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GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION KANSAS DISTRICT

Region 'H'

2017 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Nov 3-5: Region 'H' Ride-In, Start in Van Buren AR

2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

March 17: Kansas One Day Summit/Retreat, Hutchinson KS

April 7: Trike Course, Wichita KS

April 12-14: Louisiana Rally

April 22: MSF BRC2 Wichita KS

May 5: Both Trailering Courses (TTRC-TC) Wichita KS

May 17-19: Texas Rally

May 22: Rain Day for above courses

TBD Arkansas Rally

June 14-16: Kansas Rally, Pittsburg Kansas

September 27-29: Oklahoma Rally

Aug 28/Sept 1: Wing Ding Knoxville TN

CHAPTER MEETING TIMES IN ORDER OF OCCURANCE

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

A Message from your District Directors



Kansas Monthly Newsletter Region 'H'

Bill & Sarah Watts

Grand Master Riders

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Greetings to all of our G.W.R.R.A. Family and Friend,

Wow it is hard to believe the month of October has passed us by but it has and before we know it the Holidays will be upon us. Sarah and I do hope all is well with all of you and you're Family.

October has been a fun filled month as we had the District Campout the first weekend of the month at Council Grove Lake. And to bring all of you that missed it let me give each of you just a little overview of what you missed. Friday evening we had Jack Schoeck's famous Hobo Stew for dinner but we were not able to have our bon fire due to some strong winds. We did have Popcorn and plenty of fun. Saturday morning we had a Breakfast ride and some great food at Stacey's Kitchen in Junction City then an afternoon of fun and fellowship back at the camp grounds.

Saturday evening we had Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Brats and yes of course all kinds of other great food to go with them after dinner. There were 3 different flavors of homemade Ice Cream and a movie under the stars with popcorn and a bon fire on a beautiful early fall night.

Sunday morning we were served some of the best Pancakes and Sausage you could get anywhere. I can only sum the entire weekend up with it was FUN, FUN, and more FUN and we missed all of you that were not with us. We do hope you are making you plans to come out in 2018 because the FUN is going to continue.

I know that most of our Kansas Chapters have held their planning meeting for the coming year. I have had the opportunity to see most of the schedules and trust me; the FUN is going to continue there as well. We honestly believe that any of our members can and will be able to find something they would like to do with any of our District Chapters and we do encourage everyone to participation with any of them.

I would also like to take the opportunity to Congratulate and say Thank you to all of our members that took the R.C.C. course on 10-22-17 in El Dorado and a big 'Thank you' to our Rider Ed Team for putting on another great training class.

Please remember that just because another great riding season is nearing the end there is and will still be plenty of things still going on with all of our Chapters and trading either two or three wheels for four to get you there is good.

If by chance we don't see some of you over the next month Sarah and I want to wish each of you and your Families, a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Ride or Drive Safe and Stay Warm, Bill and Sarah Watts, Kansas District Directors.

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CHAPTER 'C'



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CHAPTER 'F'



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CHAPTER 'H'



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CHAPTER 'P'



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CHAPTER 'Q'







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RANGE AIDES

Carolyn Stevens Rick Kistler Hello all,

What great weather for our October 22nd RCC "Road Captain Course" which was at The Old Depot in El Dorado KS.

Nineteen people attended the classroom session. After completion of the morning session, each participant was assigned to a group. Each group comprised of four bikes/trikes met with their group monitor. Rick Steven had Group 'A', Bob Brown 'B' and I had 'C'.

After the road riding practice, the groups returned to the depot to discuss the group ride and answer questions.

Each participant received a Certificate, Completion Card and a "Road Captain" or "Co-Road Captain" rocker.

The next Rider Education activity is March 17th in Hutchinson Kansas. We are partnering up with Leadership Training to present a full day of very interesting and 'fun' seminars and University Modules. The event is FREE.

We are working on the schedule and hopefully will be presenting it at Mid-Winter Rendezvous if not before. Any questions should be directed to Mark Classen District Trainer. If you know of a seminar/module you would like included let Mark know.

Below is a repeat from last month's article.

March 17: 'Kansas Summit & Retreat Event. This is a non-riding activity that will be a one day of Rider Education Seminars and University Modules to inform and educate. It also will be valuable to the folks that are in the Level's program. Great opportunity to renew your commitment to safe riding. FREE



We debated if this should be 1 day, 1 1/2 days, 2 day s. Because it is a new activity for Kansas the committee decided to try a one day event. If it is well attended, we will consider more time next year.

April 7: TRC-R. This is a Trike Course without the classroom session. Must have taken the classroom one time to attend this training. GWRRA Rider Education approved this non-classroom course because of the number of people that take the full day course were getting tired of taking the classroom portion over and over.

What I proposed was to have both, but the activity schedule is very full with the Chapter events and District activities it is difficult to find a slot that would not be on top of a Chapter or District event. Rider Ed doesn't want to do that.

April 22: BRC2. This is a two wheel advanced MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) Session. May 5: TC &TTRC. This is the Trailering course for two wheels and Trikes.

ENROLLMENT IS OPEN FOR ALL THE RIDING COURSES

Email Bill Tucker at wtucker1@cox.net

We will be sponsoring one or more Medic First Aid Classes in 2018. If a chapter has enough people to have a class this year (2017), let me know.

"PRACTICE MAKES PERMENANT! YOU ARE WHAT YOU PRACTICE!"

Bill & Sheila Tucker, Sr. District Educators

The CE's: Bob Brown, Rick Stevens, Bill Hanson, Eric Wadman, Duane Kalous, Jack Schoeck



The Happenings at the Annual Kansas District Campout

Submitted by Bill & Sheila Tucker, your District Event Coordinators

What a fantastic campout this year. One the best with excellent attendance. If memory serves me right we had 34 campers and non-campers sign the attendance roster during the Friday and Saturday activities.

For me it began around 4pm Thursday evening, when I arrived at the Santa Fe Trails campgrounds. I was the first to arrive. Got the RV set up then headed for the 3 mile drive into town to grab some supper. Googled restaurants in Council Grove and found the Saddlerock Café. WOW! What super good tasting food. Although they were busy, I was waited on and served within 10-15 minutes of my arrival. It was so good I went back Friday morning at 6am and had breakfast and was not disappointed in either the service or quality of food.

Back to Thursday evening. Around dark, Gattenby arrived and shortly after their arrival the Schoecks came driving in. After everyone got set up we sat around and visited.

I got up Friday morning around 5:30, showered and all that stuff then had my breakfast. Then off to Mulvane to get Sheila, Tucker (our dog) and my trike. We got to the camp site around noon.

Twelve more units/couples arrived Friday. We all enjoyed the Hobo Stew and many desserts, then sat back and visited.

Later in the evening, as most wingers do when travelling, we kept an eye on the weather because of the forecast. It was quickly decided that the motorcycles had to be put under cover. We moved tables in the shelter to make room for three trikes and two bikes. Jack and Gene left their bikes in their enclosed trailers. Sure enough, a lot of rain and wind throughout the night, no damage to anything.

The only disappointment I had was we didn't get to get the campfire going to make the smores, roast the marshmallows and cook campfire pies Friday night. Too windy for any kind of fire. Other than that all activities we planned happened.

Saturday morning, 6am, I joined Dennis Kramer and Gene Shannon at the coffee pot. We discussed the weather and about anything else we could think of. A short time later, we were joined by other campers.

At 7:45am we had our pre-ride meeting for the breakfast ride to Junction City to eat at Stacey's Cafe. Except for three couples everyone rode or drove to eat. We were greeted by Don & Brenda Williams from KSC and a short time later Rick & Rite Thompson, KSC joined us. Again, we were not disappointed in the food or service. Garry VanBuskirk didn't have anything to do so he timed the waitress from the time she took our order until we received it. Why? We were curious how long it would take to get our food because there must have been at least 80 people in the back room. Fifteen minutes after our order was taken all four of us were served our meal. What we won't do to entertain ourselves. Unbelievable!

After the super meal with full tummies, we drove across the street and topped off our machines for our ride back to home base with Jack Schoeck leading IN HIS TRUCK. Yep! He was cold and the cab of the truck was warm. He did pick a very good curvy road and I'm sure all enjoyed it. The Thompson joined us on the ride, with the Browns, Gene Shannon, Dennis Kramer, Me, Rick & Brenda Kistler and Bill & Sarah Watts in the caravan. Hope I didn't leave anyone out. Not sure where Don & Brenda Williams went but it was good to see them at breakfast.

Upon our return to camp, we had a few more folks join us the rest of the day's activities.

On the evening agenda was Hotdogs, brats, hamburgers all the trimmings and outstanding desserts provided by everyone. Sheila, Phyllis, Francis Dalsing, Gary Ohler, Rick K. tended to the ice cream mixers. Thanks to them and maybe others, we had homemade DQ ice cream. Vanilla and Vanilla with strawberries. The toppings were chocolate and Caramel.

With a lot of help, Gene Shannon got the campfire going which was enjoyed by most. The finale for the evening was by Bill & Sarah. They came up the idea of a movie for all to enjoy along with popcorn. They brought the movie "Max" and with help from Dale Tritsch and others got everything set up and projected it on the side of their white cargo trailer. What a neat idea. But the popcorn didn't happen that night, Shucks!

As the campfire faded away so did the group, off to their RV's for a good night's rest. Did I mention that Bob & Barb Brown pitched a tent and Dennis Kramer had his Kwik Camp?

Sunday morning started the same way as Saturday morning with Dennis, Gene and me having our java in the shelter house. Breakfast was scheduled for 8:30am but Jack and his helpers fixed the pancakes a little early so everyone started eating before Sheila got her Jimmy Dean Sausage patties to the table. But she did it and all enjoyed a good breakfast.

Around 10am, people began packing and getting ready to head home. The Schoecks and Sheila & I were the last to leave pulling out around 11am.

This was a super weekend getting to visit with many folks and just enjoying each other's company. You missed out on a very busy but fun event. If you didn't make it this year, we hope you will join us next year.

I have posted pictures on the following pages. It's easier to do it that way than try to spread them around in the article. Don't be surprised to see them in other articles from folks that attended the campout and write articles for their chapter.

I thank Carol Chastain, Sarah Watts and Doris Schoeck for the pictures. The old saying? "A pictures is worth a thousand words' is certainly true this time.

Be Safe out there and remember "PRACTICE MAKES PERMENANT! YOU ARE WHAT YOU PRACTICE!.

Bill & Sheila Tucker
District Event Coordinators

The next pages have some pictures that were sent to me from Sarah Watts, Doris Schoeck and Carol Chastain. We thank them for their photo contribution.

ENJOY THE PHOTOGRAPHS

Saturday morning Inside Stacey's Restaurant



On the left, Brenda Williams, Sarah Watts, Bill Watts, Gene Shannon On the right, Don Williams, Brenda Kistler, Rick Kistler



On the left, Rick & Brenda, Don. On the right Gene Shannon Bill Watts, Sarah and Brenda Williams



Bill leaving restaurant to go on ride



On the left, Jack & Doris Schoeck, Bob Brown, Dennis Chesnut On the right, Rick & Rita Thompson, Barb Brown, Kathy Chesnut



Phyllis VanBuskirk Bill Tucker
Garry and Sheila had already went outside to
Leave. Actually Sheila took some left overs to her dog
Tucker that was in the pickup.



Sheila, The Chesnuts and 'Tucker' leaving for camp



Dennis gearing up!



Bob Checking things out & Bill & Sarah waiting





Bob and Barb setting up their home for the weekend.









Wingers doing what Wingers do very well- Talk and Eat



Sheila & Francis making the DQ Ice Cream



YEP! Its ready. We did good Francis!



Phyllis & Francis checking Ice Cream



Don't let it melt! Eat it says Kathy Chesnut and Joyce Dalsing

A few pictures of the cooks doing Hobo Stew.











Didn't have any pics of the Sunday morning pancakes by Schoeck and Sausage patties by Sheila.

The Saturday night campfire and movie



Gene working on the bond fire



Gotta get our back side warmed up!



He got it going





The movie 'MAX' was watched by many.

The following page is the rest of the photographs . Eating, talking looking, just enjoying the day and evening together.





























There was the FARKLE game in full swing and among the women was Bob Brown in the lead and HOLY MOLY, Joyce Dalsing (Pic on Left) beat him out!

Your District Team hopes everyone enjoyed themselves as much as we had making it available to all our GWRRA family and friends.

It is a 'FUN' event that all people, even if you are not a camper can really kick back and enjoy each others company for a couple of days. Sharing the campfire, eating popcorn, watching a movie.

We will be looking for you next year.

Kansas Chapters, Chapter Directors and Meeting Time & Place

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

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

Chapter Meeting Information

Chapter 'A'

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Chapter 'B'

Joe & Pam Magnant CD 913-660-5176 3rd Thursday, 7:00pm JTs Grill

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Chapter 'C'

Don & Brenda Williams, CD 785-341-4211 3rd Tuesday, 7:00pm Perkins Restaurant

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Chapter "F"

Everett & Carol Chastain, CD 620-374-7917 4th Tuesday, 7:00pm Oil Hill Elementary School 2700 W 6th, El Dorado Brown Bag– Desserts provided

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Chapter 'H'

Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch CD 620-921-5941 4th Thursday 7:00pm Gambino'sPizza

310 S Main, South Hutchinson dalet@cox.net

Chapter 'P'

David McDonald CD 316-213-5712 2nd Friday, 7:00pm Derby Church of Christ

225 N Derby St, Derby Brown Bag- Desserts Provided DennyChesnut@FlightSafety.com

Chapter 'Q'

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Hello everyone

November is upon us which means Thanksgiving and Christmas are not far away. Just a little thought about the Oklahoma rally that was held at the end of September. For those of us who attended it was a great time. There were 2 highlights of the weekend...the 1st being that the Kansas Twisters performed.



Here is Terri on her new bike!

The 2nd was the "Parade of Flags". They got a police escort to lead the way around town with the American flag leading the way, along with al 50 state flags plus the armed services flags & the POW flag. It was so great to see the traffic stop for us and to see some of the people getting out of their cars to stand at attention. (I don't know about everyone but it brought tears to my eyes to see it)



Steve has the New Mexico Flag



Terri has the Wyoming Flag



Larry and I have the Pennsylvania flag (Sorry Bob...I couldn't find you)

So now let's talk about October, which has been a very busy month for most.

1st there was the District Campout the 6th, 7th, & 8th at Counsel Grove. Hope everyone that went enjoyed themselves. Sadly I didn't get to go and no one sent me pictures so I don't have anything to show anyone L

Next up was our chapter meeting on the 12^{th} and where we all got together had a good meal and talked about what all we did and what all we were going to do .









Bob gave a great lesson on the 7 Myths of Motorcycle Riders. (Which I will try to paraphrase into a short story)

- 1 Bikers only wear leather because it looks "cool"...Leather proves to be extremely resistant to abrasion, protecting riders against scrapes & cuts, and it acts as a great insulator, keeping riders warm against the cold.
- 2 Full Faces Helmets Restrict Your Visibility...not true. Thanks to the Dept of Transportation's safety standards all helmets are required to provide at least a 210 degree field of view, which means your peripheral vision won't be affected. Don't forget a full faced helmet keeps the wind, bugs, rain & other debris off of your face. (although having the face shield up even a little bit might invite a wasp to join you on the ride...right Marty?)
- 3 Big Bikes Are Great For Beginners...wrong. Getting a big motorcycle to compensate for inexperience and to impress friends can quickly backfire and someone can end up on their butt (or even worse) which can be less than flattering.
- 4 Loud Pipes Save Lives...again not true. The loudest sound generated by a motorcycle comes from the exhaust pipes...which are directed rearward so in most cases especially when riding at highway speeds it is very unlikely that the driver in front of you will hear you coming. Remember the person driving the car probably has the window up as well as the music. Remember it's better to be seen than heard...which brings us to our next myth
- 5 Drivers WILL see you...It is always best to operate under the assumption that drivers won't see you. So ride close to the dividing line on roads and in the leftmost lane on highways (if it has a shoulder) as this will keep you out of the drivers "blind spot". Plus it will let you swerve to the left or right should something go wrong. And when driving on curves avoid "running wide" or over braking, Keep a healthy distance from the other vehicles just in case someone has to stop. Wearing bright colors helps and wearing reflective clothing during nighttime riding helps.
- 6 Roads And Streets Are Safer Than The Interstate...Guess this comes from the belief that you are better riding at lower speeds. But according to the 2007 study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Admin. 91% of all crashes between a motorcycle & car/truck occurred on non-interstate roadways. Remember the wider lanes & the lack of opposing traffic remove many dangers motorcyclist come across
- 7 If You're About To Crash...Lay It Down. There just isn't any time to make a decision other than to brake & attempt to swerve around the object ahead...and even if there was time to think about it the last place you want is to put yourself on the ground. Of course the best way to avoid an accident is to drive safely & defensively.

Remember myths belong in fairy tales...not motorcycle safety.

Now let's talk about Chapter A's Fall Foliage ride that took place the 13th, 14th & 15th. It was planned by Marty & Ruth and was another ride I didn't get to go on but Marty & Ruth sent me a LOT of pictures…here's just a few.

















Debbie Gattenby sent me a little information about this ride along with a pictures

"A huge THANK YOU to Ruth for planning and guiding Chapter A's fall foliage ride. She did an awesome job and had the trip completely laid out. The weather was perfect also. We were a little bit early for the turning of the colors but the scenery was beautiful. A great group showed up for the ride, and thank you to

all that came. A fall foliage ride can have its stories to bring back. During the ride on Talamena, my bike lost power and luckily I was able to pull into a vista all the while calling out on my CB that I had mechanical problems. Just as I stopped my bike in the vista, an emergency vehicle screamed by with sirens blaring! All I could think was that this is just NOT good timing! Sitting in the vista I knew my group would be back for me shortly and sure enough, here they came. The diagnosis was that the alternator had died and as Chris G. so appropriately put it, we did the "Ray-o-vac shuffle". After exchanging batteries, we rode to McAlester, OK and to Joe's parents' home. Poor "Red" had to stay in OK. Some

things I learned during this adventure: CB does not work when the bike has no power, duh. My sweet hubby loves me dearly. We ride with amazing group of riders all willing to help and caring for ones' safety. Except for this slight hiccup, the ride went beautifully. Truly beautiful scenery, great weather, wonderful friends, a super ride. Thanks again to Ruth and Marty for a superbly planned ride."



Only have 1 more ride to tell you about...Larry and I went on the Sedgwick County's Monkey Butt ride on the 21st. We started the morning out with a breakfast of pancakes then went on a ride with 3 of Larry Biker Buddies from his Blue Knights group. Don't know how many miles but it was a fun ride and we only got rained on a little bit. (Just enough to make us put on our Frog Toggs which then caused the rain to stop). This is our 2nd year for this ride...plus we got a new t-shirt

Hope you didn't forget about our Halloween party on the 27th & planning meeting on the 29th. They will both be after I turn this in so I will try to put a little bit of information about those in the next newsletter.

Now let's talk about what's coming up in November

Nov 4th is Chapter Qs birthday party @ the Mulvane Community Center @ 6:00 Chili & Bingo...2 things that go well together.

Nov 5th Daylight savings ends so don't forget to reset your clocks.

Nov 7th Larry Mazur's birthday (now he's old enough to retire J) I believe it's also Election Day so go out and vote.

Nov 9th is our monthly chapter meeting @ the Country Café on South Seneca. Meeting starts @ 7:00 but come early for a meal and visits with the other members.

Nov 11th Veterans Day Mary Mazur's birthday

Nov 20th Bob & Grace Vickers anniversary

Nov 23rd Thanksgiving

Nov 26th Ron & Ann Gillett's anniversary

Nov 28th Steve & Terri Bockhaus anniversary

Please remember if you would like information about a ride or event you've done or going to do please send me some information and/or pictures and I will be glad to add it here.

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

Mary Mazur, Chapter A Newsletter editor



Chapter B - DeSoto

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Twenty-six Chapter B members and friends finished the month of October with a Halloween party on October 28. Though the temperature was cool and the wind chill even cooler, a great time was had by all. The fire provided a wonderful place for cooking hot dogs and marshmallows, but also an excellent source of heat as the evening wore on. The food was plentiful with many yummy contributions from those in attendance. Only the cows were seen during the hayrack ride. Though there was some discussion about a possible deer hiding in the trees, as well as, many suggestions made about the creatures building a home and living in the Aiken pond. Maybe during warmer weather, someone will venture out to the middle of the pond to determine what is there. It was a super evening of friends, fun, and fellowship.







Allen and Lee Ann Robertson led the dinner ride on October 5 to Beethoven's in Paola. With threatening weather, there was only one motorcycle rider. However, twelve others joined John English at the restaurant. The food was excellent and plentiful and the desserts were yummy. It was a great time.

Chapter B's monthly meeting was held October 19. Eighteen members heard a report on the district campout and made plans for the chapter's participation in the Veterans' Parade in Ottawa on November 11. Chapter members tested their knowledge on popcorn in the monthly trivia contest.

Did you know that Orville Redenbacher is the number one bestselling popcorn in the world and Orville began growing popping corn in 1919, when he was just 12 years old? Because of his fame, Orville Redenbacher popcorn was distributed to the three trivia contest winners.

Chapter B events for November: November 2 - Dinner Ride November 11 - Veterans' Parade, Ottawa November 16 - Chapter Meeting

Safe Travels, Paula Aiken



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We held our supper ride on the 3rd at Marilyn's in Osage City. We had 11 people show up and only one riding was Sandy Davis. I'm not sure if she came straight from work or not, but all of the others had looked out their windows and decided the prudent mode of transportation was in a covered vehicle. As we were going to the restaurant I told Brenda the weather looked like it was going to make us all wimps. Well that is all but us since it was pouring the rain down when we left the house. Just because the road was dry after we crossed the river out of Manhattan has nothing to do with anything. When we arrived at the restaurant somebody else said pretty much the same thing about the weather. Bill Hanson said he had been watching the weather most of the afternoon and with the rain cells building they decided driving was best also. We finally hit rain coming back into Manhattan so for us it was a smart move with the cooler temperatures that day.

As usual Marilyn's food is great other than the fact they have liver & onions as a special on Tuesday. Margaret Hanson was sitting between Bill and I and had the audacity to order that stuff. Fortunately my sense of smell isn't all that good so it didn't really bother me. We did have a conversation about being required to eat liver as kids and Jamie Conway said that was one of the evenings when he would still be eating supper at 2 a.m. because he was required to finish his meal prior to leaving the table. As for me it was the same thing, but I ended up learning that it tastes just as bad hot or cold. There was one snafu with the meal that can't be left out. Gary and Susan Drake were the first to receive their food and everybody in Chapter C is well aware they ALWAYS get their food last if at all where ever we eat.

Everybody was too full for desert until the waitress mentioned coconut cream pie and John Gull had to have a piece. Teresa being Teresa didn't want any, however she did have eating tools when the pie came so John didn't get the whole piece which is situation normal when eating near Teresa Gull.

When John finished his pie we all headed our separate ways toward home. I got lucky as I was slowing down for the roundabout north of Lyndon, right at the limits of my lights Bambi decided to stroll across the road in front of me giving me a bit of a thrill. It was at least a 6 point and might have even been an 8 point. He was in no rush as he crossed the road at about the speed of a plow horse (for those that remember them). By the way there was traffic going both ways of which he had no concern. I'm just glad it was where I wasn't going even the speed limit or I would have had a bent pickup.

For our extended ride it ended up being like the supper ride. We had an extended "drive". With the weather looking very threatening to include it raining when we left Manhattan all 9 of us showed up in cars. We consolidated to 3 cars and ended up in Atchison at Paolucci's. With it ending up being a drive instead of a ride we were extremely early. We arrived 45 minutes before they started serving dinner so, with the blessing of our waitress, we watched John Gull eat breakfast from the buffet while the rest of us patiently waited until 11:00 o'clock. Once the magic hour arrived the rest of us ordered and John got to watch us eat. After eating we sat around for quite a while and shot the breeze while it rained with us thanking our lucky stars we didn't have to get into rain gear to go home. The drive back to Topeka was uneventful except for the downpours of rain and high wind from time to time.

We held our monthly meeting on the 17th at Perkins as usual. We had 19 people in attendance. Bill Hanson started things off with a short "test" he had taken from Rider Magazine. It ask questions such as do you wear ATGATT or not, if you had taken both a basic and advanced motorcycle safety course, if you rode over 5,000 miles a year, read any books on how to improve your riding skills, and if you had had an accident within the last three years. There were a total of 10 questions with each one being worth 100 points. If you had a score of 700 or higher then you were in the "good" zone. In actuality the Chapter as a whole did pretty well with the questions.

We discussed the change in the date for our birthday party and decided we would change it to the latter part of September in hopes that we will get cooler weather, since we all seem to be getting older and liking the hot weather less and less.

We reminded the members that Chapter Q was having their birthday party on November 4th at the Mulvane Community Center 101 E. Main, \$5.00 for bowl of chili and 2 bingo cards. Eat at 6:00, Bingo following the meal with prizes for bingo winners.

Also mentioned was Mid-Winter on January 19-20, 2018 in Park City and the Chapter Christmas party on December 3rd at the Lyndon Community Building. Bring a covered dish and also a gender specific gift for the gift exchange in you desire to participate. The cost of the gift shouldn't be more than \$10 and can be either something useful or a gag gift. Fun is had with either.

With that we had the 50/50 drawing with Earl Barnes winning the larger drawing and Bill Hanson one the smaller drawing.

Birthdays for November

- 11 Brenda Williams
- 13 William Criss
- 18 Galen Umsheid
- 27 Jamie Conway

Don & Brenda Williams CD/Newsletter Editors



Chapter F - El Dorado



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Chapter Couple
Jack & Doris Schoeck

Chapter Scrapbook Rick & Brenda Kistler

GREETINGS from Chapter F!

What a month October has been for almost completing our riding season. There have been some rainy days, but also some really wonderful days to ride our motorcycles! We have taken advantage of those days and got some miles in on our bike. Hope all of you have done so also.

For our October Supper Ride, Chapter F members went to the District Campout at Santa Fe Cove at Council Grove Lake. We had 7 members from Chapter F attend the Friday night Hobo Stew event. There were a total of 23 members of GWRRA that were there that night. We had 20 for Breakfast the next morning at Stacy's in Junction City, we had 35 for the Supper on Saturday night and we had 25 for Breakfast at the Campsite on Sunday Morning. Jack Schoeck did the cooking of the Hobo Stew, Meat for Saturday night and breakfast on Sunday Morning. Thank You Jack for all your help! State Staff provided a movie on Saturday evening, and it was just cool enough that we had a campfire going on Saturday evening. Thanks go out to all who helped make it a really fun weekend!!

The October gathering was held on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 and we had a Soup Supper. Four (4) different kinds of soup were provided by our chapter, along with dessert from Delores and Gene Shannon and Teresa Johnson. We had a very good turnout with a total of 37 people. We had visitors from Chapters A, H, P, and Q. Everyone seemed to get enough to eat and we were excited to see so many of our friends come and join us. Thank you to all who came and enjoyed the time with us!!

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Byron Johnson and Teresa are getting married on November 10, 2017. There will be a Reception for them on Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 pm. Our GWRRA family has been invited to attend the Reception on Saturday. It will be held at the Fairview Community Center and the directions to get there are as follows: You take 196 Street to 30th, and from 30th you go to Hunter Road. You take Hunter Road and go south 1 mile to 20th. On the Southeast Corner of Hunter and 20th you will see the Fairview Community Center. For additional information about the location you can call Byron at (316) 435-2231. Byron and Teresa have been members of Chapter F for some time now and are a great asset to our Chapter.

We had 2 guests, Bob and Joan Warne from Bentley, Kansas that joined us for our meeting tonight. It was great to have them come and we welcome them back to join us again soon!

Bill Watts, Kansas District Director gave announcements for the State. There is a meeting for all Chapter Directors and District Staff on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at Salina. Bill advised that the District Ride for October 21, 2017 was cancelled due to bad weather.

Bill Tucker, District Educator, announced the spring dates for 2 Wheelers and Trikes. The Trike Course will be on April 7, 2018 and will be for those that have already taken the Classroom portion. The BRC2, the old ERC Course for 2 wheels, will be on April 22, 2018. There will be more information on these classes at the time gets closer. Contact Bill Tucker if you have any questions.

Jack Schoeck, Chapter Educator, gave a talk on the Statistics of AMA on motorcycle crashes. He gave the statistics from Texas as an example and reminded everyone to be safe and watch for other traffic when riding our motorcycles. Drive defensively, as sometimes other drivers do not look for motorcycles. He also reminded everyone to look out for acorns, pine cones, and leaves on the highways and streets. They can become very slick.

The 50/50 was won by John Glaves and Gene Shannon. Congratulations to them both!!

The Supper Ride for November will be on Friday, November 3, 2017 at the Pizza Ranch in Emporia, Kansas. Jack and Doris Schoeck will be the hosts for this. Time is set for 6:30 pm to eat and if you do not necessarily want Pizza, there is Fried Chicken, potatoes, gravy, and vegetables, plus there is a wonderful salad bar. They have really good food!! Come and join us for a fun time and wonderful food.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries are:

November 10 Byron Johnson and Teresa Johnson, Both have Birthdays

November 10 Byron and Teresa Johnson. Anniversary

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

Submitted By, Doris Schoeck, Chapter Newsletter Editor

Winger Editors Note: Photographs of their meeting are on following page. Not enough room on this page.

Thanks! Bill Tucker, Winger Editor

































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KS-H Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2017



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

Our next gathering will be held on

OCTOBER 26, 2017

at

GAMBINO'S PIZZA

310 S. Main St., South Hutchinson, Kansas

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



FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE





Greetings Chapter H!

IMPORTANT REMINDER!!! The KS-H planning meeting for 2018 is October 29th at 3pm in the Delos V Smith Senior Center located at 101 W 1st Ave in Hutchinson. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. This is YOUR Chapter and we want to know what YOU would like to do next year.

So please come and share any wild and crazy ideas you may have with your wild and crazy Chapter family. Tell us if you know of any great restaurants we should check out or interesting destinations or events that would be fun.

November 4th is the Thanksgiving Dinner at the Journey Mennonite Church just north of Yoder. It begins at 2pm and we will leave the Kwik Shop on 30th at 1:45pm. Afterwards we would like for as many KS-H members as possible to go to the KS-Q Chili & Bingo Nite at the Mulvane Community Center which begins at 6pm. It will be day full of fun, fellowship and especially thankfulness for such great friends to spend fun times with.

ONE MORE REMINDER: Our November gathering has been moved to Saturday the 18th at Gambino's in S. Hutchinson at the regular time of 6pm for chowing down and 7pm to deal with business.

As you know, or in case you did not know, our Christmas party will be December 17th at 1pm. I need to know by December 1st if you plan to attend the fun. There will be a signup sheet at this next meeting (October 26) so we can figure out who is going and who can bring Turkey, ham, potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, etc.

I will be in Texas from October 30th to November 11th. I will try to keep up with emails and phone calls, but if you have something that needs immediate attention, you can always call Don Gray.

Your Chapter Directors, Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch





Hello to our fellow fun members of Chapter H,

Yep another month gone by, its starting to cool off and Carma and I haven't been able to put much time in riding or anything else. On the 13th we both came down with an upper respiratory infection and boy did it kick us hard. We even missed the annual Tritsch wiener roast! Good friend that he

is, Dale was kind enough to cater us some of the food. It was sure tasty and we hate that we had to miss the party and seeing everyone. We hope the rest of you have been able to be out riding and enjoying these beautiful fall days and having some FUN.

We didn't make it to the District camp out but we were able to attend the fun and food at Bobz Bikez in Kingman on October 7th. They had a good turn out and about 8 members from Chapter H were there.

Nine members from Chapter H went to Renaissance Festival in Kansas City on the 14th. We all had to drive instead of ride due to rain that morning. We had a lot of fun and saw a lot of interesting things and some verrryy straaange things.

The Third Thursday Bike Show on the 19th was held in downtown Hutchinson. Seven trikes and bikes and 12 members showed up and passed out a lot of candy to trick or treaters. Bruce Maleki really enjoyed that part. What a hoot! We sure had a lot of FUN!

Hope to see you at our next Chapter get together on the 26th. In the meantime keep in mind that life is short and every moment matters, so get out there and have some FUN and enjoy yourself!

Don & Carma Your Assistant Chapter H Directors







Is this really the November Newsletter already Chapter H?!

Wow – this year is flying past us! Here we are, seeing the close of the riding season just on the horizon, and we have so much more to do and places to go.

Linda and I have been on the road quite a bit this month, all the time

being Chapter H's ambassador couple – even at my 40th class reunion at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. We had Bugsy at the reunion and decided to take him to one of the afternoon meetings. He was quite a hit! We then went to a soccer game later on and my college mascot had to meet Bugsy and trade mascot stories. (See pics following)

Linda and I also attended two Chapter gatherings this month. We always have a great time at Chapter F's gatherings in Eldorado and, of course, we got to talking with Doris and Jack until we were almost the last ones there. And then we nearly had to be chased out of the church so everyone could go home at Chapter P's gathering in Derby. But we had such a blast enjoying the fellowship and talking with Bill and Sheila Tucker and everyone we just don't get to see all the time.

I must admit it always gives us such pleasure to be announced as the Couple of the Year for Chapter H in Hutchinson, no matter where we go. I've said it once and I'll say it again, it is an honor to be your representatives across this great organization of GWRRA.



Mark and Linda Classen Your Proud Couple of the Year









OCTOBER

- 26 Gathering @ Gambino's Pizza in S Hutchinson
- 29 Planning Meeting for 2018 at Delos v Smith Senior Center at 3 pm (all are invited)

NOVEMBER

- 4 Thanksgiving Dinner at Journey Mennonite in Yoder (Leave at 1:30pm)
- 13 Reno County Toy Run (See attached flyer)
- 18 Gathering @ Gambino's Pizza in S Hutchinson

DECEMBER

- 9 Lindsborg Lucia Fest & Old Mill Christmas (Old Mill @ 5pm) Leave @ 4pm
- 17 Christmas Party at Delos V Smith Senior Center 1:00pm
- 28 Meeting @ Gambino's Pizza in S Hutchinson

(You can see all the happenings for Chapter H at https://www.gwrraks.com/chapter-h.html) and other Kansas events at https://www.gwrraks.com/calendar.html



OCTOBER

- 24 Ken Hazen
- 27 Joyce Martens
- 29 Sedena Shaw

NOVEMBER

- 11 Jerry Praytor
- 14 Alice Mounts
- 18 Janice Scheurer
- 22 Noel Pollard
- 25 Bruce Malecki
- 30 Charlie Breitenbach



Happy !

NOVEMBER

- 9 Marvin & Toni Ayers
- 24 Chris & Regina Marcotte
- 26 Terry & Judy Mann



We hope you will join our merry group of motorcyclists and find out what we are all about!

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

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

Come join the fun!

WELL?! DID YOU LOOK? DID YOU FIND IT?

DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT?

YOUR MEMBER NUMBER!
I'M TRYING TO GIVE AWAY SOME
MONEY YOU TURKEYS!







And while you're searching, please enjoy the pictures of our members having fun!







Nov 19th, 2017

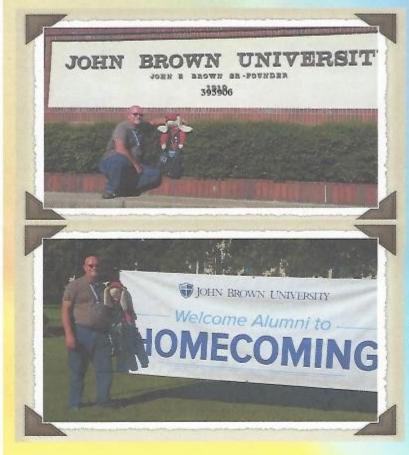
Join us for the riding of the 34th annual Reno County Toy Run.

Chapter H will meet at The Data Center, between 3rd and 2nd on Washington, at 11:30 a.m. We will then ride to Avenue A & Washington as a group. The Parade begins at 1 p.m.

Bring a new, wrapped toy.

We will ride the parade to the Moose Lodge on Lorraine Street and then we can all go to Wendy's on Main Street for chili

BUGSY goes to college! (well okay, I went with Mark & Linda Chassen)





I got to meet the Golden Eagle massot and we discussed secret massot business.

I think they really liked mel
I told them if their mascot ever flew the coop,
to give me a call and I would hop right over
and fill in!





Campfires and movies under the stars!

DISTRICT CAMP OUT COUNCIL GROVE LAKE Santa Fe Cove October 6-8, 2017

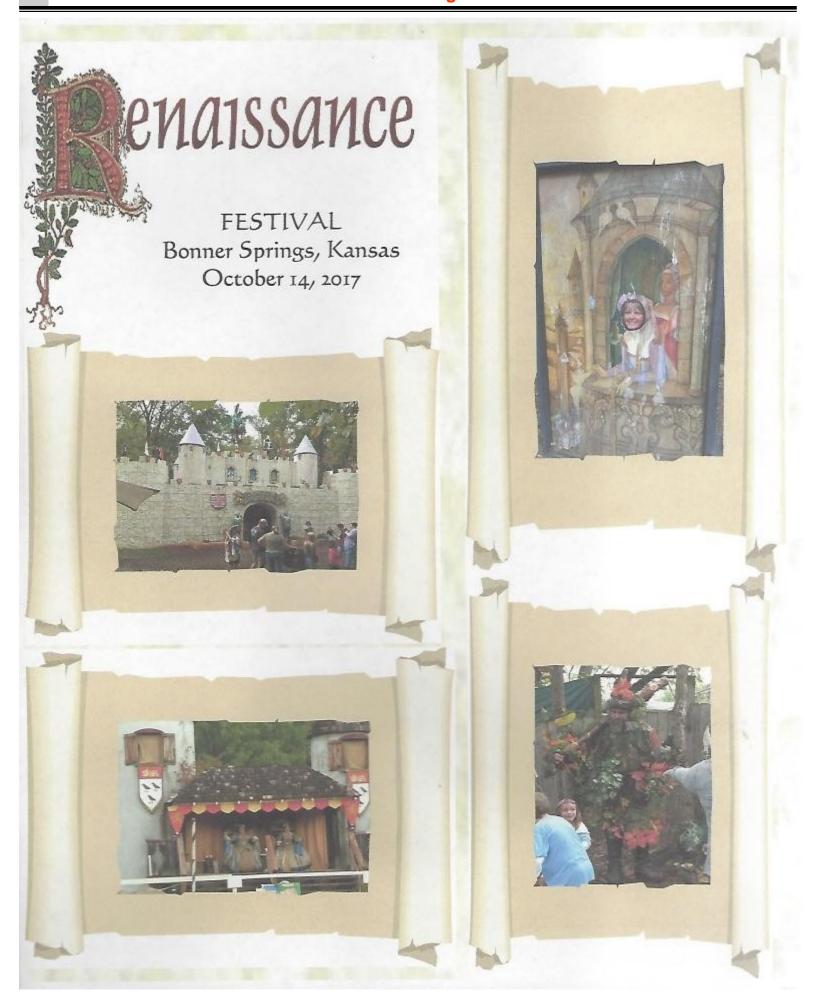




Feeding frenzies with all of your camp out favorites!

And you can't have a camp out without homemade ice cream!





October 3rd Thursday Bike Show









While Bruce and Bill hand out candy to trick or treaters, Bugsy helps himelf to a Halloween treat

Chapter P – Wichita

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Meeting Night

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

Rides last month:

GWRRA had their State Camp out on 10/7/17... David and I were unable to attend the event but from all the pictures shared on line, looks like it was a lot of fun for all.









Denny having a great time

David and I spent a week in Vegas for his job... While there we had a romantic dinner in the Paris Eiffel tower overlooking the Bellagio waterfalls.... And yes David proposed to me and I said YES...







Planning Meeting The chapter P planning meeting was held on October $\mathbf{1}^{\rm nd}$ Rides

Chapter P is going to Curtis C's for breakfast 10/28 Saturday. We will meet at the Quick Trip in Park City at 7:30 AM or you can meet us at the Restaurant at 8:00 AM. Please let Rick Stevens know by 10/26th. rfstevens@gmail.com or 316-213-4630. Hope to see you there.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS - 11/13 Janet Gonsalves 11/24 Carolyn Stevens 11/26 Joe Gonsalves



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES- None

Everyone have a safe month!

Theresa Perkins Chapter P Newsletter Editor

Chapter Q - Arkansas City



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Chapter MECJudy Eggleston

Chapter EducatorDuane & Vickie Kalous



Wasn't October a beautiful month? We sure hope all of you got to ride at least some throughout the month.

The month started with the Kansas District Campout at Council Grove. From all the stories we have heard, we missed out on a lot of fun. They said the turnout was real good, the food was good and movie night was a real hit. Hopefully next year we can join the rest of the bunch and check out this movie on a trailer screen!

We have a new Road Captain as of this past month, congratulations to Duane Kalous on completing the course. We'll be putting those skills to work this next year.

Chapter "Q" once again represented GWRRA at the Arkalalah Light Parade on October 25th. This year we had 2 bikes, 3 trikes and the Klondike truck. It's always fun to see the faces on the kids as the motorcycles come down the road. We had one young man that came up and gave us a high five!

We are in the process of having our Chapter planning meeting on the 1st of November and are very excited with the input we have received from members. We are going to put together a Spring Ride once again and our fall foliage ride. Once we have our schedule put together we will get it out to all of you. So keep checking your emails for further updates.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and we'll see you all soon!!

REMINDER: Chili/Bingo Night, Saturday, November 4th at the Mulvane Community Center 101 E Main. We will eat at 6:00pm and start playing Bingo around 6:45-7pm. We hope that you can all come and join us for a fun night.

Anniversary: Bobby & Andrea Shepherd on the 26th.

Until the next time, Jack & Teresa



KSQ Birthday Party



At Mulvane Community Center 101 E Main

\$5.00 for Bowl of Chili and 2 Bingo Cards

Eat at 6pm - Bingo to Follow Meal Prizes for the winners



Notes from Your District Trainer Mark Classen



Kansas GWRRA members,

As fall is fast falling around us, (leaves are all over my yard!), our thoughts start to go to winter and looking forward to another season of riding. Not that we have stopped riding, many of us are still riding, but soon the weather will not allow us to safely ride.

It is now that we must work on our "other" riding skills, our minds – they must be ready for anything and be sharp and knowledgeable of what might be waiting for us next riding season. To this end set your calendars for March 17th! We are working towards a wonderful time for the entire district at the Kansas Summit!

The definition of "summit" on vocabulary.com is:

"Although originally meant to describe a meeting between the heads of state, *summit* can be used to describe any gathering of people who care deeply about the same topic. If, for example, you are the captain of your chess club, you might attend the upcoming Chess Club Summit, at which new rules of the tournament will be discussed. Moreover, while *summit* also means the very top of a mountain, *summit* can be used metaphorically to mean a variety of heights, such as the *summit* of a career, an industry, or any kind of major effort."

We, your Kansas trainers, want this for this upcoming event, the "summit" of learning for 2018. Putting in a major effort to reach the heights of our passion in GWRRA, of Friends, FUN, Safety and Knowledge. We will try to have all classes finalized by Mid-Winter Rendezvous, to that you can make plans for which ones you wish to take.

Mark & Linda Classen Kansas Leadership Trainer, soon to be District University Trainer

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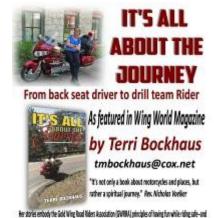




GWRRA of Kansas has a new author. Terri Bockhaus is pleased to announce the publication of her book titled, "It's all about the Journey". The journey referred to in the book describes her personal journey with GWRRA. She describes her mishaps as she progresses from being a corider to a rider, then joining the Kansas Twisters Motorcycle Drill team. The book tells of many of the funny (and sometimes scary) things that have happened on some of their trips, and embraces the GWRRA motto of "Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge". You may have read the article about her in the November 2016 issue of Wing World Magazine.

Terri and her husband Steve joined GWRRA in 2004, and have held several positions in the association, including: Senior Chapter Directors, MFA instructor/trainers, National Director of the Year recipient 2011, District COY 2014, Kansas Twisters Motorcycle Drill Team Captain, and MAC.

The book is available for purchase at Dan's Cycle in Hesston, Ks., Faith and Life Bookstore, in Newton, Ks., Beaumont Hotel and Café in Beaumont, Ks., and by contacting the author directly at tmbock-haus@cox.net.



this is one lasty who known how to have fun and laugh at herself. Terrifles successfully broken into a motoropole

tide world dominated by men and proved herself worthy. Even if you don't ride, you will enjoy this wonderful

sollection of entertaining stories. If you do nide, it's even better," Joch Wogner, Deputy Director, GWRRA













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