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A Message from your District Directors

Kansas Monthly Newsletter
Region 'H'

Jack & Doris Schoeck
Grand Master Riders
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Greetings to all our GWRRA Friends!!

Wow! What a great month September was and we are happy to report we had a great Rally in Wichita at the Best Western Motel. As always, the motel gave us good service and there was plenty to eat.

First, we would like to mention our latest Frank Patton Award Winners. They are Terry and Judy Mann, from Chapter H. They are currently the Chapter Directors and are always on the go to some new riding adventure with friends from their chapter and other chapters. CONGRATULATIONS to you both!!

We had 12 vendors at the rally this year and of those, 2 were places where you could buy shiny chrome for your bikes and trikes. We also had items for the women to buy as there were several vendors with items for them.

We would like to give a BIG thanks to everyone who helped in anyway with the Rally! There were plenty of volunteers for every job and it made our job much easier. I also want to thank Bill Tucker, Rick and Brenda Kistler, Bill and Sarah Watts, and Harry Sanders (Harry is from Tulsa) for helping to unload our trailer on Thursday and for helping to reload it on Sunday. We also want to thank Sheila Tucker and Sarah for helping with the desserts on Saturday night. With Jack not being able to lift anything right now, we both truly Thank everyone!! We are proud to be a part of such an awesome group of people that we have here in Kansas.

We had 46 people attend our Rally from other states and we had 121 people who ate our meal on Saturday evening. Bill Tucker found some awesome music to entertain us Saturday evening before the meal. Donnie Huffman is a member of the Kansas Music Hall of Fame and did a great job with some oldies from the 50's and also some country music. People even got up on the stage and danced to several of the songs. We truly enjoyed having him there for our entertainment!

We would also like to thank Garry and Phyllis Van Buskirk for getting the Ice Cream Bars for the Social on Friday night.

For the grand prize winners we had: Judy Eggleston won \$100.00 and Everett Chastain sold her the ticket so he got \$50.00. Maggie Young got \$200.00 and Georgeanna Tritsch sold her the ticket so Georgeanna got \$50.00. Mike Hildebrand got \$300.00 and Dale Tritsch sold his ticket, so Dale got \$50.00.

Chapter C, from Topeka provided an M&M jar to have people guess how many were in the jar. Russell Harrold from KS F won the jar. The money from the ticket sales on that was donated to the State Couple of the Year Program. We thank Theresa Gull for providing this for us.

Upcoming events are the West Picnic Ride to Greensburg on Saturday, September 26, 2015. We will have gone and had a good time by the time this news article comes out in the newsletter. We will talk more about that next month.

Your Kansas District Team is already at work for Mid-Winter Rendezvous in January. We will post information as we have it about that event.

We are coming into the colder months of the year and a lot of people will be taking fall rides in October to see the changing of the colors in our state and surrounding states. If you want to take a fall foliage ride, look at the Website calendar and hook up with one of the chapters that are doing those rides.

Until next time, Ride Safe and Ride Often!
Jack and Doris Schoeck, Kansas District Directors



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Dennis, David & Sherri, Dale &
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a "FUN" and
SAFE

Halloween

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION KANSAS DISTRICT



2015 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS Kansas & Region

- October 4: Two Wheeled Trailering Course, Wichita
 October 11: Trike Trailering Course, Wichita
 October 15-17: Oklahoma District Rally Sequoyah State Park, Wagner, OK
 Oct 30/Nov 1: Rider Education Safety Weekend Retreat
 November 14: Region 'H' Team Meeting, Marshall TX

2016 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- January 15-16: Mid-Winter Rendezvous, Park City, KS
 March 17-19: Region 'H' Rally, Marshall, TX
 March 31-April 1&2: Louisiana Rally Lafayette
 April 10: Trailering Course (two wheels), Wichita, KS
 April 22-23: Kansas Rally, Hutchinson, KS
 May 7: Trike Trailering Course, Wichita KS
 September 18: Experience Riding Course, (2 Wheels) Wichita, KS
 September 25: Trike Riding Course, Wichita, KS

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You will be welcome.**

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Kansas Couple of The Year 2015



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Kansas Chapter Couples 2015

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CHAPTER C COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Gary & Susie Drake



CHAPTER F COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Gene & Delores Shannon



Kansas Chapter Couples 2015

CHAPTER H COUPLE OF THE
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The Kansas 2015 Rally is history. For the most part weather cooperated and everything people wanted to do on their motorcycles could be done.

Before I get into what all was available and who won the many prizes, I want to share with you the winners of what Kansas Rider Educations calls "Rider Education Outstanding Member Award". This year the team selected two very worthy individuals for going that extra mile in supporting Kansas Rider Education.

We had two recipients for the Kansas Rider Education Recognition Award.

Mr. Rick Kistler was presented a plaque for his contribution of time and a lot of work in seeing that the Riding Range was secure for the folks taking the course. It required him to be at the range around 6am and leaving at 5pm when everything was completed. He has done this numerous times and has volunteered to do it for the two remaining course yet to be taught. And if that isn't enough he did the same task at this year's rally, seeing that the area for the bike games and bike show had a secure place to have the events. THANKS SO MUCH RICK.

Kit and Donna Sand were the recipients of the second award. They were taking a Medic First Aid course earlier in the year that had a full class. We had one Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for all the students to practice on. That took a long time. When the class was over, they approached Marv Ayers and myself (the instructors) and handed us enough money to purchase two more AED's. I purchased them and they have been a tremendous asset to not only the instructors but the students as well. It also freed up some money and I was able to purchase brand new manikins. Our District Directors also helped with that expense.

Once again, *thank you* Rick Kistler and Kit and Donna Sand for your support. Because of your generous donation of time and money, you have made it possible for your Rider Ed Team to better serve the GWRRA family in Rider Education.

Now, the rest of the story, OOPS! Rally.

The Rider Ed was responsible for the 'On Bike' games this year. I went to the archives and put together three games that were popular in the past. As it turned out they were again popular. The competition was Bikes vs. Bikes and Trikes vs. Trikes doing the same games.

The winners in two classes are:

BIKES: 1st Place \$50.00 Visa gift card Joe & Debbie Gattenby, KSA ACD.
 2nd Place \$25.00 Visa gift card Johnie & Gina Fredman, OK DD

TRIKES: 1st Place \$50.00 Visa gift card Dale Tritsch & Rhonda Guerrero, KSH ACD
 2nd Place \$25.00 Visa gift card, Alvalin & Jim Woodul, Chapter 'T', TX

We haven't had rides at our rally for many years. This year we had three. KSP (Kathy & Dennis Chesnut) lead a Thursday evening (8pm) Sunset journey. On Friday evening KSP (Kathy & Dennis Chesnut) had two supper ride destinations to choose from. The most popular was "Stroud's". They specialize in Fried Chicken served family style. Sheila Tucker provided coupons for the participants. I believe there were 40 on that supper adventure. 'Bit Me BBQ' was the second choice. Great job Kathy & Dennis.

The other 'revived' ride was a Poker Ride. Rider Ed was responsible for that ride and being a delegator that I am, I asked Steve Bockhaus, Captain of the Kansas Twisters Drill team to put that ride together for us. When they returned they drew cards for three prizes. 1st place, \$50.00 Visa gift card, 2nd place \$25.00 Visa gift card and 3rd place for the lowest hand \$15. Wal-Mart gift card.

And the winners are: 1st Place, Jim Owens, KSQ with a King High Full House
2nd Place, Teresa Kistler, KSQ with a Ten High Full House
3rd (low hand), Carol Owens, KSQ.

We had two other Rider Education drawings. Terri Bockhaus donated a beautiful Afghan in the form of a flag that she made.

The winner of the Afghan was: Toni Ayers, KSH.

The second drawing was for a \$300.00 Gift Certificate from Wing Bling, good for merchandise at their store.

The winner of the certificate was: Terry Mann, KSH.

We thank Wing Bling for their generous contribution to Rider Education.

The Rider Education Grand Prize was \$125.00 Cash. The winner was Gene Shannon, KSF.

We also were given a beautiful 'Gold Wing' pillow to sell chances on. It was donated by Boomer & Connie Franklin, IA Chapter E.

The winner was Harry Sanders, Tulsa OK.

Thanks Boomer and Connie. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Of course we had the traditional Level IV Breakfast which was again 'free' to those that attended. Mr. Marv Ayer's Chapter Educator, 'H' and Asst DE presented one of his very popular chapter talks. It is titled EBM. It had to do with suddenly having a BM while riding and how to control it. Very funny and educational. It really stands for Emergency Braking Maneuver, not B... M....!

That's it for our give-a-ways. I thank my team and their wives' for running the games and manning the Rider Ed table during the event.

Kansas has two rider courses to be offered in 2015.

October 4th, at the Wichita range, is for the Trailing Course (TC). This course is for those riding two wheels and pulls a trailer.

October 11th at the Wichita Range, is for Trikes Trailing Course, obviously for Trikes pulling Trailers (TTRC).

Kansas Chapter 'B' is sponsoring a Medic First Aid class November 14th. It was originally scheduled for November 21 but the building we were going to is not available on that date.. More information as it comes available.

See ya soon! Enjoy the ride and remember!

"PRACTICE MAKES PERMENANT! YOU ARE WHAT YOU PRACTICE!"
"If you keep doing what you are doing, you will keep getting what you are getting!"

Bill & Sheila, Your District Educator's



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Well Fall is here...as of 3:15 am on the morning of September 23rd can you tell the difference?

September was a very busy month for most of us with something going on every weekend. It started out with Wing Ding in Huntsville Alabama. The Kansas Twisters were 1 of 6 Drill teams that performed this year which was very exciting. I got just a couple pictures while we were there.



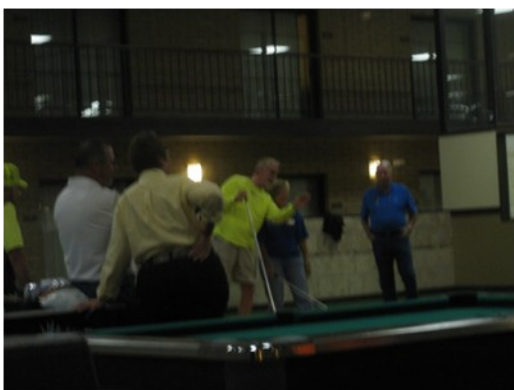
The week after we got back was our monthly chapter meeting at our new location The Country Café on the 10th. We didn't have our normal large group but believe me this new place has plenty of room for us and we are in a room in the back of the restaurant so I think we can be just about as noisy as we want and it won't bother anyone. Bob talked about "The Power of the Wave". Let's agree...a friendly wave is the same thing as saying "hello". When were out riding, a wave to other motorcycles tells them that we both enjoy the same thing. It's what a motorcyclist wants...to see and to be seen. And who doesn't smile at the kid standing on the sidewalk waiving as us as we pass by hoping that we'll waive back.

The next thing that went on was the annual Kansas State Fair ride on the 13th. 37 bikes joined the parade and everyone enjoyed a fun time...and the weather was nice and cool for a change (not to hot, not to cold, and no rain) here are a few pictures of people enjoying themselves





The biggest party we had this month was had at the Kansas State Rally that was held at the Best Western in Park City on the 18th & 19th. There were seminars, games (on & off the bike), a couple of rides, light/bike show, and vendors like I've never seen before. When you see one of the members of our District staff be sure to thank them for the wonderful job they did this year.



Sorry I was having issues with my camera but this is Dave playing shuffleboard & Dana is the pilot of our chapter's plane in the races.



The Kansas Twisters performed then afterwards they gave rides to a few kids that came out to watch we also met a future Twister getting in a little practice with his sister riding along for fun.

Next up is the State Picnic to Greensburg that I hope a lot of you went on. It was on the 26th and I'm hoping to have information & pictures of the ride in next month's newsletter

Now let's see what's coming up in the month of October

4th two wheeled trailering course (for information see Bob Brown our Rider's Ed leader)

8th Chapter A's monthly meeting. Remember we are at a new location @ the Country Café at Meeting starts @ 7:00 but come early and enjoy a meal and visiting with the other members.

9th Tim Howard's Birthday

11th Trike trailering course (for information see our Rider's Ed leader Bob Brown)

11th Ride to Potwin Glen Koch is in charge of this ride I believe there will be more information to follow.

13th Jerold Shook's Birthday

23rd Chapter Halloween party Rod & Ann Gillett are planning this with more information to come.

30-1 Riders Education Safety weekend retreat (again see Bob Brown)

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

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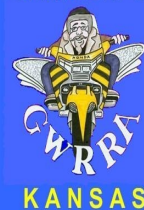
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Ed and Janice James led a ride on August 29 to the Whistle Stop Café in Osawatomie. It was a cool start, but warm friendships kept the group of Chapter B members going as they enjoyed breakfast and a great time together.

It was time for ribs and barbecue as Mick Schurer and Leslie Thompson led a large group to Guy and Mae's in Williamsburg. Twenty four members filled the booths and had plenty to eat. More ribs left the building for take home treats as well. Unfortunately, one of the group had an accident on the way home. Biker Bob is recovering from his surgery and we wish him well.



September 17th found twenty four Chapter B members at JT's Grill and Bar for the monthly meeting. Rider Educator, Eric Wadman provided the group with an informative program on rider safety and it was apple trivia to stump those in attendance. Three members received apples for their correct answers. The Chapter B plane was on display. Lee Ann Robertson embellished the plane, donated by Steve and Brenda Milam, in her usual creative way including sound effects, leather accessories, and small photos of Chapter B members in the windows. Everyone may not have made it to the Kansas Rally in person, but they were there on the plane.



Only four Chapter B members were able to attend the Kansas Rally in Park City. There were great vendors which allowed Chapter Director, Allen Robertson to start adding chrome to Dragon Lady 3. Our plane was knocked out in the first round of the races, but Lee Ann's work didn't go unnoticed as people couldn't stop talking about it. We enjoyed watching the Kansas Twisters drill team perform on Saturday morning and attending some seminars. It was great to visit with friends not only from Kansas but other states as well.



Chapter B events for October:

October 1 - Dinner Ride

October 3 - Barn Ride

October 15 - Chapter Meeting

October 17 - Fall Color Ride

October 24 - Halloween Party

October 31 - Breakfast Ride

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September was a very busy month for Chapter C and probably everybody else with all the events going on. We started the month off by going to Wing Ding with John and Teresa Gull. Our ride to Huntsville was interesting to say the least. We left fairly early on the 1st with plans to stop in Mt. Vernon, IL for the night after we detoured by way of the Blue Springs Café in Highland, IL for lunch.

For those not familiar with that restaurant it's located at exit 30 in Illinois on I-70 (I know that's not pointed toward Huntsville out of St. Louis) and is the home of the foot high pie. They have cream pies with enough meringue on them to make them over 6 inches tall. They also have fruit pies and cobbler. It's open 7 days a week and the lunch menu is on a single sheet of paper and all meals cost \$7.95. The pie is \$5.00 so it's a good trade. Access is easy on easy off from the interstate and well worth the stop. Actually I think we rode about 20 miles out of our way to stop there so not bad on a motorcycle.

We left the restaurant and headed south toward I-64 to our motel in Mt. Vernon. We got about 10 miles north of the interstate when Teresa came on the radio and said we have a problem. John pulled off in a driveway and I made a U-turn about ¼ mile down the road and came back to see what he needed. He had a flat on his trailer. Didn't seem like a big deal other than the fact we discovered the wheel wouldn't turn.

Fortunately the house John stopped at had a very nice couple that allowed us to work in their driveway and the husband, Don (none of us remember his last name) even loaned us some tools to get the thing apart. We determine the wheel bearing had seized on the trailer and caused the tire to blow. We were attempting to get either Rescue Plus or a member from the Gold Book to assist us when Don went in the house and came back with a phone book and insisted we call a number he pointed out. Since the cell service was poor we had to call twice, but as it turned out the owner, Gary, of the tire store, Don had us call, grew up next door. He came out to pick the trailer up and take it to his shop in Nashville, IL. We got there about 4 pm and they immediately started working on it. The owner, Gary, said it should be fixed by 8 am if they had the parts in town. If they didn't he told John we could go to the NAPA warehouse in Mt. Vernon, near our hotel and pick them up and bring them to the shop with us the next morning. With a plan of action we rode the 30 miles to Mt. Vernon for the night since we already had reservations there. The next morning John called and was told the parts were in town and the trailer should be ready by about 9:30 so we headed back to Nashville.

The shop was true to their word and by the time John paid the bill and we transferred their stuff from our trailer to theirs and fueled we were on the road to Huntsville by 10:00 am. We thanked our lucky stars that we took the long way and broke down in the exact right spot otherwise we would have been on the side of the interstate on our own. Thank you, Don and Gary. The rest of the trip to Huntsville was uneventful other than the mess in Nashville, TN with traffic and construction.

As for Wing Ding it was a great event. It was well planned in all the ways I could see. Streets were blocked off for motorcycle parking. A parking garage across from the event center was saved for motorcycles with trailers I have no idea where the people parked their cars but they weren't intermingled with the bikes and trikes. The only negative if you could call it that was that once you entered the building I swear it was ½ a mile to the trade show and you even had to walk uphill. That building was huge. Once in the venue area everything was close and easy access. Also there were enough vendors that you could spend all the money you had and then some. The dinner and entertainment was excellent. I don't think it took 30 minutes to get everybody thru the line for food once they started serving. I also think they started serving exactly on time which is always a surprise at an event like that. As I said the food was excellent. There was no "rubber" chicken or steamship round for those that spent much time in the military and attended dinners there. The entertainer was excellent. He was a speed painter that did 3 large paintings in less than an hour and gave them to members of the audience. All three paintings were excellent renditions of Ray Charles, Einstein and the Statue of Liberty.

Being people that don't care for closing ceremonies at Wing Ding, we left on Saturday morning heading back to Kansas. Our route took us up thru the boot heel of Missouri by way of Springfield home avoiding all of the larger cities except Kansas City which made the ride very relaxing since we had very little traffic. We made the town of Willow Springs the first day and stayed at a Comfort Inn that was excellent and the only restaurant available was next door and I'm not sure if it was a BBQ, Italian, or Steak place since they had full menus of all three. The food was outstanding and the pies even better and if possible the waitress was even better than the food. To top the evening off the restaurant also gave a 10% discount to people staying in the motel.

We held what was basically an unscheduled meeting on the 15th because we didn't have a meeting at our birthday party as usual. We had 22 people make it. Rick and Rita Thompson were in attendance again after a long break from meetings. Welcome back Rick & Rita. Hope you can ride with us a lot in the future.

Things started off with a lively discussion of what can go wrong when riding. Lenny Barnes started things off with saying that when she and Earl are riding their bikes she almost always is in the back and that she has noticed when drivers of cars are at places like 4 way stops they normally will wave her thru the intersection in order for her to be able to stay with the other bike. Earl then went on to give a scary report about trucks. They were driving on I-470 in their car and were being passed by a truck with the extra axle that lifts and they noticed the tire on their side of the truck was jumping up and down quite a bit. Shortly after passing them the truck tire came apart and threw parts of the tire all over the place.

Lucky for them it missed their vehicle but as Earl said if they had been on their bikes, nobody knows what could have happened. On another note, when Brenda and I were almost home from Wing Ding I looked ahead of me about ¼ mile and noticed something flapping in the wind behind a semi. As I keep watching it I realized it was a motorcycle with two flags attached to the trailer hitch. I'm not talking about the little flags many of us fly on our bikes, these two were "parade" flags at least 3 x 5 feet in size each. We had our normal I-70 strong crosswind and this guy was also pulling a trailer and riding just a little under 75mph as I was gaining on him slowly and I was running 75. He exited at the same exit I did and as I got up close he was riding very slowly like he was looking for someplace to stop. I personally think he was looking for a place to fold the flags. He was on an older Goldwing. I couldn't tell if it was a 1200 or 1500, the trailer was homemade and didn't look very stable since it was just a square box type which meant it would catch a lot of wind also. To top everything else off he was riding with no gloves, jacket, or helmet. He was wearing a t-shirt and shorts with low topped tennis shoes. I feel I had to put this here as a reminder that it's easy to do something that isn't real smart or safe. Gary Drake ended the discussion on motorcycle safety stating that the chances of a person hitting a deer this year in Kansas is something like 1 in 15 so keep a sharp eye out for Bambi.

Upcoming rides were the next item for discussion. Bill & Margaret Hanson will be leading the supper ride on the 6th of October. The plan is to go to Marilyn's in Osage City if the weather is good and if it isn't then someplace in the Topeka area, probably McFarland's. Helmet time is 6:00 at the Kwik Shop 45th and Topeka Blvd. Our extended ride for October is on the 10th to the Carriage Crossing in Yoder. We will meet at the Flying J truck stop in Emporia with a helmet time of 9:00 am. The ride to Paradise was also brought up even though it will be on the 14th of November. It is an excellent ride that was thought up by Al Davis several years ago and has become an annual event for the chapter. Any and all riders from anyplace are welcome to either join us or meet in Paradise at around 11:00am on that day for a good meal with good people. We have scheduled join-up-points along the route that we will post next month. Everything at the dinner is homemade and it only costs \$10 unless they have raised their price. The population of Paradise is only 45 permanent residents and is the only fund raiser they have every year for their town church. I am not sure what faith the church is but as far as I'm concerned it doesn't matter as they don't even mention it while you are there. They just want you to enjoy the food and company.

It was decided we would hold our planning meeting at John & Teresa's house again this year on the 21st of November at 2:00pm. We will have lunch and decide what to do in the coming year. Sandy Davis will be bringing chili again and everybody else is requested to bring a covered dish or dessert

With that we had the 50/50 drawing with Ken Felch winning the large one and Brenda winning the smaller one.

The District Rally was attended by six members of the chapter with all of us managing not to win anything of consequence. There were a few door prizes won and Teresa also won at Bingo. I was eaves dropping and I think I heard she won three games in a row. I didn't hear if the other players threw her out or not but she wasn't walking funny.

I'm not sure how many people were at the rally, but it seemed like quite a few. The motel was large enough that you couldn't tell by how crowded it was. Everything was centrally located and easy to access. The food in the restaurant was excellent and with the free hot breakfast buffet each day it made the cost of the room very reasonable.

Teresa did manage to lose the airplane races. She jumped out to a big lead and then fizzled out. Brenda and I came up with the plane and according to the thinking of a lot of people in this day and age it wasn't our fault the thing couldn't keep up and no the Chapter C banner behind it had nothing to do with it therefore it had to be the pilot and not a thing to do with the old plane or small engine. That's my story and I'm sticking to it. It's all Teresa's fault.

There were 12 or 13 vendors there and I think most of us managed to spend way too much money on stuff we just had to have.

The weather for the ride down wasn't the best for those that had come in from Topeka or east of there, thunder storms were bad most of the morning. Brenda and I had excellent weather, not too hot or cold and dry since we were behind the storm. The return trip home was bright and sunny and just the right temperature.

Next year's District Rally will be in Hutchinson in April so we don't get a real long break this go around especially for those that plan to attend the Winter Rendezvous in January.

Birthdays for October

3 Gary Drake
10 Earl Barnes
27 Deb McCulloug

Don & Brenda Williams
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Rick Kistler

Chapter Scrapbook

Rick & Brenda Kistler

Greetings from Kansas Chapter F!

Fall is in the air and a lot of our GWRRA friends are taking fall foliage rides into Missouri and Arkansas as well as right here in Kansas. The changing of the leaves on the trees is always a beautiful sight. Check out the website to see if you want to join one of the other chapters for a beautiful ride.

Our meeting this month was held on Tuesday, September 22, 2015. We had visitors from other chapters which is always great. Everyone had a good time and Lois Harrold provided our desserts after the meeting, which was delicious! Thanks Lois.

Several people wore the new purple shirts that chapter just purchased and they look awesome! I believe all of the members now have that shirt which will be great when we all are at a function together.

Chapter F was well represented at the Kansas Rally in Wichita this month. We had the majority of our members there and many helped with registration on both Friday and Saturday. Gene Shannon won the CTX Open 1300 class at the bike show and Rick Kistler won the GL 1800 Custom

class. Congratulations to both of them.

Everett Chastain sold a Grand Prize ticket to Judy Eggleston, who won \$100.00 on the Grand Prize tickets so he got \$50.00 for selling her the ticket. He was excited about that and loved getting the money! Russell Harrold got the M&M Jar provided by Chapter C. Russell guessed 630 M&M's and there were 637 in the jar.

Rick Kistler got a plaque from Rider Educator for the State, Bill Tucker. Rick has helped many times setting up the cones for the Rider Education riding courses that Bill Tucker and his team put on. Congratulations Rick for a job well done!

Rick and Brenda Kistler will be sponsoring the supper or breakfast ride for October and we will be sending out information on that when it becomes available.


We will see you down the road!

Doris Schoeck, KS F Member





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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.

From your Chapter Directors



Terry & Judy Mann

September started out with a great ride to Nashville for a few days before riding to Wing Ding in Huntsville, AL. Our Chapter had 11 in attendance and had some great vendors, seminars and of course food and entertainment. We had several using the very talented pin strippers, and of course adding more show chrome.

The Sunday following Wing Ding we had a great show at the Kansas State Fair with 38 bikes in attendance from all over the state. It's a great place to recruit new members and show off some fine machines.

This past weekend was the GWRRA KS Rally in Park City, we had 28 from our Chapter H in attendance. Lots of fun, games, seminars, food and entertainment. We had a skit that 9 of our members put on Friday evening, lot of fun trying to entertain others. The highlight of the closing on Saturday evening was Judy and I were honored with the Frank Patton annual award. Lots of great Chapter people made this award possible, thank you.

We're going to finish the month with a District ride to Greensburg on Saturday and a Chapter ride to Medicine Lodge and the Peace Treaty Pageant on Sunday.

Thanks Terry and Judy Mann Senior Directors of Chapter H.

From your Assistant Chapter Directors



Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch

It is always a pleasure to be involved with our chapter. There are times when circumstances prevent us from participating, as you can relate also. The main thing about us is we have FUN, whether riding, meeting, attending seminars and training or just sitting visiting.

We have our gatherings for the purpose of getting together and learning what has and will be going on. Although some have other commitments and cannot attend, feel free to contact your officers and ask or tell them what you want to know or are thinking. It takes all our members to keep our chapter FUN and growing. After the meeting, stay awhile if you can and visit. We enjoy your company.

Whenever possible, attend other chapter's meetings. We can all learn from each other. Meeting and getting to know other folks in GWRRA is a great way to extend your GWRRA family. Sometimes you may even meet someone at another chapter who is visiting but is from your area and would like to join up with chapter H. Always invite everyone, even other chapter members, to come join us in the FUN we have. I have heard many compliments about us, from other chapters here in Kansas and other states as well. We have a positive attitude and do inspire others to meet our standards. Even if we do not win any chapter of the year, we are Chapter of the Year - heck, we are Chapter of GWRRA!

Thank your officers for the effort put forth to keep chapter H on top. Congratulate Terry & Judy Mann for their achievement of the Frank Patton award.

Keep on keepin' on and stay safe while having FUN.
Dale & Georgeanna Assistant Chapter Directors

From your Chapter Educator



Marvin & Toni Ayers

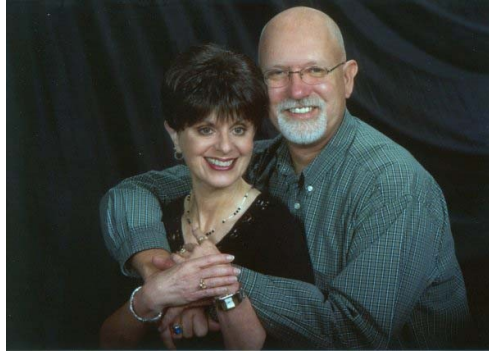
Rider Ed. Bits

WOW!!!! What a great Kansas Rally. Chapter H had great membership attendance. For those of you that were not able to attend you missed the Chapter H show. As a Chapter we not only took home a good share of the prizes; our own Senior Chapter Directors, Terry and Judy, received the Frank Patton Award. This is the top honor that can be awarded in GWRRA.

Terry and Judy earned this by their commitment to making Chapter H a successful Chapter. The hard work they put in is an example for all Officers and members. A leader can instill enthusiasm or lack thereof. As Senior Chapter Educator I am blessed to be associated with the Officers and members of Chapter H. A successful Chapter, I feel, hinges on leadership and training. Terry and Judy have always shown great support for the training classes that have been offered. The membership has shown the same support. Hey Chapter H you make my responsibilities very easy. "THANK YOU" to all members of the Chapter. Keep taking classes to improve rider skills, and remember "You play the way you practice". Gear up, Throw a leg over, be safe, and enjoy the ride.

Marv

From your Chapter MEC



Mark & Linda Classen

WOW!! what a month! We have been to our 1st Wing Ding, 1st Kansas Rally, and have learned so much. Linda and I are so excited about what we have taken in this month with GWRRA. We are becoming more aware of what MEC is all about and that stretches both of us.

We don't need to be afraid of the unknown or that stranger that rides up to us at the gas pumps - we have something that they need to know about. A FUN family that would care about them, laugh with them and help them when in need - especially when it would come to problems on their bikes.

In our local chapter we want all to feel safe and have fun with our meetings, rides and / or whatever we are doing at the time. This takes people who are committed to each other and to a cause and organization. In several of the sessions that Linda and I were in, a major point was "participation" with GWRRA, coming from what each one of us can give. Are you a "hugger", we all need a hug once in a while. Do you like to take pictures, we need people to document our FUN. Do you like organization, leadership, serving - the point is that we as a whole make up our organization.

Steve Fleming, our regional MEC wrote the following in the regional news letter this month and I wish to put it in our news letter. This is his letter and I am just re-posting it. My question is what can you do to add to the Fun and Safety and Knowledge our organization, we all have talents and I am anxious to see all our talents bloom under GWRRA.

Mark & Linda Classen MEC

Don't Be Afraid to Step Out of Your Comfort Zone.

Sometimes we get comfortable with living in mediocrity and we don't want anything to change or be different in our little world. By challenging ourselves to go beyond that boundary of our comfort zone, we find that there is a whole new world to explore and greater accomplishments to be had than we ever thought we could handle. In fact, we just might find that we have not only the capacity to learn new and exciting things but to excel in areas thought to be out of our reach.

Have you tried to recruit a new member? Your next best friend could be around the corner or a new Chapter Director, Educator, Treasurer or MEC. Have you volunteered to help your Chapter in some way? Helped plan an event? How about participating in a talent show or other activity?

These are often some of the things that hold people back from experiencing all the FUN that is available to the membership in GWRRA. Get out and get to a Rally and participate. There is fun to be had, especially when you pack your own and share! GWRRA is led by people just like you. Our leaders are members just like you too. They probably had to step out of their comfort zone to take on a new and challenging position. We can live above a life of mediocrity. We find our wings and fly just outside that comfort zone.

Steve and Billie Fleming

Assistant Directors Region H
Membership Enhancement Officers

From your Chapter COY



Bill & Sarah Watts

Greetings once again to all of our Chapter H and entire GWRRA Family. We do hope all is well with all of you and for all of you that were able to attend this Past Wing Ding we hope you had a great time and those that attended for the first time we do hope you plan to go again. Sarah and I are planning to go to Billings Montana this next year. Montana just happens to be one of those states I have always wanted to visit and now we have a good reason to go; it should be fun and the scenery will be beautiful as well and I am sure the temperatures will also be nice too. It was great to be able to be around a lot of not only our Chapter family but our extended GWRRA family as well this past weekend at the Kansas District Rally. I know Sarah and I had a great time as we hope all of you that attended did as well, and for those of you that could not be with us, we do hope you plan to make it next year and really there will not be much a of a reason not to since the 2016 rally will be right here in Hutchinson and that in itself is pretty exciting and some of the early planning has already started. Now remember if for whatever reason you were unable to attend this year's rally you don't really have to wait until next April for the next fun District event because the District Fall ride is this Saturday the 26th to Greensburg, Kansas and the District Mid Winter Rendezvous will be held in Wichita this coming January. Those of you that have attended in the past know how much fun this event is and for those of you that have never attended we hope you will plan to as this is a chance for each Chapter in our District to showcase itself and let others know what each Chapter has been doing over the past year and the fun and fellowship is great and there will be a lot laughs and of course many hugs as well.

Just another reminder for those of you that are going on the Arkansas ride, we are down to less than a month until helmet time and I know we are both getting anxious to go for several reasons and we hope all of you are as well but I wanted to take this opportunity to remind all of you that tire problems can be one of the most common but yet preventable failures to any motorcycle trip you may have planned. I only say this because we all know we have seen a few of these within our Chapter so let's all take some extra time and check our machines over for any visible problems and make any needed repairs or adjustments and if you have any doubts about anything mechanical or tire wise you still have some time to get it repaired or replaced and as always remember to do your T.C.L.O.C.S.before you ride. Hope to see all of you very soon!

Live Love Laugh and Ride Safe and Often

Bill & Sarah Watts

Chapter H COY

From your Chapter Newsletter Editors

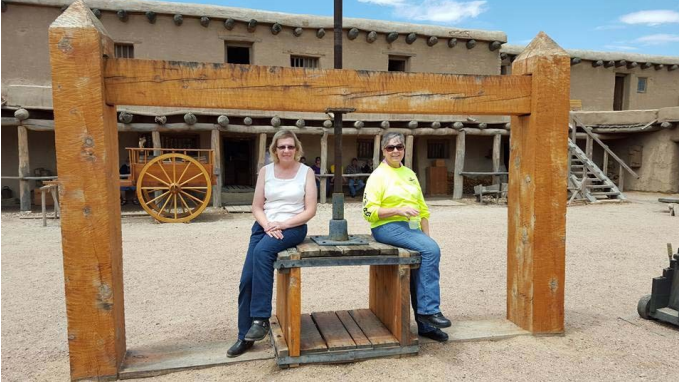


Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch

The newsletter is a little late this month because we were having so much fun prepping for the rally and getting over gallbladder & hernia surgery for Dale and eye surgery for Georgeanna. I enjoy all the photos sent, but it does take time to save them and resize them and then place them. I don't mind doing it, I am just slow.

I am open to any suggestions to make your newsletter better.

In August some of us rode to Colorado for a long weekend. (the photos just came in)



Leadville, Co



Monarch and Independence Pass

Chapter H had a busy month again. Rides, events, activities, all fun. Several rode along to the Kansas State Fair Goldwing Day event. It was a fun time for us and also the folks who stopped by to look at our Wings. There were several who went to Wing Ding. From what they said, it was very informative, organized and fun.



Stop at Buena Vista



Leon saving a dummy at CPR class



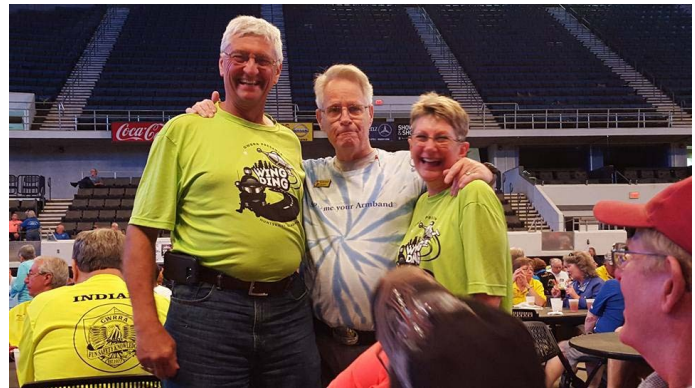
Registration Table



Judy & Bugsy



Space Cadet



Mike & Mary with GWRRA founder Paul Hildebrand



Judy working bike show



Mike at bike show



Mike's trailer



Mike & Mary's helmets



Crazy Mary in capsule

We rode again this year to the Kansas State Fair Goldwing Day. Chapter H had a good time visiting with the members of other chapters and fair goers. We also had some time for a little fun at the fair.



Terry took Rhonda on the zip line for her birthday and Jeff went along also



There were several of us representing chapter H at the Kansas State Rally in Park City, KS. We had a good time and really enjoyed the games and seminars. The KS-H Saltwings Lawn Chair Drill Team put on a great performance. You can watch it on youtube or on the KS District website on the Kansas District Rally page.



Marv entertaining at the Level IV breakfast



Strouds where they choke their own chickens



Airplane races (the big paper airplane in chapter H)



Mike at the on bike games



Dale, Rhonda and Buggy in the light show



Kit and Donna receiving appreciation for donating AEDs



Terry and Judy received the Frank Patton Award for 2015

The entire Kansas Team did a fantastic job putting on our rally this year. I heard many positive remarks and compliments. Many from other states are planning to come to our next rally in April 2016. Our chapter will be the host chapter and we will have much to do to get ready. We will not have to work hard, just help out and have FUN.

The upcoming ride to Arkansas is going to be quite an event. So far we have 21 bikes / trikes going. If you want to go, contact Bill or Sarah Watts. Rooms are about sold out if not already. Be sure you have checked your ride to be safe and have fun.



Send photos and info about your rides

Send your photos and descriptions or short article of what you have been doing to Ann Whithorn izzy2freckles@hotmail.com so she can add it to the chapter scrapbook.

Also send it to Dale Tritsch dalet@cox.net for the newsletter. Even a short ride for ice cream or pleasure would be appreciated.

If you have it covered in bugs from a ride or have added new items to it – send it.

Daryl and Nita Regier had a good time on their vacation / Wing Ding trip.
USS Alabama Fort Morgan, AL



Rocket City



Bugsy

I went to Wing Ding at the rocket city. It was a blast! I got to do a lot and see a lot. Thanks guys.



I also went to the Kansas State Rally. I met a lot of new friends and saw many old friends.



Afterthoughts

"Deliver Your Brand"

If you've been listening and paying attention, the new catch phrase is "Deliver the Brand". Seminars are available and presented for Membership Enhancement, Leadership and Rider Education. These seminars are presented during a Chapter gathering, a District, Regional or at the National level, during "Wing Ding". In addition CPR and First Aid are usually available. Our brand, Gold Wing Road Riders Association, distinguishes us from many other groups, clubs and other motorcycle enthusiasts. Not everyone you meet will get what we are about. No one has to join GWRRA to ride a motorcycle. If you leave them with a negative impression of us, that is all they will re-member and share with others. These are lasting and lingering impressions. Surely, you've had a negative experience with a company that you still remember and relate to others. Your attitude reflects how you feel about GWRRA to non members. So does your attitude display a reason for someone to become a member? What perception do you portray to a non member that would lead them to want to join and continue in GWRRA? Are you courteous to non members that may join? Remember, that you only get one chance to make a first impression. Do you continue to be courteous to new members, as well as long term members. We all want to be accepted and acknowledged. Remember to check your membership renewal date and not let it expire.

Ken and Cindy Kelley Membership Enhancement
ARIZONA ROADWAYS SEPTEMBER 2015

Upcoming Events

(see all our upcoming events on the KS-H webpage on the Kansas District website)

October

9	KS-P meeting ride
10	Bill & Sarah mystery ride
11	Wiener Roast at Dale T's
15 - 18	Arkansas ride
24	Pretty Boy Floyd's in Ellsworth

Sunshine Events

Birthdays

October

3	Carolyn Colahan
6	Chris Scheurer
15	Daryl Regier
17	Twila Good
21	Ellen Deges
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

Anniversaries

11	Kit & Donna Sand
16	Daryl & Nita Regier

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

RALLYS

Mark your Calendars!

Mid Winter Rendezvous

Jan 15 - 16 2016 Best Western Park City, KS

Oct 15-17: Oklahoma District Convention,

"Hollo Wing" Sequoyah Lodge, in Sequoyah State Park, Hulbert, Oklahoma

Buy, Sell, or Trade

Contact dalet@cox.net with bike related items for sale, trade, or wanted - be sure to include photos and your contact info

Chapter Shirts, hats, flags, license plates

see Terry Mann or look over our merchandise at the meeting

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Be sure to read the **Kansas Winger** on the Kansas District web site each month
See what all our Kansas chapters are doing

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Meeting Night - Friday August 14, Brown Bag at 6:30PM
Derby Church of Christ 225 N. Derby St,
Derby Ks. 67037 in the fellowship hall at the south
end of the building

What's happening? September provided lovely weather for the trip to Wing Ding in Huntsville, AL., with descent summer temperatures and no rain until the last day towards home for about a hundred miles. Our Chapter P fearless leader David McDonald and my wife and I ventured into the countryside after Wind Ding in search of slaying the Dragon, which we found to be a formidable foe but one we were able to beat into submission. I even got to ride the Tail in return with a broken left peg, and even then all the way home with no footrest. Good Times for sure. Kansas was again represented by the Twisters and 5 other Drill teams. All put on great demonstrations with several new teams added into the fray. Much money was spent on that trip by most of our attendees, so it was good to get home. On the 18th and 19th was the Kansas Rally here in Park City, with a good showing. Good weather with many activities being enjoyed from on bike games to bike shows to a vendor area the likes I have never seen at a local gathering. Thanks to my wife Katherine the room was full of accessories and chrome and stuff and chrome and bike services and chrome and wouldn't you know I spent tons of money on more stuff I just had to have. Now to spend hours adding to the gross weight of my scooter. Probably will need new tires to carry all that around. Wasn't a Bingo card in sight! The Kansas Twisters again performed a flawless demonstration at the rally and capped off our second year with no accidents or even damage caused by the maneuvers. With eight bikes in that close harmony doing what we do and no damage incurred I must say I am proud to be a part of such a dedicated and professional group.

Looking ahead to October brings Fall adventures and some local rides, all to be announced at the proper time by the proper people. At my house we are in major remodel mode so riding for a week or two will not be high on the list but we will attempt getting out for a short one.

Remember the Chapter P monthly brown bag meeting at the Derby Church of Christ, 225 N Derby St, in Derby, on October 9th at 7 PM (Brown Bag chow around 6:30). Meetings are always a good time to be mesmerized by our Chapter P Leader David MacDonald, who always provides interesting discussion and conversation.



Twister 8

Everyone have a safe month!

Dennis and Kathy Chesnut
Asst. Directors Chapter P

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Becky Mangus



My goodness September was one busy month!! We didn't have a meeting because of Wing Ding, but I believe there were enough Kansas GW people in Huntsville to call it a great meeting. It was wonderful to see so many of our Ks. GW family at Wing Ding this year. We hope all of you will make plans to join us next year in Billings, Montana for Wing Ding 38, Sept. 1-4th, 2016.

Once we all got home from Huntsville it was time for the Kansas State Fair ride to Hutchinson. The weather was good and the turnout was even better. This event is always a good time to meet new people and spend some time together.

Of course our big event for the month was our Kansas District Rally in Park City. First and foremost we would like to send a Big THANK YOU out to our District Staff for another good event. If you were unable to attend you missed a lot of vendors, games and just all around good times. Chapter "Q" had the Airplane Races this year and our big winner for 2015 was Chapter "F", good job F Troop! Be sure to mark your calendars for next years District Rally, the date has been moved to April 22-24th in Hutchinson, Ks.

As you all know we have been working hard at finding a new place for our monthly meetings. We had been looking at a place in Winfield and we just couldn't make that work. We know that some of you were really hoping that would be it, but we just weren't able to do it. So that now puts us back in Ark City, Ks., at the Sirloin Stockade, same night, same times. Please make plans to join us. We'd like to say Thank You to Jim & Carol Owens for all of their efforts in trying to find us just the right meeting place.

October Birthdays:

Sheila Tucker 12th
Rodger Webb 12th
Gayle Webb 15th

Anniversaries:

Dick & Barb Shaw 25th



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Jack and Teresa Kistler, Owners

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Until the next time,
Ride Safe,
Jack & Teresa Kistler

The Kansas Twisters

Drill Team

Steve Bockhaus, Team Captain



To start off, my apologies for no pictures this month. Everyone on the team was so busy that we had no still photographer. Oh well, so be it. But if you like, there are videos of the team on you tube.

It has been a very busy 30 days for the team. First, went to Huntsville Alabama for Wing Ding. For those of you who did not make it there, you missed quite a show. There were six Drill Teams there. The teams were – Kansas Twisters, Canadian Northern Lights, Central Florida Drill Team, Mississippi Drill Team, Georgia Stars and Stripes and of course the novice team that was put together at Wing Ding. There was no competition, but if there were, I feel that Kansas would have given Florida and Canada a run for their money. These are both very long time established teams. Mississippi and Georgia are both less than one year old. Give them time and ALL of us will be in close competition.

We then came back home for a local show (finally) at the Kansas District Rally in Park city. We would like to give Heights High School a big Thank You for the use of

their parking lot. It was a very good range and there was plenty of parking. The Team feels that this was our best performance ever. For those who did not see it, well, you really missed a good show. You can go to You Tube and search Kansas Twisters and find the video, but it is not the same as being there.

As we start to plan our next season, we would like to thank all of the support and encouragement we have gotten from everyone in GWRRA. If you think the show was good this year, just wait, we are planning on more moves and modifications to our routine.

Thank You EVERYONE for a GREAT season this year.

See you on down the road

Kansas Twisters Motorcycle Drill Team





THANKYOU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of GWRRA Kansas. You have been a comfort at this time of mourning the death of my Mother.

The well wishes, cards, flowers, and prayers mean a lot to me. this is a wonderful group of people.

Thank you once again.

Steve Bockhaus

BY THE BOOK

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A Survey, or Just a Vote in Disguise

We've all heard that we shouldn't vote in GWRRA. Section D, page 9 of the Officer Handbook discusses the topic of voting in detail and says surveys should be taken in lieu of voting. But what's the difference between a 'vote' and a 'survey'? Voting, by definition, is the process of approval or disapproval of a particular proposal. A survey is defined as a process that involves questioning people to obtain information or opinions to be analyzed. Hmmm, sounds kinda like the same thing – so what's the difference. Oh, I forgot to include a key word in each of the definitions. Voting is defined as a formal process, while a survey is an informal process.

Most times, voting as we do it, involves posing a question and asking for a show of hands. That sounds fairly informal – so is that a survey and not a vote, therefore okay? Lets think about that. Our type of voting is usually done in a group setting and everyone is allowed one vote - a “this or this” question. The outcome usually involves going with the majority and members thinking they either “won” or “lost” - and no one likes to loose. There can also be peer pressure in the form of being seen voting the same as a friend or risk friction in the friendship.

A properly done survey would involve talking to members informally, one-on-one, then taking all of the discussions into account and making a decision. No group setting peer pressure; no 'visible' winners and losers. The best part is that by having these discussions, an additional alternative may become apparent which would make everyone happier. Or you may find it really doesn't matter as long as riding and food are involved.

Does this sound like a lot of work on the part of the director vs. just posing a question to the group and asking for a show of hands? It shouldn't be. These discussions should occur between the members and any of the core team. Then in the planning, or business meeting, the core team provides input to the director resulting in the director making an informed decision. In many cases, the core team should be getting to know the members well enough to know what they would like without having a topic specific discussion. And the members should be pro-actively talking to their core team to offer up suggestions and comments.

For more information regarding GWRRA Voting, see Section D, page 9 of the Officer's Handbook which discusses the topic of voting in detail.

The more you know, the better it gets!

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