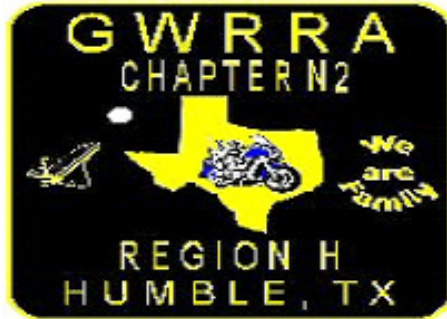


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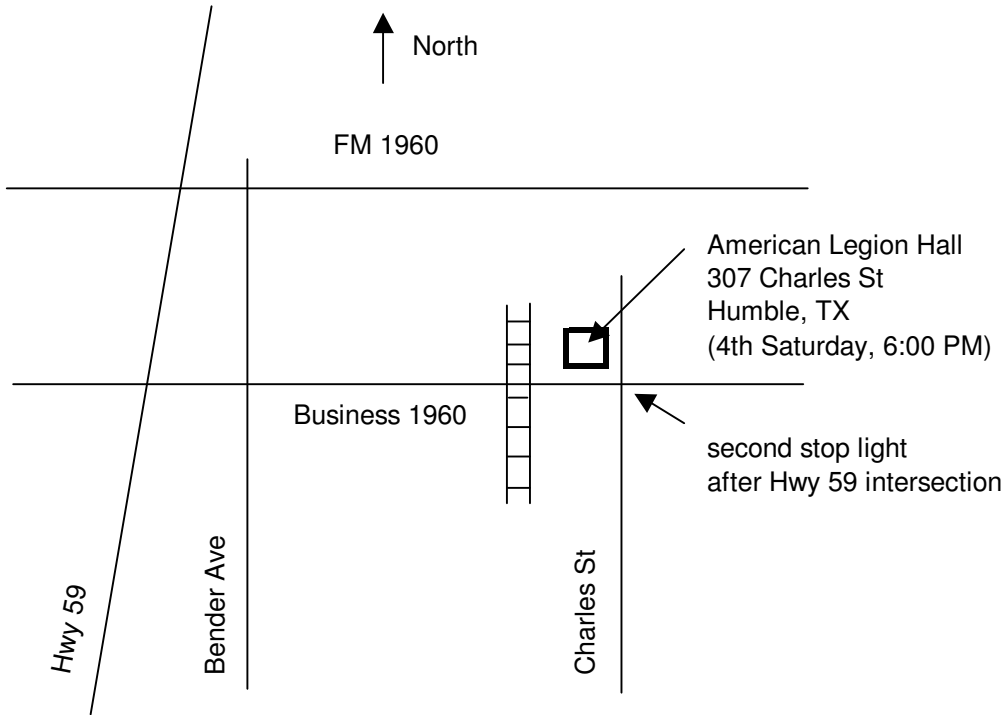
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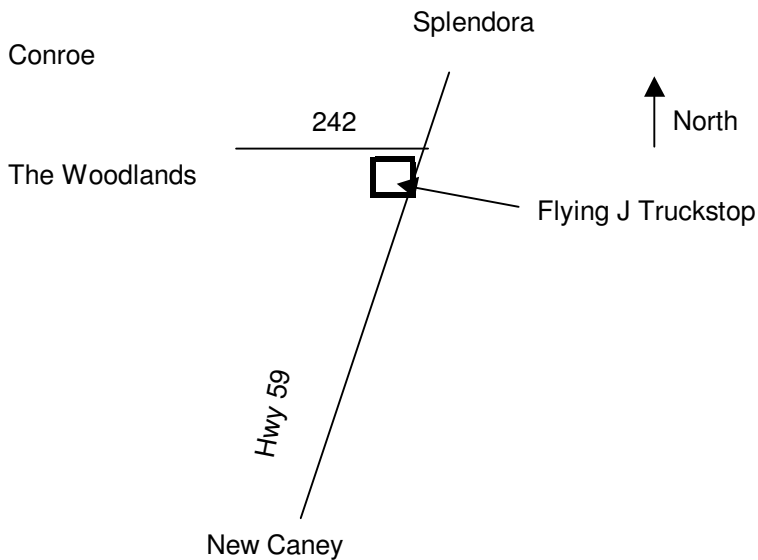


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NEWS FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Mike & Robin Thacker
Chapter N2
Humble, TX



We read an article in the District newsletter this month that we think needs to be addressed with our members and that is “The Phantom Members.” We don’t believe that our Chapter has any but region is saying that after 30 years of growth, GWRRA is being TOO friendly.

We have always understood that GWRRA’s organization and its benefits are exclusively for Members only. However, our meeting and, many times, our events have always been for members and their guests. We do this so that potential members can look us over and, hopefully, they will join. Our friendliness is also extended to former members, again hoping they will rejoin. We all know that our most important benefits are the activities that constantly go on within the GWRRA Chapters.

Some Phantom Members will have members that are their friends give them Wing World magazines and an Old Gold Book for when they travel...so why rejoin? Many wonder how some of these folks can see no reason to really belong to GWRRA. They also wonder why a Phantom Member takes free what others are paying for.

We are NOT talking about our GUESTS. We are talking about those that were once a part of us and now, for whatever reason, are not. Yet, they continue to participate in the fellowship and friendship of something that was created for “Members Only.” Region is saying that some Chapters could have as much as 33% of the Chapter that are phantoms. This could be the end of a Chapter and a beginning of a Club. We need to understand the difference between Membership, friend, or guest.

Some Chapters are beginning to charge a surcharge to people that come for tea, coffee, and food. We are not going to do that but please if you are one of these Phantom Members, do not take advantage of our hospitality and friendship, because we love all you guys and want everyone to remain the family that we have become.

Now with that said...We are beginning to make plans for a few rides and events that everyone likes to participate in, like the Honor Ride, Lunch and Breakfast Rides, Game Nights, Maintenance Day, Fruit Cake Ride, Toy Run, and Annual Christmas Party, with a few new things going on this year. We still have a lot of things going on as we come to the end of this year. We hope to see all of our Members and their Guest at these activities.

Update on “our” Sandy Hannon...Sandy is now at home and gets out mainly for doctor appointments. She decided weeks ago to discontinue her chemo treatments. She is under hospice care to some degree in that they check on her two to three times a week. She is in some pain, but still sleeps in her own bed. On November 4, she had to go see her doctor as she was severely dehydrated. Visits are welcomed, but please call before coming and keep visits short. Leo said some of her nurse friends had over extended their visit and Sandy said “See the door...it’s time to go.” I love her honest frankness. That’s “our” Sandy! Cards may be sent to 18446 Hollow Oaks Circle, Porter, TX 77365.



NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Steve & Linda Seligman



Where has the time gone? Here we are at another beginning of the holiday season. We just played all the tricks we could on Halloween. Now it is time to celebrate Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is about giving thanks for the people and blessings of the past year. One of my favorite dishes on Thanksgiving is the TURKEY--I like it baked, stuffed, not stuffed, fried, or just any way I can get some turkey. I think the best part is the leftovers. Linda and I have been hosting Thanksgiving for about seven years--we combine my family, her family, and, occasionally, a few friends. We can have anywhere from 10 to 16 people. The ages of the attendees range from 14 to 99. Every year, we spend three days cleaning, shopping, decorating, preparing, and cooking. The house is always full of people, full of food, and loud with noise. It is one of our most favorite days of the year. So, as Thanksgiving quickly approaches, we want to thank you for all the many hours of enjoyable riding in your company, the many hours of fellowship, the many hours of great food and games, but most of all, we are thankful for your friendship. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

The South - You Gotta Love It

Alabama - A group of Alabama friends went deer hunting and paired off in twos for the day. That night, one of the hunters returned alone, staggering under the weight of an eight-point buck. "Where's Henry?" the others asked. Henry had a stroke of some kind. He's a couple of miles back up the trail," the successful hunter replied. "You left Henry laying "out there and carried the deer back?" they inquired. "A tough call," nodded the hunter. "But I figured no one is going to steal Henry!"

Georgia - The owner of a golf course in Georgia was confused about paying an invoice, so he decided to ask his secretary for some mathematical help. He called her into his office and said, "You graduated from the University of Georgia and I need some help. If I were to give you \$20,000, minus 14%, how much would you take off?" The secretary thought a moment, and then replied, "Everything but my earrings."

Louisiana - A senior at Louisiana was overheard saying..."When the end of the world comes, I hope to be in Louisiana." When asked why, he replied, "I'd rather be in Louisiana because everything happens in Louisiana 20 years later than in the rest of the civilized world."

Mississippi - The young man from Mississippi came running into the store and said to his buddy, "Bubba, somebody just stole your pickup truck from the parking lot!" Bubba replied, "Did you see who it was?" The young man answered, "I couldn't tell, but I got the license number."

(Passed on by *Mark S.*--THANKS!)

FROM 2009 COUPLE OF THE YEAR CORNER

Mark & Robin Smith



Another month down and one more to go!!! I hope everyone had a fantastic Halloween, and ate lots of candy.

Last month was the Goldwing Invitational and a few of us went and had a really great time. The weather was awesome! It was really nice to get out the jackets and chaps for a change. Some people met at Northwest Honda, some at Pasadena Honda, and some at Honda of Houston and then we all met up at Langham Creek High School to form one group. There was close to 70 bikes and about 135 people. There was mostly Goldwings, but also a few Valkyries. After a short rider's meeting, we were on our way. Leaving the meeting spot this year was nice. We had a Constable to stop traffic until everyone could safely get out of the parking lot. They had us in groups of five. It was a really cool sight. Our group was second to last. We had a new couple riding with us. It was Bob Moorehead's daughter, Lisa, and her fiancé, Ron, on his new Goldwing. So off we went.

After about 105 miles, we stopped for a gas stop in LaGrange then went to the Lafayette County Fair Grounds for lunch. It was BBQ from one of the local caterers. This was actually some of the best BBQ I've ever had; the only thing missing was Peach Cobbler.

After lunch, everybody made their way to the Embassy Suites Hotel in San Marcos. The hotel was very nice and the employees were even nicer. If we ever make it back to San Marcos, this is where we will stay. The manager had a sort of happy hour from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. It was neat to just sit around and visit with everyone. The ballroom for our dinner and entertainment opened up around 7:00 p.m. for everyone to start coming in and select a table. The night started off with a silent auction and later a live auction. Some of us did some bidding and won a few items. Robin Thacker saw a pair of Bumble Bee house shoes and just had to have them, so she made a bid and won. Truth be told, she out bid me. After the auction, we ate dinner--a fajita buffet with all the trimmings... YUM YUM!

When everyone finished chowing down, the DJ started with the music. There were a few people dancing and most everyone else was just "sittin" around "talkin."

But...it wasn't long before the Thackers and the Smiths decided to cut a rug. We had a blast, doing the twist and line dancing. All of a sudden, people started clapping and laughing and I turned around to see our fearless leader, Mike Thacker, on the floor--Robin Thacker and Robin Smith had him by the leg and arm, spinning him around on his back. That's right folks, Mr. Thacker was break dancing or at least giving it a good shot and boy were we happy nothing broke. Personally, I couldn't tell the difference between him dancing and someone having a seizure, but it was fun either way. Finally, we all decided to call it a night.

The next morning, we met for breakfast. Let me tell you about the breakfast buffet. It came with the room and it had everything from made-to-order omelets, pancakes, and eggs to hot or cold cereal, fruit galore, and biscuits and gravy. If you left hungry, it was your own fault. After breakfast, we packed up the bikes and headed home. The weather was awesome both going and coming. We couldn't have planned it any better. It was a great weekend and we had a blast as usual. If you ever get a chance to do the Goldwing Invitational, by all means give it a try. It a fun time!

Now to a more serious matter, please remember November 11 is Veteran's Day, so be sure and thank a Veteran for their service and sacrifice they gave for their country and for you. And please keep all the men and women all over the world defending our great Nation in your thoughts and prayers. Let's pray that they come home soon and safely.

The next big thing is Thanksgiving...already, what a year! What a wonderful holiday to spend with family and friends and, by all means, get your grub on. We would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!!! And wherever you are on Thanksgiving--have fun and be safe!

Well, our reign as Couple of the Year is coming to an end and I cannot express how much fun we have had. We only have one more month and it will be time for another couple to wear the title. I hope you give them as much support as you have given us. We want to thank each and every one that helped us out through the year. Your friendship and support is humbling and we are better people because of it. This is an awesome Chapter and we are so proud to be a part of it. Until we ride again, be safe, take care, and most of all have FUN!!

RIDER EDUCATION

Jim Hartley
Chapter N2 Rider Educator
Humble, TX

Here are some things to think about when group riding. If you ride with others, you must do it in a way that doesn't endanger anyone or interfere with the flow of traffic.

KEEP THE GROUP SMALL

A large group tends to interfere with traffic. It makes it necessary for cars to pass a long line of motorcycles all at once. Also, large groups tend to be separated easily by traffic or red lights. Those who are left behind often ride unsafely trying to catch up with the group. If your group is larger than four or five riders, divide it into two or more smaller groups.

KEEP THE GROUP TOGETHER

Here are some ways to keep the group together.

1. Plan ahead. If you are the leader, look ahead for changes. Give signals early, so the word gets back in plenty of time. Start lane changes early enough to allow everyone to complete the lane change.
2. Place inexperienced riders behind the leader, where they can be watched by the more experienced riders. "Follow those behind"--let the drag riders set the pace. Use your mirrors to keep an eye on the person behind you. If he or she falls behind, slow down a little. If everyone does this, the group will stay with the drag bike.
3. Know the route. Make sure everyone knows the route. Then, if someone is separated for a moment, he or she won't have to hurry to avoid getting lost or making a wrong turn.
4. Keep your distance. It is important to keep close ranks and a safe distance. A close group takes up less space on the highway and is easier to see and is less likely to be separated. However, it must be done properly.

DON'T PAIR UP

Never operate directly alongside another motorcycle rider. If one of you has to avoid a hazard on the road, there would be no place to go. If you have to say something to another rider, wait until you are both stopped.

KEEP A STAGGERED FORMATION

Riding in a staggered formation is the best way to keep close ranks and yet maintain an adequate space cushion. This formation keeps the group close and keeps each rider a safe distance from others ahead and to the sides. A staggered formation can be used safely on an open highway. However, it is best to move into a single line formation when taking curves, making turns, or entering or leaving a highway.

Until next time, ENJOY THE RIDE!





Mississippi Rally--Tupelo or Bust

By Rex & Ann Nix

Each year, Ann and I look forward to the rally in Mississippi. Every year we have gone, the rally has been in Biloxi, but this year it was held in Tupelo. This put the rally an extra 2 to 3 hours away, and would be tough to get to in a day. After some planning, I determined to leave Wednesday evening and stop in Alexandria La. I had picked a hotel at the last minute that ended up being an incredibly nice place. The next day, we headed to Natchez and began the leisurely ride up the Natchez trace. The weather was stormy and we managed to stay just ahead of the worst of it. The trip up the Natchez was very relaxing and the best part was nearly no traffic. We also spotted several deer, lots of turkey, squirrel, hawks, and a coyote along the way. It was really nice to see the animals since the cotton and corn crops were failing.

The temperatures were almost perfect and other than the occasional light shower, we were having an awesome ride to Tupelo.

We arrived at the host hotel late in the day and, after unpacking, decided to simply go have dinner. While we were eating, the storm caught up with us. It just happened the local Honda dealer was putting on a welcome to Tupelo event and everyone was soaked. The next morning, we finally got to the rally in true Rex fashion, late. I found out I had forgotten to pre-register, so we took care of that. Then we checked out the baskets by each chapter supporting their COY. Ann really liked a southwestern basket and a fall basket that looked perfect full of autumn stuff.

Then, we spent some time at the education table, a table put together by the local Honda dealer, the blood bank was there doing a very brisk collection of lots of blood donors. We finally started looking at the vendors. There was plenty of chrome to shop for, Ann found several jewelry vendors, I found some items for my trailers, and even had a couple of my lights fixed while there. We didn't do too much damage while there, but we were very happy with the little bits we did get. Ann did find some new boots to wear while on the bike. She says they are real comfortable to walk in to.

We watched as many played several games, sometimes watching is better than playing. We spent some time in the hospitality suite for a couple of hours and really enjoyed meeting new people. It was amazing how fast the days went by Friday and Saturday at the rally. All too soon, we had to head home. Saturday after lunch, we started heading back across Mississippi towards southwestern Arkansas. We stopped at one motel and ended up leaving for a different motel, because the place simply wasn't clean enough.

On Sunday, we started our final day back home. The day was bright, wind was softly blowing, and riding the bike was a joy for us, especially, since Ann and I don't get to ride that much this year. The trip was 1,260 miles round trip, almost exactly the same miles each way and Ann and I both agree, the trip up the Trace was the most enjoyable.

November 12 - 13

NUTCRACKER MARKET @ RELIANT CENTER

"Puttin' On The Dog!"

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Thursday & Friday)

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Saturday & Sunday)

Discount tickets @ area Randalls stores (\$10)

Admission at the door - (\$11)

Parking fee: \$8 per vehicle

November 20

FREE CONCERT SERIES

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Kings Harbor - Kingwood, TX

Keller Williams Realty Northeast presents the 2009 free Concert Series every third Friday of the month through December. Bring your lawn chairs, coolers, and your dancing shoes (because you won't sit still for long).

MY FIRST EXPERIENCE AT LEADING A CHAPTER RIDE

By Ricky Frazier



I decided to venture out of my comfort zone to plan and lead a ride for the first time. I began planning this the week before, but could not get the nerve to tell Robin I wanted to do it. I thought it may only be me and Karen on this ride, but was pleasantly surprised to see the troops that showed up for our adventure. There were seven brave souls that joined me. We left Flying J and ended up in Willis for lunch by way of Magnolia, Montgomery, New Waverly and, finally, Willis.

The ride went well with the exception of losing 25% of my riders in Montgomery, because we got

separated at the light on Hwy 105. Gary and Lynn knew the way to Willis, so when we got separated, they went straight to Willis and were waiting on us when we got there. We had a nice lunch of burgers and fries at a small burger place. It was so small, we had to eat outside on the deck, which turned out to be a wonderful experience.

We gassed up the one small bike and headed back home by way of Coldsprings, with our final stop at Dairy Queen in Cleveland to have our dessert and say bye to our friends. We rode approximately 170 miles in beautiful weather and with great friends. I hope to plan future rides and hope others will join me.



The Beginning

By Carolyn Thomsen, Chapter Historian

A while back, Mike asked me to be the Chapter Historian but due to some very long hours, I wasn't able to put anything together. Until now.

What is a historian? I looked it up in the dictionary and there were two meanings listed: (1) an expert in history; authority on history and (2) a writer of history; chronicler.

While I don't think number one applies to me, maybe I do fall into being a writer of history. Especially, when it comes to Chapter N2. Or, maybe I've just been around for a long time. Whatever the answer is to that one, let's start from the very beginning for this article.

Before a chapter is formed, there is a lot of work that goes into getting it set up. The first stage is there has to be enough people (approximately 10 GWRRA members) interested in coming together as a group to form a chapter. Then a decision is made as to who will take the position of Chapter Director and then a Treasurer is selected. When our group in Humble came together, it was called Chapter N and the kick-off was scheduled for June 28, 1986.

Also, in 1986, the Chapter Director was known as the Area Representative (AR) and the Assistant Chapter Director was known as the Assistant Area Representative (AAR). According to the sign-in book, there were 61 people that attended the kick-off for the chapter. Some of the names might be a little familiar to us.

The members that formed the first meeting of our chapter were: Bob & Linda Singletary, Don & Deb Frisct, Jim & Cheryl Pfeiffer, Mike K., David C. Simpson, Jim & Carol Fleming, Bill & CB Burgess, and Chris & Dolly Gunn. Another couple that you might recognize is Howard & Betty Halasz (who now ride with Chapter M2).

There were 10 chapters represented as well as the Assistant State Director for Texas 1, Joe Rotrammel. Yes, in 1986, our great State of Texas was split into 2 districts (Texas 1 and Texas 2) and we were a part of Texas 1 and we were known as a State. Several years ago, the two came together and is now known as the District of Texas.

VETERAN'S DAY - NOVEMBER 11, 2009

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

Chapter N2 Veterans

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Jim Fleming

Steve Fleming

Jim Flourney

Leo Hannon

Sandy Hannon

James Ragley

Paul Rich

David Sanborn

Gary Sanborn

Mark Smith

Steve Seligman

Randy Talbut

If we have overlooked anyone, it wasn't done on purpose...sorry!

RED SHIRT

If the red shirt thing is new to you, read below how it went for a man...

Last week, while traveling to Chicago on business, I noticed a marine sergeant traveling with a folded flag, but did not put two and two together...

After we boarded our flight, I turned to the sergeant who'd been invited to sit in First Class (across from me), and inquired if he was heading home.

No, he responded. Heading out I asked?

No. I'm escorting a soldier home.

Going to pick him up?

No...He is with me right now. He was killed in Iraq. I'm taking him home to his family.

The realization of what he had been asked to do hit me like a punch to the gut. It was an honor for him. He told me that, although he didn't know the soldier, he had delivered the news of his passing to the soldier's family and felt as if he knew them after many conversations in so few days.

I turned back to him, extended my hand, and said, "Thank you. Thank you for doing what you do so my family and I can do what we do..."

Upon landing in Chicago, the pilot stopped short of the gate and made the following announcement over the

intercom. "Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to note that we have had the honor of having Sergeant Steeley of the United States Marine Corps join us on this flight. He is escorting a fallen comrade back home to his family. I ask that you please remain in your seats when we open the forward door to allow Sergeant Steeley to deplane and receive his fellow soldier. We will then turn off the seat belt sign."

Without a sound, we went as requested. I noticed the sergeant saluting the casket as it was brought off the plane, and his action made me realize that I am proud to be an American.

So here's a public Thank You to our military MEN and WOMEN for what you do so we can live the way we do. Red Fridays. Very soon, you will see a great many people wearing Red every Friday. The reason? Americans who support our troops used to be called the "silent majority." We are no longer silent, and are voicing our love for God, country, and home in record breaking numbers. We are not organized, boisterous or overbearing.

Many Americans, like you, me, and all our friends, simply want to recognize that the vast majority of Americans support our troops. Our idea of showing solidarity and support for our troops with dignity and respect starts this Friday--and continues each and every Friday until the troops all come home.

(Passed on by *Sharon R.*)



I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION, UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

Now for what it really means:

I	Me, an individual, a community of one.
PLEDGE	Dedicate all my worldly goods to give without self-pity
ALLEGIANCE	My love and devotion.
TO THE FLAG	Our standard Ole glory, a symbol of freedom, wherever she waves, is out of respect, because that freedom is everybody's job. Your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts.
UNITED	That means that we have all come together.
STATES	Individual communities that have united into 50 great states. Fifty individual communities will provide dignity and purpose All divided by imagery boundaries yet united to a common purpose and that's LOVE FOR OUR COUNTRY.
TO THE REPUBLIC	A state in which power is represented by chosen people to govern, and government is the people and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.
FOR WHICH IT STANDS	
ONE NATION	Meaning so blessed by God.
UNDER GOD	Meaning God all mighty.
INDIVISIBLE	Incapable of being divided.
WITH LIBERTY	Which is freedom. The right of power to live one's own life without threat, fear, or some sort of retaliation.
FOR JUSTICE	The principal or qualities of dealing fairly with others.
FOR ALL	Which means that it's as much your country as it is mine.

(Passed on by *Robin T.*--THANKS!)

SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE

(Submitted by Shirley Rodger)

3 c. cooked, mashed sweet potatoes (4 large)
1 ¼ c. of sugar
½ tsp. salt
2 eggs, beaten
½ stick oleo (butter)
½ c. of milk
2 tsp. vanilla

Mix all ingredients and place in baking dish.

Topping:

1 c. brown sugar
1 c. of oatmeal
½ c. pecans, chopped
1/3 c. flour
1/3 c. oleo, melted

Mix together and sprinkle over sweet potatoes. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 - 45 minutes until light brown.

Here is a recipe that a friend of mine gave me many years ago. She was a great cook and I always knew that anything she gave me was going to taste good.

Pork Chops and Rice

(Submitted by Ann Nix)

4 pork chops	1 can tomatoes
1 1/2 c. 5-Minute Rice	1 med. white onion
1 1/2 c. beef broth	garlic salt
(1 1/2 c. boiling water & 1 tsp. instant bouillon)	Parmesan cheese

Brown pork chops in a little oil. Place rice in glass baking dish. Sprinkle garlic salt over raw rice. Place browned pork chops on rice and season with salt and pepper. Put a slice of onion and tomato on each pork chop. Pour broth over all. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Cover with lid or foil. Bake at 375 degrees for 1 hour. Enjoy! *Hint:* for those who like a little more moisture in their rice, add 2 cups of the beef broth.

This is my niece's favorite cookie recipe and she makes them all the time. Her name is Kenna, so that is why I call them Kenna's Everything Cookies.

Kenna's Everything Cookies

(Submitted by Linda Seligman)

1/2 c. margarine	2 c. peanut butter
1 c. brown sugar	4 1/2 c. oatmeal
1 c. sugar	2 tsp. baking soda
3 eggs	1 c. chocolate chips
1 tsp. vanilla	

Mix together the margarine and brown sugar; then add sugar, eggs, and vanilla. Once smooth, add peanut butter; mix well. Add half of the oatmeal and mix. Add the rest of the oatmeal and baking soda. Once all is mixed, add the chocolate chips. You can add raisins, nuts, or whatever you like. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Drop by teaspoon onto a cookie sheet and bake for 10 - 12 minutes.

SWEDISH APPLE PIE

(Submitted by Sharon Rainwater)

Ingredients for the filling:

2/3 c. raisins
 3 med. apples (about 2 2/3 cups), any baking variety, peeled and sliced
 1 T. sugar
 1 tsp. cinnamon
 1/8 tsp. nutmeg

For the topping:

3/4 c. butter or margarine
 1 c. flour
 1 c. sugar
 1/2 tsp. salt
 1 egg, beaten
 1/4 c. walnuts, chopped
 Vanilla ice cream or whipped cream (optional)

1. Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Place the raisins in a small bowl, cover them with hot water, and microwave them on high until they become plump, about 20 - 30 seconds. Drain the raisins, then combine them with the apples slices. Transfer the fruit to a 9-inch pie pan (it should be no more than two-thirds full).
2. In a small bowl, mix the sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg and sprinkle the mixture over the fruit.
3. To make the topping, first melt the butter or margarine and set it aside. In a separate bowl, stir together the flour, sugar, salt, and egg until they're evenly blended. Whisk in the butter or margarine, then spread the topping over the fruit and sprinkle on the nuts.
4. Bake the pie until golden brown, about 40 minutes. Serve it warm, with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream, if you like. Serves 10.

FROZEN PEANUT BUTTER AND CHOCOLATE PIE

(Submitted by Robin Thacker)

1 1/2 c. fat-free milk	1/2 c. frozen thawed fat-free whipped topping
1/4 c granulated sugar	1 6 oz. prepared reduced fat graham-cracker crust
1/2 c + 1 T. reduced fat creamy peanut butter	1 T. chopped dry roasted peanuts
3/4 tsp. vanilla extract	1/2 oz. semisweet choc, coarsely graded

1. Combine the milk and sugar in a medium saucepan and set over medium-high heat. Cook, stirring constantly, until the sugar is completely dissolved, about two minutes. Remove from the heat and whisk in the peanut butter and vanilla until smooth. Pour into medium bowl and refrigerate until completely cooled, about 1 hour.
2. Gently stir the whipped topping into the chilled milk mixture; spoon into the crust. Sprinkle with the peanuts and grated chocolate. Loosely cover the pie with wax paper, then with heavy-duty foil. Freeze until completely frozen, at least 4 hours or up to 2 days. Let the pie soften at room temperature 15 minutes before serving.

PER SERVING (1/12 of pie) 175 cal. 7 g fat, 2g sat fat, 1g trans fat, 1mg chol, 156 mg sod, 23g carb, 1g fib, 5g prot, 45 mg calc. POINTS value: 4

CHOCOLATE PIE WITH MERINGUE

(Submitted by Ricky Fraizer)

1 pie shell (cooked)
 1 c. sugar
 1/3 c. flour
 1/4 tsp. salt
 3 T. chocolate
 1 c. canned milk
 1 c. water
 3 egg yolks (save egg whites for topping)
 2 T. butter
 1 tsp. vanilla

Combine dry ingredients into one bowl. Combine wet ingredients into a sauce pan. Add dry ingredients to wet ingredients and cook until it becomes thick, constantly stirring.

Pour into cooked pie shell and let cool.

Meringue: Whip egg whites until they are stiff. Add 1/4 cup of sugar and 1 teaspoon of vanilla, while you continues to whip. Mix until fluffy. Add to top of cooled pie and place in oven at 350 degrees until golden brown.

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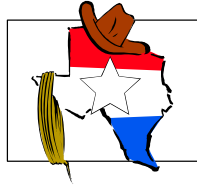
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(Randy T.--THANKS!)


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FRESH LOCAL PRODUCE ANYONE???

Recently, the Humble Area Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee's Farmer's Market opened to ecstatic and enthusiastic crowds. The Farmers Market is open every Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 800 East Main Street in Humble across from the First United Methodist Church and will feature several different kinds of vendors. Tom Cook, chairman of the Beautification Committee, said "This is just the beginning, so we expect to continue growing." Farmers interested in becoming a regular vendor at the Farmer's Market can contact Stacy Simonson at 832-527-3172. The committee is also looking for more vendors. Vendor booth applications are available online at www.humbleareachamber.org. As the market continues to grow, so does the need for volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering for the farmers market is urged to call the Chamber at 281-446-2128. (Article information came from the *Kingwood Observer*--a local area newspaper.)

The following are some updates to share and note in your 2009 GWRRA Chapter N2 directory:



Gary & Marie Rabalais' email addresses:

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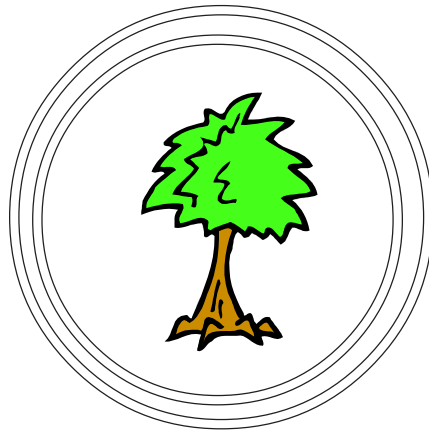
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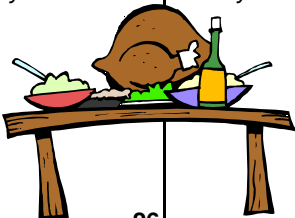
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Daylight Savings ends 2:00 AM "fall back" 1	 2	 3	 4	Chapter Cruise Ship docks 8:00 AM 5	 6	Honor Ride Little Mexico Thacker 5:00 AM Lunch ride Rainwater Flying J 8:00 AM 7
Breakfast Kelly's (I-45 & Park Place) Hartley Little Mexico 7:30 AM 8	 9	 10	<i>Vetran's Day</i>  11	 12	Game Night American Legion Hall 6:00 PM 13	Maintenance Day Fournoy's bring lunch 8:30 AM 14
 15	 16	 17	Social Dinner JR 7:00 PM 18	Pickup cards for children's Christmas Gifts 19	Free concert 7:00 PM Kings Harbor Kingwood 20	Chapter Meeting American Legion Hall 6:00 PM 21
 22	 23	 24	 25	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>  26	<i>Thanksgiving Holiday</i> 27	 28
 29	 30					

Birthdays

Brenda Sanborn	11-5
Linda Stiech	11-5
Tom Maynard	11-20
Randy Rainwater	11-29

Anniversaries

Mike & Suzanne Elrod	11-6
Leo & Sandy Hannon	11-25

DECEMBER 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	Fruitcake & candy ride - Corsicana Flying J - 6:00 AM Breakfast & Lunch 
6	7	8	9	10	11	Toys turned in for foster kids 9:00 - 10:00 AM Little Mexico 
13	14	15	16	17	18	Chapter N2 Christmas Party East Montgomery County Facility 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM Gift (gender specific) \$25.00 limit
Toy Run					Christmas Day	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Birthdays

Beth Hartley	12-7
Shirley Rodger	12-9
Jason Ingram	12-9
George Stiech	12-20
Sandy Hannon	12-25
Linda Seligman	12-27
Robin Smith	12-31

Anniversaries

Paul & Marie Rich	12-26
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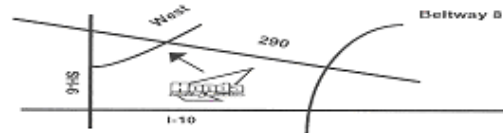
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