



# The Creative Writer

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## Sept. meeting discusses ideas for targeting magazines

During last month's meeting, members discussed ways to find magazines that are accepting articles. Some suggested using the Writer's Market publication from the Library. Others suggested using Google Search for magazine submission guidelines.

Anthony Wood asked about sponsoring a contest for the conference. Other members discussed how to get sponsors for our convention. Some suggested a sponsor poster, a goody bag insert, or a listing of sponsors inside the conference program.

Kim Vernon-Rodgers pointed out that we need to activate a form letter worked on last year to be sent out to local business owners. If you know someone who might sponsor a contest or provide door prizes, they should be sent a letter.

For this month's meeting, John McPherson prompted members to read (up to 2½ pages) of their choice: "What I suggested is a winning piece or excerpt from longer piece from the WCCW's conference; or something entered that won nothing, (same restrictions apply) or a short prose or poem about whatever was on the slip of paper that was drawn." In other business, the treasurer's report by Rhonda Roberts shows a current balance of \$1,506.01.

### Next meeting

Oct. 21, 2019, 6:30 p.m.  
Simmons First Bank  
401 South Main  
Searcy, Ark.

### Dynamic duo win 19 awards at Ozark conference

The dynamic writing duo of Gary and Kim Vernon Rodgers won 19 awards at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ozark Writers Conference, held recently in Eureka Springs, Ark.

Gary won 1st Place - Oxbow Award in Memory of Dusty and Pat Richards, for "One Arm of The Law;" 1st Place - In Search of Excellence Award for "You're Not My Real Dad;" 2nd Place - Inspirational Essay Award for "Kingdom Of Heaven;" 2nd Place - Space Journey Award for "Disappearance of Sergeant James;" 3rd Place - In Memory of Sherrie Akers Award for "Sasquatch and the Boys of '69;" 3rd Place - Middle Grade Fiction Award for "Teenage American Heroe;" 2nd Honorable Mention - Best of Friends Award and a 2nd Honorable Mention - Showcase Award.

Kim, won 1st Place - Best of Friends Award for "Maddie's Favorite Thing;" 2nd Place - Get Your Romance On Award for "Opening Doors;" 3rd Place - House That Writing Built Award for "Closet Obsession;" 1st Honorable Mention - In Memory of Sherrie Akers Award; 1st Honorable Mention - Things That Go Bump In The Night; 1st Honorable Menton – My Favorite Day in Nature; 1st Honorable Mention - Travel Article; 1st Honorable Mention - Founding Member Award; 1st Honorable Mention - Middle Grade Fiction Award; 2nd HM -Inspirational Essay and 3rd Honorable Mention - Flash Fiction Award. **Big Congrats!**

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If you have news stories or photos to share, send them to [del.garrett.s0ke@gmail.com](mailto:del.garrett.s0ke@gmail.com).  
Deadline for reader submission is seven days prior to each month's meeting. WCCW reserves the right to edit all submissions.

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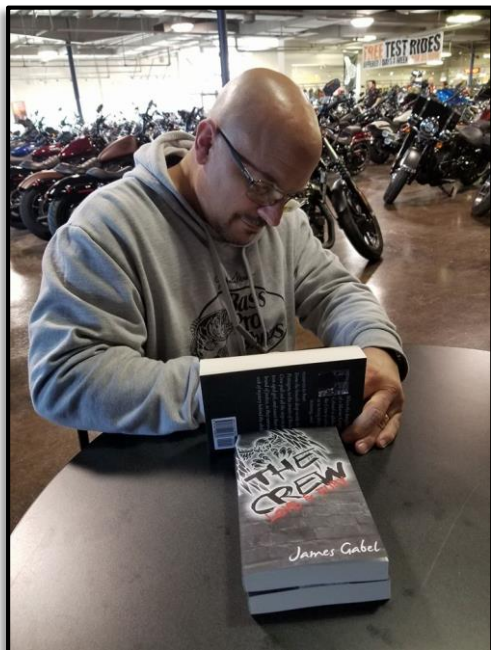
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# SPOTLIGHT

James Gabelhausen



*James Gabelhausen (AKA James Gabel) autographs one of his books for a devoted fan at a bike rally.*

James Gabelhausen's most recent work is *Desert Sport*. This is the fourth book in The Crew series. This story is set in the desert southwest, where the bodies of Mexicans are being found in the deserts just north of Nogales. It is believed that the killings are part of a sport ritual, until two ISIS terrorists are found, killed in much the same way.

The Crew work to shut down the business of hunting humans for sport and find the cell where the two ISIS terrorists were headed.

James hasn't done much with speaking engagements since the book signing at the Windy City Motorcycle Show due to some health issues, but he still has a steady stream of purchases online, and his followers keep sending messages to his website, asking about his next novel.

"I plan to pick up where I left off on my business platform next Spring. Health, and family permitting, I will be setting up booths at motorcycle shows and rallies," he said. "That is where my reader base resides. At the Windy City Show, I sold about 300 books in two days. I believe that I can increase my numbers, and become better known if I travel, and attend these gatherings. Much in the same way a Sci-Fi writer would sell books at Comicon, or a person that writes stories with a 1960 timeline might do well at a car show, where muscle cars are shown. I do well with Bikers, everyday motorcycle enthusiasts like me, and badass outlaws."

We wish you well, James.