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**Texas District
Chapter N2
Humble, Texas**



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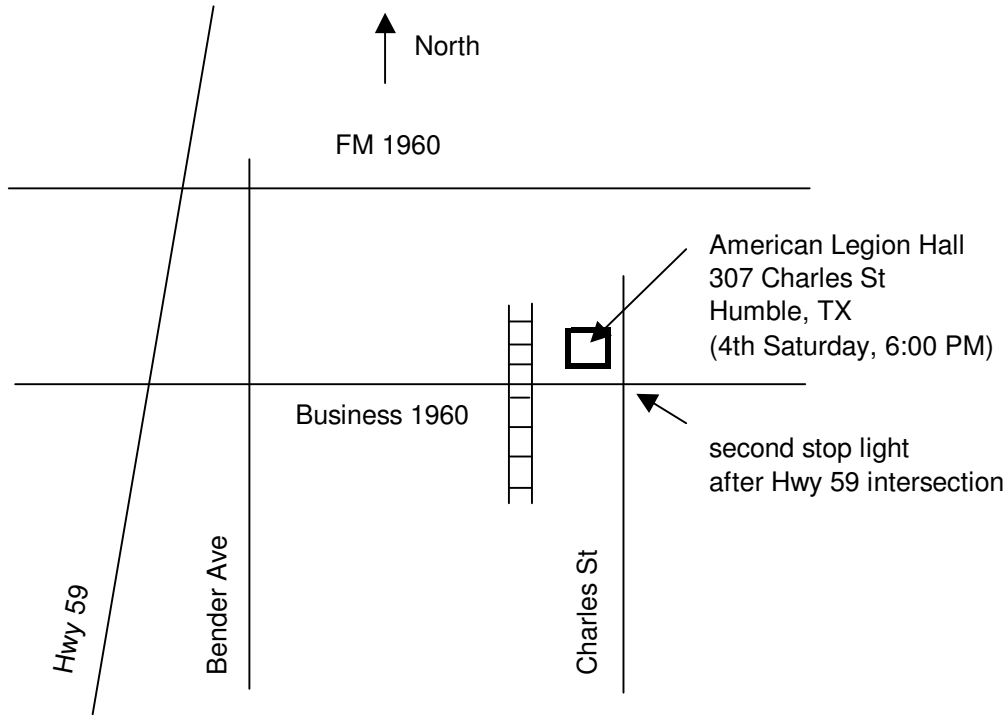


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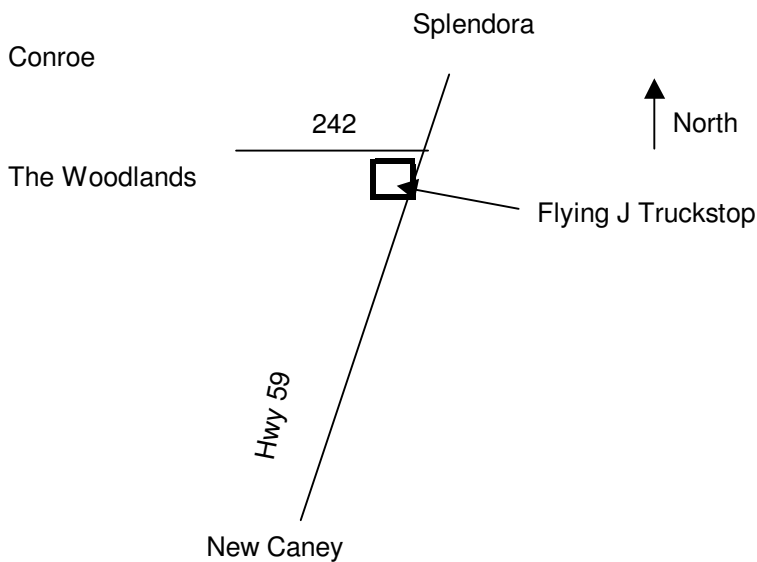


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MONTHLY MEETING PLACE



RIDE MEETING PLACE



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NEWS FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS

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Chapter N2 - Humble, TX

Dear Friends--As you all know, Linda and I have attended the Officers Certification Program for GWRRA officers. We both learned some valuable information. I thought I would use this month's article to pass on something we learned during OCP.

Do you know the difference between a club and a GWRRA Chapter?

Simply put, it means that our Association and our Chapters do not function in the same organizational and procedural format that "clubs" do. That is, we do not elect anyone to any position by running candidates against each other and having the membership vote on them. We do not choose our Officers with popularity contests. We do not impose our wishes on others. We select, not elect. Clubs usually are local in scope. Chapters are national or international and tied to a single organization.

We do not have long and heated debates, make motions, second motions, call for votes, or go into long, detailed reports in our Chapter gatherings.

We do not need uniforms, people giving us rules to obey, or exorbitant fees or dues. In other words, a GWRRA Chapter gathering is not presided over by a "president" and conducted according to Roberts' Rules of Order or the parliamentary procedure process. That is the format that many "clubs" use in their meetings.

We do not say we are better than clubs, we are just different. The GWRRA chapter format of operation is more flexible. A GWRRA Chapter is not a club either in its organizational structure or its operational format. It is a PART of something bigger than itself.

Until we ride again.



June 2010 RIDE/EVENT PARTICIPATION REPORT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>#OF BIKES</u>	<u>#OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
6/4/2010	Game Night	1	30
6/6/2010	Chapter Breakfast-Los Cucos	1	6
6/6/2010	Scrapbooking	0	4
6/12/2010	Texas Blueberry Festival	9	13
6/16/2010	Chapter Dinner-El Rancho	4	18
6/19/2010	Picnic at Jesse Jones Park	6	16
6/26/2010	Breakfast and ride	3	10
6/26/2010	Chapter Gathering		27

2010 COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Rex & Ann Nix

Master Tour Rider 4167 & 5964

Chapter N2 - Humble, TX



I want to start off by saying “Thank You very much for your support with the Couple of the Year Basket for the Texas District Gathering.” Ya’ll really pitched in with the donations so that we had a

really, really, big basket to offer this year. I think I can honestly say that our chapter has about the most giving people you could ever ask for. We ended up with every thing you could want to camp with, except a pillow and sleeping bag. But everything else you could ever think of was there. We were beginning to get a bit worried about getting it to Killeen, but that was solved by several offers of “I will carry some in my trailer.” We did pretty well, I think. We put all the small stuff in the cooler that we were using for the basket and that actually left very little to be carried among the rest of the trailers. Mike Thacker graciously offered to carry the “basket” and the rest of us took what was left and divided it among us.

We started our trip to Killeen, TX by meeting at the Flying J at the indecent hour of 7 a.m. to eat breakfast with most of the group that was going, which consisted of Steve & Billie Flemming, Steve & Linda Seligman, Ricky & Karen Fraizer, and Mark & Robin Smith. Carolyn & Gene Tice met up with us at the Flying J and rode with us to the Convention. We had our riders meeting at 7:45 a.m. and at 8:00 a.m., we pulled out of the parking lot and were on our way with Steve and Billie leading the ride. It took us a bit of time to get away from our starting point as we quickly ran into

a bunch of morning traffic and construction. But once we got through that, it was a very nice ride.

We had the pleasure of stopping in Cameron, TX for lunch and let me tell you, what a lunch. When Steve planned for our route, it was because he was planning a surprise for us. What a surprise! The restaurant (he thought) was Bea’s Kitchen and was right across from the courthouse. We all walked in and stopped. There was the sweetest lady sitting at a table in front and asked us to sign in and then asked us our ages. This just happened to be a kitchen for feeding the elderly! When Steve called to set up the reservations, he had no clue what kind of “restaurant” it was. This was not the surprise Steve actually had in mind, but for me, it was the highlight of the whole trip! I cannot tell you enough what a delight it was.

We got to Killeen about 3 p.m. and checked into the Shiloh Hotel. What a nice place! We got to our rooms and spent most of the time getting our stuff in, and then went to register and attend opening ceremonies. Several of us had full kitchens, and we did take advantage of that during our stay. We had several meals in Mark and Robin’s room and also wandered into Mike and Robin’s room, since they had adjoining rooms.

That evening, we got the basket together and the next morning, got one of the baggage carriers to take it to the convention center, as it was right next door to the hotel. And, we were not the only ones to do that! I have to say there were a lot of awesome baskets! But we did do good, and we were one of the top three baskets for the second year in a row! We could not have done it without all the support and want to thank everyone for pitching in!

Couple of the Year, cont.



Websites Help to Save Without Skimping



Amy Davis, investigative reporter for Channel 2 highlighted a service you might want to try-- Groupon.com. You can experience Houston up to 90% off services and/or offers. Sign up for free to get one deal emailed to you each day. You can buy them all or none of them. The concept behind Groupon is that there is strength in numbers. The site offers a deal every day, but you don't get that deal unless a certain number sign up. You only have 24 hours to buy the deal once it is posted. Groupon has been around since November 2008.

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**CHAPTER N2 MONTHLY
WEDNESDAY NIGHT SOCIAL DINNER**

JULY

Gary & Stormy Young

Wed., July 14, 2010 - (Ranch Hand Cafe-24626 Hwy. 321, Cleveland, TX 77327 - 281-592-2545)

AUGUST

Dolly Ard

SEPTEMBER

Jim & Lynn Flournoy

OCTOBER

Paul & Marie Rich

NOVEMBER

Gary & Marie Rabalais

DECEMBER

Marty & Donna Uphoff

ALTERNATES: *Ricky & Karen Frazier, Rex & Ann Nix, and Bob Moorehead*



RIDER EDUCATOR

Mark Smith

Master Tour Rider 7153

Chapter N2 - Humble, TX

Wow can you believe it's already June. It's getting warmer and warmer and its time to really get serious about our travels. I know alot of us are getting ready to go on some cross country road trips and I thought I would share some things I found. Motorcycle trips demand far more planning than that of a car. Though we all enjoy riding our motorcycles and we just want to get on and take off, practical limitations require us to think ahead when choosing to hit the open road. For starters, most motorcycles are limited in their storage capacity. Though all-out touring bikes such as the Honda Gold Wing and the other bike (Harley) offer saddlebags and a trunk for the storage of extra clothes and gear, long distance riders are often forced to make tough decisions about the details of their trips, and how much of what items they need to pack.

Important Points to Consider

The first questions you'll want to ask yourself when planning a trip are how long you plan on being gone, where you intend to go, and what you have in mind for lodging. First on your list of "must pack" items is a first aid kit and repair kit (tools, tire plug kit, etc.). Be sure to pack water, snacks, energy bars or trail mix especially if you are diabetic. If hunger or thirst strikes and there aren't any convenience stores or gas stations, the nourishment will come in handy and keep your riding skills sharp. We like to freeze three or four bottles of water the night before. It's also very important to get all your medication together and make it easily accessible, probably in the trunk or the cooler if needed.

Packing Tips

Packing for a long distance motorcycle ride is a delicate balance between bringing enough items to ensure comfort, and not overloading yourself with unnecessary weight and bulk. After you've planned your route, you'll want to check the weather forecast and get an idea of what to expect from the elements. A good rain suit is an excellent investment, and when choosing your clothes, consider packing several thin layers of clothing, rather than a few thick ones. Flexibility is the key to staying comfortable, it's far better to have

the option to stop and shed or add layers as necessary, than to shiver or sweat your way through what would otherwise be an enjoyable, scenic route. When loading up your bike, always put heavier, more solid items on the bottom and sides closer to the bike (to centralize weight.) Lighter items should go on top. If you don't have saddlebags or tank bags, you should consider using bungee nets to secure loose items. If you must travel with items secured by a bungee net, ensure that they are snug and will not get loosened by winds or bumps in the road. If they should become loose there is a potential hazard such as the weight could shift and make your bike unstable or the load could fall off all together and become a road hazard for other bikes behind you. Again, placing heavier, wider, and more stable items at the bottom will provide an anchor for looser, floppier pieces. Finally, equip yourself well. Always wear a helmet for maximum protection— not only against accidents, but also from the elements. Full-face helmets can provide a shield from rain and cold winds, and if constructed with ventilation, can also provide a certain level of comfort in warm weather. It may feel constricting in heat, but the overall benefits of choosing safety over style are so much better when considering your long-term health and well being.

Plan, Plan, Plan...

Though it's tempting to hit the open road and simply follow your nose, don't forget that you're more vulnerable to the elements, fatigue, and potentially serious injury on a motorcycle. Prepare yourself with clothing appropriate for the weather. Plan a route and, if you don't have a portable GPS system, do whatever it takes not to get lost— even if it means taping directions to the top of your fuel tank. I have been known to do this quite a few times over the years. Pace your travels realistically. Don't try to ride so many hours in a day that it might affect your reflexes or decision making ability. After all, most of the fun is in the journey, not simply in reaching a destination. While riding, be sure to stop whenever necessary, whether for a snack, a stretch, or a nap. The simple act of taking a breather will make the ride all the more enjoyable.

Rider Educator Article, cont.

...But Don't Overplan!

Once you've prepared sufficiently, enjoy the possibility of the unexpected. Riding requires a certain amount of discipline and logistical planning, but part of the joy of the journey is the process. Be open to re-writing your plans when necessary and you'll have a blast no matter where you end up.

So I hope this helps a little in assisting you when getting ready for your next road trip. Being well prepared will always make the ride even better.

So until next time,
Ride Safe and Ride Aware
And remember to stop and smell the roses when you can!!! Thanks again for all the support.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone who purchased the Rider Education Raffle Tickets for the Garmin Zumo GPS and several coupons for restaurants and bed and breakfasts. We went to the District Rally last month and Mike Thacker won the drawing. I spoke with the District Educator and was told that our chapter sold the most raffle tickets out of every chapter in Texas. Along with Mike winning the raffle, I also received \$100 for selling the winning ticket. So thanks so much. (*This was N2's second year to have a winner with the purchase of the Rider Education Raffle Tickets.*)

Mark Smith
N2 Rider Educator

DATES TO REMEMBER...

8/13-14	Chapter I Birthday Party - Marshall, TX
8/21	Chapter M Fun Run - Arlington/Mansfield, TX
9/11	Chapter R Rally - Dallas-Ft. Worth, TX
9/17-18	Chapter Y2 Rally - Tyler, TX
10/2	Chapter U Rally - San Antonio, TX
10/9	Chapter T's Tfest - Killeen, TX

HIGH MILEAGE PROGRAM...CONTEST

GWRRRA is very proud to announce a new Member-suggested Contest! This contest was sent to us by *Brian Roundtree* from Woodstock, Georgia, and will begin April 1, 2010, and will run through October 31, 2010.

It is just as it sounds. The Member who has driven the most number of miles on his or her motorcycle or trike between these dates will be honored as the winner of the first GWRRRA High Mileage Contest. "It is an honor program, meaning that you are taken at your word and you provide the mileage in the database." The data will automatically update and put each rider in order of the highest mileage first, second, etc. The winner of the GWRRRA High Mileage Contest will receive recognition on this website, GWRRRA's Home Page, and in an article in *Wingin' It*, our electronic newsletter, as well as

a special certificate from the Home Office. (Editor's note: go to <http://www.gwrrabbs.org/highmile/index.php> to participate)

Some of the simple rules as mentioned previously are:

- Open to current GWRRRA Members only
- Total mileage ridden for the month must be given on your entries into the database
- Mileage is to be calculated on a single bike or trike and not cumulative from multiple vehicles (no commercial vehicles are allowed)
- This contest is for the pure fun and enjoyment of riding. It has seen very much success in other organizations, so let's have fun with it and, remember--we are all on the honor system.

Salt Lick BBQ & Texas Pie Company Ride

By Randy Rainwater

The weather was questionable, overcast and possible rain, but six bikes and nine people had assembled and were ready to face the elements and a 425 mile round trip for BBQ and pie--that's my kind of people. The temperature was not too bad and we hit a cold front about half way to Driftwood where the temperature dropped about 5 degrees, from 75 down to 70 degrees instantly.

Sharon and I have ridden this ride before, but it's always fun to introduce folks to a new restaurant and roads in this great state of Texas. We rode through Magnolia, Hempstead, and Bellville. Yes, I took another group ride through Bellville on the first Saturday of the month, when they have their monthly craft sale. I made a note to myself to schedule a trip to Bellville, as the destination for a ride, on the first Saturday on the month, so we can actually stop and shop. Meanwhile back to the current ride, after a comfort stop just outside on Bellville, we rode on through Fayetteville, Lagrange, Smithville, Rosanky, Cedar Creek, Niederwald, and Buda and we finally arrived at our lunch destination.

We arrived parked in the dirt and gravel parking lot and found that we had a 20-minute wait for lunch. The weather was perfect to sit under the shade trees, so it wasn't so bad. After sitting a while, I noticed that they had a take out order area outside that a few people were ordering food and then eating outside on the picnic tables under the shade trees. Another note was taken to remember to take advantage of the take out order on the next trip. We finally entered the restaurant and placed our orders and, as always, the conversations ended when the food arrived.

Some of you might recognize Mike & Nancy Morgan, on the left. They are the past CDs of Chapter D in Conroe and the donators of the trailer sold at the Thackers son-in-law's fundraiser. They have moved closer to us and are awaiting a transfer

with Mike's company to Arkansas. We were glad to have them ride along and invited them to come join in the N2 fun anytime.



The back of the waiter's shirts says "The Salt Lick-You can smell our pits from miles away." Luckily, it is referring to their BBQ pits not their armpits. After we finished our lunch, we rode about 20 miles to Kyle and The Texas Pie Company for our dessert. Based upon purchases the Almond Joy pie won, but blueberry pies and apple pies were also consumed. We had to walk around a little, before we headed home.

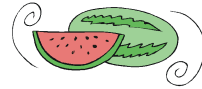
After a stop at Buckee's in Giddings, we headed home. The skies had cleared and it was heating up, but it wasn't unbearable. At 242 and 1314, we said our good-byes and started splitting up and heading for our homes. Sharon and I decided to finish the day at Olie's in Porter for dinner and the Seligman's join us. Three orders of chicken-n-dumplings, special-of-the-day, and a hamburger were ordered and consumed. We had to unlock the door to let ourselves out, since they had closed at 8:00 p.m.

Another day full of back road riding, good food, great friends, and another safe ride. What more could anyone ask for other than you to join us for our next ride?



Picnic - June 2010

By Randy Rainwater



Someone in the chapter had suggested a picnic ride, so it was put on the June 2010 calendar, hoping that it wouldn't be too hot. As everyone knows, we've had a hot and dry June, so I modified the scheduled picnic ride to be just a picnic at Jessie Jones Park on Kenswick Drive in Humble. We met up at 9:30 a.m. at the park for some games, before lunch and then ended the day before it got too hot. I scouted out the park on Thursday evening and found a pavilion with four picnic tables and plenty of room for some games. So I was at the park at 7:00 a.m., the first one in line, to make sure that we would have the pavilion.

Everyone started to arrive a little before 9:30 a.m. and we spent a little time just visiting and remembering when we had brought our children to this park in the past. We threw a few washers, but the ladder golf game seemed to be the major attraction of the day. The lunch bell rang in everyone's head about the same time, so we opened our lunches and enjoyed what we had brought.

Some were prepared earlier, some were prepared at the park, and some others were purchased, but it appeared that everyone was happy with their selections.

After lunch, someone had the great idea that we should visit the playground area. After playground time, it was time for more ladder golf and watermelon cutting time. Sharon had decided that it wasn't a true summertime picnic without an ice-cold watermelon. We had iced a watermelon down the night before and started cutting slices for everyone. It was a great idea and Sharon had made an excellent selection of a sweet watermelon.

Everyone had about run out of gas, when we noticed that it was starting to get a little too warm. So everyone said their goodbye and vowed that we needed to do this again, when it gets a little cooler. Next time in cooler temperatures, we will definitely find a place to ride to rather than drive to.

Kudos to..

Randy Rainwater - for planning and putting on a different twist to the monthly chapter game night in June.

Ricky & Karen Frazier - for hosting the first scrapbooking workday at their house.



STARPLEX CINEMAS



Starplex Cinemas recently announced the opening of Kingwood Movies 14, which opened on June 18. The theater is located at the Northeast corner of North Park and US Highway 59 in Kingwood.

Kingwood Movies 14 is a brand new theater featuring Real D 3-D digital projection and a new expanded concession menu including hand dipped Blue Bell ice cream, pizzas, mini corn dogs, pretzels, and more.

Luxury, stadium high-back rocker seating has been installed with cup holder arm rests for patron's

convenience. All digital projection and digital surround sound are in all auditoriums.

Avoid the box office lines with the convenience of print-at-home tickets along with automated box office kiosks for easy ticket purchasing. Starplex Cinemas prides itself in being a safe and family-oriented environment, and in turn will implement its policy in which anyone under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian over 21 for any feature after 6 p.m.

(Source: The Tribune Newspapers - Kingwood)

Put Your Car Keys Beside Your Bed at Night

Tell your spouse, your children, your neighbors, your parents, your doctor's office, the check-out girl at the market, everyone you run across. Put your car keys beside your bed at night.



If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation--test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain.

It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar/rapist won't stick around.

After a few seconds, all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that.

And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there. This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or a sexual abuse crime.

It would also be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, where you can't reach a phone. A suggestion was made by a spouse to her husband to carry his car keys with him in case he falls outside and she doesn't hear him. He can activate the car alarm and then she'll know there's a problem.

WELL WISHES...

You never want to hear, when a friend goes down on his/her bike. That was the case on Friday, May 28, for chapter members, *Ronnie* and *Doris*. Apparently, a German Shepherd dog ran out in front of their bike. Ronnie maneuvered to miss the dog and ended up crashing into a guard rail. Doris is fine--she is just a little scraped up. Ronnie broke his right ankle and is also scrapped up. Ronnie assured Mike that both he and Doris are fine. Both of them had full safety gear on at the time of the accident...thank goodness! They are waiting on the insurance company to look at the bike and determine the amount of damage.



ARE YOU A MOSQUITO MAGNET?

Try these tips to keep the bugs at bay.



- (1) Wear light-colored clothing. Mosquitoes appear to be attracted to darker clothes, which trap body heat and increase your appeal.
- (2) Check your feet. Believe it or not, they also seem to like the smell of dirty socks. Other scents that make them swoon: sweat, soaps, and perfumes.
- (3) Can the beer. In a limited study, mosquitoes bit more people who'd had beer than those who hadn't...sorry!

(Source: Lowe's Creative Ideas-July/August 2010)



HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW???



1. **Who is the Trip Coordinator for each ride?**
 - a. The Chapter Director or Chapter Educator
 - b. The Chapter Ride Coordinator
 - c. The person who set up the ride.
 - d. Could be any of the above
2. **What is the ideal size of a group of Motorcycles without Trailers?**
 - a. 3 to 5 bikes
 - b. 5 to 7 bikes
 - c. 7 to 9 bikes
 - d. 9 to 11 bikes
3. **What is the best location of Trikes?**
 - a. In the front of the group
 - b. In the middle of the group
 - c. At the rear of the group
 - d. In a separate group
4. **Who selects the Drag for each group?**
 - a. The Chapter Director
 - b. The Chapter Educator
 - c. The Rider Leader
 - d. The individual group leaders
5. **If you should find a bike with marginal tread on its tires, and that bike's rider still want to ride, where should this person be placed in the group?**
 - a. In the front of the group
 - b. At the rear of the group
 - c. In the middle of the group
 - d. In a separate group
6. **Someone develops a brake problem during the ride what should be done?**
 - a. At the rear of the group, just in front of the Drag
 - b. At the front of the group, just behind the Lead
 - c. Get off of the road and get the bike towed in.
 - d. In the position of the Lead or Drag
7. **How do you place bikes with no CB capability?**
 - a. Directly behind Lead
 - b. Directly in front of Drag
 - c. Spaced throughout the group, with radios in front and behind
 - d. In a separate group
8. **Who is responsible for maintaining the spacing of the group during a ride?**
 - a. Only the Lead
 - b. Either the ride Lead or the Drag
 - c. Both the Lead & Drag, but primarily the Drag
 - d. Anyone in the group
9. **When do you, as Lead, call for a single file?**
 - a. Only on secondary roads
 - b. Whenever you deem it best for your group
 - c. When entering a major highway
 - d. When coming into a break area
10. **How do you tell members of your group, that don't have CBs, about changes?**
 - a. By announcing it over the CB and giving the correct hand signal, which is passed back through the group.
 - b. By asking each member with a CB to pass it along
 - c. By pulling over and telling everyone what you want
 - d. By telling only those with CBs, and hoping that the other(s) will follow suit.
11. **When any of your group is going to split off from the group, how should this be accomplished?**
 - a. By wishing them a safe trip home
 - b. By slowing down as you approach their turn off
 - c. By having them separate from the group well ahead of their turn
 - d. None of the above
12. **How do you handle the problem of those riders who have difficulty with certain types of terrain?**
 - a. Ask them to ride as a scout
 - b. Put them at the rear of the group
 - c. Suggest that they not come on the ride
 - d. Ask other Road Captains or Group Leaders if they would lead a slow group.



Berry Recipes: Sweet and Savory
(Source: Kraft Foods - Health Living)

GRILLED CHICKEN AND FRUIT SALAD

4 small boneless skinless chicken breast halves (1 lb.)
 ½ c Kraft Original BBQ Sauce
 10 oz. pkg. salad greens
 2 c. fresh raspberries
 1 ½ c. cantaloupe chunks
 ½ c. Kraft light ranch dressing



Heat greased grill to medium-high heat. Grill chicken 10 minutes on each side or until done, turning and brushing occasionally with BBQ sauce. Cut into strips. Cover plate with greens; top with fruit and chicken. Drizzle with dressing. Makes 4 servings--310 calories per serving.

CHICKEN & CITRUS SALAD

4 c. each baby spinach leaves and mixed salad greens
 2 c. sliced fresh strawberries
 15 oz. can mandarin oranges, drained
 ½ lb. sugar snap peas, halved
 6 oz. pkg. Oscar Mayer deli fresh oven roasted chicken breast cuts
 ½ c. pecan halves, toasted
 ½ c. Kraft light raspberry vinaigrette dressing



Combine all ingredients. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings (3 cups each)--320 calories per serving.

STRAWBERRY FETA SALAD

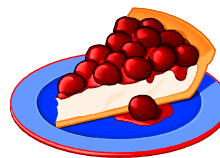
5 oz. pkg. baby arugula
 1 c. sliced fresh strawberries
 ½ c. Feta cheese
 3 T. coarsely chopped walnuts, toasted
 ¼ c. Kraft balsamic vinaigrette dressing



Combine all ingredients except dressing in large bowl. Add dressing just before serving; mix lightly. Makes 4 servings--120 calories per serving.

STRAWBERRY PARFAIT PIE

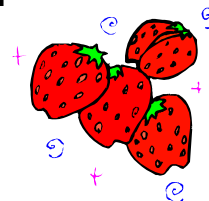
1 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. boiling water
 3 oz. pkg. JELL-O Strawberry flavor gelatin
 3.4 oz. JELL-O Vanilla flavor instant pudding
 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. thawed cool whipped topping, divided
 6 oz. graham cracker pie crust



Add boiling water to gelatin mix in large bowl; stir with whisk 2 minutes until completely dissolved. Stir in dry pudding mix until well blended. Stir in 1 cup cool whip; pour into crust. Refrigerate 3 hours or until set. Top with strawberries and remaining cool whip just before serving. Makes 10 servings--190 calories per serving.

30 MINUTES TO HOMEMADE SURE.JELL STRAWBERRY FREEZER JAM

2 c. crushed strawberries (buy 1 qt. fully ripe strawberries)
 4 c. sugar, measured into separate bowl
 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. water
 1 box SURE.JELL fruit pectin



Rinse 5 (1 cup) plastic containers and lids with boiling water. Dry thoroughly. Stem and crush strawberries thoroughly, 1 cup at a time. Measure exactly 2 cups prepared fruit into large bowl. Stir in sugar. Let stand 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Mix water and pectin in small saucepan. Bring to boil on high heat, stirring constantly. Continue boiling and stirring 1 minute. Add to fruit mixture; stir 3 minutes or until sugar is almost dissolved. (A few sugar crystals may remain.) Fill all containers immediately to within $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of tops. Wipe off top edges of containers; immediately cover with lids. Let stand at room temperature 24 hours. Jam is now ready to use. Store in refrigerator up to 3 weeks or in freezer up to 1 year. Thaw in refrigerator before using. (45 calories per serving)

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Kingwood Produce

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Produce is limited, but fresh.



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Fresh produce, local honey, eggs, pickles, fresh baked breads, grass fed beef & meat products, desserts, Indian food, health foods, goat soap & lotions, herbs, plants, and much more.

Tips for Selecting the Best Summer Fruit

(Source: FabulousFoods.com)

Summertime brings with it a bounty of fresh fruits, but consumers often have no idea how to choose the best fruit. This can lead to the frustration of lackluster fruit, which can make all the difference in the quality of your dining experience. Keep these handy tips in mind when choosing summer fruit and you'll always get the pick of the crop.

Blueberries

- When buying fresh blueberries look for firm, dry fruit that is smooth and relatively free of stems and leaves.
- While size is not an indicator of maturity, color is. Berries should be deep purple-blue to blue-black in color.
- Reddish berries aren't ripe, although they may be used in cooking.
- Avoid containers of berries with juice stains, which may be a sign that the berries are crushed and possibly moldy.
- Soft, watery fruit means that berries are overripe, while wrinkled fruit means they have been stored too long.
- Fresh berries should be stored covered, in the refrigerator.
- Wash just before using and use within 6 days of purchase.

Cantaloupe

- Look for a nice rounded shape.
- Golden colored melons are at the peak of ripeness.
- Green melons will ripen at room temperature in a couple of days.
- Choose a cantaloupe with evenly distributed "netting" or the markings on the fruit's surface.
- A ripe cantaloupe should give off a mild melon aroma.

Honeydew Melon

- A ripe honeydew has a creamy yellow rind that's slightly soft.
- If your melon is completely ripe, hold at room temperature for 2-4 days before cutting.
- Like the cantaloupe, ripe fruit will give off a mild sweet melon aroma.

Kiwi Fruit

- Ripe fruit should give to gentle pressure but not be overly mushy.
- Look for uniform brown color and fuzzy skin.
- Juicy fruit will feel heavy for its size.

Mango

- Ripe fruit can range from green or green with red and/or orange in color.
- Ripe mangoes will yield to gentle pressure but should not be overly mushy.
- Look for smooth unblemished skin.
- Fruit that feels heavy for its size will be most juicy.
- Mangoes continue to ripen after picking. Store at room temperature for 2-5 days to ripen.

Papayas

- Ripe papayas can range in color from yellow-green to yellow-orange.
- Look for smooth unblemished skin
- Papayas are harvested unripe and green; however they will ripen in 3-5 days at room temperature.
- Ripe papayas will keep refrigerated for about a week.

Peaches/Nectarines/Plums

- Look for fruit that feels heavy for its size, a sign of juiciness.
- Look for smooth unblemished skin.
- Fruit will continue to ripen after it's picked. Speed along the ripening process by storing at room temperature in a brown paper bag for a day or two.
- Ripe fruit should be soft enough to yield to the touch, but not overly mushy.
- Ripe fruit will give off a delicate sweet aroma.

Pineapple

- The most important indicator of a ripe pineapple is scent. Pick up a pineapple, turn it over and smell the bottom - if it has a mild, sweet aroma of pineapple, you have a ripe fruit. The less scent, the less ripe the pineapple. If the scent is overpowering, the fruit may even be too ripe and won't keep long.
- Pineapples do not ripen after they are picked, so it's important to choose a good one, because

Tips for Selecting the Best Summer Fruit, cont.

your stuck with it in that stage of ripeness, which will affect the intensity and sweetness of the fruit. Pineapples will soften and lighten in color after picking, but not ripen.

- Dark spots on the bottom of the pineapple are an indication of an overly ripe fruit that's starting to go bad.
- Keep in mind that a lot of the fruit is wasted in the pineapple because of the peeling process. The larger the pineapple, the larger the portion of edible fruit.

Raspberries/Blackberries

- Avoid containers of berries with juice stains, which may be a sign that the berries are crushed and possibly moldy.
- Soft, watery fruit means that berries are overripe, while wrinkled fruit means they have been stored too long.
- Fresh berries should be stored covered, in the refrigerator.
- Wash just before using and use within 1-3 days of purchase.

Strawberries

- When buying, look for plump, bright red, fully ripe berries.
- The top leaves should be attached, green and fresh looking.
- The size of the strawberry is not important. All strawberries, large and small, have the potential to be equally sweet and juicy.
- Sort and remove any bruised or damaged berries as soon as possible, being in contact

with spoiled fruit can cause good fruit to go bad quicker.

- Place the berries in cool, well ventilated containers (32 to 40°F / 0 to 5°C). The moisture content of fresh strawberries is high, so store uncovered or loosely covered.
- Hull strawberries and rinse gently right before serving. Careful storing and handling will help the berries maintain maximum flavor, color and texture.
- To keep strawberries from absorbing large quantities of water, hull after washing. A salad spinner works well for removing excess water from berries.

Watermelon

- Watermelon will not ripen after it's cut, so it's important to choose carefully.
- Look for firm watermelons with a dull outer skin.
- The bottom of the melon should be pale green to pale yellow or even beginning to turn white.
- When you thump the watermelon, it should give a hollow sign. This favorite testing method isn't always completely accurate however, as sometimes an overly ripe melon will also sound hollow.
- If you're buying sliced watermelon, look for a bright, deeply colored pink to red flesh.
- A lot of fibers or white streaks in a cut piece of watermelon indicate an over ripe, older fruit.



Blueberries Anyone???



Randy and I have gone for several years to pick blueberries at Moorhead Blueberry Farm (located off of 1314--19531 Moorhead Road, Conroe, TX 77302--281.572.1265). This farm is the first commercially operated blueberry farm in the state of Texas and is open 7 days a week from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. They raise over 20 different varieties on their 20 acres and are open beginning the last weekend in May through the middle of July. Of course, this is influenced by

seasonal weather changes. Cash or a "good" check are your payment options and sampling is welcomed. We have gone many times after work, when it's a little cooler and have picked until it becomes hard to determine a ripe piece of fruit from one that needs more time to ripen. Blueberries run \$1.50 per pound. The best part is they encourage sampling (they never use pesticides on their bushes) and don't weigh you at check-out to see how much "you" ate...ha!

FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day is a celebration inaugurated in the early twentieth century to complement Mother's Day in celebrating fatherhood and male parenting. It is also celebrated to honor and commemorate our forefathers. The first observance of Father's Day is believed to have been held on June 19, 1910, through the efforts of Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington. After listening to a church sermon at Spokane's Central Methodist Episcopal Church in 1909 about the newly recognized Mother's Day, Dodd felt strongly that fatherhood needed recognition as well. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson went to Spokane to speak in a Father's Day celebration and wanted to make it official, but Congress resisted, fearing that it would become commercialized. US President Calvin

Coolidge recommended in 1924 that the day be observed by the nation, but stopped short of issuing a national proclamation. Two earlier attempts to formally recognize the holiday had been defeated by Congress. In 1957, Maine Senator Margaret Chase Smith wrote a proposal accusing Congress of ignoring fathers for 40 years while honoring mothers, thus "[singling] out just one of our two parents." In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Six years later, the day was made a permanent national holiday when President Richard Nixon signed it into law in 1972.

Source: Wikipedia

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Answer sheet to questions: **HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW**

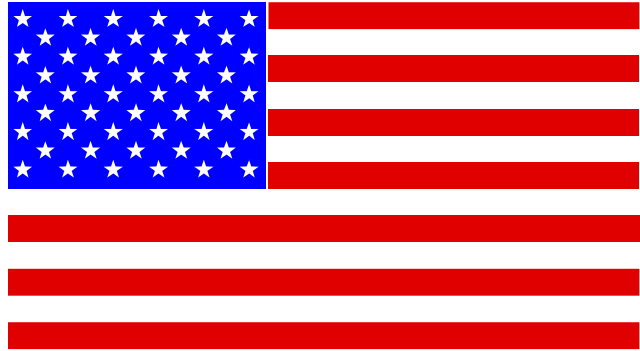
1. **Who is the Trip Coordinator for each ride?**
d. Could be any of the above
2. **What is the ideal size of a group of Motorcycles without Trailers?**
b. 5 to 7 bikes
3. **What is the best location of Trikes?**
c. At the rear of the group
4. **Who selects the Drag for each group?**
d. The individual group leaders
5. **If you should find a bike with marginal tread on its tires, and that bike's rider still want to ride, where should this person be placed in the group?**
b. At the rear of the group
6. **Someone develops a brake problem during the ride what should be done?**
c. Get off of the road and get the bike towed in.
7. **How do you place bikes with no CB capability?**
c. Spaced throughout the group, with radios in front & behind.
8. **Who is responsible for maintaining the spacing of the group during a ride?**
d. Anyone in the group
9. **When do you, as Lead, call for a single file?**
b. Whenever you deem it best for your group
10. **How do you tell members of your group, that don't have CBs, about changes?**
a. By announcing it over the CB and giving the correct hand signal, which is passed back through the group.
11. **When any of your group is going to split off from the group, how should this be accomplished?**
c. By having them separate from the group well ahead of their turn
12. **How do you handle the problem of those riders who have difficulty with certain types of terrain?**
d. Ask other Road Captains or Group Leaders if they would lead a slow group.

ETIQUETTE FOR DISPLAYING THE US FLAG

The etiquette for displaying the U.S. Flag is established by law, in US Code Title 4; Chapter 1; Sec 7 m (1).

Here are a few things you should know when displaying the U.S. flag on private property:

- On Memorial Day the flag is flown at half-staff until noon and at full staff from noon to sunset. The flag should be displayed at half staff in mourning the death of principal government leaders or upon presidential or gubernatorial order. The flag shall be flown at half-staff on Peace Officers Memorial Day, unless that day is also Armed Forces Day.
 - Half-staff means the flag is one-half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff.
 - To properly place the flag at half-staff, you should first raise the flag to the top of the staff for a moment and then lower it to half-staff.
- The custom is to fly the U.S. flag daily from sunrise to sunset. If you would like to display it 24 hours a day, illuminate it at night.
- When hanging the flag vertically, the stars should be to the left.
- The U.S. flag should be on top, when displayed with other flags.
- When the U.S. flag is displayed on a staff from a window or balcony, the stars should be at the top of the staff unless it is at half-staff. When lowering the flag for the day after it is at half-staff, raise the flag to the top of the pole and lower it.
- If you are draping the flag out a window or over a building, hang it vertically with the stars to the left of anyone looking at it from below.



- The U.S. flag should never touch the ground, the floor, water or anything underneath it.
- If the U.S. flag is displayed on the same pole as another flag, the U.S. flag must be on top. The U.S. flag should be the largest flag on display.

Caring For Your Flag

- You can wash most outdoor flags in mild detergent. Rinse thoroughly. Hang it up to dry.
- If the forecast calls for rain, take your flag down. Rain will cause the colors to fade faster. If your flag gets caught in the rain, take it down and hang it up to dry.
- Rusting flag poles cause flag problems. The rough metal on the pole will catch the flag and tear the fabric. Rust will also cause permanent stains on your flag and eat holes in the fabric. If you have a lot of rust on your flag pole, think about purchasing a new pole.

For additional information on displaying the U.S. flag, visit www.usflag.org.

Proud To Be An American

If tomorrow all the things were gone,
I'd worked for all my life.
And I had to start again,
with just my children and my wife.

I'd thank my lucky stars,
to be livin here today.
'Cause the flag still stands for freedom,
and they can't take that away.

And I'm proud to be an American,
where at least I know I'm free.
And I won't forget the men who died,
who gave that right to me.

And I gladly stand up,
next to you and defend her still today.
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land,
God bless the USA.

From the lakes of Minnesota,
to the hills of Tennessee.
Across the plains of Texas,
From sea to shining sea.

From Detroit down to Houston,
and New York to L.A.
Well there's pride in every American heart,
and its time we stand and say.

That I'm proud to be an American,
where at least I know I'm free.
And I won't forget the men who died,
who gave that right to me.

And I gladly stand up,
next to you and defend her still today.
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Artist: Lee Greenwood



GAME NIGHT

Friday, July 2
6:00 p.m.

American Legion Hall
307 Charles Street
Humble, TX



The concept of our monthly game night originated as a group activity that could take place within the chapter--rain or shine or hot or cold. Let's face it, not every month of the year provides ideal riding weather, depending on where you reside. It has become a favorite event within our chapter. Come join us for fun, fellowship, and food. Bring a snack to share...most of the time our spread is equivalent to a sit down meal...ha. Game Night is a fun way to "tax" your brain in a good way!

Free Concert Series

Friday, July 16
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.



Keller Williams Realty NE presents another free concert. Bring your lawn chairs, coolers, and your dancing shoes. Kings Harbor is located at 1660 West Lake Houston Parkway.



A Progressive Dinner ...the Biker's Way

Saturday, July 17

We will be leaving from Little Mexico's parking lot at 6:00 p.m. (kickstands up). First stop for appetizers and/or salads; second stop for the main entree; and, last but not least, a dessert stop. Come hungry for this dinner adventure!

Movie and Pancakes

@ the Movie Tavern
Humble, TX
Saturday, July 10
9:00 a.m.



Come chow down on some pancakes, while being entertained...and that doesn't mean trying to consume a whole pancake in a single bite...ha! Movie to be selected as the date grows closer.

Scrapbooking

@ the American Legion Hall
Saturday, July 24
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Each chapter member is encouraged to help provide input on the chapter scrapbook by designing and decorating pages of the book. We have an abundance of pictures that have been taken by chapter members and they need to be displayed and enjoyed. So come and go as your schedule allows. If you come at lunch time, bring a sack lunch. Supplies and pictures will be provided by Karen. Ask "Mookie" how much fun he had at the last scrapbooking outing.

Breakfast @ Skeeter's Mesquite Grill

4121 W. Lake Houston Pkwy., KW
(located just south of Northpark)

Sunday, July 11
9:30 a.m.



- * Breakfast buffet * * Basic breakfast *
- * Pancake Plate * * Huevos Rancheros *
- * Breakfast tacos *

Chapter Gathering

Saturday, July 24
6:00 p.m.



American Legion Hall
(307 Charles Street, Humble, TX 77338)

Social Dinner

Wednesday, July 14
7:00 p.m.



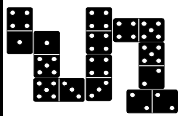
Gary & Stormy Young have chosen Ranch Hand Cafe (24626 Hwy. 321, Cleveland, TX 77327 - 281-592-2545) for our monthly social dinner. This restaurant is known for their homestyle country cooking...come hungry! Also, be aware that their parking lot is not paved.



GOT NEWS...Forward your articles, etc., to Sharon Rainwater at rainwatersharon@yahoo.com.

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

**GWRRA CHAPTER N2
HUMBLE, TEXAS
July 2010**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Game Night American Legion Hall 6:00 PM 	
				1	2	3
						Movie & Pancakes Movie Tavern Humble 9:00 AM
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Breakfast Skeeters in Kingwood on Lake Houston just South of Northpark 9:00 AM			Social Dinner Young 7:00 PM Ranch Hand Café Cleveland			Progressive Dinner Little Mexico Rainwater 6:00 PM
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
						Chapter Gathering American Legion Hall 6:00 PM Scrapbooking American Legion Hall 10:00 AM-5:00 PM
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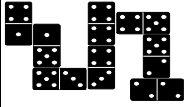
Birthdays

Suzanne Elrod	7/3
Billie Fleming	7/16
Ronnie Ryals	7/20
Marty Uphoff	7/26

Anniversaries

Rex & Ann Nix	7/3
Jeff & Darla Ingram	7/24
Gary & Stormy Young	7/31

**GWRRR CHAPTER N2
HUMBLE, TEXAS
August 2010**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Game Night American Legion Hall 6:00 PM 	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Breakfast Details to be announced later					Dog Days of Summer, TX-I Convention Marshall Civic Center	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			Social Dinner Ards 7:00 PM			TX-M Convention Mansfield
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
						Chapter Gathering American Legion Hall 6:00 PM
				Kansas District Convention, Eldorado, KS		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Birthdays

Michael Elrod	8/1
Gary Rabalais	8/2
Gary Sanborn	8/15
Donna Uphoff	8/16
Darla Ingram	8/18
Carolyn Thomsen	8/27

Anniversaries

Steve & Linda Seligman	8/2
Randy & Sharon Rainwater	8/9

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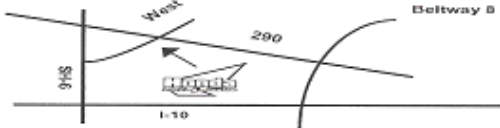
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