

The Final Kansas Winger!

As GWRRA has come to an end and the many chapters and members are contemplating on how to go forward, I, as editor of The Kansas Winger these past few years, just want to thank the wonderful people I've had the pleasure to work with in getting out the news on what is going on in Kansas. After all I could not have done it alone. It takes a team and I've had a great one and I still do! Some chapters are going to continue and some are not but we will continue to ride and we will always extend an invitation to anyone and everyone to attend any of our gatherings and participate in any of our fun events.

Come Ride Along!

Because it's always more fun with friends!

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Welcome to the end of the road. It was quite a surprise for the collection of the faithful in Shreveport last month. Opening ceremonies, applauded new members. Then the hammer drops, as we are all informed GWRRA will close its doors the end of this month, July. For me personally, and for most of the membership, this really was no surprise. Membership has dwindled from a high of 82000 in the heyday to 10000 at the time of Wing Ding. It is not financially feasible to continue. As I have said before, and we all know, that as we get older our priorities and likes change. The upcoming generations don't share what use to be our vision, and the club or organization atmosphere doesn't fit the Millennial lifestyle.

About three words from the founder, Paul Hildebrand, and I said to Katherine, "this is the end. Shutdown." She was not surprised. Some got up immediately and left. A few tears, many wet eyes, and much disbelief. That is how it is when someone or thing dies. Shock, bewilderment, and grief.

As always in these situations, the faithful will attempt to carry on with something. We will find several groups attempt to resurrect the dead carcass of the host. As for our house we will sit back on the sideline now and watch the scrimmage unfold before us. Then we will see what may be next.

Do any of these things though really matter? Does lack of a card carrying and dues paying member make any difference to a bunch of friends getting together for an adventure? Or maybe a simple ride to dinner? Can we no longer talk to each other? Hell no. I can still wear my colors, my GWRRA T shirt, and ride my motorcycle when and where I wish, and with whom I wish. Because these things are mine, and I will do what I please with them. (According to the wishes of Katherine, of course!) And now I don't have to pay dues!!!!

The District Rally will continue September 9th thru 11th. At that time much more will be known and directions for those wishing to stay in some sort of organization will be clearer. Katherine and her team are going full out this year, the final Rally will be a thing to attend, and remember. Make sure you bring your Hulu skirt and coconut covers, and just see what happens!

Kathy and Denny Chesnut
Kansas Directors

THANK YOU!

I want to send a very special thanks to all of my great team members for the wonderful work and dedication they have given me.

We hope you will come and join us for our last Kansas Rally as we will have some give away items.

We are still going to have a silent auction, swap meet, dessert dance, line dancing, rides and just lots of fun things to do. So please come be a part of the celebration and camaraderie.

*Kathy Chesnut
Kansas District Director*





Chapter A – Wichita

Meet 2nd Thursday in Wichita at Spears Restaurant 7:00pm– Eat 6:00pm

Directors

Steve & Terri Bockhaus

Assistant Directors

Bob & Barb Brown

Treasurer

Barb Brown

Ride Coordinator

Larry Mazur

Newsletter Editor

Michelle Grooms

Couple of the Year

Mary & Larry Mazur

At first I thought this newsletter article would be — Goodbye, So Long, Farewell

But then I thought about it. WE are not going anywhere. We will still ride together, we will still get together to eat. The August ride to Tahlequah is still going to happen. Just because GWRRA is gone does not mean we are going away.

Terri lately made the statement --" We have invested 18 years in GWRRA. I wonder if we have made a difference?"

Stop to think, as a group have we made a difference?

At Wing Ding I had a "No Zone" trucker tell me that he very much appreciated how we group ride. He said that our style of riding must have saved countless lives.

How many times has our rider education prevented accidents. They may have been serious or minor, but prevented. How many times have our "loud clothes" allowed us to be seen and accidents prevented? How many people respect us because of how we ride? Did all of this make a difference? I believe so, but will never know the extent of how much of a difference. Has the riding with all safety gear encouraged others to do the same?

Terri and I have held many officer positions. We have enjoyed being Chapter Director the most. We have enjoyed representing Kansas as we traveled as District Couple of the Year. At the Madison Wisconsin Wing Ding, it took us a day to visit the vendors. This was due to people seeing the District COY designation on our vest and stopping us to talk. Was this making a difference?

Terri and I have been MFA instructors for 16 years. I just wonder how many people were able to use this training to save lives or help out in an injury situation. Yes after the 16 years, we will no longer teach MFA. I have been teaching first aid and CPR since 1975. I have trained not only the general public, but many First Responders. Terri has been in the medical field for at least 35 years. I sure hope that somewhere along the line, we made a difference.

I think this is a good time to ask everyone to take a good look at the GWRRA life and ask --- Have we made a difference?

I think we have made a large impact on the motorcycle riding community.

I will end with ----

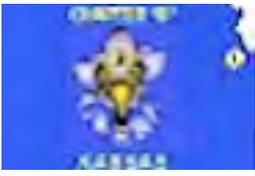
It is NOT goodbye, It is NOT so long, It is NOT farewell.

WE have made a lot of good friends. We have ALL made a difference.

Steve and Terri Bockhaus

KS-A Directors





Chapter B – DeSoto

Meet 3rd Thursday every month in DeSoto at JT's Grill 7:00 PM - Eat 6:00 PM

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Editor
Paula Aiken

Individual of the Year

Paula Aiken

As I sit to write the last newsletter article from GWRRA Kansas Chapter B, I think of the many friends that I've met, the rides I've been on and the adventures we've all enjoyed together. Though GWRRA may be ending, I hope that the comradery and friendships will continue along with the group riding and fun. My husband and I are/were life members of GWRRA and traveled to many, many Wing Dings. Dave was very proud of his low membership number, which I was pleased to be given after his passing. I don't ride now but have continued with Chapter B because of the people. Thanks for the memories!

Allen and Lee Ann Robertson led the group to Paola for the dinner ride on July 7th. It was great weather and a good ride. Beethoven's is Allen's favorite restaurant and has just recently reopened under new ownership. The specialty is German food and it is delicious. Twenty people enjoyed the great food and fellowship.

July 21st found 32 members at JT's in DeSoto for Chapter B's monthly meeting. It was a lively group with many having ridden in numerous directions. Dan and Ellen Gray recently returned from a 9000+ mile ride to and through Alaska. Bob Savner and some friends had ridden to the Badlands area and around South Dakota. Bogey Bogenrife and Mary Rose Enderle completed their journey to find all 25 of the Statues of Liberty within the state of Kansas and led a group to Wilson, KS for the Harvest Czech Festival on July 22-23. The hot weather certainly hasn't kept Chapter B members from venturing down the roads on their bikes.

The meeting date of July 21st was National Lollipop Day and three members knew the answers to seven of the ten trivia questions. Can you identify the title character of a popular 1970s television show that was often seen sucking on a lollipop? If you said, Kojak, you are right. There are wine and beer flavored lollipops targeted to adults, but they don't contain alcohol. The world's largest lollipop was created by See's Candies in California on July 18, 2012. Made of chocolate, it weighed 7003 pounds. Tootsie Pops are the largest producer of lollipops in the world, making and wrapping over 16 million each day. To celebrate that fact, everyone was given a Tootsie Pop to enjoy after the meeting.

Chapter B events for August:

- August 4 - Dinner Ride
- August 18 - Chapter Gathering
- August 27 - Breakfast Ride



Safe travels,
Paula Aiken



Chapter F – El Dorado

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Newsletter Editor

Brenda Kistler

I write this last newsletter with a heavy heart. We are sad that GWRRA is no longer. We had so many good times and met so many new and special people. I hope we can all stay in contact through the years to come.

Tonight is Chapter F's last gathering but we are going out with a very special gathering. We get celebrate Jack Schoeck's birthday with him. We had his favorite cake and other surprises in store for him. Thank you to everyone who made it out to help him celebrate. It's not every day you turn 81 years old (geez that's old) LOL!

Also I want to tell Ann what a great job she has done getting our news out to all our members.

This may be goodbye to GWRRA but it's a "see you later" to all of the friends and family we have met along the way. Keep riding and doing what we do best - riding to places to eat!

Love all of you,
Rick and Brenda Kistler
Chapter F Directors





**KS~H
NEWSLETTER**

Join us at our next gathering
on
August 15, 2022
at the
Blue Dragon Room
HCC Student Union
14th and Plum
Hutchinson, Kansas

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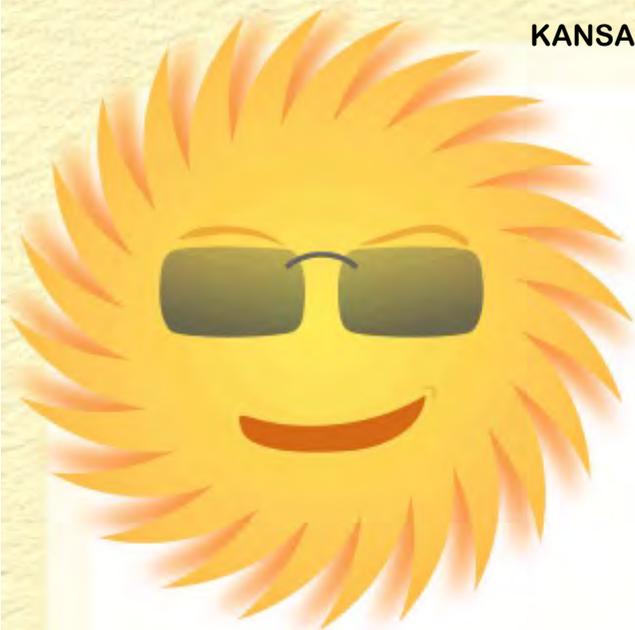
Sharry Thompson

Couple of the Year

Daryl & Nita Regier

KS DIRECTORS

Kathy & Dennis Chesnut



Events of the past month are still evolving. We recently received information about another possible start-up organization. Currently proposed are the 'Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association' and the newest is 'Wing'd Rider'. Please read the information sent out on the emails to keep up with what is happening and to decide if we want to become part of either organization. Neither group says what dues may cost, but Wing'd Rider is offering a magazine similar to 'Wing World'.

Ann has agreed to continue the newsletter at this time, and the 50-50 and member newsletter number will continue, although we may need to use birthdays or some other identification. We certainly appreciate Ann taking care of the newsletter as she does a really great job!

I hear rumors that Honda is discontinuing Gold Wing motorcycle production. The Japanese market may be shutting down due to pollution concerns, but from everything I have read and heard, it appears more likely Honda will slim down the models offered but continue production. One comment was that Honda may only offer the DCT, which makes sense as 90% of the 2018 and later models are DCT. Also, they may only offer the Tour model as the bagger model sales are fewer. The push at this time is for EV (electric vehicle) models, including motorcycles. Harley already has an EV model, so Honda may need to join the bandwagon. Time will tell.

Lots of changing going on, but we can still enjoy riding anyway. Thank you all again for your support and encouragement.

Hang in there!

Don & Jan Schroeder

KS-H Chapter Directors



THE PIERSON'S REPORT

July 18, 2022 was a gathering of the minds regarding the demise of GWRRA and what's to become of our Chapter. We had 26 KS-H members present and all had a comment, opinion or a suggestion.

Don Schroeder discussed the 21 GWRRA Transition frequently asked questions; and Daryl Regnier discussed the ins and outs of the financial situation. Ultimately it was decided that we should take time to mull things over and, at this time, no decisions needed immediate attention.

Jan Schroeder then passed around our Lady Liberty book so we could indicate which statues we visited recently. The book will be displayed at the Kansas Rally in September.

Until next month, Stay safe out there!
Dennis Pierson, Asst Chapter Director



Congratulations!



August Birthdays

- 10 Denise Clayton
- 13 Don Gray
- 16 Kelly Bush
- 23 Edith Pierson

August Anniversaries

- 25th Steve & Denise Clayton





**AUGUST
SEPTEMBER
2022**

August 5 - 1st Friday. Movie Night with dinner and a tour of the Fox Theater.

5:00 p.m. Dinner at Hickory Stik, 25 N. Main, Hutchinson

6:30 p.m. Tour of the Fox Theater, 18 East 1st Ave, Hutchinson. Starts in the lobby. \$3 each.

7:30 p.m. Movie starts. \$5 each. (Movie title is announced 5-7 days before showing and is a more recent "2nd run" show, not the "Classic" series)

RSVP by August 3rd to kansaschapterh@gmail.com or text to 620-727-7789

August 15 - KS-H gathering, Blue Dragon Room, Student Union on HCC campus, SE corner 14th & Plum. Cafeteria/Buffer across from the Dragon Room from 5:00 p.m. We will share what we know about updates on the status of the Kansas district and motorcycle groups being formed. AND!!! Steve & Denise Clayton will be sharing their adventures on the Cody-Cade ride experience!

September 2 - 1st Friday Ride - TBD

September 3 - Saturday breakfast ride to Stearman's hosted by Chuck & Kathy Schmidt.

8:10 a.m. Helmet time at Pilate (Newel's) Truck Stop in Newton. **BE THERE BY 8:00 A.M.!!**

RSVP by September 1st to Kathy at cdkfschmidt@hotmail.com or text 620-480-9685

Sept 9-10- Kansas District Rally, Independence, KS <https://gwrraks.com/kansas-district-rally>

We are having the Rally! So get signed up and join the fun!!!! Get your registration mailed by July 31st and hotel booked before the good rooms are all taken. Info and registration form at the back of this newsletter or at the link above. **Rooms are blocked at the Appletree Inn (620-331-5500) at a reduced rate until August 27th.** There will be 2 guided rides. Friday dinner ride and Saturday morning ride to Dalton Gang Museum and Statue of Liberty ride. We'll be back in time for lunch which is provided! Plenty of games, a swap meet and line dancing with our own Ann & Jeff Whithorn!

September 17 - Evel Knievel Museum (before it moves to Las Vegas) 9:00 a.m. Helmet time at Love's in McPherson, then head to Highway 15 to meet the Salina folks at the intersection of Highway 15 and Highway 4 (about 45 minutes). We will enjoy Highway 4 until 1-70 for a short distance, then South to 2047 SW Topeka Blvd. \$15 adults, \$12 Seniors and military. Evil Knievel Café is serving BBQ that day at a cost of \$12-\$15. RSVP by August 31 to kansaschapterh@gmail.com or text 620-727-7789.

September 19 - KS-H gathering at the Blue Dragon Room, Student Union on HCC campus, SE corner 14th & Plum. Cafeteria/Buffer across from the Dragon Room from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**We want to ride more so don't be shy!
Share an idea and date for a future ride or a short notice ride
Text your ideas to 620-727-7789 and include your name!**

**Watch your email for short notice rides, including some to the
Mini Statue of Liberty locations!!!!**





COME RIDE ALONG!
TO CHECK OUT THE EVEL KNIEVEL MUSEUM
(before it moves to Las Vegas!)

WHEN: September 17, 2022

HELMET TIME: 9:00 a.m. at Love's in McPherson, we will head to Highway 15 to meet the Salina folks at the intersection of Highway 15 and Highway 4 (about 45 minutes).

We will enjoy riding up Highway 4 until we reach I-70 for a short distance, then South to 2047 SW Topeka Blvd.

COST: \$15 adults, \$12 Seniors and military.

FOOD: Evel Knievel Café is serving BBQ that day at a cost of \$12-\$15.

RSVP by AUGUST 31 to kansaschapterh@gmail.com or text 620-727-7789





WING DING 43

Kansas was in charge of the spectacular Light Show presentation at Wing Ding 43 in Shreveport, Louisiana.





Chapter Q – Winfield

Meet 1st Thursday at Boss Hogs BBQ in Winfield - 6:00 pm to eat 7:00 pm to meet

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Well they say all good things must come to an end and as far as our organization goes that time has come. That being said it doesn't mean that we all have to stop seeing each other or putting together rides to share with others. Everyone still has options and some will chose to keep the groups going while others will come to an end.

As most of you have probably already heard we have decided to fold Chapter Q, it wasn't a decision that we took lightly. We as the directors, after discussing it with our members, made this choice. We will have a final meeting/chapter birthday party on August 4th; this will be for Q members only.

We can say that we have truly enjoyed our time as GWRRA members and are thankful for all the experiences that we have had through the years. Our hope is that each of you will remember the great times you had and just keep on riding.

Our final birthday wishes go out to Rosemary Gardner on the 2nd and Wendy Daniels on the 23rd, Happy Birthday girls!!

Happy trails everyone and we know we'll see you all down the road!!

Until the next time,
Jack & Teresa Kistler



Join Chapter A on August 12, 13, 14, 2022

In Tahlequah Oklahoma

for some good rides, float trips & good company!

We will be staying at the Fin and Feather Resort

Housing will be an 8 bedroom, 8 bath house.

(There are smaller cabins available if you wish)

Cost per couple will be \$90.00 per night

if we fill the house, higher if not

There are also a few full hookup campsites

Campsites are \$35.00 per night (only 5 are available)

There is a restaurant on site plus others in the area.

There are several hotels in the area (if you wish)

Costs range from \$70.00 - \$125.00 per night

There are several float trips in the area.

Cost ranges from \$25.00 - \$35.00 per person.

We will be near Tenkiller for good riding.

We will be leaving Friday morning and return on Sunday afternoon.

Contact Steve Bockhaus to get on the list at

bockhaus@cox.net or 316-772-6603



ALOHA from Kansas !

*2022 Kansas District Rally
September 9 - 10, 2022*



*Join us at the
Independence Civic Center
410 North Penn Ave,
Independence, Kansas*

HOTEL INFORMATION:

APPLETREE INN PHONE: (620) 331-5500
201 N.8TH - INDEPENDENCE, KS 67301

KING BED ROOM \$65 + TAX - 2 QUEEN BED ROOM \$75 +TAX
(HOTEL HAS AN ELEVATOR)

RESERVE NOW ! ROOMS BLOCKED UNTIL AUGUST 27TH

Information may be subject to change and
we will do our best to keep you advised

Gold Wing Road Riders Association
2022 KANSAS DISTRICT RALLY

“Aloha from Kansas”

September 9 - 10, 2022

In dependence, Kansas

Host Motel:

Appletree Inn
201 N. 8th Street
Independence, KS 67301

Rooms blocked until August 27, 2022

Room Rate: King \$65 + tax 2 Queen Beds \$75+ tax

Call for Reservations: (620) 331-5500

Please Print

Rider: _____ GWRRA # _____ Age _____ (optional)

Co-Rider: _____ GWRRA # _____ Age _____ (optional)

Address: _____ City _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Your Chapter _____ Your District _____ Miles to Rally (if riding) _____

Grand Prize drawings will be Saturday evening during the closing ceremony

50/50 Drawings on Friday and Saturday evening

| | QTY | PRICE | TOTAL |
|-------------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| GWRRRA Life Member | _____ | \$25.00 | _____ |
| GWRRRA Member | _____ | \$30.00 | _____ |
| Non GWRRRA Member | _____ | \$35.00 | _____ |
| One Day Pass Member | _____ | \$15.00 | _____ |
| One Day Pass Non Member | _____ | \$20.00 | _____ |
| District Director | _____ | Free | _____ |
| District COY/IOY | _____ | \$15.00 | _____ |

Master Level IV # _____ # _____

Are you an Officer in GWRRRA (any level)? Your title _____

Are you a current “Couple of the Year”? Chapter _____ District _____

I/we agree to hold harmless GWRRRA, Kansas District GWRRRA, any co-sponsoring organizations and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property by reason of participation in this event. I/we agree to assume responsibility for any property that I/we damage.

Rider Signature: _____ Date: _____

Co-Rider Signature: _____ Date: _____

Make checks payable to **GWRRRA Kansas** and mail with registration to:
Carolyn Stevens, District Treasurer, 6410 Aberdeen Street, Wichita, KS 67206.

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