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Happy May Day to All!!

Hope you are all out there riding, as it has been really great riding weather lately.

We would like to offer our sympathy to the family of Tom Colahan, Hutchinson, KS. Tom passed away on April 14 2014 and was an active member of Kansas Chapter H. Please keep his wife Carolyn and their family in your thoughts and prayers. We would like to offer our congratulations to Jim and Reba Berry, the new Region H Couple of the Year. Jim and Reba are from Louisiana and are also Assistant Region H Directors. They will be a great couple to represent Region H this coming year!

The Region H Convention was held on April 3-5, 2014 at Marshall, TX and was attended by 40 people from Kansas. That was a good turnout and we all had a great time! We were in charge of the Bike Wash on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning and afternoon.

The Marshall, TX Boys and Girls Club were the ones washing the bikes after being instructed on how to do that. We were able to give them over \$300.00 for their work and they did a really good job for us! We also helped with security on Friday Morning and were responsible for hiding the medallion on Friday and Saturday.

District Article Continued

The Kansas Twisters gave a wonderful show on Saturday morning! It was great and Steve Bockhaus presented Bill Gray, Jack Wagner, and Jack Schoeck with Kansas Twister Hats for their support of the Twisters. Most of the Kansas group got together on Saturday for supper. There were 32 from Kansas, 1 from Missouri (their District Director), 2 from Iowa (our friends Don and June Dietwiller) and 4 from Oklahoma. We had a great time visiting with everyone before we all had to go home.

From Marshall, TX, several of us went on to the Louisiana Convention the weekend of April 10-12, in Lafayette, LA. They had a great Convention also and everyone appeared to be having a great time. District Directors Merlin and Beverly Mayon stepped down at the closing ceremonies and Red and Brenda Rousell were installed as the new Louisiana Directors. We want to thank Merlin and Beverly for all their work the past 3 years. They have done an excellent job! We also want to welcome aboard Red and Brenda. They have been to Kansas events many times and will make a great contribution to our Region H teams!

Jack and I finally got to go to Avery Island and tour the Tobasco Plant while we were in Louisiana. We did not get to see the gardens or the birds this trip but I am hoping to get to do that the next time we are there. The weather was great for riding and we enjoyed it a lot!

By the time you are reading this, our Kansas West Picnic Ride will be done, but am hoping that we will have seen a lot of you at that ride. The East Picnic Ride will be this fall and we will go to Wamego, Kansas in Northeast Kansas.

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

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Every so often I get to accomplish a goal that I set. This one has been in limbo for about $1\frac{1}{2}$ years. Every time I think I have it, something happens. I'm talking about my promise to KS-H chapter to have a Road Captain Seminar (RCC) Road Captains Course. We've scheduled it at least two other times.

After several cancelations it actually happened April 19th. We started around 11am and broke for lunch at 12:30pm. Lunch was provided by the host Chapter 'H'. They served excellent sloppy Joes, side dishes and a bunch of desserts, iced tea and coffee.

The following chapters were representation. KSA; KSB; KSP; KSQ; KSH. We had 13 riders and 9 co-riders.

The day went like this. At the opening of class I assigned each student to Team 1 and Team 2. I assigned Terry & Judy Mann to be Lead Bike for Team 1 and Marv Ayers to lead Team 2. They were to select their own drag bike. They were handed the routes teams would ride until everyone had a turn at being lead bike and drag bike. After the riding and all the paper work was completed, they received their Road Captain and Co-Road Captain patches, completion cards. I will also provide each participant with a Certificate. The day ended around 3:15pm. What kind of day was it? Sunny, and YES you guessed it, very windy. But the attendees did a great job dealing with the real world riding conditions.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Marv Ayers, Judy & Terry Mann, Kathy & Dennis Chesnut, Jan & Don Schroeder, Nita & Daryl Regier, Ann & Jeff Whit horn, Barb & Bob Brown, Georgeanna & Dale Tritsch, Sarah Taylor & Bill Watts, Ed James, Joe Magnant, Eric Wadman, Janice & Chris Scheurer.

A big thank you to the members of KSH for hanging in there for me to get this seminar accomplished. And to my partner, Rick Stevens for assisting me with presenting the material and monitoring Team 2.

April I travelled with Garry and Phyllis VanBuskirk ARD to the Region 'H' Rally in Marshall TX. While there I attended a recertification class to again become a certified Medic First Aid Instructor. I met and taught with the new Region 'H' MFA Coordinators Ricky & Karen Frazier. Congratulations to them for their appointment. I look forward to being on their MFA team. And thanks to Lydia Bourg for making all this happen. The rally was well attended and entertaining. No time to be bored.

After Region 'H' the three of us went to the Louisiana Rally. It was my first LA rally in a long time and I really enjoyed myself.

There is no way you couldn't have fun there, especially at the evening party(s). Good Food!!!

So far my April has been busy. On April 27th Rick Stevens and I (hopefully some volunteers) have re-marked the range for our upcoming BRC2 (formally the Motorcycle Safety Foundation Experience Riders Course) scheduled for May 4th in Wichita. Interested on getting on the wait list contact me at wtuckerl.gc.cox.net. We are planning another one in the fall.

We will be having our first Trike course for the year May 31st at the Wichita Range. It is not full so if interested just email me to reserve your spot. We'd love to have you join us.

Rider Education will be having several seminars at our Kansas rally. If you have one that you would like us to give let me know. Chapter 'P' and Chapter 'H' are competing for Chapter of the Year and Rider Education seminars and Leadership Training seminars are required. My seminar presenters are: Carolyn Stevens, Rick Stevens, Jim Lamb, Doris Schoeck and yours truly.

As you all know the District Picnic Ride to Greensburg was postponed due to severe weather predictions. This cancellation was not done without research. Rick Kistler ADD talked personally to the weatherman at channel 10 and he assured Rick that it is going to happen Saturday anywhere from 12apm to 4pm. Jack contacted some staff including me and it was agreed that it would not be smart to place people in danger of possible hail, strong winds, hard rain and even tornados.

That's it for now. Need anything concerning seminars and/or riding courses just drop me an email and we will put it together.

PRACTICE MAKES PERMANENT! YOU ARE WHAT YOU PRACTICE!

Bill Tucker KS District Educator

P.S. Thanks to the Twisters Drill Team for helping Rick, Jim and me mark the range on the 27 April.





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

Officers – Can We Do Too Much?

Serving the Members is the primary function of all Officers of GWRRA. Officers have a very important position in our leadership network. They deal directly with, and for, those it was designed to be most beneficial to...the Members. GWRRA is recognized as one of the most successful organizations of its kind. Its Members are among the best and most loyal of any motorcycle organization on record. As such, GWRRA Members deserve our very best efforts as leaders. For these reasons, GWRRA Officers, may not serve in positions with competing or similar motorcycle organizations where real or perceived conflicts may develop. Doing so sends the wrong message to the Member whose motorcycling interests must remain our highest priority.

A secondary, but equally serious concern, is the effect of the demands placed on a GWRRA Officer. Multiple positions of responsibility in or outside of GWRRA cannot help but be a detriment to their ability to serve the Members. Good leaders are always in demand and from time to time GWRRA leaders will need to decide where and how they can best serve. On these occasions appointing officials should not use undue influence, but rather do their best to help subordinate officers understand the need to place a high priority on serving GWRRA Members.

The above paragraphs were taken directly from the Officer Handbook. But does this mean one can only participate in GWRRA? Of course not. Many often find it hard to say 'no' when asked to serve or help out with other organizations in which they are interested. Always saying 'yes' can result in too much to do or place excessive demands on time or money. What do you do when you are needed in two different places at the same time or when multiple organizations are supporting the same cause? GWRRA Officers must recognize this and prioritize their responsibilities to GWRRA when asked to accept roles in other organizations. So to answer the question - yes, one can wind up doing too much. Care must be exercised to prevent overextending oneself or sending the wrong message to our Members.

The more you know, the better it gets!



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Hello everyone...

I don't know if it's true what they say about April Showers and May Flowers but so far we've been pretty dry...which is good for motorcycle riding but doesn't help our lawns or flowers any.

I'm going to start this out by going back in time and share a little bit of information about our Maintenance Day that was held at Joe & Debbie Gattenby's on March 29th. There was a pretty big turn out and as I understand it someone might have even done a little bit of work on their bike, but I think









Most of what went was a lot of visiting & eating...just about what you would expect at these things













But this was a real good way to end the month of March...now let's talk about April which was a very busy month. The 1st event that went on was the Region H Convention down in Marshall TX and Kansas had a good number of our members show up to enjoy the festivities... including a performance of the Kansas Twisters Drill team (but I'll let Steve tell you about this.)



















By the way...most of the members of the Twisters Drill team had a Twister

painted on their bike while they were in Marshall & each one is different so when you get a chance you should check the bikes out.

Let me just add this about the trip to Marshall Tx. it took about 9 hours riding to get down there and the weather was beautiful but I cannot say the same for the ride back. It took us about 12 hours (depending on where you live) to make the trip back and I swear 8 of those hours was in the rain...and I believe between the 7 bikes and 1 van that was in our group coming back we probably soak every pair of gloves that could be found (let's just say that some of them were not as waterproof as we thought)...Other than this it was a great weekend.

The next thing to come up on the calendar was our monthly meeting (sorry no pictures) there were 25 people there. Larry gave a good lesson about "Rider Experience" he brought up some good points including one about how everyone that is riding in the group don't all have the same level of experience so when riding in a group you need to take this into consideration.

Next up...our monthly dinner ride on the 17th was changed to a breakfast ride on the 19th. Terri planned this one and we went to a place in Hesston called The Water's Edge and had a great breakfast









Then when we were done there we rode on in to Hutchinson to the Braums and had ice cream.











The only drawback of the whole day was that it was **VERY** windy.

Well this just about does it for what we've done during the month of April...Now let's see what is coming up during the month of May.

 2^{nd} , 3^{rd} , & 4^{th} , - Texas rally

 4^{th} – Beginner Riders Course 2 (Two wheeled course – old ERC) if you are interested in taking this class you should contact Bill Tucker at wtucker@cox.net

8th – our monthly chapter meeting @ the Home Town Buffet on West Central. Remember the meeting eat and visit with the other chapter members

starts @ 7:00 but come early to

 $10^{th} - 5$ state run

11th – Mother's Day

15th – Dinner ride / Larry Mazur is leading this one

23rd, 24th, 25th, - Arkansas Rally

24th – Route 66 ride – talk to Joe Gattenby for information about this ride

26th – Memorial Day

31st - Trike Rider Course - again if you are interested in taking this class you should contact Bill Tucker at wtucker@cox.net

Other dates to keep in mind (unless these have changed)

June 20th & 21st District Campout

July 1st through 5th – Wing Ding in Madison Wisconsin

Sept 12th & 13th – District Convention in Abilene Ks (don't forget to register)

This is all I can think of for now but if I missed anything or you would like me to include something that you would like the members to know about please e-mailing me at scarymary1210@sbcglobal.net and I will include it in the next newsletter.

Mary Mazur

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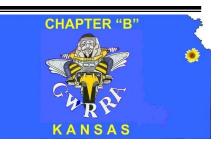
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Chapter B is ready to ride following our breakfast and maintenance day on March 29. About twenty people enjoyed breakfast at Roosters in Gardner and then the majority of the group headed to Bill and Donna Groh's house to



work on bikes. There were parts of all types lying around and fortunately there weren't any "left overs" when they were finished.

The first dinner ride, led by Paul and Cheryl Korb, on April 3 was a cold and rainy one. Only four bikes ventured out in the weather to ride to the Longbranch Steakhouse in Overland Park while the rest of us came on four wheels. A fun time was had by all that attended and we hoped for warmer and drier weather for the next outing.

On April 11, Joe Magnant and Eric Wadman led a group of eight on the Moonshine Lunch Run. The group left Kansas City around 7:30 a.m. on I-70 toward Effingham, Illinois. A late breakfast stop in Columbia at Lucy's Café provided a morning break. The welcome dinner was held on Friday evening in Casey. The Moonshine Lunch Run is a community event for the area with proceeds going to local charities. Last year, \$9000 was donated. Information about the event can be found at http://moonshine-run.com/Moonshine/. What started with two people sharing a burger in 2004 has grown to 3,251 burgers being served in 2014 at the tenth annual Moonshine Lunch Run. The group met several riders that had ridden over one thousand miles to attend. One gentleman rode over 1900 miles and met up with a friend along the way that rode 1650 miles. The 450 miles from Kansas City were nothing compared to those long distance riders.

Casey, Illinois is the rendezvous point and the closest town

to the Moonshine General Store which is located about twelve miles away in a very remote and rural area. The weather was perfect this year thus the turnout was the largest ever seen. Our group explored the "World's Largest Wind Chime" and a covered bridge over



the old Cumberland Trail before riding to the Moonshine General Store on Saturday morning. The arrival time of 10:30 a.m. was great as it was only about a ten to fifteen minute wait in line for a hamburger. Some who arrived later waited about an hour.

The hamburgers, paid for on the honor sys-

tem, were delicious. Burgers, bikes, and friends were enjoyed by all. The paved roads coming into Moonshine were so packed with bikes that Chapter B members chose to leave via the country roads. A low water bridge was the



next adventure and Ed James and Mick Schurer, being the new guys on the trip, had to be initiated. The back roads were ridden as the group headed west toward the Cahokia Mounds just outside of St. Louis. Cahokia was one of the largest cities in the world and actually larger than London in 1250 AD. Saturday night was spent in Farmington, MO where The Catfish Kettle provided an excellent family style dinner of catfish, shrimp, and chicken. More back roads led the group across Missouri on Sunday. With skies that looked like rain was coming, no time was wasted crossing Missouri. The group split up at Harrisonville. Some got home right before the heavy rain started, while others weren't as lucky and had wind, rain, and hail. Except for the last fifty miles of weather and colder temperatures, the trip was fantastic and Mick Schurer, Ed James, 'Big Dave' Patton, Roger and Melissa Shores, Allen Robertson, Eric Wadman, and Joe Magnant are looking forward to next year. Chapter B events for May:

May 1 - Dinner Ride

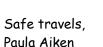
May 3 - Warm Springs Ranch Ride

May 10 - Surprise Ride

May 15 - Chapter Meeting

May 17 - Thunder on the Smoky

May 31 - Breakfast Ride





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It is finally deciding to warm up a bit in Kansas and the chapter actually was able to go on a ride on motorcycles. We went to 5 Guys Burgers in Lawrence. We left with three bikes and upon arrival we were joined by 5 other people, some on two wheels some on four. We were joined by members from Chapter B which always makes for a great time. The food was great and nobody was asked to leave by management. I think 5 Guys have finally figured the french fry orders were too large. We got a small order and it was considerably smaller than the last time, however their small order is enough to feed 2 with some left so it's not a complaint. I think their management just got tired of throwing away potatoes. After finishing our meals and exhausting our tall tales for the evening we proceed back home on a nice cool evening without wind, rain, or critters to interfere.

The following is a well appreciated trip report from Teresa Gull:

John and I attended the Region H Rally in Marshall, Texas. They had a great turnout. We had a great time even though we were rained on both going down and coming back. On the way down, we stayed at a really neat hotel in McAlester, OK called the Happy Days Hotel. It is the 60's theme and it is way too cool. They have "Elvis Presley parking" only and all violators' will be all shook up". They also have Angel's Diner right there and the Great Balls of Fire Entertainment Center which consists of a bowling alley, black light miniature golf, video arcade games, bumper cars, a small hamburger café and a bar and lounge. It is all family owned and we thought it was fun to see. At the rally, we took the trike course that was very informative. They provided a tour of the Capitol which we weren't able to go on because of the trike course but we did ride by it and it is beautiful on the outside. We plan to go to the rally next year and hopefully they will have the tour again. They had an art class where the attendees actually painted a picture. We didn't do it but I think it would be interesting. We don't have many artistic bones in our bodies. The Kansas Twisters were there to perform and they are awesome. We had the shield put behind the back seat of our trike to help prevent wind buffeting and I think it is wonderful. I had talked to several ladies that had them and

really liked them so we decided to try it and to our fortune a vendor was there. As always, I had fun shopping for girly things at the rally and they had plenty of it.

Brenda and I attended the Louisiana district rally for the third year in a row. As always it was a good rally but they even had a reduction in vendors as compared to previous years. Being low on vendors didn't keep us from spending too much money anyway. We took the scenic route to Lafayette by way of Austin, TX to visit our daughter her husband and two kids. They have a third on the way so the women had lots to talk about for the upcoming baby while grandpa got entertained by the two year old.

When we rode from Austin to Lafayette I was surprised. In the 400 mile trip I saw two Goldwings. One was for sale along the side of the road and the other was being ridden by a Houston police officer. I figured we would either pass other riders going to the rally or they would pass us which I thought was very odd.

I didn't even see the third Wing until I actually turned into the Motel parking lot. There were plenty of bikes there and plenty more arrived later.

Upon arrival the Keystone Kops must have been in town because it took us three keys and four people to get into our room. The desk clerk (a new guy) said we got a free upgrade to an inside room and circled the correct room on the motel map. We lugged our luggage up the stairs and the key didn't work then I checked the number he had written and it was off by 100 rooms. We chased down a cleaning lady to find the room and she said stay there and took off. When she came back all rooms with similar room numbers were occupied, but not by us, so it was back to the front desk after we took our luggage back downstairs. We got a second key the desk manager said they had made a mistake and the room we were at was the correct room so it was luggage back up the stairs and a key that didn't work. The cleaning lady said don't move and off she went again. Back she came with another person and key number three. It worked so we finally got in the room. Problem solved we thought.

The next day Brenda was in the room and housekeeping came in and asked why we were still there. Brenda chased me down and it was back to the front desk. We had used rewards points for one night and the new guy messed up the computer entry. While talking to the desk manager she asks me if I wanted to get drunk on them or breakfast. We took breakfast and ended up with two free breakfast buffets each so all was not lost. The Ramada Inn folks were great in straightening out the mix-up and I got plenty of exercise moving luggage up and down the stairs.

We were fortunate on the trip as we got sprinkled on one time for about two miles. The rest of the trip was just dealing with high winds one day and low temperatures other than when in Louisiana. Thank you Gerbings.

We held our monthly meeting on the 15th. Bill Hanson led things off with a rehash of emergency braking. The reason was that Jamie Conway came up with another "we are retired ride" so Bill and John joined him without co-riders. They were near Matfield Green Jamie passed a car on a double line, which Bill found odd and when he looked up he saw why as he made a panic stop with John making one right behind him. Bill said it was so quick he hoped John didn't hit him. What happened was that some guy had stopped in the middle of the road in a curve talking to somebody on a 4 wheeler where there was no shoulder. Bill said he ask the guy none too politely if he was trying to get somebody killed and he said yes. John didn't admit to what he said but he was getting apologies from a woman in the car. As it turned out all ended well but it was a good teaching point for the meeting.

Ron Crawford continued with the meeting finalizing the requirements for maintenance day at Ken & Arlene Felch's home on the 26th. Ron also said the American Legion was looking for volunteers for assisting with refueling bikes on the turnpike for the Run to the Wall. I forgot the date of the event but if you want to volunteer to help contact Ron and he can fill you in. He did say the return toll will be paid.

We had the 50/50 drawing Teresa won the large prize and Brenda won the small one. Ken won the door prize. John had won a box of chocolates at the region rally but being allergic to hazelnuts he had to get them out of the house before Teresa could slip one into some of his food.

Brenda and I were considering purchasing a new trike in the future. With plans of riding various trikes at Wing Ding in Madison and then trying to decide if we should get a 2014 or wait to see what the 2015's were going to be like. Well with the best laid plans of mice and men we were talking with Teresa Gull and she came up with the bright idea to ride to Russellville, AR to look at their trikes since they have an excellent selection available. John and Teresa bought their 2012 Roadsmith there and are very happy with it. We rode down on Tuesday and stopped by on Wednesday. I saw a new 2013 NAVI bike that was the color I wanted so I started talking with a salesman. He let us take a Roadsmith and a Hannigan for a test ride. I was 99% sure I wanted a Roadsmith but the test ride changed my mind quick, so anybody thinking trike, ride any you are considering and on the same route if possible. When we finished the rides we started talking numbers and came to an agreement on the 2013 NAVI and were working out the details on getting a Hannigan kit for it. The salesman went away for a bit to check on some things and when he came back he said he would really like to sell me the 2013 base model we had ridden (it was the right color) if I didn't insist on the NAVI option. I said give me a number he did and we left that afternoon on the base model. It sounds like a spur of the moment decision but we've been looking and discussing a trike for over a year. Excuse my bragging but we really like that trike.

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Spring has sprung...but then it goes back to winter again. It seems as though sometimes we can get all four seasons in a 24 hour period. We try to take advantage of the spring weather while we have it.

On one of our spring periods we went to visit the Chapter B that is in Desoto. The room was full and if they keep growing they may have to find a larger meeting room. We didn't know a lot of people there any more but we had a good time meeting new ones and visiting the old and new friends. Bill and Donna Groh was so gracious to let us spend the night with them so we would not have to drive so many miles back home so late.

We went to our meeting and had a good turn out. Several people got up and told of different things of interest. We take a brown bag lunch and someone brings dessert and it is always good.

On March 30 at 1:52 AM we had an earthquake that shook our house. I happened to be the one awake at that time to feel it. It looks like California is sharing their earthquakes with us here in the middle of the country. But I would prefer that they keep them.

We rode down to Rogers, AR to a motorcycle ride in. We were there 2 full days and the weather was wonderful. We had good weather going down, 2 beautiful days of riding around that beautiful country, and another good day to ride home. When we got home the weather turned bad again. So we had to have a few more days of winter again, and that was the middle of April.













Now we are back to spring again. We had our Chapter supper ride with wonderful weather to ride in. We went to the 160 Cafe in Burden. We had a great turnout with 21 attending. Chapter P and Chapter Q joined us for the meal. We had a lot of visiting and laughter and good food.

We are ready for good weather so we can all get out and ride our bikes and trikes. Wishing safe riding to all.

Everett and Carol Chastain

May 3-5th Region Rally in Marshall Texas.

There was two bikes and one car left Douglas at 7 AM for Marshall.

We stopped and Ponca City for breakfast and continued on in a southerly direction.

We arrived in Marshall, in time for opening ceremonies and the trip out to the ranch for supper.

The weather going down which much better than expected and the weather in Marshall was great.

The Region staff put on one heck of a good rally. We stayed at the Holiday Inn Express and for near \$90 a night. We were very unsatisfied with our accommodations. I think it will be a while before we stay at that motel again. We did eat good while we were down there. We had a Whataburger, we ate at the Catfish Express, and Rick Kistler and I tried some alligator, it is different in the way that it faced as well as the texture of the meat, but it was very, very tasty. I would order it the next time we go to Marshall. We also had Long John Silvers and we had Chinese food on Highway 80 that was very good. We also ate at the Waffle House the morning that we left.

We drove back in some miserable wet, cool cold, rainy weather in some cases it was raining hard enough that we had to slow down to 35 and 40 mile an hour on a 75 mile an hour highway. Rick and I put Walmart bags over our gloves to keep them dry. We should have put Walmart bags on our feet as well, but we didn't. And no matter what people tell me, from talk suits will not keep you dry. A 6 1/2 hour trip home took us 11 hours, because we stopped off in to get out of the rain. But all in all it was a good fun trip and all of our group got back home safely.

Tom and Carolyn Colahan was in the car that followed our group and the girls [Janis and Brenda] rode in the car on the way back. This was on Sunday, April 6. Unfortunately, one week later and without any warning Dale Tritsch from chapter H call me early on April 13 and inform me that Tom had passed away. Tom's funeral was held on April 18 and Tom would have been very proud of his family and friends that showed up to give their respects.

At the request of Carolyn there were no pictures taken. The GW RRA had an excellent showing of 36 people at approximately 11 bikes and trikes. The Patriot Guard of Salina showed up and they had approximately 9 motorcycles of various makes and models and the Navy honor guard was at the gravesite. The Patriot Guard stood around the gravesite all flying American flags and the Navy honor guard played taps and then folded the American flag off the coffin and gave it Carolyn. It was a very beautiful and moving ceremony. Please look at the website under special notices for more information

April 19 chapter Q held their annual maintenance day in Udall. I didn't get a count as to how many were at the affair but there was a very decent crowd and although I don't believe much maintenance took place. We had one heck of a good time shoot the bull telling stories and eating which are some of things that go wingers do best. Thank you. Jack and Teresa for sponsoring this activity every year.

Birthdays

Lajuana Pena 5/25 Everett Chastain 5/17

Anniversary's

Russell and Lois Harrold 5/1
Gerald passed away **** Patty Sivits 5/8
Steve and Lajuana Pena 5/25

In short, that's about it for this month. Until next month. Ride safe, Ride often.





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From your Chapter Directors



Terry & Judy Mann

This month got off to a good start with several from our chapter going to the Region H convention in Marshall TX. But unfortunately just a week later our good friend and scrapbook editor Tom Colahan passed away from an apparent heart attack. Thanks to all the GWRRA members that attended and rode their bikes to escort Tom to his final resting place.

Terry and Judy Mann, KS-H directors.

From your Assistant Chapter Directors



Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch

We have been busy working with Terry, Bill, Marvin, and our members to get KS-H on the way to a fun year and a goal of Chapter of the Year. Our attendance at gatherings has been fantastic. Everyone who is able participates in as many events as they can. We definitely have a great group in our chapter. We want all to express their thoughts on how we can make our chapter better. We want all to have fun and get in on as many seminars as possible. We have some of the best trainers and educators in GWRRA in our Region and District. They are willing to share their knowledge and schedule events for us.

From your Chapter Educator



Marvin Ayers

Rider Ed. Bits: What do you think about as you throw a leg over your Goldwing? When was the last time I did a T-CLOCS? What was it that I was taught in the Experienced Rider Course? Do I really need to gear up -- I'm just going to the store? Simple questions – but why did they pop into your head? Because you are a GWRRA member and you are committed to riding safe. As the Rider Education motto states, "Safety is for Life". As GWRRA Rider Education strives "To Save Lives Through Quality World Class Education" you are the result of all the dedication and hard work of GWRRA Instructors and Trainers. So be confident in your training and trust in your skills. Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge is not just a catchy phrase – it is what the GWRRA is all about. Safety and Knowledge leads to Friends for Fun. Ride Safe,

Marv

From your Chapter MEC



Bill Watts

Wow, almost May already; of course it always seems to happen like that when the weather starts getting warmer and our outside activities start to get going, i.e. riding and spending time with our GWRRA Family. And we all know the down side is that we all get so busy enjoying the weather that it will be gone about as soon as it got here and we won't want to see it go. To say that it has been a busy past month would be an understatement. We as a chapter have had some good laughs and good times this past month and we have all shed tears as well and we all still have a heavy heart with the recent passing of our Brother and great friend Tom Colahan. I know I speak for all of us when I say we will all miss him dearly but I know in my heart he would say carry on and have fun doing so!

On March 30th 6 bikes and 10 riders gathered at Kmart parking lot and took off for a mystery ride and lunch. It was warm but the winds out of the south were blowing so we knew real quick that an East or West heading was not a good idea so we headed north to Salina and had a wonderful family style lunch at Martinelli's Little Italy restaurant (great pasta and salad) and after lunch we headed back to Hutchinson and as promised, we stopped in McPherson at Braum's for ice cream before heading for home. It was great ride except for the wind. When we did have to go east for a bit and it dawned on me that if we were to always wait for perfect riding weather in Kansas we would not ride these investments, aka motorcycles, very much!

We had eight Chapter members attend the Region H convention in Marshall, Texas on April 3rd - 5th and two members attended the Louisiana Rally April 10th-12th.

Chapter H hosted a Road Captains course on April 19th. We had a great turnout and Bill Tucker and Rick Stevens did a great job instructing and everyone in attendance either got certified as a Road Captain or a Co-Captain.

We have been contacted by one person requesting information about our Chapter and we have been in personal contact with two other people and have invited all of these contacts to come and join us. They have been given all of our information as far as meeting time and place. I personally have been riding as much in the evenings as I can when I get off work; sometimes it's just a short ride 329320 and sometimes time allows me to ride for a couple hours in the evenings, or as I say, ride as far as I can with the daylight I have and get turned back around and get home before dark. I have pushed it to the edge of darkness a few evenings. So I am extending an invitation to each of you that if you think you may want to take an evening ride shoot me a text and let me know because I will most likely be thinking the same thing.

I want to close with a few reminders that the Hoof and Horn Dinner ride is April 25th instead of the 26th and keep inviting anyone you know that may be looking for group to join. They are and always will be welcome in the GWRRA.

Ride Safe Bill Watts Chapter H M.E.C.

From your Chapter COY



Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch

We were at the Region H Convention in Marshall, TX. Had a good time there.

The new Region H Couple of the Year are Jim and Reba Berry from Louisiana.



Mike & Lorie Judice are the new LA District Couple of the Year. Congratulations to them.



From your Chapter Newsletter Editors



Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch

We had a good turnout for our meeting on March 27. Good time, learned a few things, good food, fantastic friends.













There were 8 of us from KS-H at the Region H rally in Marshall, TX.















On the first day we went to the Josey Ranch for a welcome party. They had some of the best burgers in the country. Everyone had their fill and a good time.







The vendors







It was the first time for Tritsch's Stitches (Dale & Georgeanna). We did alright for our first time. It was fun meeting everyone and finding out what people like from us.

Our next destination was the Louisiana State Convention. We went to our daughter's for three days before going on to Lafayette, LA. We crossed Galveston Bay via ferry boat. That was fun.





The sunrise on the Gulf of Mexico was neat.

The folks in Lafayette (pronounced Lay Fayette) were a lot of fun. The theme was, as always, Mardi Gras Madness. It was! There were costumes and dances and decorations galore.







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Once again Tritsch's Stitches was there and we did good. We found out that sewing on patches is going to be a big item. Some new members to GWRRA brought in their new vests and patches they wanted placed before the event was over. We work well with R T Shirts. Marty (Marty Grass) & Ruth Dannar sell shirts and we put on names or other lettering. We sold hats, hat bands, and chap patches. Everyone likes our work. Thank you Louisiana for a good time and lots of new friends.



A big congratulation to Red Rousseau for being appointed the new LA District Director. He will do a good job and he definitely has fun in mind for the district.

Who is a Visitor to your Chapter Gathering?

We recently had someone ask a question about visitors. When you are doing a Chapter Gathering Attendance Report (CGAR), do you count someone who is visiting from another chapter as a visitor?

The answer is no. The reason is really quite simple. Every member of GWRRA is a member of every chapter and therefore even though they are just "visiting" a chapter away from the one they normally affiliate with, they are still members nonetheless.

The visitors that we should be reporting on these reports are really prospective or potential members of GWRRA. These are our friends who want to check out what we do and why we seem to always be going to something on our motorcycles and talking about all the FUN we are having. We should do everything we can to make them feel welcome and wanted in our family of friends.

We hope to see you all in Marshall and Lafayette! Let the good times roll!

Steve and Billie Fleming Region H Membership Enhancement Coordinators

A Spring Quiz for the Motorcyclist!

Sam & Anita Belinoski

Region H Rider Educator

1. Gasoline evaporates when sitting in your tank for several months.

True or False

- 2. If you have varnish deposits in your engine, which of these steps do you need to take to clean them out?
- A. Dump the float bowls on the carburetor.
- B. Properly dispose of any gas that remains.
- C. Clean out any residue with carb cleaner.
- D. All of the above.
- 3. How can you prevent varnish buildup before storing your bike?
- A. Make sure to store your bike with no gas in it.
- B. Remove the carburetor and store it separately.
- C. Add fuel stabilizer in your last tankful before winter.
- D. Store the bike with the wheels off the ground.
- 4. If your tank was low when you stored it, you should drain the fuel and start over.

True or False

5. A trickle charger won't revive a dead battery if you haven't had it hooked up all winter long.

True or False

6. Checking tire pressure after months of nonuse can produce an incorrect reading.

True or False

7. You may need to add brake fluid when taking your bike out of storage.

True or False

8. You don't need to check your air filter after storage because you haven't been running the engine.

True or False

Answers to the Spring Quiz:

- 1-True At least, some of the chemicals in gasoline do if left untreated. What remains can harden into a brown substance called varnish.
- 2-D Varnish can clog the small jets in a carburetor, leading to sluggish performance, hard starting or even no starting. In addition to the steps above, you might need to unscrew the jets and clean them too.
- 3-C Also, run the engine for a few minutes before storing, to make sure the treated fuel works its way through the carb. (While D is a good tip for other reasons, it has nothing to do with varnish buildup.)
- 4-True Condensation can build up in a mostly empty tank. Draining the tank is the best way to get rid of it.
- 5-True If your battery is dead in the spring, a trickle charger will breathe new life into it. You also might want to add distilled water to any cells in the battery that need it.
- 6-False Checking "cold" (room-temperature) tires is the BEST way to get an accurate reading. Checking them "hot" (immediately after riding), will skew the numbers. Check your pressure when taking the bike out of storage and fill the tires to the pressure recommended by the vehicle manufacturer.
- 7-True Just because your brakes were working when you put the bike away doesn't mean they still will when you take it out. Check to make sure they're operating smoothly and add fluid if necessary; you don't want to find out your brakes are not working after you get up to speed.
- 8-False Yes, you should check the air filter. You never know what critter may have set up housekeeping in there!

The district will be having the campout at Council Grove on Jun 21-22 for those of you that camp. The cost of a campsite is \$10 a night. Campers have hookups for electric and water and there is space for tents. Watch for more info and check the web site www.gwrraks.com

<u>Upcoming Events</u>

Because of several conflicting events on May 22, our next gathering will be changed to another date.

That date will be announced at our gathering on April 24.

- April 25 Supper ride to Hoof N Horn in Sedgwick -- helmet time 5:30 pm at K Mart in Hutchinson, KS
- April 26 District Spring Ride to Greensburg -- helmet time 9:30 am at K Mart in Hutchinson, KS brown bag at Greensburg park (there is a Dillon's and Kwik Shop in Greensburg) bring a lawn chair, blanket, or grass stained jeans
- May 2 Supper ride to Barb's in Turon, KS -- helmet time 5:30 pm at K Mart lot in Hutchinson, KS combined supper ride and bug run
- May 8 10 Texas District Convention in Tyler, TX Harvey Convention Center 2000 W Front Street, Tyler TX

May 17

- Mystery Ride -- helmet time 10:30 am at K Mart lot in Hutchinson, KS
- May 23 Mann Branson Ride -- to be announced at May 24 gathering
- May 22 24 Arkansas District Convention in Harrison, AR

North Arkansas College South Campus 1515 Pioneer DR Harrison, AR 72601

Birthdays

Nancy Hazen May 3

Appiversaries

Mark and Carolyn Goering May 1

Jim & Sedena Shaw May 5

Jeff & Ann Whithorn May 7

Our regularly scheduled gathering is 7pm on the 4th Thursday of the month. We go to the Sirloin Stockade on 17th street in Hutchinson, KS (just a little west of 17th & K-61 Hwy).

We begin the feeding frenzy at 6pm.

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

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

(it pays to be a member and attend gatherings)

Hey, get in on a good thing. 50/50 is 7 for \$5 or 15 for \$10. Did you find your membership number? Better read me again.

Communication is the key to a smooth operation. Have Fun & Ride Safe

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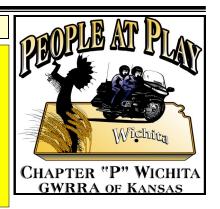
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Meeting Night - Friday, May 9th - Brown Bag at 6:30pm Meeting 7:00pm

Derby Church of Christ 225 N. Derby St,

Derby Ks. 67037 in the fellowship hall at the south

end of the building

RIDES-Chapter P six members and one guest at the Chapter F Ride



Kansas Group Region H after closing dinner. Thanks to Doris and Jack for setting it up.





Almost one year to the day we replaced the Goldwing which was lost year on our way to region H. I had to ride her home in the rain what a fitting start for this GL-1800.

Rick & Carolyn Stevens are in charge of the rides and dessert for May



May Birthdays-

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

Chapter Q - Wellington



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Well this year's maintenance day has come and gone, but what a great day we had the sun was shining and of course it is Kansas so we had some wind. The final count for the day was 22 bikes and approximately 30 to 35 people. There was a lot of visiting and a little work, so we had something for everyone. We started our day at 9:00am and by the time the last bikes pulled out we closed the doors around 3:00pm.

Our day started with Casey's donuts courtesy of Charlie Brashear & Teenie. After that several of us put together some potato soup for lunch. Thanks go out to everyone who brought side dishes and desserts to go along with our lunch.

As your Chapter Directors we would like to say we truly enjoy days like this and hope that we continue to see all of you at the many upcoming events, not only within our chapter, but also around the state and region.

Now for those upcoming events:

May 3rd - Ride to Hutchison for
Lunch and then a tour of the Salt Mine

May 4th - BRC at Wichita

May 8 - 10th - Texas Convention

May 22 - 24 - Arkansas Convention

Also keep in mind the regular Chapter Meetings everyone is always welcome to attend any and all the meetings each month.

> May Birthdays: Jim Owens 29th Norma Wirtz 31st

Anniversary: Rodger & Gayle Webb 23rd

Until the next time, Jack & Teresa Kistler





Kansas Chapter Couples 2014

CHAPTER A COUPLE OF THE YEAR Robert & Barb Brown



CHAPTER F COUPLE OF THE YEAR Rick & Brenda Kistler



CHAPTER B COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Steve & Brenda Milam



CHAPTER H COUPLE OF THE YEAR Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch



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The Kansas Twisters

Drill Team

Steve Bockhaus, Team Captain



We certainly hope that you got to see our show in Marshall Texas. Most have told us that it was impressive and we thank you for the compliments. For us the highlight of the Region H Rally was the time we got to spend with Ray Garris. Now most people associate Ray with the office of GWRRA Director. We recognize him as a member of the Arizona Drill Team. While visiting with him, we got many pointers on how to improve our routines and performances. He asked us several questions and then gave us a lot of advise. Ray then watched our show and gave us much needed critique. He then told us that he felt that we are doing well. Thank You Ray, we really appreciated the insight.





Just before the show, we recognized the support and encouragement that we have received over the last several months from Gill Gray, Jack Wagner and Jack Schoeck. They we all given an I Love the Kansas Twisters ball caps. These 3 men were behind us all the way in forming this team and gave us personal support at the times we questioned our sanity about taking on this challenge. Once again "Thank You for your support."



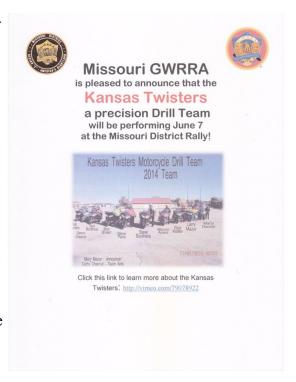


Twisters, Continued

While we were in Marshall, we met with Bruce Watkins, the District Director of Missouri. He has asked us to perform at the Missouri District Rally in Branson. The show will be on June 7th (Saturday). The time has not yet been set.

Please make a point to see us there. It is always good to see familiar faces in the audience. We are working hard on the new routine that will be doing there.

For those who were not in Marshall and cannot attend the Missouri rally but want to see us, we practice most every Saturday at the riding range across the street west of the Mid America All Indian Center in Wichita. All are welcome to watch, just check with any member as to the time as they sometimes vary. We can also be seen on you tube. Just search "Kansas Twisters Region H" and you will find the show we did in Marshall.



If you can make it to Wing Ding in Madison Wisconsin, we will be there also. The last I checked, the show will be on Friday July 4. We could really use the support there as we represent the riders of Kansas GWRRA.

See you down the road and ride safe.



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May 4, 2014 Rider Education BRC2 class

May 8-10, 2014: Texas Convention, Tyler

May 23-25, 2014: Arkansas Convention, Harrison

May 31, 2014 Rider Education Trike Course

June 20-22, 2014: District Campout, Council Grove Kansas

August 9, 2014 Rider Course Trailering or BRC2

September 6, 2014 Rider Course Trike Trailering

September 12-13, 2014: Kansas Convention, Abilene Kansas

"Where Rails meet the Trails"

September 21, 2014 District Brown Bag Ride to Wamego

September 25-27, 2014: Oklahoma District Rally, Shawnee OK.

November 15, 2014: Region Staff Meeting, Marshall, TX

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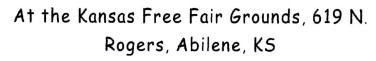
January: Kansas Mid Winter Rendezvous, Park City, KS

March 26-28: Louisiana District Rally, Lafayette

April 16-18: Region 'H' Rally, Marshall, TX

Kansas District Convention

"Where The Rails Meet the Trails"



September 12-14, 2014



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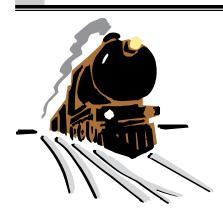
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