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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

Recently while at a rally in Marshall Texas, Robin and I were working the registration booth when a GWRRRA member came in and told us about an older gentleman having medical problems in the parking lot. They stated that he had ridden from South Dakota but when he exited his motorcycle he was weak so he had to sit back down. Mark Smith went outside to check on him. The gentleman stated he was weak in the knees, was hot and could not see. Mark called 911 to get an ambulance on the way. The gentleman stated that he did not have any heart problems, diabetes or high blood pressure. Mark stayed with the gentleman until the ambulance arrived.

The paramedics checked his blood pressure and vital signs, all was fine. They also checked his blood sugar and it was very high. The paramedics transported him to the nearest hospital. We later found out that he was all right - after they had lowered his blood sugar.

Things like this probably happen more times than what we think. We recently received some information from a nurse on some tips to help identify some signs of a stroke.

Here is a little story about a female that thought nothing was really wrong with her.

During a BBQ, a friend stumbled and took a little fall, she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics) but she said she had just tripped over a brick because of the new shoes she just bought. They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken up, she went about enjoying herself for the rest of the evening. Her husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital. She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ. She passed away at 6:00 PM that day.

Had her friends known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps she would be here today. Some stroke victims don't die, but end up in a helpless condition instead. Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke. **TOTALLY.**

Here are three steps to help identify a stroke, just remember the letters STR.

S- ask the individual to SMILE

T- ask the person to TALK and speak a simple sentence (it is sunny today)

R- ask them to RAISE both arms.

If the person is having trouble with any one of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the 911 dispatcher.

A NEW SIGN of a stroke, ask the person to stick out their tongue. If the tongue is "crooked" if it goes to one side or the other, this is also an indication of a stroke.

This is some good and simple information that everyone can use to watch out for the warning signs of a stroke. It could save a persons live and maybe even your own.

Lets all stay well hydrated and get plenty of rest while riding in the upcoming summer months.

Mike and Robin Thacker-Master Tour Riders-6751 & 6162
Humble. TX
Chapter Directors



Rider Education

Ride Safe, Ride Aware, Ride Respectfully

Those of you that have been reading my articles know I usually wrap up my story with this safety mantra. I adopted the *Ride Safe* from our Rider Education program. I adopted the *Ride Aware* slogan from our Motorist Awareness Division. After our MAD presentation at the Humble Oil Days in 2007 I started using the *Ride Respectfully* mantra. The purpose of these slogans is fairly self-evident. Or, so I thought. Let's visit these mantras once more and think about the double meaning they may have.

Ride Safe. Simple enough from our Rider Education Program. Also very common among people everywhere. Ride Safe, Be Safe, Be Careful. However you say it or to whom, it means the same. In the case of GWRRA's Rider Education Program it means Ride Safe. Wear the appropriate gear. That includes at least a DOT approved helmet, long sleeves, long pants, boots or shoes that protect the ankles, full finger gloves, and eye protection. So, what is its other meaning you ask? Simple enough. Ride legally. No speeding, no wheelies, and no darting in and out of traffic. Also, realize and recognize if you are safe to ride. Are you tired, stressed, or just plain upset? Maybe you should ask yourself if you can *Ride Safe* today. Only you know that answer. So, let's move on to the second mantra: *Ride Aware.*

Ride Aware is a big part of GWRRA's Motorist Awareness Division's safety presentation aimed at the non-riding public. Its purpose is to educate the other motorists on the road to be aware that we are out there sharing the road with them. It also educates us about the most common dangers we face while riding in a mix with other types of vehicles. But, let's take this admonition one more step closer to us and explore its double meaning. While we are being diligent for the ever-present danger of the car turning left in front of us why not take a look at the *bike* in front of you. And the *bike* beside you and the one behind you. *Ride Aware* of how these riders are riding. Are they *Riding Safe*? Or maybe, one of them is having a bad day and being a bit aggressive. Or maybe they don't feel well and are not handling their bike as proficiently as usual. Their issues could become your issues quickly if not addressed. So, the next time you are on a group ride, *Ride Aware* of how your teammates are handling the trip. And that brings us to the third slogan I adopted *Ride Respectfully.*

I first adopted *Ride Respectfully* after our 2007 Humble Oil Days MAD presentation. I talked to a good many non-riding drivers about respecting our right to share the road with them safely and in harmony with them. I was a tad surprised that so many drivers from a diverse background had such a common complaint about motorcyclists. They were very much aware of the riders that rode down the road on their rear wheels. They were very much aware of the riders zipping in and out of traffic startling them with load mufflers as they sped by. They were very much aware of the Ice House issue. As, I was talking to these drivers about respecting us their response was “When are ya’ll going to start driving with respect?”.

So, I started adding this phrase to my articles to remind us that we do have a responsibility to *Ride Respectfully*. Doing so is a win-win proposition. We don’t alienate the non-riding public, we reduce our stress levels, and we get fine public relations to boot. But, let’s move to the second meaning of this phrase *Ride Respectfully*.

We as GWRRA members do a lot of riding. And we do a considerable amount of group riding. This style of riding puts us in close proximity to a group of bikes at highway speeds. Your friends and teammates are counting on you to *Ride Respectfully* and not be the cause of an accident or injuries.

Your teammates are counting on you to be in total control of yourself and your bike. To properly *Ride Safely, Ride Aware, and Ride Respectfully* you must be up to the task at hand without distractions. If

you are tired, if you are upset, if your bike is deficient, or if you are ill these things will prevent you from meeting your teammates expectations for a safe ride. So, maybe if you or your bike has issues you should make others aware of them. This information should be shared with your riding mates. By sharing this information the issues may be lessened or eliminated altogether. Either way, you will have made the ride safer and more enjoyable for everyone. So, I will continue to close my articles with the request that everyone

Ride Safe, Ride Aware, Ride Respectfully

Michael and Suzanne Elrod
Chapter N-2 Rider Educators
Humble, Texas
Master Tour Riders 6680 & 6679



Couple of the Year Corner

We can't believe that this year is almost half over. We have really been having a great time representing our chapter at various events. The weather is really getting nice for some good riding. May was packed with lots of things to do.

We started the month preparing for Wings Ahoy in Corpus Christi. We had 17 people show up at our house on the 2nd to help put together the Couple's Basket for the State Rally. It really turned out very nice. There were 13 movies and the hot air popcorn popper with bowls, seasons and enough candy to make the candy man drool. We really appreciate all the help of everyone who contributed time and material as well as getting it staged in Corpus Christi. We were not able to get down there until late Thursday evening.



We attended the Couple of the Year seminar and helped with the selling of tickets. The Rally was really a lot of fun. It's always good to see friends and acquaintances at these events. We also played the games. Whoever comes up with these games needs a good pat on the back. They are just plain fun.



We attended a leadership class on Saturday morning. We have been really fortunate to have some very accomplished instructors in our district. The instructor made the class entertaining as well as informative. We just do not seem to have a shortage of great people in GWRRA, but we can always make room for more.

Chapter N2 had at least 11 bikes and 16 people on the USS Lexington flight deck. I may have missed some because we were split up due to the way we were loaded on the ship. Still, the windsocks were flying in the breeze, looking great! We are being staged for boarding in this picture to the right. It was surely worth the wait. It was a fabulous adventure taking our bikes on the ship.





Can you identify the N2 bikes in this picture on the left? Who do they belong to and how many do you see? Not a lot of people can say that they have had their Goldwing on an Aircraft Carrier. There were fewer than 400 on the flight deck but it really looks impressive from the air. The picture to the left and the one below came from the District web page.

The aerial shots look great. We found our Goldwing in this one to the right. Can you see it? (Hint: it is just above the twin 5" gun mount.) You have to look real hard but it's there.



Suzanne Elrod was the lucky winner of the N2 basket. She got all the goodies and the movies. Congratulations!



And Billie won the 2 night get-away to South Padre Island. You know were going to go. If it's beach, we gotta make a run for it.



We hope to see you all at the next rally, ride or chapter invasion. Remember, if you are not having fun, you just might not be participating. Come on out and see what you've been missing.

Until next time... Fun, Safety and Knowledge... the three sided triangle of good motorcycle riding. We like the FUN best. Come and get some.



Steve and Billie Fleming

RIDERS BREAK RECORDS IN HOUSTON WITH \$283,000 AT PBTF RIDE FOR KIDS®



Brain tumor patient Jaime gets ready to roll at the Houston Ride for Kids® on April 27.

The 16th annual Houston Ride for Kids broke all of its previous fundraising records yesterday, raising over \$283,700 for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation's medical research and family support programs. Storm clouds threatened to burst as the crowd of 645 gathered at Pasadena Convention Center and Fairgrounds, but the rain stayed away during the ride. The route gave participants a different view than in years past, crossing the Fred Hartman Bridge first, then circling around the San Jacinto monument.

Back at the fairgrounds, an exuberant Celebration of Life program got underway with 20 local brain tumor patients, the Ride for Kids "stars" of the day. From young Ava, walking at age 2 despite doctors' predictions, to long-term survivor Amy, 31, their bravery and fortitude inspired the fundraisers. "There are new breakthroughs in treatments because of more and better research, and that is only possible because of the funding from organizations like the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation," said Dr. Murali Mohan Chintagumpala, attending physician at Texas Children's Hospital and professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine.

The event raised a total of \$283,728. Terry and Maggie Sims of Deer Park, Texas, were the top individual fundraisers with \$13,650 raised. Members of HRCNA Northwest Honda Red Riders turned in \$47,659 to take top chapter/club honors, while the customers of Northwest Honda of Houston brought \$77,892 to make it the top motorcycle business. Judy Ferguson of Crosby, Texas, won the grand prize, a new Honda motorcycle. A Texas-sized thank-you went to Houston's dedicated task force, led by Ronnie Lunsford and visitation leaders Judy and Steve Ferguson. Along with their terrific event volunteers, they hosted an unforgettable day for brain tumor patients and motorcyclists alike.

Chapter N2 had a big showing at the 2008 Ride for Kids. There were 10 bikes, 23 people and we raised over \$12,000.00. GREAT JOB!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



The hosts for the monthly chapter dinners in 2008:

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|----------|------------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| • June | George & Linds Stiech | • September | Don & Eileen Hess |
| • July | Steve & Billie Fleming | • October | Gary Sandborn |
| • August | Jim & Beth Hartley | • November | Jim & Lynn Flournoy |
| | | • December | Randy & Anna Carroll |



Upcoming Region/District events:

May 8 – 10, 2008	Texas District Rally Corpus Christi, TX
May 23 –25, 2008	Arkansas 2008 District Rally, Harrison, AR
May 31, 2008	Mudbug Rally, Chapter M, DeRidder, LA
July 3 –6, 2008	Wing Ding, Greenville, SC
July 26, 2008	Chapter Y Rally, McMillsnd RV Part at Ft David, TX
August 16, 2008	Chapter M Rally, Mansfield, TX
September 16, 2008	Chapter R 11 th Annual Rally
September 20, 2008	Chapter Y2 Rally at Whispering Pines RV Resort, Red Springs, TX
September 26 – 28, 2008	Kansas District Rally, Abilene, KS
October 10 – 11, 2008	Oklahoma District Rally, Muskogee, OK
October 16 –18, 2008	Mississippi District Rally, Biloxi, MS
March 19, 20 & 21, 2009	Region H Rally, Marshall, TX
May 14, 15 & 16, 2009	Texas District Rally, Amarillo, TX

If you want to see pictures from the Texas District Rally and the flyby shots of the Lexington to <http://www.gwrra-tx.org/08Rally/Lex/Lex.php>. The pictures are really awesome. Look and see if you can find the Humble N2 Bumblebees.

Here are our proud Veterans on the Lexington. Thanks for a job well done!!



Don't forget – the potluck supper after the June 21 Chapter meeting – bring your favorite dish!!!!!!

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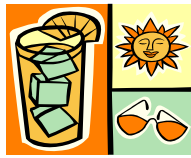
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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 Progressive Dinner 4 PM Flying J	2	3  Karen Frazier birthday	4	5	6  Mark & Robin Smith anniversary	7 Ride leave at 8 AM Shell station at 242 & I- 45
8 Ride to Huntsville for dinner at The Junction leave Flying J 3:30 Elrod	9	10  Ronnie & Doris Ryals anniversary	11	12	13	14 Blueberry Festival in Nacogdoches, 6 AM Flying J Rainwater Car racing at 105 Speedway, 5PM N Fostoria, Cleveland, TX
15  Mike Thacker birthday	16	17	18 7:00 pm Chapter Dinner	19	20  Anna Carroll birthday. Randy & Anna Carroll anniversary	21 6:00 PM Chapter Meeting – American Legion Hall Potluck supper
22  Oliver & Rita Rathmann anniversary. George & Linda Stiech anniversary	23	24	25	26	27	28 Leave for Wing Ding 5AM Flying J Thacker Watermelon Thump, Luling 7 AM Flying J Rainwater
29  Don & Carla Withrow anniversary	30  Brad Rodger birthday					



July 2008
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6 Wing Ding, Greenville, SC	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 7:00 pm Chapter Dinner	17	18	19 Night ride 6PM Flying J Nix
20	21	22	26	24	25	26 6:00 PM Chapter Meeting – American Legion Hall
27	28	29	30	31		



September
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to journey toward, but it is the journey
that matters in the end.
—Ursula K. LeGuin

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