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Chapter meetings are held on the 4th Saturday of each month at 6:00 PM. The meetings are held at the American Legion Hall at 307 Charles St, Humble, TX

The rides depart from the Flying J at 242 and IH-59 in New Caney.

News from the Chapter Director

Well, Wing Ding 29 is over. It's been another great time to get together with great friends. This was our 3rd Wing Ding since we've joined GWRRA. Each year we look forward to attending Wing Ding and have already booked our hotel for Wing Ding 30.

This year we went on a two week trip, twelve of us road through 13 states. We rode through extreme heat at 115 degrees, heavy rain and golf ball size hail, but what a trip it was. I don't think any of us would take it back as we saw gorgeous scenery at Yellowstone Park, Bear Tooth Pass, the Black Hills, Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Little big Horn, two nights in Las Vegas, Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam and Four Corners.

While at the Wing Ding, they announced that the 30th Wing Ding would be held in Greenville, South Carolina from July 3 through July 6, 2008. Several people have already registered for Wing Ding 30 and booked their hotels. Here is a website that is taking reservations for next year: <https://www.greenvillecvb.com/housing/> . It will be held at the Carolina First Center. We will have a list of the hotels and their locations at the chapter meeting. Looks like the hotels are filling up pretty fast.

This year is not over yet. We are getting a lot of great ideas from the members for rides and events. We have movies to see and some bowling to do. We have ideas for a pot luck dinner, an over night progressive dinner ride, picnic rides, a shopping ride to Canton Tx., festivals and the Mississippi Rally in Biloxi, MS.

Don't forget the Education Weekend in Lufkin TX. on November 3rd and 4th. During the Education weekend is when Ricky and Karen Frazier (COY) will turn in their resumes for the District Couples selection which will be held at the at the Mid-Winter Round-up on January 5th, 2008 in Kerrville, TX. We would like to have a big turn out to help support them. Come out and enjoy the fun with us.

Mike and Robin Thacker-Master Tour Rider-6162
Chapter Directors



Don't forget – the potluck dinner after the August meeting. Bring your favorite food dish!!!!

Rider Education

Make Yourself Seen--part two

I was taken to task for the July article *Make Yourself Seen* since modulating lights were not mentioned. That is true, I did not really get into lighting much as the article was really about driving techniques. But, since we are here with this topic again let's discuss lighting.

In Texas, modulating headlights are legal if they blink on and off, not from side to side which is reserved for emergency vehicles. Modulating brake lights, also a very effective visual aid, is legal as long as they stop modulating and go to a steady burn after a few seconds. In the famous John Hurt Traffic Study it was determined that a headlight, driving light combination that creates a triangular effect was more often seen by other motorists than the straight line-of-sight combination seen on most cruisers. Anything that moves or makes your eyes move will be more likely to catch your attention. As a motorist's eyes move to identify the triangular set of lights approaching, they are much more likely to recognize that a motorcycle is what they are seeing and act accordingly. With the straight-line lights, motorists reported in the Hurt Study, that they did not see or recognize that they were looking at a motorcycle. The modulating brake lights are very effective at grabbing the attention of motorists behind you. This helps avoid rear-end collisions. If your bike is not equipped with modulating lights, you can simply apply and release your brake lever several times before actually applying your brakes. Of course, having the time and space to use this technique means you were aware of the situations in front of you.

So, that brings us back to driving techniques that the five *Smith Keys* emphasized. I am a big fan of self-tests and have one for you. Go out on a freeway near you during a time of moderate traffic. Avoid riding continuously in the inside lane, but use it as necessary. Set your cruise at the speed limit and see how far you can drive without adjusting your speed either up or down. The more effective and farther down the road you scan, the longer you will be able to keep your cruise speed constant. Obviously, the heavier the traffic the more difficult this exercise. But, the beauty of self-tests is only you know your skill level and cheating gains you nothing. Practicing this exercise will improve your scanning and decision making processes. So, go out and have fun with it while learning, but don't let it stress you out. This exercise is just a tool.

I would like to take a moment to thank the member that questioned my first article. This tells me two things. First, that my article was read and second, that he was thinking about the article and safety and recognized that I had not mentioned modulating lights. I always welcome questions or comments about my articles. The wearing of bright or lightly colored clothing and helmets also increases your visibility to other motorists. I also feel that wearing reflective vests while riding at night is a big plus.

Until Next Month Ride Safe--- Ride Aware-- Ride Respectfully

Michael & Suzanne Elrod
Chapter Educators
Chapter N-2 Humble, Tx

Couple of the Year Adventures for July

Most of the month involved our trip of a lifetime to Wing Ding 29 in Billings, Mt. We rode through 13 new states and did a lot of site seeing along the way. We saw Crazy Horse, Mt. Rushmore, Little Bighorn, Beartooth Pass, Yellowstone, Old Faithful, Las Vegas, Hoover Dam, Grand Canyon, 4 corners and even a hailstorm in New Mexico. What an adventure we had. We took many pictures but the pictures just cannot show the true beauty of these sites. We could not tell you which one is our favorite because all the sites were as wonderful as the next one. Each state had its unique beauty and excitement, from the lights of Las Vegas to the mountains and snow in Beartooth Pass. Every turn and road we traveled brought about a new adventure and wonder for us to see.

Along with the site seeing we meet many new and old friends on the trip and at Wing Ding. We worked the Goodie booth on Friday and had the opportunity to meet many wonderful people. We enjoyed the company of 5 couples from our chapter as well as other couples that joined us along the way. We hope to see each of you on our next adventure..

See you next month.

Ricky & Karen Frazier
Couple of the Year



Visitors at July Chapter meeting:

Carl and Joeny Smith from Riders of the Way
Bob and Carla Darden
Ken and Trish Coon from Bound for Glory Riders
Butch Blackmon of the Blue Knights
Don, Aileen and Savannah Hess
Terry and Jeannine Muilenberg
Payton and Kathy Zimmerman

June Surprise Ride

By Randy Rainwater

I think the biggest surprise part of this ride is that we were able to squeeze a ride in between all the rain that we have been having. Actually we did get wet after lunch on the way home, but wasn't too bad.

We left from the Flying J with seven bikes and eleven riders and rode through Dayton, Cleveland, New Waverly, Montgomery, and stopped at Dickey's Barbecue Pit in The Woodlands. Sharon and I have eaten at the Dickey's Barbecue Pit in Greenville with our daughter and have really enjoyed their food. When I found out that there was a franchise opened in The Woodlands I knew that it was only a matter of time before we ended up there for lunch or dinner with a group of riders.



If you have ever tried to find something in The Woodlands you know how hard it is, since they use very few signs. What made this place harder to find was that it was very new and no one seemed to know about it or where it was located. We finally found someone that knew where it was and we made our way in the general direction and let our noses do the rest. Actually we did smell the smoky BBQ aroma before we saw the restaurant. The food was great and everyone had a free ice cream cone or cup before we left. Sharon highly recommends their dill potato salad and their pulled pork sandwich is something you have to try.

As I stated earlier we did get wet on our way out of The Woodlands, but we drove out of the rain after we were on 1314, so it wasn't all that bad. Actually it kept the temperature down a little.

As always, we enjoyed everyone's company and are looking forward to many more safe rides in the future.

An Awesome Trip

Submitted by Linda Seligman

On Friday, June 29, 5 bikes left Flying J headed to Wing Ding 29 in Billings, Montana. There was Mike and Robin Thacker, Ricky and Karen Frazier, Steve and Billing Fleming, Ronnie and Doris Ryals and Steve and I. Our goal was to wing into Billings on Tuesday, July 3. On the way to Wing Ding we spent the night in Wichita Falls, TX, Garden City, KS, Chadron, NE and Miles City, MT. There was so much to see. Once we left Texas the scenery changed. It went from flat lands, to rows of corn, cows, cows, more cows, mountains and beautiful rock formations. We went to Crazy Horse, Mt Rushmore, Little Big Horn, Yellowstone National Park, Old Faithful, Las Vegas, Hoover Dam, Grand Canyon and Four Corners. We rode through Texas, Kansas, South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, Colorado and New Mexico. I think we got every state line picture except Texas. An interesting story – we stopped at the Kansa and Nebraska state lines to take pictures and we noticed there was a Harley group at the Kansas State line. As we walked over to talk to them, we discovered they were members of the Cut and Shoot Texas chapter – what a small world!! They were headed home from a rally in the Badlands. The weather was interesting – in the morning it would be cool and then in the afternoon it may get into the 90s. We rode Beartooth Pass in Wyoming on the way to Yellowstone and the mountains still had snow. I felt real funny wearing winter jackets and clothes in July.

At Wing Ding we had a great time. We shopped the vendors, watched the Dolly Pardon and Kenny Rogers impersonators, and watched the talent show and we even participated in the Crazy Hat contest.

The ride how was great. We lost Ronnie and Doris and Steve and Billie but picked up Mark and Robin Smith for the ride home.

We survived a blow out on the trailer, 115 degree weather, rain and a hail storm.

A few people have asked me what was my favorite time or sight. Everything we saw was so impressive I have a hard time choosing a favorite. I think the favorite thing was being able to share and spend time with good friends. I enjoyed the sights, the rides and the fellowship. I wish the whole chapter had been there to enjoy it with us. It was an awesome trip and I am looking forward to the next adventure.



Wing Ding 30

The Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) is pleased to announce its 30th annual Wing Ding will be in Greenville, South Carolina, next year. The international convention opens Thursday, July 3, and runs through Sunday, July 6, 2008, at the Carolina First Center, formerly known as the Palmetto Expo Center. Visit GWRRA's websites: www.gwrro.org and www.wingding.org or call (800) 843-9460 or (623) 581-2500 (in Phoenix) for more information.

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submitted by Robin Thacker

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Happy Birthday to you!! Happy Birthday to you!!

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Donna Hess	August 16
Darla Ingram	August 18
Magen Withrow	August 23

David Brown	August 24
Carolyn Thomsen	August 27
Don Withrow	August 31



Happy Anniversary

Steve & Linda Seligman	August 2
Bill & Carolyn Burgess	August 3

Frank & Wanda Kitchens	August 5
Randy & Sharon Rainwater	August 9

Upcoming Region/District events:

July 4 – 7, 2007	Wing Ding 29, Billings, MT
August 10 & 11, 2007	Chapter I “Dog Days of Summer” Marshall Civic Center, Marshall TX
September 8, 2007	Chapter R 10 th annual rally & motorcycle show Knights of Columbus Hall, Keller, TX
September 21 –23, 2007	Kansas District Rally Central Kansas Fairgrounds, Abilene, KS
October 11-13, 2007	Mississippi District Rally Biloxi, MS
November 17, 2007	Chapter Z 18 th Birthday Party Challenger Park, Webster, TX



The 2008 Texas District Rally will be held in Corpus Christi May 8th - 10th. Join us Friday night for a once in a life time evening, we'll start with a parade down the sea wall then over to the USS Lexington where we'll board for a special dinner. Oh and don't worry about where to park your bike during dinner, we'll be parking on the deck of the USS Lexington and to prove you did it, we'll have a special fly-by picture taken.

Host Hotel Information:
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Rate code: GWR



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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1	2	3	4 Movie at The Movie Tavern 5:00 PM
5	6	17	8	9	10	11 Chapter I 'Dog Days of Summer' Marshal, TX 5:00 AM Flying J Randy Rainwater lead
12 Dinner ride to Huntsville 4:00 PM Flying J. Michael Elrod lead	13	14	15 7:00 pm Chapter Dinner. China East (behind Little Mexico)	16	17	18 Ice cream social at Dairy Queen in Huffman . 5:00 PM Flying J Mike Thacker lead
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 6:00 PM Chapter Meeting – American Legion Hall. Pot luck supper – bring your favorite dish
26	27	28	29	30	31	



September 2007
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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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2	3 Labor Day	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 7:00 pm Chapter Dinner	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 6:00 PM Chapter Meeting – American Legion Hall.
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