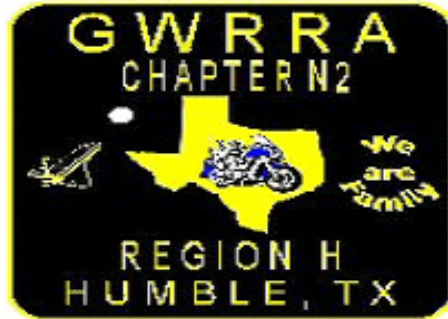


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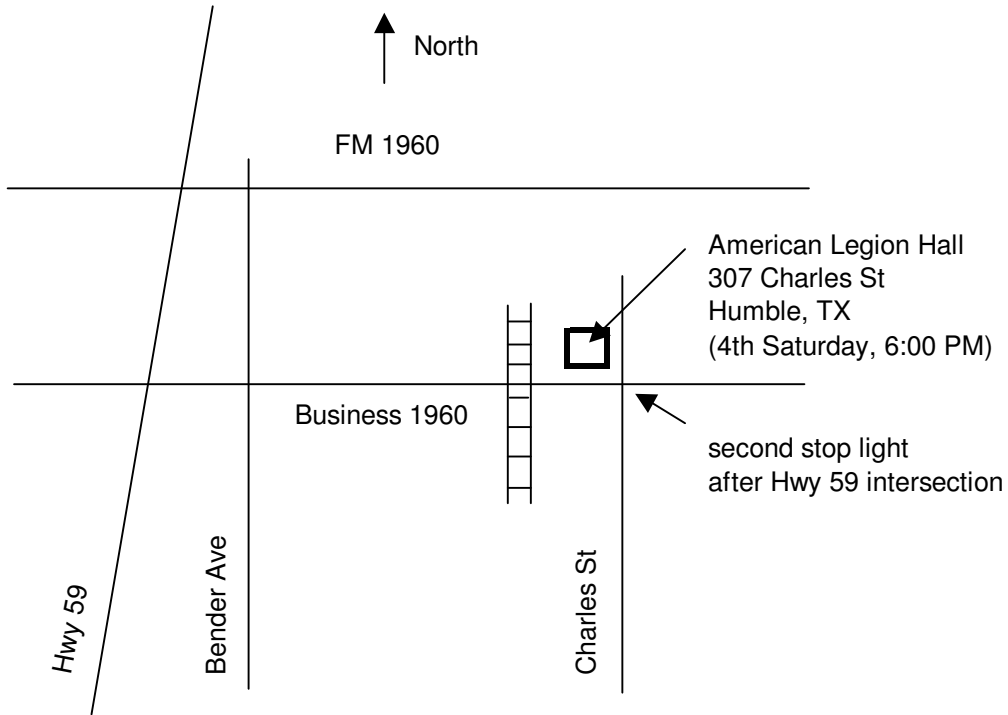
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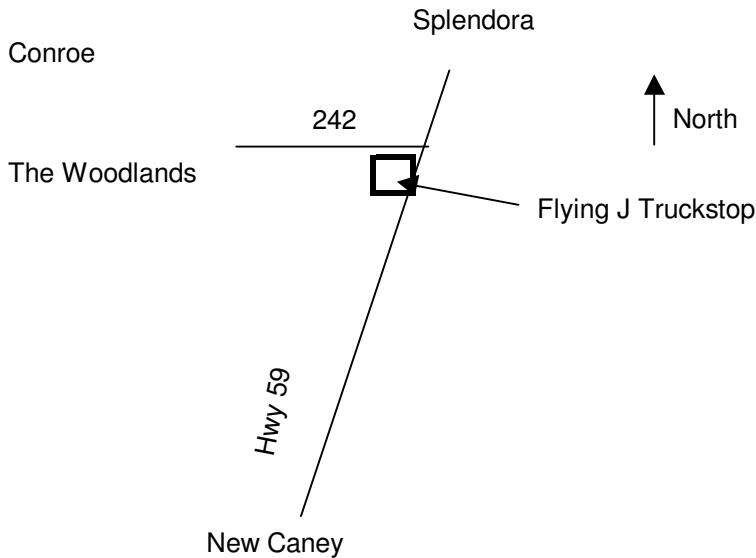


# September 2009

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**NEWS FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS**

Mike & Robin Thacker  
Chapter Directors N2  
Humble, TX



It's getting closer to the end of the year. Summer is almost over and fall is just around the corner.

We still have a few things that we are planning for the rest of the year, then we will be turning our positions over to the Assistant Chapter Directors, Steve and Linda Seligman.

We are looking forward to the new ideas and new changes that they will have to offer. We have been Chapter Directors for three years and have had a great time. It was a little scary at first, because we did not know how things worked, but we found out by asking a lot of questions and getting on line and looking things up about GWRRA. I think we made every copy of every piece of information about GWRRA and placed it in a binder with protective covers so we could look things up if there ever was a question. We have to say that every person that we called to asked questions, was very helpful and took time to explain things. We still ask questions.

We have to say that we believe that we have the greatest Chapter in GWRRA. Our members are the best and our staff has been awesome. Now, its time for the new directors to start looking for their own staff to help them during their tenure as Directors. They are going to have a blast.

We talked about it and decided that the hardest thing about being Chapter Directors was trying to find FUN things to do that we thought the Chapter members would enjoy doing.

We only have four months left and still have Chapter R's Rally, an Astro's ball game, and the Horizon Seminar in September and in October we have an East Texas Ride, Education Weekend, and a Chapter Cruise. We still have four game nights and four Sunday breakfasts to go. We also have the Honor Ride, Christmas Toy Run, and the Christmas Party. We might even have a few surprises for some more FUN.

*See if you can find your GWRRA number in the newsletter. Let Mike Thacker know before the next chapter meeting and win a little something!*



**UPDATE ON SANDY HANNON...**

Sandy is doing fine, but tires easily from the doctor appointments, various tests, and procedures. The good news is that her cancer seems to be responding to her chemo treatment. She promised to keep the chapter updated on her progress and appreciates all the prayers, cards, and well wishes on her behalf.

## ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Steve & Linda Seligman



It is hard to believe that the end of summer is so close. It seems like yesterday was Memorial Day and now we are on the way to enjoying Labor Day.

This has surely been a very warm summer. Linda and I have not been able to ride a lot this summer. We did brave the heat to take

our week trip in July, a trip to Marshall for their Chapter rally, and a few early Sunday morning breakfast rides. Linda and I have really missed the thrill of the road and the speed of the bike.

Well, it looks like the weather is finally turning around and starting to cool off--that is--dropping below 100. There are a lot of events coming our way--the cruise, Honor Ride, Christmas Party, Toy Run, and others. So, dust off the bike, gather your riding gear, and get ready for some good times. We are looking forward to spending time with friends and getting back on the road.

The chapter is planning a 5-day cruise from Galveston to Cozumel from October 31 – November 5. The cost is about \$319 per person. If you are interested in booking reservations, contact *Bernadine Christian* with Carnival Cruise Line at 1-800-819-3902 ext. 82405. She is available from 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (M - TH) and 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (F). She has been very helpful to assist with questions and reservations. You can also book up to the very last minute of departure. Currently, 11 cabins have been booked. Everyone is looking forward to a great time!



**January** Mark & Robin Smith  
**February** Oliver & Rita Rathmann  
**March** Paul & Mari Rich  
**April** Jeff & Darla Ingram  
**May** Steve & Billie Fleming  
**June** Donald & May Noel

**July** David & Brenda Sandborn  
**August** Steve & Linda Seligman  
**September** Rex & Ann Nix  
**October** Randy Talbutt  
**November** JR  
**December** Gary & Stormy Young

**FROM 2009 COUPLE OF THE YEAR CORNER...**

Mark &amp; Robin Smith



The Dog Days of Summer Rally turned out to be a "What a Weekend." There were 11 of us that went with 7 bikes. We started out at 6 a.m. on Saturday morning. Our first stop was Charlie's in Goodrich for breakfast then off we went again. We got into Marshall around 10:30 a.m. and went straight to rallying. This rally turned out to be one for the girls. I believe they had more vendors for the girls than they did the guys. It was nice to see the change. We had shirts, jewelry, jewelry, and more jewelry. It was a blast. Not sure there was any lady in our group that didn't go home with some new shiny bling bling. I could go for rallies like that every weekend. The rally had the usual 50/50 pot and grand prizes. Chapter I had six grand prizes and our chapter took home 4 of them. Mike Thacker and George Stiech both won \$100.00 cash, which pretty much paid for their weekend. Isn't that nice!! Mark Smith (my honey) won a motorcycle jacket from H&W Honda. It's extremely nice and fits like a glove. I, myself, won a cordless keyboard and mouse set. I took it to the office and it works great!! Sure cleans up a desk not to have all those cables everywhere.

Mike Thacker, Mark, and I donated blood to the Carter Blood Bank while at the rally. It felt great to be able to help out. Mike and I were excited that we passed the pulse test the first

time. We usually have to go and sit in the corner by ourselves, before we can give blood. I guess the excitement is too much for us. Ha Ha! Of course, we got a free T-shirt for the donation. You can never have too many T-shirts.

After the rally, we ventured down the road to our home away from home in Marshall, The Hampton Inn. You would think that they would know us by name now. LOL! Some of us hit the pool and a few of us ventured over to Louisiana to do a little gambling after the rally, but the boys mostly wanted to go to the Prime Rib/Crab Legs buffet. Go figure...food was involved. We didn't stay long and were back in Marshall by 10:30 p.m. that night. Lady luck wasn't playing well with others, but the food was good. We had two groups go out the next morning headed home—the early risers and the ones of us that wanted to sleep in. Everyone made it home safe and sound but some of us were a little damper than others.

Another rally down and another trip done, and now we just wait for the next one. I believe that the next rally is Chapter R's in September. Hopefully, the weather will be cooler. But as long as the friends are the same, we'll manage. Well until we meet again...be safe, take care, and have fun.



## RIDER EDUCATION

Jim Hartley  
Chapter N2 Rider Educator  
Humble, TX



For obvious reasons, it's important to have tires that are in good condition on your motorcycle. Worn tires will diminish your motorcycle's traction and handling ability, particularly in inclement weather conditions, and can become a serious safety hazard. Because there's little protection between a motorcycle rider and the pavement, good tires with adequate tread are perhaps even more crucial for motorcycles than with automobiles.

The familiar trick of using a penny to measure tread depth and assess the condition of your

treads is applicable to motorcycles just as it is with automobile tires. Insert a penny into the tread of your tire with Abe Lincoln's head pointing down. If the top of Abe's head is hidden below the surface of the tire then the tread is adequate. If however if the top of Abe's head is visible above the surface, your tread is too shallow (i.e., less than 1/16" deep) and the tire is unsafe.

Get in the habit of checking the condition and air pressure on your tires every time you ride. Check the sidewalls for gashes or other signs of damage. Also check the overall condition of the tread on both tires. Look for gouges, punctures, unevenness of the tread, or "lipping" – a condition caused by over inflation in which some areas of tread are lifted higher than adjacent treads. Also look for cracks at the base of the treads or other signs of age and dry rot.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER...**

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| 9/12/2009     | Chapter R 12th Annual Rally                 |
| 10/3/2009     | Chapter T Rally, Killeen, TX                |
| 10/17-18/2009 | TX District Education Weekend, Marshall, TX |
| 10/23-24/2009 | Oklahoma District Rally, Muskogee, OK       |
| 1/9/2010      | Mid-Winter Round Up, Killeen, TX            |
| 3/23-27/2010  | Region H Rally, Marshall, TX                |
| 4/8-10/2010   | Louisiana Rally                             |
| 5/6-8/2010    | Texas District Rally, Killeen, TX           |
| 5/27-29 /2010 | Arkansas Rally                              |

### **WHEN YOU HAVE CHANGES TO YOUR...**

*phone numbers (home/cell)/addresses/emails*

Please email the new information to *Brad* or *Shirley Rodger*.

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## COOKBOOK NEWS...



At the August chapter meeting, each chapter member present was asked to select their favorite from 3 different cookbook covers and recipe dividers. The majority of votes for the cover and dividers determined the winner. Linda also passed out a price breakdown sheet for the number of cookbooks purchased, which also included a suggested selling price per cookbook. The chart below includes that information. Please consider how many cookbooks you're planning to purchase as this number will determine how many cookbooks we request to be printed in our order. Thanks again to those of you who have already submitted recipes. With our deadline for submitting additional recipes being **September 15**, we need you to forward your favorite recipes ASAP to *Linda Seligman's* attention at [Isselig@gmail.com](mailto:Isselig@gmail.com). All recipes are welcome (although we're heavy in the dessert category)...does that clue you in that "our chapter" might have a sweet tooth...ha! So don't delay! In the August newsletter, Linda had about 206 recipes.

| RECIPES     | # OF BOOKS |      |      |      |      |      |      |       | SUGGESTED<br>SELLING<br>PRICE |
|-------------|------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------------------------------|
|             | 100        | 200  | 300  | 400  | 500  | 600  | 700  |       |                               |
| up to 150   | 4.40       | 2.80 | 2.70 | 2.55 | 2.40 | 2.35 | 2.30 | 7.50  |                               |
| 151 to 200  | 5.20       | 3.05 | 2.85 | 2.65 | 2.55 | 2.45 | 2.40 | 8.50  |                               |
| 201 to 250  | 5.70       | 3.35 | 3.20 | 2.90 | 2.70 | 2.65 | 2.60 | 8.75  |                               |
| 251 to 300  | 6.15       | 3.70 | 3.30 | 3.20 | 3.00 | 2.95 | 2.90 | 9.00  |                               |
| 301 to 350  | 6.55       | 3.85 | 3.55 | 3.45 | 3.10 | 3.05 | 3.00 | 9.25  |                               |
| 351 to 400  | 7.05       | 4.15 | 3.90 | 3.65 | 3.40 | 3.35 | 3.30 | 9.50  |                               |
| 401 to 450  |            | 4.55 | 4.25 | 3.85 | 3.65 | 3.55 | 3.50 | 9.75  |                               |
| 451 to 500  |            | 5.05 | 4.40 | 4.15 | 3.95 | 3.85 | 3.80 | 10.25 |                               |
| 501 to 550  |            | 5.45 | 4.70 | 4.50 | 4.30 | 4.10 | 4.05 | 10.75 |                               |
| 551 to 600  |            | 5.85 | 5.00 | 4.80 | 4.60 | 4.40 | 4.30 | 11.25 |                               |
| 601 to 650  |            | 6.30 | 5.55 | 5.05 | 4.85 | 4.75 | 4.55 | 11.75 |                               |
| 651 to 700  |            |      | 6.10 | 5.60 | 5.10 | 4.95 | 4.80 | 12.25 |                               |
| 701 to 750  |            |      |      | 5.85 | 5.45 | 5.30 | 5.15 | 12.75 |                               |
| 751 to 800  |            |      |      | 6.10 | 5.80 | 5.60 | 5.40 | 13.25 |                               |
| 801 to 850  |            |      |      | 6.60 | 6.15 | 5.95 | 5.75 | 13.75 |                               |
| 851 to 900  |            |      |      | 7.00 | 6.65 | 6.10 | 5.85 | 14.25 |                               |
| 901 to 950  |            |      |      | 7.40 | 6.95 | 6.30 | 6.15 | 14.75 |                               |
| 951 to 1000 |            |      |      | 7.80 | 7.30 | 6.55 | 6.40 | 15.25 |                               |

## Wing Ding 2009 - Tulsa, Oklahoma

By Randy Rainwater

This pre-Wing Ding 2009 trip had been in the planning stages for several months and it was finally time to get the trip started.

### Day One:

Our destination for the day was Poteau, OK, 400 miles and just over 7 hours of riding time. It didn't get too hot until we got into Oklahoma, but it wasn't too uncomfortable. The highlight of the day was when we topped Rich Mountain on Hwy. 259, just after we passed under the Talimena Trail, we saw a mother bear and her cub on the opposite side of the road, sorry we didn't get any pictures. After a quick dip in a lukewarm pool and a short walk to a Mexican food restaurant next door, we ended day one.

### Day Two:

Hot Springs was our final destination for the day, after we made a stop at the Crater of Diamond Park near Murfreesboro, AR, 250 miles and 5 ½ hours of riding time. We rode back south to ride the full length of the Talihemena Trail and stopped to get a few pictures. This is where we might have picked up some extra passengers for the balance of the trip (chiggers or red bugs, whatever you might call them).



We also stopped at the Queen Wilhemina Lodge and found several bear warning signs. No tent camping was allowed at the park--I wonder why?



There was also a little rocking chair time, while others were shopping inside the lodge.



After lunch on a hilltop, with rocky washed-out roads on both sides, we were off to try our luck at the Crater of Diamonds Park near Murfreesboro, AR. As we neared the park, it started to rain. After renting the proper digging and diamond finding equipment, a little strategy discussion was necessary.

The cooler weather after the rain was a nice break, but someone forgot to mention that the diamond field was mostly now slick, sticky, and clumpy clay.

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Mike and Matt at work in the washing shed.



After a few hours of looking for diamonds, we were ready to cleanup and head to Hot Springs.



After getting to our hotel in Hot Springs, Mike, Robin, and Matt went across the street to the racetrack and casino, while Sharon and I went down the street for dinner. You will have to ask Mike, Robin, or Matt about the fine dining they experienced that evening.

### Day Three:

Eureka Springs was our destination for today, 200 miles and 4  $\frac{3}{4}$  hours of riding time. Most of our day was spent on Scenic Hwy. 7 from Hot Springs to Harrison, just enjoying the roads. The pool brought some welcomed relief and we met a few fellow wingers, also on their way to Tulsa.



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### Day Four:

We decided to spend the day shopping in Eureka Springs and just relaxing. After dinner, we spent the evening at the pool playing cards.

### Day Five:

Tulsa and Wing Ding registration was our plan for today, 230 miles and 5 ¼ hours of riding time. Since we were so close, we had to get this picture in Seligman, MO. Mike is talking to Steve on the cell phone.



The town of Tulsa had a welcome party for all Wing Ding registered guests.



After dinner and Sharon riding the mechanical bull, we were anxiously awaiting the starting of our entertainment for the evening. Can't you see the excitement in their faces?



We got to see the performance of the musical, Oklahoma. It was a long day, but we had a great time.



### Day Six:

Sharon and I spent this day riding back into Arkansas for the day to visit my parents in Springdale, 225 miles and 4 hours of riding time.

### Final Days:

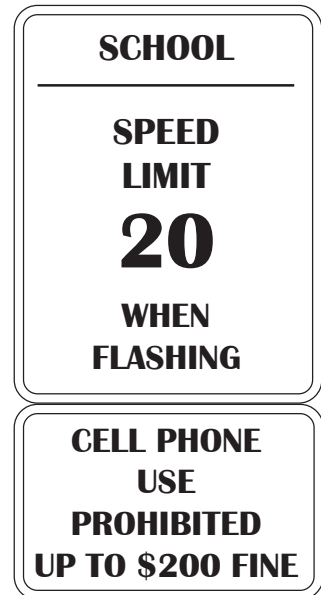
We spent the rest of our time at Wing Ding and then headed home, while some of our group headed for Colorado, 600 miles and 10 ¼ hours of riding time. We spent a lot of the day riding in the rain and hit the oven-like heat in Corrigan, TX.

It was a great trip, but the next time, we need to see you there too!

## TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Chapter members, Jim & Lynn Flournoy forwarded on the following synopsis in an email stating... "We have highlighted a few we feel you should be aware of but please take a look at the entire document from the Texas Department of Public Safety ([www.txdps.state.tx.us](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us)) for more details. (She actually included an attachment of the entire document from the Texas Department of Public Safety) with her email. Below are new traffic laws will be take effect September 1 in Texas.

1. **Teen Drivers:** Effective September 1, 2009, the laws for teenage drivers are getting tougher. Drivers younger than 18 are banned from using cell phones while driving (dialing, talking, texting) and total hours of behind-the-wheel driving instruction a teen receives is increasing from 14 to 34 before getting a license.
2. **Driving in a School Zone:** Effective September 1, 2009, the use of a wireless device within a reduced-speed school zone is prohibited. Cellular phones may be used while the vehicle is stopped in a school zone or with a hands-free device. The law also applies to bus drivers. Violators are subject to a fine of up to \$200. Note: Cities or counties wanting to enforce this law must post a sign at the beginning of each school zone to inform drivers that using a wireless communications device is prohibited and the operator is subject to a fine. **THE SIGNS ARE UP IN SOME AREAS!**
3. **Seat Belts:** Effective September 1, 2009, **all** occupants of a vehicle, no matter their age, front and back seat, must wear seatbelts.



Many of you might have received the article below in an email to be forwarded on to 11 friends. While I can't electronically forward this on to you through the newsletter, I thought the suggestion was something we could physically do at our homes by proudly displaying our FLAG...you get the idea.

*THE PROGRAM:* On Friday, September 11, 2009, an American flag should be displayed outside every home, apartment, office, and store in the United States. Every individual should make it their duty to display an American flag on this 8th anniversary of one of our country's worst tragedies. We do this to honor those who lost their lives on 9/11, their families, friends, and loved ones who continue to endure the pain, and those who today are fighting at home and abroad to preserve our cherished freedoms. In the days, weeks, and months following 9/11, our country was bathed in American flags as citizens mourned the incredible losses and stood shoulder-to-shoulder against terrorism. Sadly, those flags have all but disappeared. Our patriotism pulled us through some tough times and it shouldn't take another attack to galvanize us in solidarity. Our American flag is the fabric of our country and together we can prevail over terrorism of **all** kinds. Take a moment to think back to how you felt on 9/11 and let those sentiments guide you. God Bless You and God Bless America!

### “BOYS WILL BE BOYS”

*Ricky and Karen Frazier* have much to be thankful for...the quick recovery of their youngest grandson, **Logan**. Let's back up a little to tell you what happened.

On Sunday, August 23, a light pole fell on Logan across his back in his parent's backyard. Ricky said Logan helped loosen up the light pole, over time, by swinging from a wire connected to the pole. His dad had to give him mouth to mouth to get him breathing.

He was taken by ambulance to Kingwood Hospital, where they discovered he had air around the lungs, contusions to the lungs, and a laceration of the liver. He was transferred to Memorial Hermann Trauma Center, because, if the liver began to bleed, they would have to do emergency surgery. We are fortunate that this did not happen and he was released from the hospital late the following night. He is not allowed to do anything physical and he has to be sure not to be hit in the stomach or the laceration can still begin to bleed. They say it will take up to 3 months for the liver to heal, but it should heal.

As was mentioned in their email, “they are very thankful to everyone for the calls and prayers. It is great to have family like you!”

### “CHANGING OF THE GUARD”

*By Sharon Rainwater*

For those present at the August chapter meeting, *Linda Seligman* announced that she is turning over editorial duties of the chapter newsletter to me...*Sharon Rainwater*. **Wow**...that's a big job and full of many responsibilities. She has been ever so helpful...forwarding emails full of information, attachments, instructions, and encouragement. She has also taken evening calls to assist me with a missing name, etc., and has done this promptly. With that said, I want to personally THANK Linda for her hard work and efforts to produce an excellent, interesting, and newsworthy “NEWSLETTER.” I have big shoes to fill to follow her act! I also want to thank the chapter, in advance, for the help, suggestions, and articles (*yes, keep those coming*) that I will request/receive from you over time. With your help, I can continue to make it newsworthy as well! As Randy mentioned at the meeting...(and he was joking)...if you find the newsletter lacking, you can have the job...HA! Thanks again for your confidence and support. In the future, forward your articles, etc., to me at [rainwatersharon@yahoo.com](mailto:rainwatersharon@yahoo.com). P.S...thanks also to my husband, Randy, for his technical assistance and Excel knowledge!!

### CAMPING ANYONE???

Per an email dated Monday, August 31, *Rex & Ann Nix* are going camping Labor Day weekend (Saturday - Monday), staying at the KOA in Kerrville, TX. Everyone is invited to join them. If you would like to go, please make arrangements SOON. They already have their reservation.

**Kerrville KOA** - 2400 Goat Creek Road, Kerrville, TX 78028  
800-562-1665

**GWRRA CHAPTER N2  
HUMBLE, TEXAS  
SEPTEMBER 2009**

| SUNDAY                            | MONDAY  | TUESDAY                            | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |
|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|----------|--|---|
|                                   |   |                                    |   |          |  | <i>Birthday<br/>R Frazier<br/>S Young</i>   |
|                                   |   | 1                                  | 2   | 3        | 4  | 5   |
|                                   | Labor Day   |                                    |   |          | Game Night<br>6:00 PM<br><br><i>Birthday<br/>C Withrow</i> | Chapter R Rally<br>Flying J<br>6:00 AM prefed<br>Thacker  |
| 6                                 | 7   | 8                                  | 9   | 10       | 11   | 12  |
| Breakfast<br>Los Cucos<br>9:30 AM | <i>Birthday<br/>R Nix<br/><br/>Anniversary<br/>Uphoff</i> | <i>Birthday<br/>C O'Day<br/>JR</i> | Social Dinner<br>Lings Buffet<br>6730 Atascocita<br>7:00 PM |          |  | Horizion Trng<br>Beaumont<br><br>Wash out Autism<br>Little Mexico<br>11:00 AM<br>Mulligans - 1960 |
| 13                                | 14  | 15                                 | 16  | 17       | 18   | 19  |
| Horizion Trng<br>Beaumont         | 2<br>5<br>9<br>2<br>1<br>7                                |                                    |   |          | Astros<br>baseball game<br>7:05 PM                         | Chapter Meeting<br>American Legion<br>Hall 6:00 PM  |
| 20                                | 21  | 22                                 | 23  | 24       | 25   | 26  |
|                                   |   |                                    | <i>Birthday<br/>J Hartley</i>                               |          |  |   |
| 27                                | 28  | 29                                 | 30  |          |  |   |

**GWRRA CHAPTER N2  
HUMBLE, TEXAS  
OCTOBER 2009**

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY                      | FRIDAY                        | SATURDAY   |
|--|--------|---------|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
|  |        |         |   | 1                             | 2                             | 3  |
| 4  | 5      | 6       | Birthday<br><i>B Moorehead</i><br><br>Anniversary<br><i>O'Day</i> | 8                             | 9                             | Birthday<br><i>M Rich</i>                          |
| 11   | 12     | 13      | Birthday<br><i>S Fleming</i>                                      | 15                            | Birthday<br><i>D Turnbull</i> | Riders Ed<br>Marshall, TX                          |
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