2004. They live in Newton and have four children and four grandchildren. (Pretty fast work since they have only been married 15 years!) Steve is a real estate broker and Terri is a Certified Physical Therapist Assistant.

Steve’s first bike was a 200 cc Yamaha. He rode a 500 cc Silverwing when he and Terri were dating. It seemed like a big bike at the time, but then she reports they were both much smaller then. He bought a brand new candy black cherry 1800 in 2005. Terri has always liked motorcycles, but says she never thought she would ever be riding her own. Her first bike was a 2000 Kawasaki, which looked like an old Triumph. She then bought a 900 cc Vulcan before graduating to an 1800 Goldwing bike in 2008. It is illusion red. They report that Terri rode the dragon two days after purchasing her bike (not trike). Together, they have totaled more than 250 thousand safe miles on their two wings.

Steve and Terri have served as Region H Medic First Aid Coordinators, and have recently stepped down from serving Chapter A as directors for the past 5 years. They are the current District MFA Coordinators. They are very excited to serve as Chapter A Couple of the year for 2013.

“THE NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK”
Melissa and I have only been riding for about 5 years. We bought a new Gold Wing in March of 2009. In January 2013 we traded that bike in on a 2013 Gold Wing. Our 2009 had 146,000 miles on it!! These were wonderful trouble free miles. I am sure you all know all the wonderful places you can visit while putting than many miles on a motorcycle. We always enjoy riding with our GWRRA Chapter B and participating in all the activities and meeting new friends. Since we have joined GWRRA we have never missed a Wing Ding. We love the Grand Parade and the Light Show. Of course, we can’t walk through all the vendors without adding a few things to the bike. We have never missed a 40 to Phoenix ride and encourage everyone to visit the GWRRA National Headquarters in Phoenix.

You may be wondering where you might find us next. We are now enjoying National Parks. We are visiting 50 National Parks in 25 States in one year. We are about half way through and will finish on the way to Wing Ding this July. We are excited about being our Chapters Couple of the year and look forward to meeting you.

Missy and Roger Shores
Leawood, KS
CHAPTER F COUPLE OF THE YEAR

*Dale and Janis Mooney*

Dale was born in Charleston, SC and raised in San Antonio, Texas. Janis was born in Argonia, Kansas and moved to Wichita in 1983. They met in 1984 and their first date was the Wichita Toy Run. They Married in 1985 and have enjoyed 27 years together and looking forward to another 27 years.

Dale and two others started the Boeing Motorcycle Club together. The club paid for their wedding and supplied the Preacher. They got married on a Motorcycle at the Boeing Park on Oliver.

Dale’s first ride was a 90cc Honda in 1962 and he also has had a Triumph, BSA Yamaha, Kawasaki and one homemade VW trike. They now have a 2006 Goldwing with a 2010 Hannigan conversion with matching pony trailer.

They have 3 dogs, 2 cats and 1 bird. Janis works at Walmart on East Kellogg as a cashier. She loves to read. She also crochets and knits.

They joined GWRRA in 2010 and it has been none stop, Fun-Safety and Education ever sense. They recommend the GWRRA to everyone who has the time to have FUN on motorcycle with friends who are family.

CHAPTER H COUPLE OF THE YEAR

*Daryl and Nita Reiger*

Daryl and Nita Reiger met in geometry class in Oct 1971. They have three children, one son and two daughters and six grandchildren.

Nita works as a RN at the nursing home at the Moundridge Manor and Daryl is the IT director at the nursing home in Pleasant View.

They purchased their first Goldwing, a GL1100, in 1998 and have been riding ever since. They now own a 1994 GL1500, after selling the GL1100 to their son.

They have enjoyed numerous trips to Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma. They have also have gone to several Wings Dings.

They have 3 dogs, 2 cats and 1 bird. Janis works at Walmart on East Kellogg as a cashier. She loves to read. She also crochets and knits.
Jim and Carol have been members since 2005 and have had lots of great adventures and made many new friends. They hope to do more after they retire, since Jim’s job with the FAA and Carol’s as a scrub nurse with Oral Maxillofacial Assoc. keep getting in the way of having fun.

Jim rides a 2006 Goldwing and Carol has a 2003 Goldwing trike named Ducky. Since the kids are grown with careers of their own they now care for three barn cats, two dogs, two house cats and Carol’s favorite, three llamas. Their names are: Benllama, Tonyllama and Fernando Llamas.

Sometimes it takes a lot of scheduling to get everyone cared for so we can leave for a few days. They have held positions as chapter educator, assistant district Educator and District Educator. We now look forward to Chapter Couple which will bring many new experiences.

Jim is retired Air Force of 24 Years. Carol is retired from dry cleaning. Carol learned to ride on the island of Okinawa in 1972. They married Feb 14, 1976. They started riding two 1981 Silver wings and still have them. They have one daughter, two grandchildren, two great granddaughters and two great grandsons.

They have traveled all over the western US and are now ready to see the eastern side. We bought our trike after Carol fell and broke both wrists. They really enjoy their trike. We hope to help make GWRRA a better organization and have some fun. We have already met some good friends and want to meet more.
Greetings from KSA couple of the year. We just returned from the region rally in Marshall, Texas. What a great time. On that Saturday, April 6, I celebrated my birthday. Steve made me wear a T-shirt that he had made for me. It read, “Celebrating the twenty-first anniversary of my twenty-ninth birthday.” I also had to wear a tiara that Ruth and Marty bought for me. How many people can say they partied with 600 of their closest friends all weekend?!

I’m told that I was quite entertaining Saturday afternoon while I was hypnotized. I want to publicly apologize to the guy I was sitting next to for sniffing his armpit!!! (I couldn’t help it, he smelled so sweet!) I must also apologize for saying the most awful smell I ever experienced was coming from Marty Dannar! Unbeknown to me at the time was the fact that we were being video-taped. We purchased a tape so I could see for myself just how silly I was.

I’m sure you’ve heard by now about the wreck that occurred on our trip to Marshall. If not, I am sure Steve will write about it in his MFA newsletter. You can’t say that Kansas people aren’t prepared for anything. Who else travels with their own medical team and wrecker truck? I heard the jacket vendor did a bang-up business after word got out about Dave’s jacket. Anyway, we are sure glad that Dave is okay. (other than feeling like he got beat up by 10 Hulk Hogans.) Klondike passed out a lot of business cards when people came to look at Dave’s muddy bike on the wrecker truck.

I don’t know if anyone has had more fun working security than Steve and I had Friday. We frisked everyone who came in. Those who refused (and there weren’t many), were shot with our low powered cheap squirt guns! Some people even went outside and came back in to be frisked again. I think at one point we had a long line to get in!!! (some people just love a cheap thrill!!) We were told the vendors could hear us laughing all the way across the room. Maybe we should have had participation tickets to pass out for our “how to have fun at a rally” demonstration.

I put in my request at work today to take time off to go to Wing Ding. I can’t wait. The icy trees were beautiful to look at today, but it just made me itchy for warm riding weather. (Remember that when it is over 100 degrees this summer!)

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