



# The Creative Writer

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Photo by Steve May.

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## Attendees praise conference as one of the best for WCCW

The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual White County Creative Writers conference was certainly one of our best ever! More than 60 writers were in attendance. Linda Apple and Clarissa Willis led five sessions between, covering all aspects of writing, marketing, promotion, and character development. And lunch, as always, was great!

You can view pictures and see the list of contest winners from the conference on the WCCW Facebook page.

## September meeting will give members a chance to read prior submissions

On Aug. 21, we had another great meeting, with 32 writers in attendance. The program, led by Lisa Lindsey, focused on character and story arc building.

There is no assignment for the September meeting. The plan is to have a group read around—bring any item that was entered in one of the recent WCCW contests and share it with the group. Didn't enter a contest? You can still bring an item to read to the group, limit 2 ½ pages double-spaced. We hope to see you there.

*The Creative Writer*  
is a monthly newsletter for the White County Creative Writers of Searcy, Ark.

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.

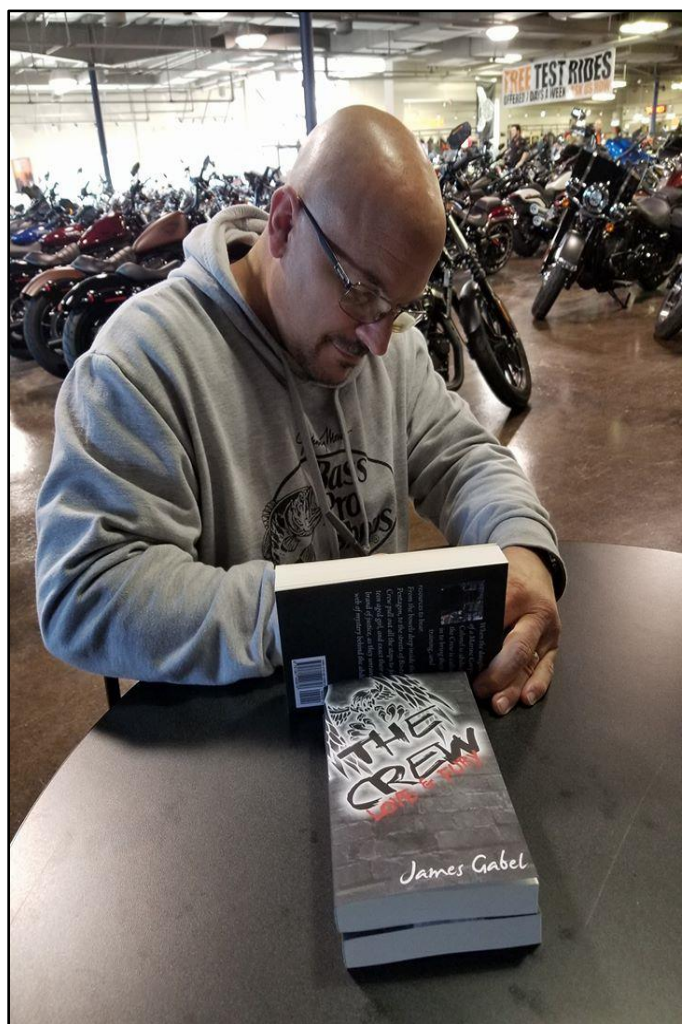
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**NEXT MEETING**  
Sept. 18, 2023, 6:30 p.m.  
Simmons Bank 401 S. Main, Searcy, Ark.

# SPOTLIGHT

James Gabel



James Gabel is the author of *The Crew* series. He is an Engineer holding the highest certification in Lean manufacturing and Six Sigma problem solving.

He is an avid motorcycle enthusiast and martial artist, holding a second degree black belt in Shuri Ryu karate and a first degree black belt in Matsamura Kempo, along with lower ranks in other martial arts.

He spends much of his free time touring the United States with his wife on his Harley Davidson Motorcycle. A man grounded in faith, and love, with a special place in his heart for dogs.

James has four daughters and eight grandchildren that he loves with all his heart. A passionate man and a loyal friend who loves to make people laugh, even if it's at his expense.

A man in his 50s that looks at life with the awe and wonder of a 10-year old.