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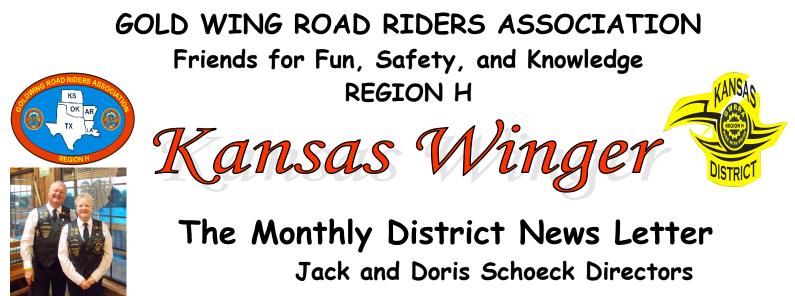


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Grand MasterRiders

Jack #1961 Doris #2389

Happy Thanksgiving to all our GWRRA Friends!

Fall is finally here according to the temperature and the leaves are starting to fall. It is a really pretty time of year and makes for some good riding as long as you stay warm. Hope that a lot of you are still out there riding.

There are a lot of activities still in the upcoming months, what with the holidays and the parties that will take place in December.

Chapter Directors, you will need to get a new Chapter Couple selected as they will begin their reign in January, 2014. Remember that they will be a really good public relations couple for your chapter. Remember that Mid-Winter Rendezvous will be January 17 to 19, 2014 at the Best Western Hotel, 915 East 53<sup>rd</sup> Street North, Wichita, KS 67219. The cost of the rooms are \$72.99 plus tax for a room

with 2 Queen Size beds. The cost includes a buffet breakfast for up to 4 people in a room. The Business Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, so all Chapter Directors and Treasurers will need to be at that meeting with all the necessary paperwork to turn in. There are a lot of plans for fun things to do and we are planning on having a wonderful time! We will also be selecting a new State Couple of the Year so hope all of you will come to help support all the Chapter Couples of the Year. For State Staff, we will be attending the Region H Staff Meeting in Marshall, Texas on November 16, 2014. We will report on that when we get back. We hope that all of you have a very Happy Thanksgiving with your families. We will see you down the road, so remember to Ride Safe and Stay Warm! Jack and Doris Schoeck, Kansas District Directors

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

Call the CD if you need more information about a Chapter activity. If you are interested in organizing a Chapter in your area, Please contact JACK & DORIS SCHOECK 620-341-0426 for more information

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Not a whole lot to pass on to you this month. It seems that the past month (October) was filled with personal matters that required some traveling. Some was just for relaxing and enjoying life. Like playing golf at three different, super good golf courses in Las Vegas. Then other matters pop up that needs attention. Out of state

I'm asking you, the member, to contribute to the 2014 Rider Education Training agenda. You can do that by contacting your Chapter Educator and let him know what you would like to have available in 2014. It may be a rider course, a special seminar. The Road Captain Course has been requested and will happen soon.

Of course we will have the four riding courses scheduled for you. I'm hoping my team can put together a Kansas Rider Education Safety Rodeo weekend.

This month (November) I'm going to Chapter B & C area to present the Motorist Awareness Seminar along with the CPR/First Aid that Jack & Doris Schoeck are putting on.

This type of combination programming can be done. Think about having a one hour Motor Awareness seminar, a 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour (approx) classroom session for the Road Captain Certification and follow that up with hopping on our motorcycles and demonstrating that we learned something in the classroom. It would take CE-KS-H CE-KS-P Marv Ayres Rick & Carolyn Stevens 620-241-2499 316-213-4630

around 4 hours, depending on the number of participants. What a good way to get a couple of seminars taken in a short amount of time.

The District Mid-Winter Rendezvous is in a couple of months. The district team is meeting at our home for a planning session. Want something brought back to Mid-Winter? Got a new idea for Mid-Winter? Just let one of the team members know and it will be presented at the meeting.

For those of you that ride, no matter the weather, ride smart, ride safe and enjoy the ride. I know you will pay extra attention to the road surfaces this time of the year.

Until next time, please remember,

#### PRACTICE MAKES PERMANENT! YOU ARE WHAT YOU PRACTICE!

Do yourself and your loved one a favor! Take a Riders course!

Bill & Sheila District Educator





### 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.

#### I Like Being Different

Those who know me will certainly agree with this month's article title as I do like being different from my bike to my other vehicles or some of the things I enjoy doing. But that's not what this month's article is about. Its about GWRRA being different from other motorcycle organizations, or clubs. One of my pet peeves is when people refer to their GWRRA Chapter as 'our club'. I know they do it out of affection and belonging, not understanding the organizational meaning of the term 'club. But GWRRA is not a club. The term 'club' refers to an organizational structure - one where officers are elected by popular vote; one where motions are made, debated and voted on; where the majority rules; where as many as 49% of club members are unhappy 100% of the time.

That is not the GWRRA way. Our officers are volunteers who are 'selected' based on qualifications and desire, not 'elected' by popular vote or campaigning for office. Decisions are made based on the desires of the Members with input from everyone. We don't have 'power struggles' or 'empire building', rather we base what we do on the wants and needs of **all** of the Members. The GWRRA chapter format is more flexible and less formal than a club format. It is part of something bigger, international in scope, with common purposes throughout, whereas clubs are more local and their purpose or vision 'blurry' at best. In GWRRA Members are free to participate where, and as much, as they like. Club members on the other hand are often told where they can belong and frequently told they **have** to participate in 'x' number of events to remain as members.

Sometimes, less-informed chapter participants will try to lead the chapter into the 'club' format of operation. It's the responsibility of GWRRA Officers to work together and retain the nonpolitical, non-club environment in the chapter. If this becomes a problem in your Chapter, there are other members of the Operations Team who will be able to assist you. For more information on the differences between a 'club' and GWRRA, check out page B-3 of the Officer Handbook at http://gwrra.org/oconnect/officerhandbook.html

Yes, GWRRA is different - and I like it!

The more you know, the better it gets!

Jack Wagner Region H Trainer







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**Chapter Historian** 

Greetings everyone ...

It's November and the holiday season is upon us with Halloween just past and Thanksgiving fast approaching which means of course Christmas and New Years is right around the corner.

This is going to be a short article this month. With the exception of our monthly Chapter meeting the 2 events we had both happened after the deadline of submitting this newsletter...

Speaking of chapter A's monthly meeting, it was held on Oct 7<sup>th</sup> and there was a good turn out with Larry Mazur our Chapters Rider Educator gave us a lesson on how to ride in the cold weather. Just because we're into November doesn't mean we can't be out riding our bikes. Let's face it if the sun is shining and there isn't any snow or ice on the road it's a good day for a ride... and if any of us do plan on riding we need to be prepared to ride this time of year.

Here are some of the things coming up for the month of November

1<sup>st</sup> - Fred Sowell's birthday

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3<sup>rd</sup> Planning meeting @ the Gillett's...please plan on attending to you can help plan the activities & rides for our chapter.

7<sup>th</sup> - Larry Mazur's birthday

10<sup>th</sup> - Veterans Day ride (Joe Gatenby will give us details)

11<sup>th</sup> - Mary Mazur's birthday

14<sup>th</sup> - Chapter A's monthly meeting @ Home Town Buffett on West Central...meeting @ 7 come early to eat & see other chapter members

20<sup>th</sup> - Vickers Anniversary

26<sup>th</sup> - Gillett Anniversary

27<sup>th</sup> - Hanukkah

28<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving

29<sup>th</sup> - Black Friday (for all of you that like to shop)

Here are some things to be looking forward to doing in the next couple months...

Dec 5<sup>th</sup> - Newton Parade...meet @ Steve & Terri Bockhaus house for chili then go ride in the parade.

Dec 7<sup>th</sup> - Christmas party - details to come soon.

Jan  $17^{\text{th}}$  &  $18^{\text{th}}$  – Mid Winter. Make plans to now to attend

Well that's all for now...

Everyone have a Happy Thanksgiving Mary Mazur...

Chapter A Newsletter editor

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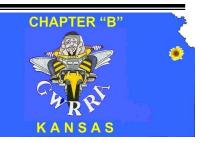
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October brought the final month for Chapter B's dinner and breakfast rides. Thursday evening, October 3rd was our last scheduled dinner ride for the 2013 riding season. Our ride leaders were Joe Magnant and Eric Wadman. It was seafood for the group as they led us to Olathe and Jumpin' Catfish.

The fall color ride led by Roger and Missy Shores took place on October 5.



Sixteen members gathered at the McDonald's in Louisburg, KS for a 9:00 a.m. departure. At Garden City we met up with Dan and Glenda Derihoff who grew up in the area around St. Elizabeth,

MO. Although the color hadn't really gotten started and we had a few sprinkles, it was a good ride. We managed to avoid all major highways both coming and going. Many thought we should ride in the area around St. Elizabeth again.



Lunch was at Ms. Kitty's in St. Elizabeth, MO, a town of only 326 people. We arrived as a wedding was being held in town. It seemed that the entire town was involved with the wedding, which in a small

community, was probably true. Ms. Kitty was not able to be her usual gracious self and we missed seeing "Mr. Dillon". Maybe he'll be there the next time we are passing through. For dessert, we rode 33 miles to Central Dairy in Jefferson City. This was definitely the highlight of the trip. The ice cream was yummy.



The trip home began with a complete circle around the Capitol Building and then it was back along those mean-



dering roads. We ended the ride with dinner at Harold's Smokehouse in Freeman, MO.

It was a full day of safe riding, fun and friendship.

Chapter B events for November: November 9 - Veteran's Parade - Ottawa, KS November 11 - Veteran's Parade - Leavenworth, KS November 21 - Chapter Meeting

Safe travels, Paula Aiken

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### Chapter C - Topeka

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Our supper ride was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> with 7 bikes, one car and 13 people going to Poncho's in Ottawa. Bill & Margaret Hanson led us but had to go the "non-acceptable" route via all US highways because of construction in various places, however any safe ride is a good ride. The weather was almost perfect with the temperature in the mid 80's when we left and the high 60's by the time Brenda and I arrived back in Manhattan with a guest rider and prospective new GWRRA member Terry Hull, he purchased a GL1800 airbag a few weeks ago and is very pleased with the bike. Terry said he was pleased with the ride and felt very welcome by all the members on the ride. As is standard for Poncho's the food was excellent, inexpensive and a lot of it. Brenda and I ate for less than \$15 and were a long way from being hungry when we left. This time of year we had to ride home in the dark but the four legged pedestrians weren't out and about all I saw, in the 100 miles, was one raccoon that crossed well in front of us which made for a much better ride.

Our regularly scheduled meeting was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> at Perkins with a large number in attendance to include two members of Chapter B and also Vernon and Toni Nelson from Topeka who are prospective new members of GWRRA. The meeting started off with Bill Hanson pointing out that deer were moving this time of year making the roads more dangerous. Al Davis also said the deer like to stay near the edges of fields and tree lines, however to remember not to concentrate on the deer but to keep your scan moving and be extra alert. If you do see you are going to hit a deer do not attempt to swerve around it just keep going straight. This is the safest maneuver in the situation.

Alan Robertson from Chapter B reported there will be a CPR Class and Motorcycle Awareness seminar in Lenexa November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 to 4:00 at the Central Church of the Nazarene, 12600 West 87th Street Parkway, Lenexa, Kansas 66215 (the church is located just west of I-35 on 87th Street in Lenexa). The cost for the class is \$25. Ron will be forwarding any further information from Alan. Chapter B is also riding in two veterans parades. Nov 9<sup>th</sup> they will be riding in the Ottawa Parade and on Nov 11<sup>th</sup> the Leavenworth parade. Additional information will be provided by Chapter B through Ron.Other items discussed were the Supper ride, which will be the 5<sup>th</sup>

and led by John and Teresa Gull with the destination to be announced. November 9<sup>th</sup> will be the 4<sup>th</sup> annual ride to Paradise for their annual turkey dinner. Al Davis posted the following ride schedule:

Depart Lawrence 7:00 a.m. at what is commonly referred to as Davis Corner 736 W 6<sup>th</sup> Street Lawrence (All Pro Services)

US-40 west to K-4 US-24 west to Dillons for fuel (ETA 7:30)

US 24 west to US 75 South

US 75 South to I 70 West to Junction City (ETA 8:45) Refuel at Sapp Brothers truck stop at I 70 and US 77 US 77 to K 18 west to Paradise (ETA 11:00) After eating we will be heading home via a route to be determined later with the possibility of various short stops for site seeing as the notion strikes the group. Other upcoming events are the Chapter Christmas party in Lyndon on Dec 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 bring a covered dish (with food in it) and also a gender specific or generic gift for the gift exchange, value approximately \$10. Remember men prefer not to get knick knacks and women prefer not to get wrenches. For those that aren't familiar with the location it's the Community Center in Lyndon which is on the west side of the road at the south end of town beside the car wash. In addition Mid-winter will be held Jan 17-18th in Park City. There is a flier on the District Website for those interested.

A spread sheet will be e-mailed for next year's Chapter ride dates. Anybody interested in leading a ride some-place pick a date and e-mail it to me at <u>dwil-</u>

<u>liams44@cox.net</u> and I'll compile the list and contact any individuals that have picked dates of others and we'll work out what's best for all concerned. Then I'll get the list to John Gull to be posted on the Chapter website. Use your imaginations and come up with some different rides this year.

Birthdays

- 11 Brenda Williams
- 21 Al Davis
- 27 Jamie Conway
- 27 Marjie Crawford

#### Don & Brenda Williams ACD/Newsletter Editors

Anniversaries 6 Ron & Marjie Crawford 7 Al & Sandy Davis



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home. I think I gave it to her. Sorry

friends and good food. Great Combination.

Russell gave a very good rider ed talk.

We NO birthday or anniversaries!!!

Dec.7 at Burns. More info on it will be on the web.

others still riding, BE CAREFUL & RIDE SAFE

Brenda. Also I heard Garry and Phyllis wasn't feeling well after they

Our Chapter supper run was on Oct. 11 at Hog Wild Barbecue. Good

We had our Chapter meeting on Oct. 22. The Christmas party was dis-

Rick and Dale went to Ark City to ride in the Arkalala parade with Chap-

Gene also rode with them. They said they had a great time. There were 9

For the fair weather riders like me the riding season is about over. For the

and 15 folks. We went to Braums for ice cream. It was 56 degrees.

got home. But I wasn't around there so they can't blame that on me. LOL We did find out the rally will be in Shawnee next year. Will be closer to



**Chapter Scrapbook** Rick & Brenda Kistler 316.259.8920

#### Prepared by Janis Mooney

Dale informed me it was my turn to write the news letter this time so here it

goes. Dale went to a cook out to Dale and Georgeanna's home on Sept.21.



He had a great time and thinks it should be an annual event.

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HINT HINT!!!.

Dale also took part in the trike course put on by Bill Tucker, Jim Lamb and

Rick Stevens. He has taken several of these and tells me you can always learn something new at each one.

Kansas had a good showing at the Oklahoma Rally held at McAlester on Oct.4 and 5. Rick, Brenda, Bill and us all rode down together. Rick and Brenda were in my Escape and Bill was in his car. Rick was having bike troubles and Bill was having back troubles. Also there were David, Sherri.

Garry and Phyllis. Marty and Ruth were there as Vendors. The first evening

we were there Rick, Brenda, David, Sherri and us all played UNO in the sitting room area of the hotel. That was a lot of fun. We found out Sherri can get a little hostile while playing UNO.

#### The hypnotist was at the rally

again this year. Marty and Sherri were on the stage this time. They were funny as all the others have been. Speaking from experience it is okay to do it once but once is enough.

Dale took 1st place in the light show and

2nd place in the bike show in the show class. His rival from Texas (Jim) beat him again. It was a good rally and had a lot of fun. But I was sick most of the time I was there and so I rode home with Rick and Brenda and Brenda got sick when we got









### Chapter H — Hutchinson Blue Dragon Country

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The scavenger hunt and wiener roast were a fun event. Only three Goldwings and one car went on the scavenger hunt. They were divided up into two teams (not enough participants for more) and each team was given a digital camera. They were also given a list of destinations around Hutchinson, KS. They were to ride to a destination and have their picture taken with the destination in the background. All team members were to be in each picture. Therefore they had to ask someone to take the picture. Both teams completed the list and returned unscathed. Team 1



Team 2







KS-H Continued Team 2



We had plenty of food at the roast. There were games and lots of story telling.



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#### KS-H Continued

























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On Sunday, September 29, we rode to Paddy's Restaurant in Sterling, KS. There were 10 Goldwings and 1 van. One Goldwing from Wilson met us there. 22 of us had a go at the buffet. (some, more time











and then stopped at Grandma's Soda Shop.





From there 11 of us on 7 Goldwings rode on ride because it was a great day for riding. We went to Ellsworth and then on to Wilson where we saw the big egg





The old Wilson jail was right behind Grandma's Soda Shop.









#### KS-H Continued

We rode past Wilson Lake and the wind farms.



We then rode from Wilson to the Wilson Reservoir area and on north to Hwy 18 and East to Hwy 81. Then we took I-135 back to Hwy 61 and on to Hutchinson for a total of 225.5 miles.

OK State Convention was a hoot. Met a lot of previous "I know you" and some new "who are you?" Good time and good seminars and lots of fun. Thanx OK District Team for a great convention.

The last day we met Randall and Janet Drake 352445, Colorado District Directors. They invited us to come to the Colorado Convention next year in August at Beaver Run Resort in Breckenridge, CO. Check out the website at: <u>http://www.coloradogwrra.com/Rally/Colorado/</u> <u>CoDistrictRally.htm</u>

Some of us from chapter H are making plans to attend. It will be fun, indoor parking, and lots of scenery.

Four from chapter H went to Oklahoma and four returned. One small glitch was Dale T riding home pulling a trailer. The right axle and wheel came off. The GWRRA training worked and there was no problem keeping control and getting off the roadway. Dale left the trailer in the ditch along I-40 since there was no way to get it home.



However, Mike Lander, the OK District MEC came along and stopped asking if assistance was needed. He called a friend of his about 10 miles away to come get the trailer. Mike and Terri started on down the road and got to thinking that someone might stop for the trailer. They turned around and as they approached Mike stopped and Terri ran across four lanes to stop someone who was already trying to load the trailer on a pickup. They waited until their friend got the trailer. The trailer was then taken to Mike's home in El Reno, OK. Dale T and Tom C went down to get it so it could be returned to the manufacturer.

Another trailer is being sent to replace it at no charge for trailer or shipping. Danny at Trailer Sales Unlimited LLC was concerned for Dale's wellbeing and was very cooperative in rectifying the matter.

#### KS-H Continued

Seven Goldwings and one suv left KMart for our ride to McPherson. There we met two other Goldwings. Gene Oborny & Cindy Martin from LaCrosse, KS and Glen Koch met us there. After a good, filling and fun meal 7 of us headed west to Lyons to the DQ. We had a good ride and a lot of fun.



There will be some information about the ride to Clyde, KS to see the toy museum and the breakfast ride to Water's Edge in Newton, KS in next month's newsletter.

I will not be riding for two weeks – doctor's orders. I had my "trigger thumb" fixed on Oct  $23^{rd}$ . At least I don't have to do anything else during that time except what I do best; which is nothing. (dalet)

#### Upcoming Christmas Parades & Toy Run

#### 2013 Hutchinson Christmas Parade

Date:11/24/2013 Line Up: 12 PM Time:1:00 PM Hobart-Detter Field in Carey Park Hutchinson, KS 67501

#### **Reno County Toy Run**

Date: 11/23/20132 Line Up: 9:15AM Time: 10:00AM Dowtown Hutchilnson Main Street—Ave B to 12th Hutchinson KS 67501

#### Dec 5

Chili Feed at Steve & Terri Bockhause before Newton Christmas Night Parade Chili at 5pm, parade at 6pm.

#### Kingman Christmas Parade

Sat Dec. 7

#### I'm A Believer!

By Ralph K. Spencer, District Chapter of the Year (ChOY) Champion

At the risk of revealing my age (I'm 48, by the way.), "I'm a Believer" is a song composed by Neil Diamond (who knew?) and recorded by The Monkees in 1966 with the lead vocals by Micky Dolenz (Monkee extraordinaire!). The single hit the number one spot on the U.S. Billboard Hot 100 chart for the week ending December 31, 1966, and remained there for seven weeks, becoming the last No. 1 hit of 1966 and the biggest-selling record for all of 1967. Because of 1,051,280 advance orders, it went gold within two days of release. It is one of the fewer than forty all-time singles to have sold 10 million (or more) physical copies worldwide.

And my point is??? Well, my point is that I'm a Believer in the CHoY Program – a favorite topic of mine in this illustrious publication (thanks, April, for a great job!) for the last several years.

"There's a point for that!" has been a common refrain at many chapter meetings throughout Colorado this year. And yes, there are many, many opportunities to earn "a point for that" when hanging with your GWRRA friends at chapter meetings, mystery dinner rides, picnics, parking lot practices, training classes, and GWRRA conventions far and wide, to name just a few. I have seen chapters throughout Colorado get together for events that their members have never participated in before now. And THAT is the magic of the ChoY Program.

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#### 26th Annual McPherson County Toy Run

Event Date/Time Saturday, November 30, 2013 12:00 PM Event Type Benefit - Charity Event Type Benefit - Charity Chili feed, auction and door prizes following the parade at the American Legion Building, 401 N.

Location Line up at McPherson Walmart. address East Kansas Avenue (Hwy 56,near I-135) [map] City McPherson State KANSAS Email: northforty@lrmutual.com

#### KS-H Continued

As a result of chapter members attempting to accumulate points by participating in a wide variety of events/activities, it is automatically stimulating chapters to strive for excellence and become stronger, healthier, growing chapters within their respective District and Region. This incredible program is designed to foster continuity, safety, communication, financial integrity, individuality, training, and participation, all of which (obviously) contribute to stimulating Chapters to become better organizations than ever. For those of you who are CHoY Coordinators, keep up the good work. You still have 3½ months to earn points and, even more importantly, bring your chapter members together in ways you have never considered. The 2013 CHoY Score Sheet consists of only 13 pages in the Program Guide.

However, these 8 pages, along with the 10 pages in the Program Guide itself, are guaranteed to provide a multitude of suggestions for how chapter members can work together and become "Believers" in the 2013 CHoY Program. Consider, if you will, the lyrics of Micky Dolenz: I thought the CHoY Program was only true in fairy tales

Meant for someone else but not for me.

These elusive points were out to get me

That's the way it seemed.

That's the way it seemed.

Disappointment haunted all my dreams. Then I saw the score sheet and the Program Guide,

Now I'm a believer

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Not a trace of doubt in my mind.

I love this awesome Program,

I'm a believer!

I couldn't stop participatin' if I tried!!!

(Colorado District Newsletter, Sept 2013)

#### A GINGHAM DRESS

A lady in a faded gingham dress and her husband, dressed in a homespun threadbare suit, stepped off the train in Boston, and walked timidly without an appointment into the Harvard University President's outer office.

The secretary could tell in a moment that such backwoods, country hicks had no business at Harvard & probably didn't even deserve to be in Cambridge .."We'd like to see the president," the man said softly.

"He'll be busy all day," the secretary snapped.

"We'll wait," the lady replied.

For hours the secretary ignored them, hoping that the couple would finally become discouraged and go away.

They didn't, and the secretary grew frustrated and finally decided to disturb the president, even though it was a chore she always regretted.

"Maybe if you see them for a few minutes, they'll leave," she said to him!

He sighed in exasperation and nodded. Someone of his importance obviously didn't have the time to spend with them, and he detested gingham dresses and homespun suits cluttering up his outer office.

The president, stern faced and with dignity, strutted toward the couple.

The lady told him, "We had a son who attended Harvard for one year. He loved Harvard. He was happy here. But about a year ago, he was accidentally killed. My husband and I would like to erect a memorial to him, somewhere on campus."

The president wasn't touched. He was shocked. "Madam," he said, gruffly, "we can't put up a statue for every person who attended Harvard and died. If we did, this place would look like a cemetery."

"Oh, no," the lady explained quickly. "We don't want to erect a statue. We thought we would like to give a building to Harvard."

The president rolled his eyes. He glanced at the gingham dress and homespun suit, then exclaimed, "A building! Do you have any earthly idea how much a building costs? We have over seven and a half million dollars in the physical buildings here at Harvard."

For a moment the lady was silent. The president was pleased. Maybe he could get rid of them now.

The lady turned to her husband and said, "Is that all it costs to start a university? Why don't we just start our own?"

Her husband nodded. The president's face wilted in confusion and bewilderment.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Stanford got up and walked away, traveling to Palo Alto, CA where they established the university that bears their name, Stanford University, a memorial to a son that Harvard no longer cared about.

You can easily judge the character of others by how they treat those who they think can do nothing for them.

A TRUE STORY by Malcolm Forbes

"People will forget what you said; People will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Birthdays:	Anniversaries:
Alice Mounts—Nov 14	Marvin & Toni Ayers – Nov 9
Janice Scheurer—Nov 18	Terry & Judy Mann – Nov 26
Bruce Malecki– Nov 25	
Charlie Breitenbach – Nov 30	Meet new people and visit with those you know. You may learn something.
	Be safe and Have Fun
Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch	
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Meeting Night - Friday, November 8th - 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 last month:

Our dinner ride this month was on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> to CY's hoof and Horn in Sedgwick Kansas, it was a nice trip with good weather and great food. The second was on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> it was a brunch ride to the Kansas Star Casino also a very nice time had by all.



#### KS-P Continued

Planning Meeting

The chapter P planning meeting will be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Chesnuts house starting at 6:30 Chicken noodle soup and chili will be provided. Please bring a relish plate or dessert item. Contact Denny at <u>denny.chesnut@flightsafety.com</u> or 316214-1995 to RSVP.

#### Rides

Dinner rides and dessert for the meeting this month will be planned by Rick and Carolyn Stevens.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS – 11/06 Carolyn Winn 11/13 Janet Gonsalves 11/17 James Lamb 11/24 Carolyn Stevens 11/26 Joe Gonsalves



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES- 11/8 Josh and Linda Vickers

Everyone have a safe month! David & Sherri McDonald Directors Chapter P







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Wow, where has this year gone! Hope everyone is ready for the holidays and if we're lucky we may still get some good riding days.

The biggest news this month for Chapter Q is the moving of our meeting place and the change of time. We have decided to move our meeting back to Wellington to Fabiola's, with the new time of 7:00pm. The restaurant is located downtown at 302 N. Washington. We hope to see everyone there for our November meeting.

This year's Fall Foliage Ride was once again a big success. We left Winfield with 4 bikes, took a scenic route to Missouri and when we got to the motel there was 3 more bikes there waiting on us. On Saturday morning we had to start the day in the rain, but by the time we met up with the 8<sup>th</sup> bike the rain had moved out and it was a beautiful day. Everyone took the ferry across into Arkansas and from there we rode down to Mountain View, took sometime to enjoy the town, then loaded back up and headed to our final destination for the day of Mountain Home, Arkansas. On Sunday morning we all met up for breakfast and then proceeded to make our way back to Kansas. Thank You to everyone that helped make this years ride a great weekend.

November Anniversaries: Gary & Becky Mangus 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob & Andrea Shepherd

We hope to see all of you soon.

Until the next time, Jack and Teresa Kistler

**From Asst Chapter Director:** Hi all. Regarding the menu at Fabiola's.. If you don't like Mexican food, come anyway. They have a very good American food menu. Burgers & Sandwiches; Seafood and Chicken; Steaks. They have a Kiddie Korner (under 12) menu.

The 'Q' Crew are looking forward to seeing you November 7th 7:00pm eat at 6pm, Wellington.

Regards,

Bill & Sheila ACD's

# Kansas Couple of The

Year



## David & Sherri McDonald Chapter Directors KS-P

### Kansas Chapter Couples 2013

#### CHAPTER A COUPLE OF THE YEAR Steve and Terri Bockhaus



#### CHAPTER B COUPLE OF THE YEAR Roger and Melissa Shores



CHAPTER F COUPLE OF THE YEAR Dale and Janis Mooney



#### CHAPTER H COUPLE OF THE YEAR Daryl and Nita Reiger



### Kansas Chapter Couples 2013

CHAPTER P COUPLE OF THE YEAR James and Carol Lamb



#### CHAPTER Q COUPLE OF THE YEAR Jim and Carol Owens



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Registration Form at: http://www.region-h.org/14rally/Registration14.pdf



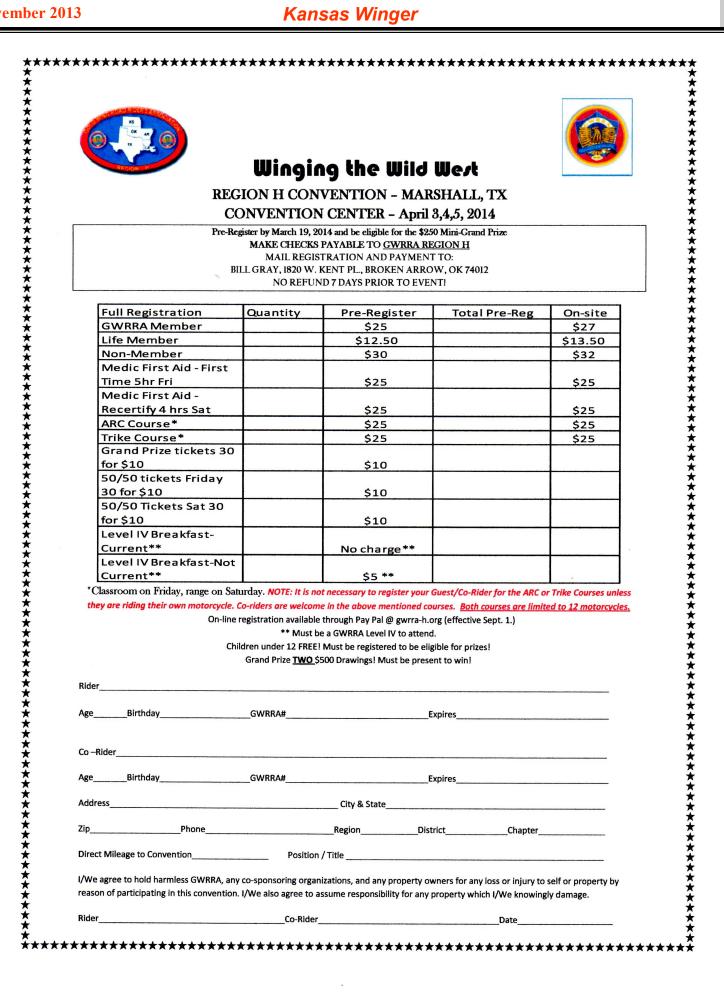




Pre-Register by March 14, 2014 and be eligible for the \$250 Mini-Grand Prize Register At: Www.Region-H.Org Bill Gray, 1820 W. Kent PL, Broken Arrow, Ok 74012

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On behalf of Gold Wing Road Riders Association, it is our distinct pleasure to inform you of yet another "Light Up The Lakes" celebration of Wing Ding 36 in Madison, Wisconsin, July 2-5, 2014.

Gold Wing Road Riders Association, which rotates cities for its annual gathering, last visited Madison in 2003 and is coming back for the fifth time - the most the group has ever chosen a destination.

Wing Ding 36 is expected to attract 12,000 Honda Gold Wings and other touring motorcycles from across the country for a trade show, special events and cruising the region's scenic back roads and highways. The event will be filled with additional fun-filled activities, great riding tours, a variety of safety and training seminars, entertainment and much more.

The center of the Wing Ding 36 activities will be at the Alliant Energy Center. We know you will be interested in becoming involved, GWRRA would be more than glad to hear from you.

Please feel free to contact GWRRA or your local Chapter at your earliest convenience should you have any questions or need additional information... The quickest way to join GWRRA is through our **Online Membership Registration** at www.gwrra.org. If you prefer, **Call:** (800) 843-9460 or in Phoenix: (623) 581-2500 between 6:30am -5:00pm (MST). **Email:** memberservices@gwrra.org.

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Joe Bentz of Pleasant Prairie, WI joins Honda Gold Wing motorcycle enthusiasts for the announcement that the annual Wing Ding convention will return to Madison, WI in 2014 for the fifth time.

Visit www.wing-ding.org and preregister today. Enjoy one to four days of fun-filled activities that keep our Members and Non-Members coming back year after year.

Whether you ride in a group or alone, you will enjoy the experience of being at Wing Ding 36 in July 2014. Many firsttimers come for "just the experience" and find something to last a lifetime!

# The Kansas Twisters

### Drill Jeam

Greetings from the Kansas Twisters Motorcycle Drill Team.





By now most of the readers of this newsletter know about our drill team. We hope that you had the chance to see us at the Kansas Rally/Convention in Abilene Kansas in September. This was our very first public show and we are quite

proud of it. If you have not seen us, we are on you tube. Just go to you tube and in the search area, type in "Kansas Twisters".

As stated web site. Drill Team privilege.



on the GWRRA "Riding with a is an honor and Most motorcy-

riders will never practice to achieve the skill that is necessary to be competent on the street, let alone at the close intervals required by Drill Team riding." With that in mind, be proud of our team and the commitment to all of the practice it takes to do this. We have even had one of our riders leave the far southwest corner of the state, ride home and then arrive for practice. This is the kind of dedication this team has. The team also has a dedication to safety. No drills are ridden without many walk throughs to make sure every rider understands the drills. is too hot to wear the gear." Be proud of the team's commitment to safety.



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#### Twisters Continued

We feel that the members are a very safe group of riders. Every member has taken at least one ERC, with some of the riders have taken several. Over half of the team has ridden over 100,000 safe miles. All of the members are in the Levels Program. Over half of the team are Level 4. Some are even Senior Master Tour Riders. All of the team's level 4 riders honor their commitment to wear all of the gear all of the time. This is followed even when some people say "it is too hot to wear the gear." Be proud of the team's commitment to safety.

Every show/demonstration is started by a safety announcement. Every drill is a safety demonstration.

Get out and see the team when ever you can. We plan to give you a good show every time. The team has two more shows this season. We will be in El Dorado on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. to kick off their annual "Celebrate Freedom Parade". The team also plans on riding in the Newton Parade of Lights December 5<sup>th</sup>. At this parade, we will do a routine while riding in the parade.

We are also making plans for the 2014 season. We hope to give a show at the Region H Rally/ Convention in Marshall Texas. We are also making plans to ride with other drill teams at Wing Ding in Madison Wi. in July.

Hope to see you down the Road------



#### Kansas Twisters Motorcycle Drill Team – Steve A Bockhaus – Team Captain