

KANSAS DISTRICT NEWS



'The Winger'



"Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge"

Region 'H' "The Hospitality Region"

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The goal is to inform members and friends of activities available to them that are sponsored by the Chapter and Districts in Region 'H'.

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Ride safe and ride often

A Message from your District Directors



Kansas Monthly Newsletter
Region 'H'

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Greeting to all of our G.W.R.R.A. Family,

Well we think it is safe to say that summer may have loosened its grip, and we have seen the last of the 90 plus degree days at least until next year. Fall is in the air and that is a good thing because we all know the cooler fall temps make for some great riding weather. But please keep in mind that fall also means the leaves on the trees will also be falling and these are also a riding hazard to all of us so please be careful and be aware.

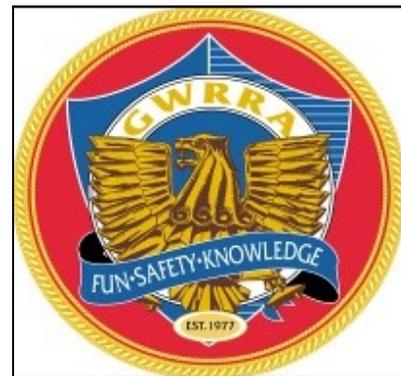
September was a fun month in many different ways with Wing Ding, and another great showing for the Annual Kansas State Fair bike day, and we thank all of you that came out for both of these events. But let me assure all of you the FUN does not stop there as October promises to keep the FUN going. This year's District Campout, at Council Grove Lake, on October 6th-8th has some new and fun things added to it and it won't disappoint anyone. If you can't come out for the entire weekend we would love to see you if only for the day or evening but please let us know so we can make sure we have enough food for everyone at the evening meals or Sunday morning breakfast. And the FUN continues with the District fall ride to Ponca City, Oklahoma on October 21st and there are many other Chapter activities scheduled throughout our District for the month of October

and I would encourage each of you to check the website for the details of each of them. And make a plan to get out and participate if you can it will be FUN and we all can use as much of that as we can get.

I would also encourage any of you that have never taken a Road Captains Course to really consider taking the course on October 22ND. You may not have any desire to ever lead a ride and that is alright because nothing says you have too but I can assure you weather you choose to lead a ride or just take part in the ride this course is priceless and very valuable. So give it some thought because you won't be disappointed by participating the classroom lesson alone is well worth your time.

We look forward to seeing all of our Family Members very soon but until then get out and ride and enjoy the nice weather but please above all ride or drive safe.

Bill and Sarah,



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GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION KANSAS DISTRICT

Region 'H'



2017 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Oct 6-8:	Kansas Campout Santa Fe Cove
Oct 21:	Kansas Fall Picnic Ride to Ponca City OK
Oct 22:	Road Captain Course (RCC)
Nov 3-5:	Region 'H' Ride-In, Start in Van Buren AR

2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

March 17:	Kansas One Day Summit/Retreat
April 7:	Trike Course
April 12-14:	Louisiana Rally
April 22:	MSF BRC2
May 5:	Both Trailering Courses (TTRC-TC)
May 17-19:	Texas Rally,
TBD	Arkansas Rally
June 14-16:	Kansas Rally, Pittsburg Kansas
Aug 28/Sept 1:	Wing Ding
September 27-29:	Oklahoma Rally, Lawton OK

CHAPTER MEETING TIMES IN ORDER OF OCCURANCE

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

Kansas Couple of The Year 2017



Bill and Sheila Tucker

KS- Q

Kansas Chapter Couples 2017

CHAPTER 'A'



Tim & Cindy Howard

CHAPTER 'B'

Dave & Paula Aikens

CHAPTER 'C'



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CHAPTER 'F'



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CHAPTER 'H'



Mark & Linda Classen

CHAPTER 'P'



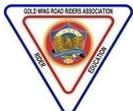
Dennis & Kathy Chesnut

CHAPTER 'Q'

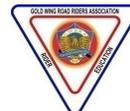


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Fall is here! Gee! You knew that didn't you. What it means to your Rider Education Team is we need to provide a 2018 schedule for the GWRRR family and their friends, so let's do this!

But before we get into the 2018 schedule, I have a 'SPECIAL TRAINING' announcement that is coming in 2017, in fact this month of October.

I sent an email to the CD's, CE's and District Team announcing that we will have a ROAD CAPTAIN COURSE' of instruction OCTOBER 22, 2017. Since that announcement, we have confirmed that it will be in the Old Depot in El Dorado, KS. Phyllis VanBuskirk has secured it for us. Thanks Phyllis.

It is important that every member know that there is a lot of valuable and usable information in this class that will help you be a better group rider than you already are. If you do not care to be a group leader or tail gunner (Drag) for a group, take it anyway. You are not under any obligation to be a Road Captain, but you should obligate yourself to gain this knowledge. IT'S FREE.

We hope you will choose to join us in one or more riding courses. I like to refer these courses as 'refresher, lets sharpen our skills' opportunities. All training is in Wichita.

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

April 7: TRC-R. This is a Trike Course without the classroom session. \$25.00

April 22: BRC2. This is a two wheel advanced MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) session. \$25.00

May 5: TC & TTRC. This is the Trailering session for two wheels and Trikes. \$25.00

ENROLLMENT IS OPEN FOR ALL SESSIONS

Email Bill Tucker wtucker1@cox.net

I'll keep reminding all that we will be sponsoring one or more Medic First Aid Classes in 2018 as well. Once again, this is NOT just for those of us that participate in the Rider Education Levels program. It is for ANYONE that cares enough about their family and friends that if the need would occur, you might just save a life. Let your Chapter Educator know you have an interest in this life saving training. If enough enroll in your area we will come to you. \$25.00 maybe less.

By now, you know that GWRRR has put in place a 'NEW' GWRRR. They call it 'Restructuring'. The changes will officially take place January 1, 2018. Keep an open mind and PLEASE do not pre-judge the new program. I attended three forums at Wing Ding that was lead by our GWRRR President Anita Alkire. I'm excited to see how it all plays out. The re-structure will certainly affect the Rider Education program and my team is ready.

I'm looking forward to seeing all these changes in writing in our manual guidelines. A lot of positive changes are upon us.

Time to close. Need to get this article to the District Kansas Winger Editor. Wait! That's me.

From me and your Rider Ed team, Remember:

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

Bill & Sheila Tucker, Sr. District Educators

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

And their spouses.



Road Captain Course

WHEN: October 22, 2017

WHERE: The Old Depot, 430 N Main El Dorado Ks

TIME: 1:00pm Classroom

We start with classroom portion, then will divide into groups and ride the streets to practice what we learned and discussed in the classroom.

The instructors are Certified GWRRA RiderCoaches,
Bob Brown, Rick Stevens & Bill Tucker

Appropriate gear: Over the ankle footwear, eye protection, helmet, full finger gloves, long sleeve shirt/jacket, long pants.

To enroll or have questions, email Bill Tucker at

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Kansas Chapters, Chapter Directors and Meeting Time & Place

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

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

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Hello everyone...

September started off with a bang as Wing Ding was in full swing at the time and a few of us ventured down to Grapevine Texas right after Hurricane Harvey played a visit to the great state. Although Harvey did not venture that far north we did feel the effects when someone got the wise idea to start a panic about gasoline...It didn't last more than a day or 2 but it was enough to cause long lines at gas stations and huge traffic problems. But that didn't keep most of the hearty GW folks from meeting at the Gaylord for a great time.

You know how they say everyone has a twin...well thanks to Sheila Tucker, Larry Mazur got to meet his. While walking through the vender's room Sheila stopped Larry and explained to him how "the other day" she had a conversation for almost 30 mins with a person she could have sworn was him...but it wasn't. Imagine to Larry's surprise a little while later when he sees Sheila walking his way and dragging with her is the person that looks just like him (well almost) his name is Tom Tiarks and he lives in Georgia. In talking with him, Larry found out that he was once in Law Enforcement, and when asked if he liked the stooges he said "Soitenly...nuyk, nuyk, nuyk." Here is a picture of the two together.



Of course Larry wasn't the only person from Chapter A that went to Wing Ding. Here is an account I got from Steve & Terri Bockhaus

Wing Ding this year will certainly be one for the memory books, though not necessarily for the usual reasons. I believe memories will include Hurricane Harvey, waiting in line for gas, looking for stations that still had gas, paying \$3 for a bottle of water at the Gaylord Texan because water was only supplied to those attending seminars; paying \$18 for a meal consisting of a hotdog, chips, bottle of water, and an ice cream bar; receiving a special deal on a parking pass for \$50 a week, only to discover that all the motorcycles were automatically waved through (if there was an attendant present); and standing in the sun for two hours to watch the drill team performances because there were no bleachers to sit on. To be fair, however, I must admit that most of the above was not due to any fault of GWRRA. Event staff did their usual good job of answering questions, providing signs/directions, and supplying water to the outside events. Unfortunately, these are not necessarily the things that people remember.

I will chose to remember and value the time I was able to spend reuniting with friends from Israel, Nova Scotia, British Columbia, California, Florida, Louisiana, and everywhere else that we just can't get to as often as we'd like.



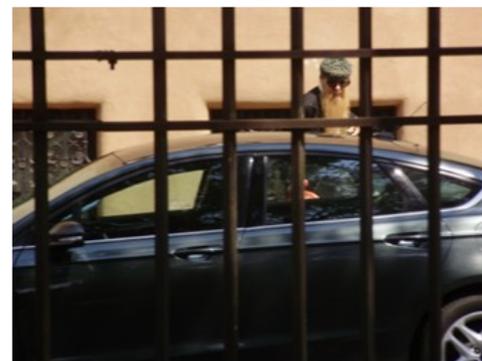
I will also remember that even though they were busy, each one of the directors, and staff stopped to talk to us when they saw us, making us feel important and appreciated.

While the rest of us came home after Wing Ding to go back to work Steve & Terri along with Bob & Barb Brown & Denny & Cathy Chesnut from Chapter P went on a further adventure to New Mexico and here are some highlights from that trip

After leaving Wing Ding, the Browns, Bockhaus', and Chesnuts traveled to New Mexico for a week. We visited Madrid, Santa Fe, Taos, and Red River.



It is absolutely beautiful there this time of year, as the Aspen trees are starting to turn. Bob used his Butler maps to find the most fabulous roads with minimal construction. We got sprinkled on slightly when leaving Red River, but that is the only rain we encountered, even while in Texas. We took an hour and a half guided tour of Santa Fe that was well worth the money. Here are several facts that I remember: 1. Santa Fe is the oldest state capital in the U.S. (I knew that.) 2. New Mexico has the highest elevation in the U.S. (though the tour guide was quick to point out that Colorado may run a close second since they legalized marijuana!) There are ski resorts in Taos and Red River. 3. Many houses have turquoise colored doors and window sills as they believe that color helps ward off evil spirits. 4. The state tree is the Pinon. Its nuts are used for roasting. Steve found some Pinon coffee in a shop in Red River. I foresee much more of that in his future! We saw Billy Gibbons from the musical group "ZZ Tops". Bob actually spoke with him. I later got a picture of him walking down the street in Santa Fe.



We stopped at the Rio Grande Gorge for photos. Kathy did well walking on the bridge as long as she didn't look down; that is, until a big truck drove across and vibrations rippled the whole bridge! That girl sure can walk fast!



Barb bought lots of spices to make all kinds of yummy salsa and Mexican dishes; even though Bob told her he was never eating Mexican food again after this trip! Alongside the road, we saw buffalo, huge elk, and several smaller pronghorn elk, and the guys said they saw a huge tarantula that stood up on its hind legs as we passed. (Sorry I missed that! ---NOT!) We all took turns being the lead rider and tail gunner. Don't let Denny convince you that he is shy; he did a great job at both!

I'm glad we arrived home on Friday night and had all day Saturday to rest between loads of laundry before heading to the fair on Sunday. It was really hard returning to work on Monday, as Steve and I are both swamped busy at work. I guess that is what makes a vacation so enjoyable, huh?!

Next up...the State Fair on Sept 10th. As I understand it there were a total of 30 motorcycles in our group. And it's great that we get to park on the fairgrounds and have a place to hang out, visit with people and show off our bikes.

So here's a question for you. How many of you have heard how to tell the difference between a country cow and a city cow? Next time you are driving down the road and you see a bunch of cows standing/eating in a field, honk your horn. A country cow will look up and maybe even run away...but a city cow will just keep on with what they are doing and not pay you any attention. So...here is a picture of us all standing around waiting to leave for the fairgrounds when Bob Brown makes a noise to get everyone's attention so he can take a picture of the group. Can you tell which are country cows... are and which are not?



We had our monthly chapter meeting Sept 14th where we of course all told stories about what we had done since the last time we had met. Joe & Debbie Gattenby were inducted (I think that's the right word) into the Hall of Fame for having signed up 29 new members while being with GWRRA J

Bob gave us a great lesson on how if we want to get more out of GWRRA we need to participate. He used the acronym of PARTICIPATION to make his point (I believe Doris Schoeck came up with this one)

P – Plan what you'll do while you are there at the activity/meeting

A – Go with the Attitude that you will enjoy yourself.

R – Ride in the parades when you get a chance

T – Tell the vendors and your staff that they are appreciated (both chapter & district level)

I – Invite someone to accompany you.

C – Everyone likes to be acknowledged, so Congratulate the winners.

I – Invest your time in activities that interest you.

P – Participate in as many things as possible.

A – When you need information to make things go smoother, Ask questions

T – Talk to someone new – a stranger is just a friend you haven't met yet.

I – Inquire about what's new – there's always something you haven't seen or heard about

O – be Open to new experiences – get out of your comfort zone.

And the most important part...

N – Never forget to have fun!!!

Now let's talk about some of the things to look forward to during the month of October

Oct 6th, 7th, & 8th – District Campout @ Council Grove Lake.

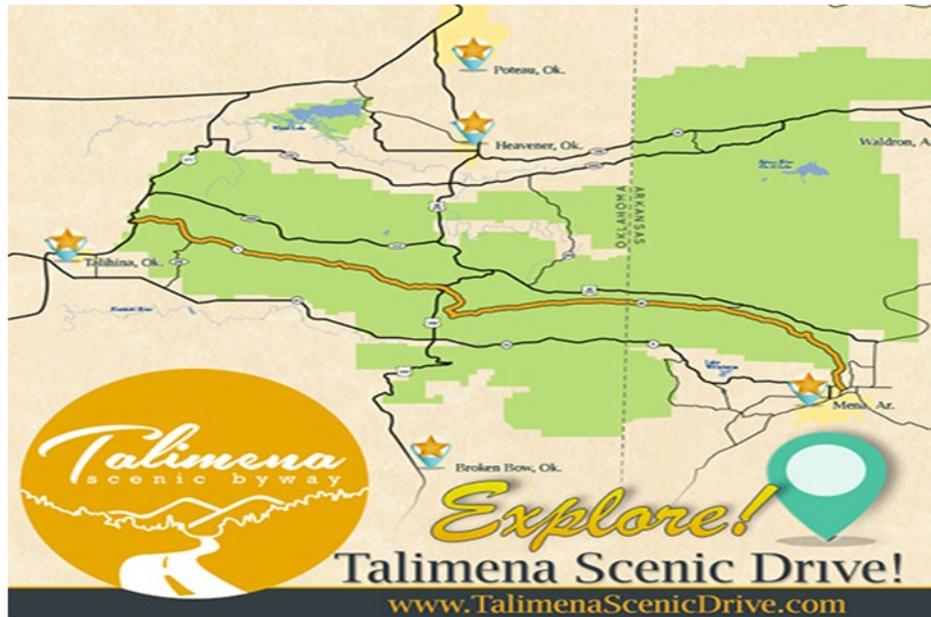
Oct 12th – is our monthly chapter meeting @ the Country Café on South Seneca. Meeting starts @ 7:00 but come early for a meal and visits with the other members.

Oct 13th, 14th & 15th –will be our chapter's Fall Foliage Ride. Marty & Ruth will leave Wichita @ 3:00pm so if you want to ride down with them please contact them. On Saturday you will ride in Oklahoma & Arkansas then the Talimena Drive and end up in McAlester OK. On Sunday you can ride back in a group or you are free to ride home on your own. For Saturday night there are rooms set aside at the Comfort Suites, 650 S George Nigh Expy #918-302-0001. Both singles & doubles are saved. Contact Marty for confirmation numbers. For more information please contact: Marty Dannar @ 316-308-2744

Just a reminder about what the Talimena Scenic Drive is all about?

Talimena Scenic Drive is a National Scenic Byway in southeastern Oklahoma and extreme western Arkansas spanning a 54.0-mile (86.9 km) stretch of Oklahoma State Highway 1 (SH-1) and Arkansas Highway 88 (AR 88) from Talihina, Oklahoma, to Mena, Arkansas. Designated a National Scenic Byway by the America's Byway Program in 2005, the road travels within the Ouachita National Forest along the highest peaks of the Winding Stair Mountains, part of the Ouachita Mountain chain, including the second tallest peak in Arkansas, Rich Mountain, 2,681 feet (817 m) in elevation.

Many of the forests along these ridges, stunted and of little commercial value, were never logged and are old growth. The two-lane road features hiking trails beginning at various points along its stretch and 22 scenic vista pull-outs. There are at least 13% hill grades along the route. (I got this info from Wikipedia...I do love to "copy & paste")



Oct 13th – It's Bob Davis's birthday...so if you see him don't forget to wish him a happy birthday

Oct 21st - The District ride to Ponca City. Helmet time is 9:00am @ the Belle Plaine rest stop on the turnpike

Oct 27th is the chapter Halloween party @ Rod & Ann Gillett's

Oct 29th is the chapter planning meeting @ Joe & Debbie Gattenby's. It starts @ 3:00pm so if you want to know what the chapter is planning to do next year please attend and give your ideas.

Nov 4th - Chapter Q is having their birthday party @ the Mulvane Community Center, 101 E Main. \$5.00 for a bowl of chili & 2 bingo cards. Eat @ 6:00pm with bingo to follow meal – prizes for the winners

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

Mary Mazur, Chapter A Newsletter editor



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ROGO's Barbecue was once again the dinner ride location. Reba and Gary Ohler graciously provided a wonderful barbecue dinner at their home for Chapter B's September dinner ride. Seven motorcycles traveled the back roads to the edge of Tonganoxie and then turned off to venture on toward Gary and Reba's house. It was a great night for a ride and the food was delicious and plentiful. Smoked brisket, pork and chicken graced the table as well as numerous sides and desserts. A few Chapter B members joined us there as well as some family members. It was a fun evening of food and conversations. A huge thank you to Gary and Reba for hosting us.

Chapter B's monthly meeting fell during National Houseplant Week so the September trivia topic was houseplants. It wasn't too surprising that the women knew the most about the topic. Carla Ramirez, Joyce Dalsing, and Cheryl Garrett all went home from the meeting with a new plant to reward their knowledge about various houseplants including money trees, and peacock and pocket-book plants.

Dave Aiken, Maurice Reiter, John English, and Joe Magnant all attended Wing Ding in Grapevine, Texas. It was an enjoyable time, though none of them came home with the new motorcycle. Maurice had the honor of spending the most money. A new helmet and headset beat out the "My Pillows" that arrived later at the Aiken home. Daily activities kept Dave and Maurice busy with the seminars, trade show, drill teams, and grand parade. They enjoyed watching the Kansas Twisters perform. John spent a day looking around and

Joe checked out several different trikes. Dave won his first ever door prize, a book entitled High on a Wing, autographed by the author. Jim Mick, the author, documented his travels to the high points in each of the forty eight contiguous states. He unfortunately didn't make it all the way to Mt. Sunflower in Kansas as the road was closed. Dave and Maurice enjoyed the company of Jack and Doris Schoeck and Rick and Brenda Kistler on the way home.

Chapter B events for October:

October 5 - Dinner Ride

October 19 - Chapter Meeting

October 28 - Breakfast Ride, Halloween Party

Safe Travels,
Paula Aiken

Chapter C - Topeka

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Wing Ding ended August with Clifford & Tiffany Criss and Brenda & I being the only members of Chapter C to venture to Texas, even though we didn't even see each other while there. With everything going on down there it was a toss-up for how miserable the weather would be considering Texas at that time of year and all the rain the hurricane brought to the state. With how far it was from the coast it ended up being a moot point but we got lucky in that the temperatures stayed within reason the entire time we were there.

The ride down was very enjoyable as we got to ride along with Joe Wicham, who had moved to Marysville, from all places Weatherford, TX, within the last year and by using the Gold Book gave me a call and we worked it out to get an early start to beat the heat. The ride was good with real good weather, considering we left with our Gerbings turned on a low setting and taking them off at the first fuel stop. The only negative part to the entire ride was that stretch of I-35 in Oklahoma that they call a road and I call a washboard. Somebody needed to explain to the inspectors that when you build a concrete highway that

smooth is much better than rough.

Wing-Ding's turn-out was way down in my opinion. I'm not sure what the reasons were but I have my ideas, which probably won't be near what GWRRA will say. It appeared to me the vendor count was down also, however there were plenty of places to spend your money and a whole lot more when you walked out of the vendor area to the "food court". I have no idea why they thought a plain hotdog was worth \$4.00 even considering it was one of the jumbo ones and also why the candy bar or bag of chips which weren't the jumbo ones were \$3.00.

We didn't go watch the drill teams, because from Grapevine to the race track where they had the drill teams, it was 40 minutes away, and that was with no traffic to speak of. It beats me why it was there, probably something to do with insurance

We had our supper ride on the 5th with Sandy Davis leading seven of us to Amigo's in Pamona. I think it's the first time the Chapter has eaten there and the food was excellent with good service. We had some good conversations rehashing how Wing Ding went and also the saga of Jamie and Gayle Conway going someplace for their 50th anniversary with their two children. The first choice was Mexico but with the State department recommending that folks don't go there right now they elected to change the destination to the Dominican Republic with a departure from Miami on the 8th. With a Hurricane fast on its way to Miami, who knows where their final destination ended up being. Some suggested locations were New Jersey and Canada so you get the idea. After not being able to figure that one out we said heck with it and headed home.

Our extended ride was rescheduled for the 9th, which is our normal date because of the change in the date for the district ride. Our destination was to be determined when we got to the Kwik Shop. After a short discussion the six of us decided to go to the Wagon Wheel Café in Marysville. That location was recommended by Joe Wicham as a good place to eat. When we got into Marysville it appeared that Brenda and my reputation for finding restaurants closed had preceded us, since the street the restaurant is on was closed for a bicycle event. We got lucky after walking down and finding the place open. The recommendation

was spot on as the food was excellent and if you go away hungry it's your fault. Bill Hanson ordered a club sandwich and I swear they took how they made it from the comic strip Blondie and Dagwood for those of you that remember that. After we waddled out we pointed ourselves toward home and didn't waste any time getting there, however it turned out to be a very good ride and great weather for it.

Our monthly meeting was held on the 19th with 16 members present. John and I (Teresa) Sled the meeting because Don had eye surgery the same day repairing a tear duct. All went well but he looked like Brenda had gotten the best of him. He had a pretty black eye. When I talked to him Tuesday night he was feeling pretty decent but aggravated because he couldn't put his glasses on to read. Rick and Rita were in St. Louis for a follow-up appointment for her back. We all hope she gets a good report. She had been doing so well and is so happy she is back on the trike again with no pain.

For the safety tip, Bill brought up the question about looking where you are going on a trike compared to a bike. Everyone came to the consensus that it is the same, even in a car.

John talked about when he first started riding and I informed him that was eons ago because he probably started riding at 14 so he really meant when he started riding as a concerned adult. There was a discussion about avoiding potholes if you are riding a bike or a trike. Rick's tire situation was discussed. He has a split in his tire that he had to change out.

Don had planned to talk about the Wing Ding but Tiffany gave us a brief rundown. This was her first Wing Ding and she really enjoyed it. She rode down by herself (brave girl) and her husband joined her later. He had to stay back a work a couple more days.

The Chapter C birthday party was discussed. Everyone mentioned how much fun it was. However, it was extremely hot and most of us are getting to the point where we can't deal with the heat. Everyone agreed that moving it to September would be a good thing. So, at this point, it will probably be the third Saturday in September but this is not confirmed as we will have our planning meeting in November and pin it down with a definite date then. I read a thank you card that we got from Maurice Graves from Chapter B. We enjoyed having him as our guest.

We mentioned all of the upcoming events for the chapter and the district. We handed out flyers for the district campout and mid-winter rally.

Sandy Davis will be our new chapter individual that will replace our chapter couple. John and Teresa won the first 50/50 and Tiffany won the second one.

Birthdays for October

3 Gary Drake

10 Earl Barnes

Don & Brenda Williams
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Chapter F - El Dorado



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Rick & Brenda Kistler

Greetings from Chapter F!

The temperature has finally come down in our part of Kansas and we have received some much needed rain. The riding season will probably start slacking off in the next month so get out and ride anytime you can.

In September, the Supper Ride was held on Friday, September 8, 2017, at Whitewater Kansas. There was a good representation from our chapter and we had visitors from Chapter Q. A good time was had by all! Thanks to all who came and had a good time!

Our Chapter meeting for September was held on Tuesday, September 26, 2017. We had eleven (11) members and had visitors from Chapter A, H, P, and Q. Dessert was provided by Roslin Snyder, which was very good! Thank you Roslin! Thanks to everyone who came to share time with us. We enjoyed seeing everyone! Bill Watts, Kansas District Director gave updates on several items and reminded everyone of upcoming Kansas events. See the District page for more information.

Wing Ding was held at the Gaylord Hotel in Grapevine, Texas from August 29 through September 2. It was a fun time. There are a lot of changes coming in at the beginning of the New Year and we were able to learn about some of those changes. The rest are still in progress and National will keep us advised as they are worked out. Messages from our District Directors, Bill and Sarah Watts, will keep us up to date on these changes so look for additional information in the coming months.

The District Campout is coming up in less than 2 weeks, at Santa Fe Cove, at Council Grove Lake. It begins on Friday, October 6, 2017, and there are several fun things planned that you do not want to miss so we hope to see you there.

Rick Kistler made a presentation to the Spoon lady (Doris) of a "silverware clock". Thanks go out to him for a Great Clock! The gesture was great and the Spoon lady

thanks him!



Jack Schoeck, Rider Educator for Chapter F, gave a talk on some ordinary safety things to do while riding on your motorcycle. Some of these tips were for the co-riders and the information was a good reminder for all of us. The 50/50 winnings went to Gene Shannon, KS F and Carol Owens, KS Q. Congratulations!

The supper ride for October for Chapter F will be Friday, October 6, 2017 at the District Campout at Santa Fe Cove at the Council Grove Lake. Hobo Stew will be the menu and we hope to see a lot of you there! Supper will be at 6:00 pm.

John and Karen Glaves had an anniversary on September 17, 2017. We have no Birthdays or Anniversaries for October.

Until next time, Ride Safe and Ride Often!

Submitted By,
Doris Schoeck, Newsletter Editor

There are a few pictures of folks that visited our chapter gathering! ENJOY



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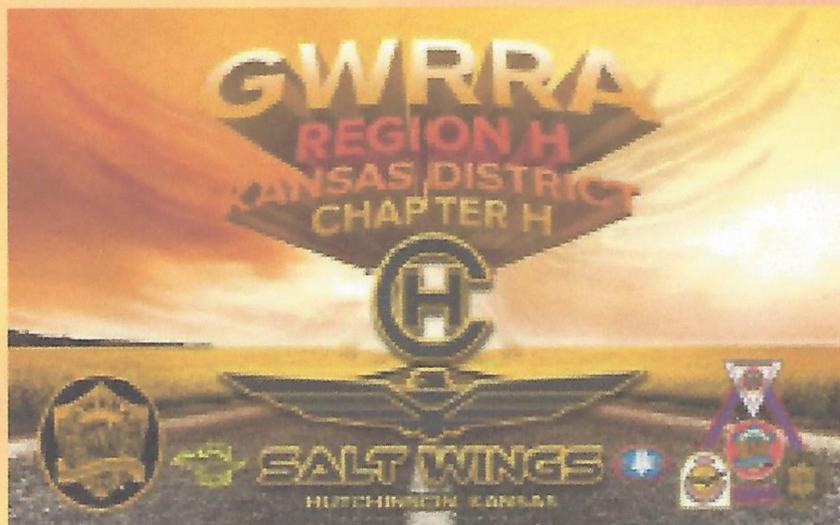
Bill & Sarah Watts

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KS-H Newsletter

OCTOBER 2017



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

Our next gathering will be held on

OCTOBER 26, 2017

at

GAMBINO'S PIZZA

310 S. Main St., South Hutchinson, Kansas

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



FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE





September had members going every which way. Some went to Wing Ding in Texas, some attended the Kansas State Fair ride in, and some jumped in the saddle and just went on rides of their own. I have heard through the grapevine that a lot of fun was being had by everyone and that's what we like to hear!

The Kansas District Campout is coming up on October 6 – 8. We hope you can come for the entire weekend but if not, come for the days you can. A fun time is promised and don't forget the movies on Saturday night! You can find out more information at www.gwrraks.com under Special Notice.

Have your bike/trike cleaned and ready to show off in downtown Hutchinson at the Third Thursday event on October 19. Remember to bring candy to give out. More on this via email (or call 620-921-5941 if you do not have email after Oct 9).

If you are planning to go to the Renaissance Festival on Oct 14 – 15, please get your room reservations right away at Econo Lodge at 504 North Main Street Lansing, KS (phone: 913-727-2777). Mention GWRRA Chapter H and ask for the special rate of \$67.95 + tax. (you may be able to get it for less if you use any special discount offers you have otherwise).

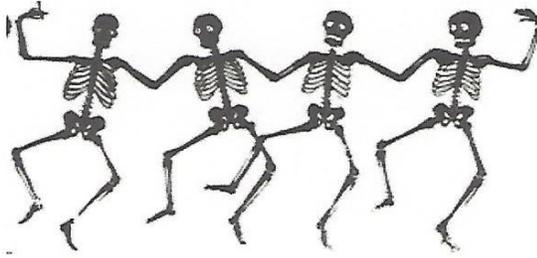
Come One and All! Our Chapter H planning meeting is scheduled for October 29 at 3pm at the Delos V Smith Senior Center located at 1st & Washington in Hutchinson and EVERYONE is invited! We are going to be working with other Chapters in 2018 to combine some ride/meetings and we are tossing around the idea of moving our monthly gatherings to Saturday evenings so more members will be able to attend. Please bring any and all ideas for activities, events and rides. I think brainstorming from everyone will help us put together some fun times on the calendar for 2018!

Planning is also underway for the Mid-Winter Rendezvous scheduled for January 19 – 20. The theme for the Chapter H Couple of the Year (COY) basket will be "Picnics" and we will begin collecting whatever items you wish to contribute to the basket at our Christmas Party on December 17. We are also asking for items to use for participation prizes.

We are so grateful for our members and your participation in Chapter H. GWRRA is evolving and so are we! We are hoping to bring you MORE riding and MORE fun with MORE members in the coming new year. Thank you everyone for making ours the best Chapter in Kansas!

Ride when you can with who you can.
Have Fun and Be Safe.
Dale & Georgeanna
KS-H Chapter Directors





Hello all of you crazy FUN Chapter H members!

Another month has come and gone and fall is here! We should begin seeing cooler weather just perfect for motorcycle rides! Just remember to be safe and keep an eye out for preoccupied drivers on the road.

As Dale stated, members were going here and there and everywhere and we were a couple of those that did just that. We went to Yoder Days and watched the parade. There was plenty of candy for the kids(and us, if we could get to it before the little ones.) We saw the truck pulls, working and antique tractor pulls and even ran into Terry and Judy! You just never know where those two will turn up.

We also rode to Rock City south of Minneapolis, had a nice supper at the old Coyote Canyon in Salina and then headed back to the barn. About 178 miles round trip, running on the back roads most of the time and made 37 mpg!

We joined up with 6 other members and went down to Muskogee, Oklahoma, for some river rafting. What a lot of FUN! We stopped at the Nut Hut in Altoona, Kansas to try some mountain oysters on the way down and can I just say they were MMMM good ! The ride home was a hot 97 - 99 degrees and we stopped several times to cool down and replenish our fluid levels. IT WAS A FUN WEEKEND GET-A-WAY !

GWRRA had their annual ride in to the Kansas State Fair and we proudly displayed our bikes and trikes. We had a number of people stop by to admire our machines and visit, showing an interest in our Chapter gatherings and asking about what we did as a Chapter for FUN. We were certainly happy to give them information on the fun they could be having.

So my fine friends, let me just reiterate that you need to have some FUN along this ride called life. So get out there and have FUN doing what ever you are doing and be safe while you're doing it.

**Your Assistant Chapter H Directors
Don & Carma Gray**





Hello from your Chapter H MECs!

Since our last Chapter family gathering there have been any number of opportunities for getting together with fellow members and taking off on a ride somewhere. Wing Ding was probably the largest event attended by some of our family members and we hope everyone enjoyed the big event.

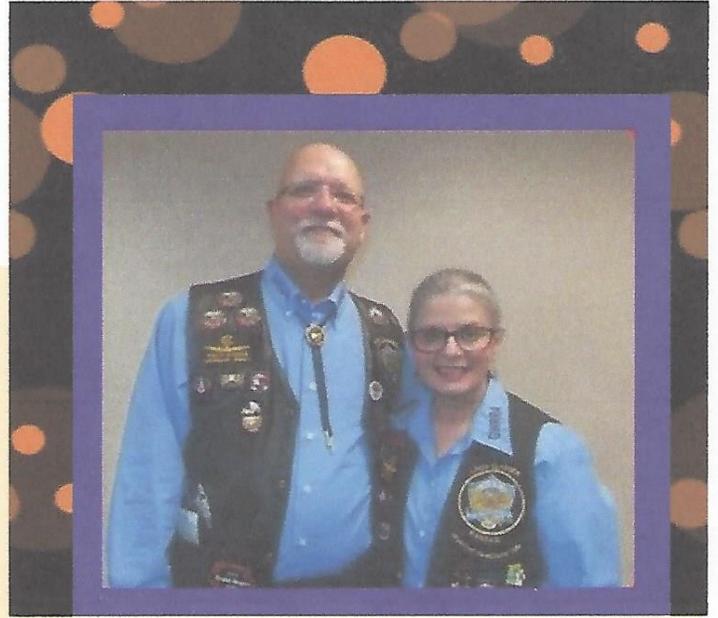
We are happy to report that the Kansas State Fair ride in was a great success with 30 motorcycles showing up and giving us the perfect opportunity to not only show off our bikes and trikes but to inform people about what GWRRA has to offer in the way of safety, education and FUN.

Yes, changes are coming to GWRRA and most generally changes are hard to adjust to because we just get used to what has always been and we're not sure of what lies ahead. But fear not my friends! We're a family and family's stick together and support each other and during these changing times I have no doubt that together we will only make GWRRA an even better organization that provides ALL riders with more Fun, Knowledge and Safety.

"Change is inevitable.....except from vending machines"

**Stay safe out there!
Kit and Donna Sand**





Wow what a Summer!

Well here it is nearly fall – Man where did the summer go!

Linda and I have been busy as always BUT in whatever spare time we find, we've been working on getting the trailer ready to use. We have painted the inside and put in the tie downs, and wheel chock for lockdown of the bike. Linda came up with a brilliant idea to install a clothes bar so we can hang our clothes when we travel. She's so darn smart! She thinks of everything!

We spent the end of August and the first of September at Wing Ding in Grapevine, Texas. What a facility! I wish it would have been a little larger, if it had, we could have been able to use our Goldwings to get around! We worked the welcome desk a couple of days and had a wonderful time just seeing new friends and old ones alike. If you did not see us on Facebook – well you will just have to take our word for it – it was great!

We were unable to ride into the State Fair with the other Goldwings but we did come for the fellowship after Church that Sunday and meet a lot of riders from around the state that we usually don't get to see. It was a beautiful day and a day that we all enjoyed.

Well with the crispness in the air I know that many people may slow down their riding –but that's not my plan. Linda and I will be hitting some more Chapter events this month and hope to see you all at the wiener roast at Dales and at the Chapter gathering this month.

Ride safe and have fun. We are! And thank you again for this opportunity to be your ambassadors for the Chapter around the state and the nation!

Mark and Linda Classen
Chapter H Couple of the Year





SEPTEMBER

- 24 Dale's Annual Wiener Roast
- 28 Meeting @ Gambino's Pizza in South Hutchinson
- 27 - 30 Oklahoma District Rally, Muskogee, Oklahoma



OCTOBER

- 6 - 8 KS District Campout
- 14 - 15 Overnite Ride to Kansas City Renaissance Festival (TBA)
- 21 KS District Fall Ride
- 19 3rd Thursday downtown Hutchinson 5pm Bike show/recruiting/hand out candy to kids
- 26 Meeting @ Gambino's Pizza in S Hutchinson
- 29 Planning Meeting for 2018 at Delos v Smith Senior Center (all are invited)

(You can see all the happenings for Chapter H at <https://www.gwrraks.com/chapter-h.html>)

Sunshine Events

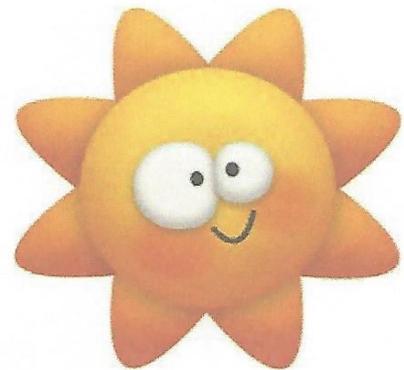


SEPTEMBER

- 28 Toni Ayers

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



OCTOBER

- 11 Kit & Donna Sand
- 16 Daryl & Nita Regier



Rallies, Rides and Events

Sept 27 - 29

Oct 6 - 8

Oct 14 - 15

Oct 19

Oct 21

Oct 22

Oklahoma District Rally - Muskogee, OK

Kansas District Campout - Council Grove, KS (Santa Fe Cove)

Overnight Ride to Kansas City Renaissance Festival

3rd Thursday downtown Hutchinson 5pm Bike show

See more events at www.gwrraks.com/calendar

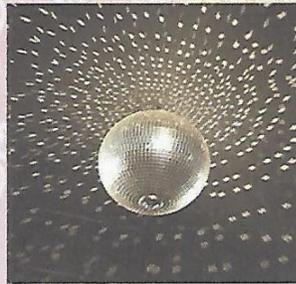
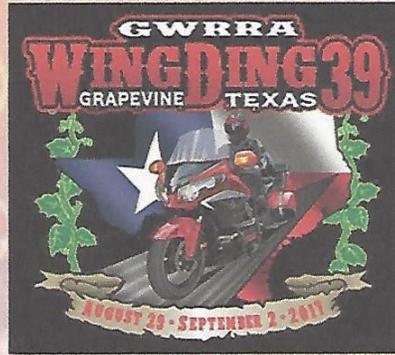
Come join our merry group of motorcyclists and find out what we are all about!

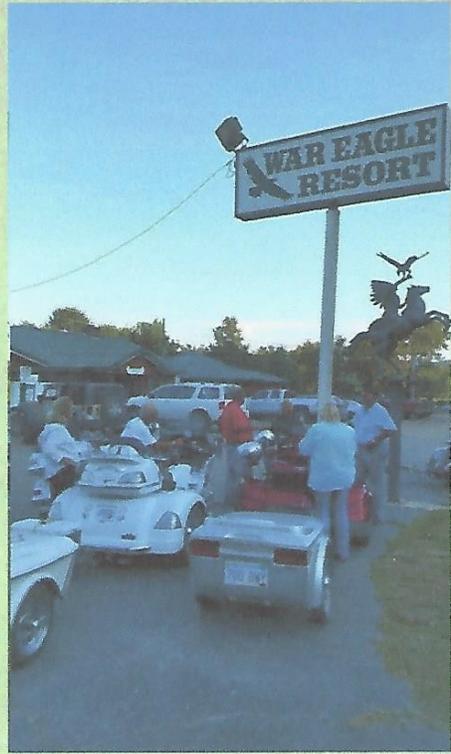
Each month we draw one membership number which is hidden somewhere in the newsletter. If the member who it belong to spots it and is present at the next meeting, he or she wins \$5!! So come to the meetings and see your motorcycle friends. We have a lot of fun, you learn new things and you might just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

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

Did you spot your member number?
It's not a trick! There's a treat if you find it!







**WE'VE BEEN EVERYWHERE
MAN!**



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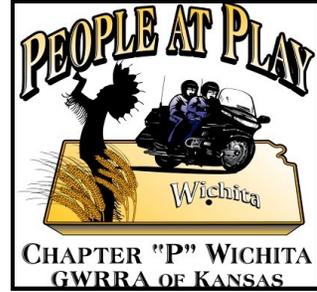
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Meeting Night

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

Rides last month:

Wing Ding was held at Grapevine Texas. There was lots of Vendors, motorcycle performances by several states: Kansas, Oklahoma, Georgia, and California, just to name a few and the motorcycle flag parade.



Kansas State Fair 9/10

We all started out at the air port and lined up and headed to the fair. Beautiful day of hanging out with fun folks and leisurely strolls around the fair. We even had front row seating to watch the daring acrobats.. There were over 30 gold wing bikes in the parade



Oklahoma Rally was at Muskogee Oklahoma. Awesome performance on Saturday morning by the Kansas twisters. "Great job Kansas twisters"

The Oklahoma team wasn't able to perform at last minute (they were sure missed). Saturday was full of activities; we all joined in on the beautiful motorcycle flag parade with every bike carrying a flag from each of the 50 states and the military.



Saturday afternoon, a few of us took a beautiful ride to Tenkiller state park



BIRTHDAYS:

October Birthdays- 10/2 Dave Brentlinger

ANNIVERSARIES:

October Anniversaries- None

Everyone have a safe month!

Theresa Perkins

Chapter P Newsletter Editor

Chapter Q – Arkansas City



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First of all I would like to Thank Bill Tucker for writing our newsletter last month, I just totally forgot to get it done before we left for Wing Ding. So THANK YOU again Bill for looking out for me, your directors and fellow chapter members really appreciate it.

Once again we had a great time at Wing Ding, yes the numbers were down, but we had a wonderful time with the ones that did make it. Our chapter was well represented with 8 members there this year. Those that made it besides us were: Asst. CD's Jim & Carol Owens, our very own chapter couple Duane & Vickie Kalous and last but not least our District Couple Bill & Sheila Tucker. Thanks everyone for making the trip to Texas and we hope to see everyone in Knoxville, Tennessee next year!

The Kansas State Fair Bike Day was a big success once again, I don't have the numbers, but do know that some new members were signed up and there was lot's of bikes & trikes. Thanks to all that attended!!

On the 24th of September Dale & Georgeanna Tritsch held their annual Wiener Roast. It was very well attended and we just want to say we had fun even though we had to leave before the rain hit. Oh and we did find the missing CB antenna, however it didn't fair to well so we are in the market for a new one.

As of the writing of this several members were preparing to attend the Oklahoma Rally, we hope to hear all their stories once they get back.

We are going to have our annual planning meeting on November 1st, so if any of our members have suggestions we encourage you to contact us.

On November 4th we have scheduled a fun night/belated birthday party. We are having a Chili/Bingo Night

and the event will be held at the Mulvane Comm. Center, 101 E Main, Mulvane, Ks. The price to eat and play bingo will be \$5.00 and this includes: a bowl of chili, cinnamon roll, a drink and 2 bingo cards. We will have prizes to be given to winners, so plan to come and join us and have a fun evening!!

Our birthdays and anniversary for the month of October are:



Sheila Tucker on the 12th "Happy Birthday"



Vern & Zola Trenkle on the 17th "Happy Anniversary"

Be sure to check out the District Webpage at www.gwrraks.com for more information on upcoming events.

Until the next time,
Jack & Teresa Kistler



KSQ
Birthday Party
November 4, 2017



At Mulvane Community Center 101 E Main
\$5.00 for Bowl of Chili and 2 Bingo Cards
Eat at 6pm - Bingo to Follow Meal
Prizes for the winners



Notes from Your District Trainer Mark Classen



Kansas GWRRA members,

Change is just around the corner! We at the district level have decided to embrace the change and have more fun with it! The first thing that you will be noticing is that Winter at Rendezvous will not have any seminars – training sessions, it will be ALL fun!

Fun for me though is the seminars and training! We plan to be covering this also. We are planning on what we are calling the Kansas Summit, Saturday March 17th, 2018. This will be a daylong seminar and fun time. We are planning on a MFA class in the afternoon, seminars to keep up with the levels programs, seminars that are just fun, and some other surprises.

Please keep this Saturday open and make plans to come to Hutchinson and have a wonderful day with all your GWRRA family. We are planning to open this up to our surrounding districts and the variety we are planning should keep everyone happy and hopping.

Don't let your mind go stagnant, remember that knowledge leads to safety and safety leads to more fun on your motorcycle. More to come on the Kansas Summit – remember to keep the date open!

Mark Classen

Kansas Leadership Trainer, soon to be District University Trainer

Annual Kansas District Campout

Y'all Come

October 6 thru 8, 2017



Santa Fe Cove Council Grove Lake



Sit around the Fire pit and
have smores, marshmallows,
or whatever you want to
roast while telling tall tales!



Hobo Stew



Games
available at
campground

Ride After Breakfast

Breakfast Ride
Saturday
Morning

Kansas

District GWRRA

Fall Picnic Ride October 21, 2017

Going to Ponca City Oklahoma to Visit the
'Marlow Mansion, Pioneer Woman Museum, and
Conoco Museum!

The Brown Bag Picnic lunch will be at Ponca Lake.

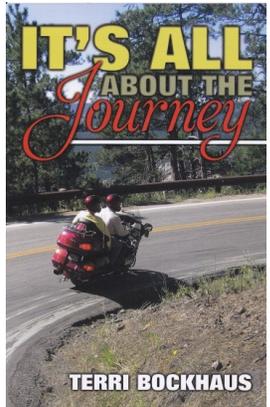
Bring your own chairs!

Helmet time is 9:00am at the Belle Plaine Service Area on I-35. For additional information contact Chris & Michelle Grooms our District MEC's. They also have the cost to visit the listed museum's and mansion.

Invite a non-member to ride with you. Everyone is invited to this 'EXCITING' ride.

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

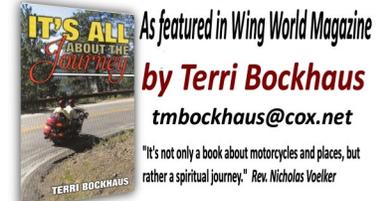
Terri and her husband Steve joined GWRRA in 2004, and have held several positions in the association, including: Senior Chapter Directors, MFA instructor/trainers, National Director of the Year recipient 2011, District COY 2014, Kansas Twisters Motorcycle Drill Team Captain, and MAC.

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



IT'S ALL ABOUT THE JOURNEY

From back seat driver to drill team Rider



As featured in Wing World Magazine
by Terri Bockhaus
tmbockhaus@cox.net

"It's not only a book about motorcycles and places, but rather a spiritual journey." Rev. Nicholas Voelker

Her stories embody the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) principles of having fun while riding safe—and this is one lady who knows how to have fun and laugh at herself. Terri has successfully broken into a motorcycle rider world dominated by men and proved herself worthy. Even if you don't ride, you will enjoy this wonderful collection of entertaining stories. If you do ride, it's even better." Jack Wogner, Deputy Director, GWRRA




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