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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, the month of April is over and WHAT A BLAST. The month started out with the Trailer Course. Then we had the Louisiana District Rally and the Humble Oil Days. During Humble Oil Days we set up a booth and met a lot of people. We had the opportunity to speak to the people about riding safe and GWRRA. We met several people that are very interested in our Chapter, they also would love to come and ride with us. Robin and I had been talking with a few people over the computer for a couple of weeks and had invited them to the event. We now got to put faces to the names. We hope that they will be at our next meeting, this up coming month. The weekend was a little cool and a very windy. The Lindsey Ride was also on the same day. On Sunday there was a ride to the zoo. It was a little cool for the bikes, but I know that all 6 adults and 8 kids had a great day at the zoo. This months Chapter dinner was at the "Westfield by the Railroad", the food was great and a lot of people showed up hungry. Thanks Don, Carla and Magen. On Saturday April 21, there was a lunch ride to Edom Texas to the "Shed", there where 9 bikes that took to the roads. On the same day we also had a Road Captains Course where 10 bikes were present. I know we all Thanked Sam Belinoski for intrusting the class. On Sunday there was a historical ride to Crockett Texas. Finishing up the month, we had the training day for the "Ride for Kids", helping set up for the event on Saturday and the ride on Sunday. What a GREAT month. Thanks to all who participated.

The month of May is filling up fast. The first weekend is the Painted Church Ride.

The District Rally is coming up fast. The theme for this year's District Rally is "Riding with the Stars". We have a lot of stuff planned for the rally. Our Chapter will be participating in a lot of events, such as working security and coming up with a game for everyone to play. We have several people planning on attending this year's District Rally in Wichita Falls. I can't wait for the drive-in movie and the ice cream.

On June 9th and 10th there will be a Horizon Training Seminar in the Woodland area that Chapter M2 will be hosting. AND THEN in July it is WING DING. What great fun we have had so far. Keep giving us those suggestions, and sending those e-mails. We are sure everyone has a great ride they would like to ride. Just left us know and we will GET R DONE.

'Til next time, gotta go. The highway is calling.

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



Rider Education

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS Part Three

Hello Friends and family, it seems to be that time again. Before getting started I would like to talk about my monthly articles. I have not received much feedback on my topics. The ones I ask usually have the antibody response. But, I would like some honest feedback. Use the suggestion box if you would like to remain anonymous. I picked this topic and broke it into six segments for a couple of reasons. I wanted to bring some fresh information into the loop for your consideration, rather than re-hashing old material. I also wanted a familiar topic to discuss to help me ease into this writing thing while coming up to speed with the other paperwork. I hope these articles have been informative and entertaining, rather than boring or offensive. Now, on with the show as some would say.

This month's Smith Key is "*Get The Big Picture*".

Smith Key #3---Get the Big Picture. The last two months have been about developing new scanning habits. These techniques, when properly used will give a driver a lot of useful information about what is going on in different parts of the highway. Now, you must assemble all of this info into one useful picture (the Big Picture). A driver needs this one picture to assimilate his/her position in the flow of traffic. You cannot truly be a defensive driver without understanding all of the traffic around you. How many times have you seen a driver push another out of the way in a side lane trying to avoid a hazard up front? I, personally, have witnessed many drivers causing an accident trying to avoid one.

To have the Big Picture means you are aware of what is in front, behind, and on both sides of your vehicle. This information is invaluable for staying out of trouble. Also, you cannot effectively plan an escape route from danger if you don't know where it is safe to go. So, you have increased your following distance to allow for a larger field of view to scan. You have also improved your scanning habits to receive more and better information. You have put all that information into one file in your brain and you totally understand your spatial orientation within the flow of traffic. CONGRATULATIONS-- YOU HAVE THE BIG PICTURE. And you are now ready for the last two Smith Keys, which involve taking action using the Big Picture to make smart, safe moves in today's congested traffic.

As a sidebar, do you know the best defense against a tailgater? No, don't slam on the brakes unless you are partial to hospitals. No, the best defense is to gradually slow down. If you speed up you will only have a tailgater at a higher speed. If you change lanes the odds are good that said tailgater would change with you thinking you see a better line to get through traffic. By slowing down gradually, you lessen the chance of getting rear-ended and the person behind will go around quickly most of the time. Until next time

As Always RIDE SAFE-----RIDE AWARE

Your Chapter Educators
Michael and Suzanne Elrod



Congratulations to:

Rita Rathmann
Robin Smith

Level 2 as a Co-Rider
Level 2 as a Co-Rider

To4 all the Mothers in Chapter N2



“The Shed” Ride

A lot of stories start out with, “It was a dark an dreary night.” So I’ll start this story out with...It was a dark and dreary morning, when you couldn’t see your hand in front of your face unless you were touching your nose with your hand. To say it was foggy was an understatement, but everyone was patient and waited around to see if the foggy shroud would ever lift. We couldn’t see well enough to go home anyway, so what choice did we really have.

About 9:00 a.m., I felt a breeze starting to flow in from the south and that seemed to help clear out the fog, so at 9:15 a.m., we loaded up and headed north to see how far we could get. It turned out to be a wonderful day to explore the East Texas Piney Woods and find a few good roads. We rode to Livingston on Hwy 59, Hwy 190 to Onalaska, 359 to Trinity, and then 19 through Crockett and Palestine. This is where we finally found some nice back roads. Hwy 315 and 314 took us through several small towns and our final destination of Edom.

When we topped the final hill, just before Edom, all I could see was what looked like a sea of cars. Edom probably has a population of a little over 200 people, but this was “April in Edom”

and it looked like everybody from the surrounding county was there. Actually, it ended up not being quite as bad as it looked. We only had a short wait at “The Shed”, before we were seated and were ordering our lunches. They are also known for their pie and a few had room left for a slice of their favorite dessert. It was Steve Seligman’s birthday, so he had peach cobbler and ice cream and said that it was mighty fine.

We all walked around after lunch to look at the vendor’s wares, but no one seemed to be too tempted to buy anything. No one brought their trailer, so it might have been a little crowded on the ride back. Everyone enjoyed the roads so much, I thought that I would change my plans and just reverse the route back home, so off we went.

After the morning fog lifted, it turned out to be wonderful day to ride. As Joe Friday from the old TV show Dragnet said so many times “Just the facts Mam, just the facts”: 9 motorcycles, 14 riders, 385 miles, left at 9:15 a.m., returned at 6:15 p.m., and a few reports of the best gas mileage that they had ever had. I did mention that we had a breeze from the south, so the tail wind probably helped, but we weren’t in a hurry either.

By the way, while we were walking around the main street in Edom, we found out that there was a new restaurant that had opened just west of Edom. Sounds like a do-over to me, but I’ll have to find some more new roads to explore.

Thanks to everyone that waited out the fog and made the day enjoyable.

Randy Rainwater



Crockett Ride

I led a group of eight bikes and nine people to Crockett and Alto, Texas. The weather could not have been nicer. Most of the day was overcast and in the upper 70's. But, with the clouds and wind the day felt much cooler. After riding to the square in downtown Crockett and discovering everything closed, we rode out to the loop and ate a nice lunch at Texas Burger

After our leisurely lunch, we proceeded to the San Tejas Mission State Park. We opted to not pay the two-dollar park fee and only drove through the park. We sat in front of the mission for several minutes and listened to the narration on our AM radios. This mission is only a replica of the original, which burned in 1863. When the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) erected this replica they were sure it looked like the original and was in the original location. It has since been discovered that the original mission was about 1.5 miles away on private property.

While driving through the park, we came upon a pavilion that has some members thinking weekend cookout. The park is very well maintained and has hiking trails. The picnic just may come to pass. A Fall Festival as one rider called it today. We then continued down the road a few miles closer to Alto to another State Park. The Caddo Indians Burial Mounds. We did pay the fee at this park and explored the museum and Burial Grounds. By now, the day was getting late and we made tracks for home. I would like to thank everyone who chose to spend their Sunday with me. I never take this for granted. Thanks to Carolyn, Dolly, Billie, Steve, Marty, Brad, Leo, and JR. We had eight bikes, nine people, and rode 270 miles officially.

Michael Elrod



Humble Good Oil Days

We recently participated in the Humble Festival known as Humble Good Oil Day. This is a one-day celebration in downtown Humble. Chapter N-2 had a booth set up and had several bikes on display. We also had lots of literature to pass out. We had 14 Chapter volunteers taking part in this activity. It was a tiring but enjoyable day. We got to talk to many people interested in GWRRA. I spent a lot of time talking to non-motorcycle riders about the MAD program.

We had auto size litter bags filled with brochures and window stickers from the Department of Public Safety Motorcycle Safety Unit in Austin, Tx. We handed out a multitude of these bags and the information was received with open minds for the most part. I did talk to a handful of people who had issues with the motorcycle community. Issues they felt were legitimate, and the made a good case to this person. I am going to address these issues in an upcoming newsletter so keep your eyes peeled for that one.



Michael & Suzanne Elrod
Chapter Educators

Couple of the Year Adventures for April

Ricky and Karen Frazier our COY were very busy in the months of March and April. Karen and Ricky attended as many rides as possible. They attended the Region H Rally in Marshall, Texas. While at the Region H Rally Karen and Ricky competed in the Best Dressed Parade Competition and won FIRST place. – Great job!! Karen and Ricky have been competing for about two years now and really enjoy representing Chapter N2. As we all know, Karen is now the proud owner of her own motorcycle license. For the first time at the Region Rally, Karen entered her 1986 Honda VT 700 in the bike show – Open Class - and won second place. Way to go Karen!! Karen and Ricky are now busy getting ready for the Texas District Rally. Karen and Ricky are in the final stages of preparing their COY Basket for competition.. They will also be competing in Best Dressed Competition again this year. Lets all come out and support Karen and Ricky.



Banana Split Cake

Mark Smith

Ingredients:

2 Cups Graham Cracker Crumbs
3 sticks un-salted butter
2 cups powder sugar
2 eggs
Large can crushed pineapple
Large carton cool whip
4 to 6 bananas
Small jar maraschino cherries

Optional:

chocolate syrup
chopped walnuts

Tools:

9 X 13 glass dish
mixer
and someone to lick the mixers!!

Instructions:

1st layer: 2 cups graham cracker crumbs and 1 stick butter (melt butter and add to crackers) then Spread in thin layer
2nd layer: (combine in mixing bowl) 2 sticks butter (room temperature) 2 cups powder sugar and 2 eggs. Beat for 15 mins then spread over crumb mixture
3rd layer: large can of crushed pineapples (drained) spread on top of 2nd layer
4th : spread 4 to 6 large bananas (sliced) over pineapple
5th layer: spread cool whip over bananas
6th layer: top with a few cherries (sliced or whole) and chopped walnuts and then drizzle with chocolate syrup
REFRIGERATE FOR 1 HOUR



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

Randy Carroll

May 18

Ann Nix

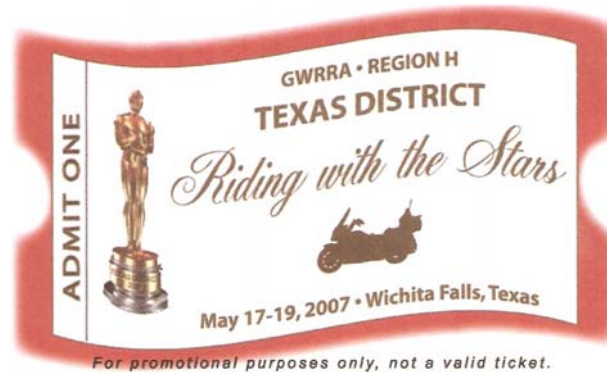
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Happy Anniversary

Carl & Jamie Torres May 28

**TEXAS DISTRICT RALLY
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Registration Ends May 7th**



So don't miss the rally – there we be something for everyone. Vendors !! Vendors!! Vendors!!! Ladies don't forget Father's Day is fast approaching and guys love chrome. Guy's don't forget Mothers Day - the ladies love chrome for their bikes and of course jewelry and purses. Other exciting events at the rally will be the drive in movie, talent show, games, rider education seminars, dress competition, prizes, prizes, prizes, be sure to dress like your favorite actor or cartoon character and **Be A Star** at the **“Texas District Rally in Wichita Falls, Texas.** For more information see the April 2007 Texas District Newsletter at <http://www.gwrra-tx.org/photos/april07.PDF>

“N2” Apparel

Yellow/black polo shirts with logo: \$25.00

Grey T-shirts with logo:

Short sleeve \$10.00

Long sleeve \$12.00

Black denim vests \$25.00

Contact Randy or Sharon Rainwater



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HUMBLE, TEXAS

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		1	2	3	4	5 Painted Churches Ride Leaving Flying J 7:00 am
6 COY Basket put together Karen and Ricky Fraser's 1:00 pm	7	8	9	10	11	12 Mud Bug Rally in DeRidder, LA leave Flying J at 7:00 am prefed
13	14	15	16 7:00 pm Chapter Dinner. La Casita Mexican Resteraunt 23430 FM 1314	17 Texas District Rally Wichita Falls Leave Flying J 6:00 am	18 Texas District Rally Wichita Falls	19 Texas District Rally Wichita Falls
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 6:00 PM Chapter Meeting – American Legion Hall.
27	28	29	30	31		.



June 2007
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HUMBLE, TEXAS

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Blueberry Festival, Nacogdoches. Leave Flying J 6:00 am. Horizon's Seminar Woodlands
10 Horizon's Seminar Woodlands	11	12	13 7:00 pm Chapter Dinner.	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 6:00 PM Chapter Meeting – American Legion Hall.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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