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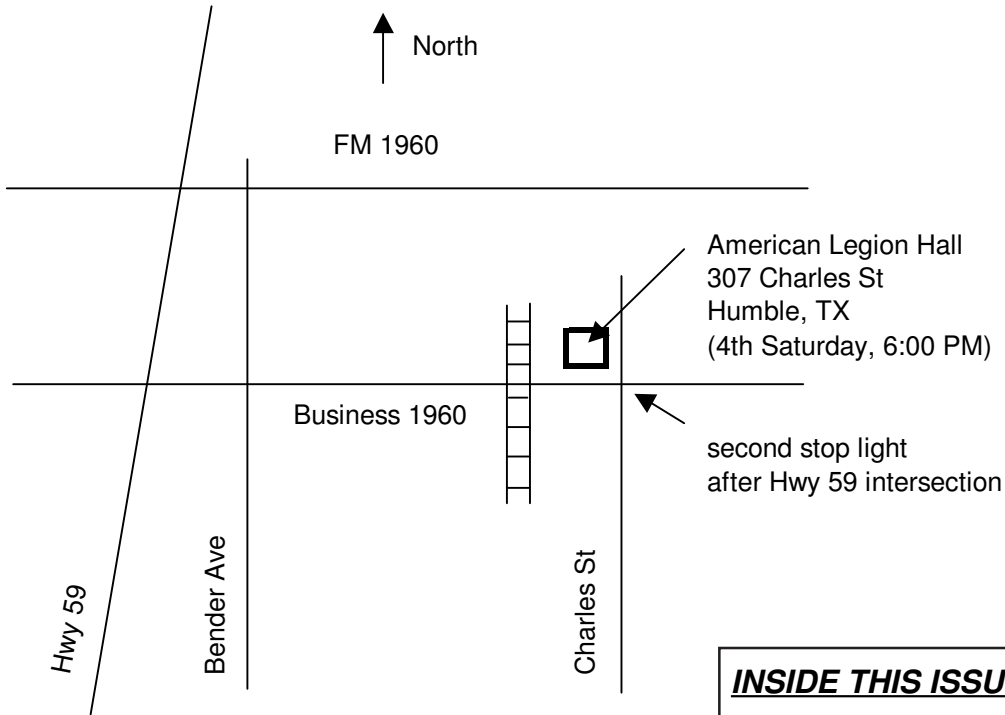
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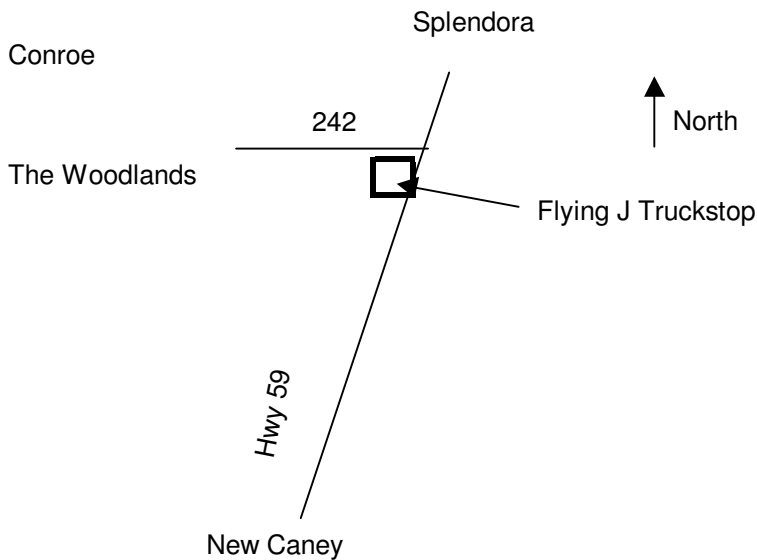


November 2011

MONTHLY MEETING PLACE



RIDE MEETING PLACE



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NEWS FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS

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Master Tour Rider 6748 & 6747
Chapter N2 - Humble, TX



Ok...did you have as much fun at the Bee Blast as Linda and I did? Where did it go? It seems like you take six months to plan an event and it is over in a blink of an eye. The Bee Blast was such a great success. The weather on that Saturday was beautiful. It threatened to rain, but never did. We did fight with the wind a few times. At one time, Diane Shults, Beth Hartley, Robin Smith, and Linda were running through the parking lot picking up the registration sheets that the wind had scattered. For a few minutes I thought it was a new game Lynn Fournoy had created! There were a total of 88 people and 1 dog at the Bee Blast. We had representatives from 9 chapters—C, Z, L2, G, and X2, O, J, R, and T2. We also were graced with the presents of four Texas District Team members—Fred & Mandy Mew, Carolyn Barton, and Christine Vidrine.

It was so much fun to see all of the participants try to get the cookie from their forehead into their mouths; try to shoot down the coke cans; or clean the safety pins out of the rice. We were also outside playing washers, golfing, and trying to stick Velcro balls to a target. I think Jim Fournoy got more exercise than anyone chasing Linda's wayward balls. We heard many people rave about the lunch that Ricky Frazier had cooked. The BBQ was great!

At the end of the day, after everyone went home and the hall was cleaned up, Linda and I walked in the house door and collapsed. But we did reflect back on the day and agreed that it was a GREAT day! One that we will place in our memory bank as a day filled with fun, smiles, laughter, and great friends. Linda and I would like to send a great big THANK YOU to the entire chapter for their hard work, donations, ideas, and support at the Bee Blast. This was a day that truly tells the rest of the Texas chapters that N2 is a Family! The Humble Bumbles rock!!!

October 2011 RIDE/EVENT PARTICIPATION REPORT



<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>#OF BIKES/CARS</u>	<u>#OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
10/01/2011	Click Foundation Ride	3	6
10/02/2011	Chapter Breakfast	4	13
10/12/2011	Chapter Social Dinner - Miller's Cafe	1	22
10/22/2011	Breakfast Ride to Old Montgomery	6	11
10/22/2011	Chapter Gathering	2	27
10/27/2011	Oklahoma District Convention	2/2	7
10/28-30/2011	Camping Trip - Wolf Creek Park	3/2	8

2011 COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Mike & Robin Thacker
Master Tour Rider 6751 & 6162
Chapter N2 - Humble, TX



I would like to start off by saying that Mike and I have had a great year representing our Chapter as the 2011 Couple of the Year. It's about that time of the year for the next Couple to be honored and be chosen to represent their Chapter. I would like to advise the members of the Chapter of the requirements and suggested selection process for Couple of the Year.

THE REQUIREMENTS ARE:

- Couple must consist of one male and one female.
- Both male and female must hold individual, Family, Associate individual, or Associate Family Membership in GWRRA (Note: Associate Members are eligible to participate in the Couple of the Year program at the Chapter level only)
- Membership must be valid through the term of the Chapter Couple of the Year position (one year)
- The Couple must have completed at least one year membership in GWRRA prior to being named Chapter Couple of the Year
- In order to provide an opportunity for the other deserving Couples, the same Couple shall not be named as Chapter Couple of the Year for more than two consecutive years.

The following suggestions are provided by: Texas District Couple's of the Year Coordinators - Dave and Jean Simmons.

The Couple of the Year selection should not be considered a job, duty, or responsibility. It's an HONOR and should be bestowed upon a couple who you consider to be an asset to your Chapter. This can be a couple that participates in most of the Chapters activities.

Should you "ask" someone to volunteer? That's like asking them if they want to be honored.

Most of the Chapter Directors and past Couples of the Year believe that the decision can be made by the Chapter director and their team and the announcement of the new Couple of the Year should be made at the Christmas party and be given their Couple of the Year pins and hanger bars. It should be made a special occasion for them with flowers or gifts. This way they can make arrangements to go to the Mid-Winter Round Up in January to receive their ribbons and medallions from the District Staff.

A lot of the newly selected Couples asked the question as to what they are supposed to do and the answer should be "TO HAVE FUN."

(Rider Educators, cont.)

Just because they are selected to represent the Chapter, there is no obligation to participate in the Texas District Couple of the Year Selection.

The main purpose for selecting a Chapter Couple of the Year is to provide the local Chapters the opportunity to recognize and honor a couple for their dedication, accomplishments, and participation within the Chapter.

So, if you are selected to honor your Chapter, accept the honor and be proud that you were the ones chosen to represent GWRRA.

I can tell you that Mike and I have had a blast this year in honoring our Chapter and we want to continue to honor our Chapter, that's why we have decided to participate in the District Couple of the Year selection. We plan on having a lot of fun and laughs along the way.

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES--PASSPORT PROGRAM

Phoenix, AZ - Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) has announced a new program, called the "Passport Program." The Program is geared to encourage the Members of GWRRA to ride more--mainly to GWRRA Chapter gatherings, events, rallies, their Honda Dealers, vendors, etc. The Program will kick off officially in March.

Paul Hildebrand, Founder and COB of GWRRA, said, "This program will encourage more riding with our Members and also provide a vehicle for more camaraderie by having Members and providers getting to-gether to sign/stamp their "Passports" and compare their travels!"

The Passport books have 64 pages, with 4 spaces on each page, for Members to get stamps/initials for each place they visit. GWRRA will be providing a special website for those Members who fill their Passports and send them into the GWRRA Home Office.

To capture those special travel moments, use this Passport when you go to GWRRA Events or Wing Ding. At each Event or Wing Ding (at any GWRRA booth), the Chapter Director, District Director or Region Director will apply a special stamp or initials (one per event) to recognize your attendance. After completing the entire Passport, send it to the Home Office by December 31, 2011, for a chance to win a prize. The winners will be chosen randomly from all entrants.

Mr. Hildebrand goes on to state that "I am looking forward to seeing this Program bring *riding and camaraderie* back to the forefront of GWRRA!" GWRRA will support this Program through editorials in *Wing World* magazine; our FREE monthly e-Newsletter, *Wingin' It*; and electronic media through our websites.

Founded in 1977, the Gold Wing Road Riders Association is the largest single marquee motorcycle organization in the world, with 72,000 Members in 52 countries. Our motto is "Friends for FUN, Safety and Knowledge." The Home Office is at 21423 North 11th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85027, the phone number is 800-843-9460 or 623-581-2500 and the website is www.gwrro.org. For this and other news, refer to the GWRRA Home Page at www.gwrro.org

Night Riding...Steve & Billie Fleming

Chapter Educators



Shorter Daylight Hours

With the coming of autumn, Daylight Savings Time goes away and we have fewer hours of daylight to ride in. Riding after dark presents challenges to the motorcycle rider. We will talk about some of them.



Speed:

The first step is to slow down. We need to provide more time to react in lower light. Headlights, even high beams, do not provide as much visibility to our surroundings as daylight. It is going to take longer to get to our destination; face that fact first and the rest of the trip will be easier.



Eyes:

Aging can present challenges with our eyes. Peripheral vision can diminish; discerning of colors can change; the need for bi-focal or tri-focal glasses can change our night vision. Medical conditions such as high blood pressure and diabetes affect our eyes and can cause a serious decline in our night vision. Cataracts and glaucoma are also serious threats to our vision. Some medications will also affect our ability to adjust to low light conditions. It is always best to know how our medications will affect us before we are caught in a bad situation.



Environment:

As we age our eyes take longer to adjust to changing lighting levels. It can take as long as 30 minutes for our eyes to fully adjust to low light. That said, how will that affect us riding on a rural road with occasional on-coming traffic causing alternating low light and bright light situations? Driving in that scenario could be hazardous in an area where wild life is abundant. Even small animals can take us down and a larger animal such as a deer can be fatal. In a tie we lose even if we survive. There will no doubt be costly repairs to our beloved motorcycle and possibly long recovery periods with accompanying medical bills.

Rain is not a pleasant experience for a motorcycle rider but if we add the darkness of night we compound a problem from one of discomfort to one of a serious threat to our safety and well-being. The glare of headlights off of the roadway can cause problems for us. Road hazards such as potholes or animals may not be seen in time to avoid them due to these conditions. This is a double jeopardy for us because of visibility and slippery road conditions.

(Rider Educators, cont.)



Visibility:

We have enough trouble in broad daylight being seen by motorists; low light conditions complicate that problem. Motorists have trouble judging our speed and distance due to our smaller size. At night that takes on another dimension because the motorist may only see the headlights of the motorcycle. The narrow profile of a Gold Wing's headlights can make us appear farther away than we really are. Bikes with only one headlight are at even more of a disadvantage. Smaller motorcycles are more likely to experience the problem of being tailgated or rear-ended at night due to the small tail light.

We can add reflective tape to our helmets and motorcycles to improve our visibility at night. We can wear clothing with reflective strips to also help with visibility. Probably the most effective aid to visibility at night though is lights. The more lights on our motorcycle, the more likely we are to be seen.



Route:

Know our route. Things really do look different in the dark. Landmarks that we may be looking for may not be illuminated at night. If there are tricky turns on our route, study them and prepare as best we can. If we have a computer, we can use the satellite view on Google Maps ©, MapQuest© or our mapping program to look for those tricky turns. If night riding presents too much of a challenge try to plan our trips to avoid being on the road after dark.



Fatigue:

Alertness is often compromised at night; especially when our day starts early or we have been riding all day. It is important to take frequent stretch breaks if we are going to be riding long after dark. Between stops, turn up the music but not to an unsafe level which could drown out the sound from emergency vehicles or horn blasts meant to alert us of danger. If we can tolerate it, drink coffee, sodas or energy drinks to increase our alertness between those stops. If these steps do not seem to help, stop and get a room. It is better to arrive alive a little later than we had anticipated than to be a statistic.

We will be presenting a Co-Rider class and a class on this topic on December 3, 2011, at the American Legion Hall located at 307 Charles St in Humble starting at 9:00 a.m. You are welcome to come out.

Until next time--Safe miles with lots of Smiles!



DID I READ THAT SIGN CORRECTLY?

In an office:

TOILET OUT OF ORDER..... PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW

In a Laundromat:

AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT

In a London department store:

BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS

In an office:

WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN

In an office:

AFTER TEA BREAK STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD

Outside a secondhand shop:

WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?

Notice in health food shop window:

CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS



Guess who is the Chapter in the spotlight in the October Texas District newsletter??? N2 - The Humble Bumbles!!! Take a look <http://www.gwrra-tx.org/photos/2011%20-%202010%20October.pdf>

DATES TO REMEMBER...

2012

1/13-14	Mid-Winter Roundup - New Braunfels Convention Cnt.
3/29-31	Region H Convention, Marshall, TX
4/12-14	Louisiana Convention, Lafayette, LA
5/17-19	Texas District Convention, New Braunfels, TX
10/4-6	Oklahoma District Convention, McAlester, OK

AN EIGHTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

By Mari Rich

Do you have your wallet? Watch? Ring? Cell Phone? And so went the questions each morning for eight days. Those were the eight days of our 2,000 mile “trike” trip made in October. And those questions are perfectly acceptable for co-riders to ask.

You see, Mari was hubby Paul’s co-rider on our pretty red Honda Gold Wing “trike” as we towed our sleek matching Hannigan trailer all across Texas. It so happened that Mari was celebrating her eighty-fifth birthday in October and Paul was fulfilling her birthday wish—that of having a nice bike trip.

It was on Wednesday, October 12, when we pulled out of our driveway headed for Mari’s “birthday surprise” destination. Although the temperature had been quite high in Houston area, it seemed cooler on that special day. The weatherman cooperated and we rode beneath pleasant overcast skies all the way to Abilene--some 400+ miles through the “back roads.”

The town of Abilene started the first fun conversation with my son during our daily “reporting in” phone calls. (It’s interesting to have the roles reversed and now have your “kids” being concerned about “their parents” – especially their motorcycling parents.) The phone conversation went like this: Mom: “We are in Abilene.” Son: “KANSAS?” Mom: “No, TEXAS!” I could hear a sigh of relief.

We felt exuberated after the first day’s ride. After a night’s rest, we loaded the trailer and were ready to “head ‘em out” – famous words of the early wranglers around Abilene. Alas, the bike didn’t want to start. Paul decided that we should get a new battery to be sure. So, a new battery was purchased and installed through Paul’s blood, sweat, and tears (and a few choice words that I won’t mention) and away we went—feeling certain that the problem was solved.

Since we lost half a day fretting over a battery, we only rode to Lubbock on day two. The ride took us through miles and miles of farmlands – some parched from lack of rain, others plowed under, and several cotton fields that seemed to need a second picking. Although there were still real farmers in West Texas, we noted that some fields are now covered with oil drilling pumps instead of crops. And, although the fields were brown and ugly, the rust-covered pumps were pumping “green” for the land owners, I’m sure.

Riding out of Lubbock on day three, Paul headed for my “birthday surprise destination.” We

soon arrived at Palo Duro Canyon State Park near Amarillo. This gorgeous 120 mile long, 20 mile wide and 800 feet deep work of art rises to 3,500 feet above sea level at the rim. Having just returned from beautiful Bryce Canyon in Utah, we were surprised to learn that Palo Duro Canyon in Texas is the second largest canyon in the United States – second to The Grand Canyon. The magnificent rock formations created by erosion from The Red River are breath-taking colorful sculptures. We were awed with every mile as we rode down the steep, narrow, winding road to the bottom of the canyon, returning by the same route. We tried to ingest all of the beauty of the canyon as we rode from the back of a motorcycle. By the way, my birthday lunch consisted of a huge cheeseburger and fries down deep in the canyon. Nothing could be finer!



Along the way, Paul and I contacted our friend and former Chapter M-2 member Mike Miller who now resides in the panhandle of Oklahoma. Arrangements were made to meet Mike in Guymon, Oklahoma on Saturday morning for lunch and a visit. We three were excited.

After spending most of the day in Palo Duro Canyon, we rode through Amarillo on to Dumas. Phone conversation to son: Mom: “We are spending the night in Dumas.” Son: “NEW MEXICO?” Mom: “No, TEXAS!” Another sigh of relief was heard from the other end of the phone.

(An Eighty-fifth Birthday Celebration, cont.)

Paul and I rode out of Dumas on Saturday morning anxious to see Mike after an anticipated 90 mile pleasant bike ride. As is common on many road trips, we ran into road construction about ten miles out of Stratford, TX. Since there was a long wait for the pilot car, Paul shut off the bike as we waited first in line for the next group to be led through the one-way construction area. When we began readying ourselves to leave, the bike wouldn't start. Dead! Click, click but wouldn't start.

Fortunately, the nice young man who was superintendent of the road project, as well as the jovial, polite TX DOT supervisor who happened upon the scene, were both bike riders also. Not only were they sympathetic to our situation, they were knowledgeable about bikes and helpful. Off went the bike seat—everything checked—nothing found. A decision was made to push the bike to see if it would start. The idea worked. We were off and running after a time of frustration.

In the meantime, Mari had contacted Mike Miller to report the situation. Mike had headed our way; thus, we met him on the highway as we headed out. Mike, on his pretty yellow Gold Wing, led us on to Guymon, OK – once again anticipating a nice lunch and visit. Evidently it wasn't meant to be. In Guymon at a traffic light the bike died. Once our rig was pushed out of the street onto a safe area, a young man and his effervescent wife (Dolan and Pam Sledge) stopped to assist us. Pam assured us that Dolan LOVED working on bikes and that he could probably help. In the meantime, Pam walked to a nearby store and bought bottles of water and a diet coke for “the birthday girl.” She refused to take payment! After Dolan was also “stumped” re: the problem, he called his uncle who is a motorcycle repairman. “Uncle Fred” came to assist. Uncle Fred also became baffled after trying. Mike called his friend who once owned the now closed Honda dealership in Guymon. He had no parts so felt that he could be of no benefit.

After several hours of attempts by some wonderful “new friends,” out came the Gold Book and a call was made to David Brown's Honda Dealership in Amarillo, the nearest Honda dealer. Encouraging news! We were told to have the bike at the shop at 9 a.m. on Monday morning. Although we have the GWRRA towing insurance, we would have been out

of the 200 mile round-trip range. So, once again we got push-started and headed back to Amarillo with determined, protective Mike Miller leading the way on the two hour trip.

Arriving safely once again in Amarillo, we parked at a nice motel and suites and checked in for the weekend. Afterwards, we finally got to treat Mike Miller to dinner and we had our visit. Mike insisted on riding the three hours back to his home in Oklahoma, because his four puppies would be hungry. Now he is truly one of our faithful, accommodating Gold Wing family members!

After a weekend of rest and watching football games on television, a tow truck picked up our trike Monday morning and took it to David Brown's Honda dealership by 9 a.m. After hours of checking every aspect, it was determined that it was a solenoid problem causing the switch not to work. A new problem occurred. No part could be found in Amarillo; thus, some nice guy in the “used parts” business took the part out of his same model Gold Wing (He assured everyone that he didn't ride any more anyway!) and it was installed in ours. That appeared to have solved the problem. Paul returned to our suite in mid-afternoon feeling quite happy and relieved and praising employees at the dealership for their thoroughness, politeness, and caring. Bike was “fixed.”

Wrong! On Tuesday morning we loaded our gear into the bike trailer and headed out. Bike started and we were merrily on our way. Before leaving Amarillo, we stopped for gas. After “gassing up,” the bike would not start! Paul was not a happy camper. David Brown Honda guys came to get us. With a shove, the bike started so back to the dealership we went. Their top electrical diagnostic guy took that trike apart and lay under it searching for every possible clue. When Paul finally heard the, “Ah Ha!” from Andy, his spirits lifted. The problem was with the wiring system that had been damaged. It is a miracle that it could even be detected! By 2:30 p.m., the problem had been repaired and we were on our merry way once again—feeling very confident this time.

Heavy winds had arrived in the Panhandle of Texas by this time, so it was a battle to even keep the trike on the road, but no complaints from Paul. He was happy to have the trike running once again, so we “blew” right on down the highway. As we passed through the town of Memphis, I made my daily phone

(An Eighty-fifth Birthday Celebration, cont.)

call: Mom: "We are passing through Memphis." Son: "TENNESSEE?" It was still a relief to him to know that we were still in Texas!

Because of the tenseness we suffered from worry over the trike problem and because of the severe winds, we had a short day of riding. We pulled into a motel in Childress for the night, realizing that we would have a long ride home on Wednesday. Paul needed to keep a doctor's appointment on Thursday morning.

Leaving Childress Wednesday morning all bundled up for the "cold," we made the 12 hour leisurely trip back home. As we passed through Decatur to get on Hwy. 380, I reported in. (Mom: "We are having lunch in Decatur." Son: "ILLINOIS?" Mom: "No, still Texas!" I could hear him say, Thank goodness!")

As we turned onto Hwy. 69 in Greenville, I feared to call in our whereabouts as I was sure that the

son would think that his adventurous parents were already in South Carolina!

Our friend Mike Miller called us every evening to see if we were safe. He is still the same caring Mike and he sends his regards to all of his Chapter M-2 family.

In spite of the trike problem, it was a fun birthday motorcycle trip for my 85th birthday. We saw a lot of Texas and met some wonderful people. And, Paul and I were happy to be back on our trike again riding in the breeze together.

And when I checked my phone messages after arriving home, I heard my son say, "I'm sure glad that you are now in Cleveland – NOT OHIO, BUT TEXAS!"

Mari's article also appeared in yourclevelandnews.com on Friday, October 21, 2011.

"Not many 85-year-old ladies prefer having helmet hair over a beauty shop coiffure — especially on her birthday. But helmet hair was what Dr. Mari Rich sported for eight days while on a 2,000-mile motorcycle trip in October. The trip was her 85th birthday wish come true — a gift from her husband Paul."



GOLDWING GWRRA

By Kenny Shults, GWRRA #339784

Getting together with family and friends

On a beautiful morning you wish wouldn't end
Load up the motorcycles and let the adventure begin
Driving the back roads with a constant grin
Wind in our hair and headed to new places
Ignites a spark in our soul and lights our faces
Nothing can match the feelings it gives to you
Get a motorcycle and join us, then you will know too

Great days begin with friends

Wide open roads with no ends

Riding together our bike sound blends

Rolling over hills and around bends

And you heart and soul quickly mends

COME RIDE WITH US



GOLDWING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION



CHAPTER N2 - HUMBLE, TEXAS

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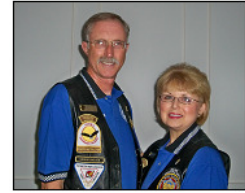
We ride Goldwings and other motorcycles and enjoy riding safely and having fun. We schedule several rides each month (*weather permitting*) and meet monthly at the American Legion Hall (307 Charles Street, Humble, TX 77336). Our meeting date/time is the 4th Saturday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Visit our website at www.gwr-ra-n2-humbletx.com.

MY NAME IS: _____

CONTACT US AT: _____ EMAIL: _____

By the Book

By Steve & Carolyn Cotton, Region H Trainers



The “By the Book” articles are intended to help familiarize GWRRA Volunteer Leaders and Members with the policies, procedures, and information contained in the GWRRA Officer’s Handbook (OHB). A copy of the Officer’s Handbook can be found at www.gwrro.org - Click on the Officer Connection tab at the bottom of the page; then select Officer’s Handbook in the upper right hand corner. Please feel free to reprint these articles in Region, District, or Chapter newsletters.

YOU are a LEADER

As I started to write this month’s article of “By the Book”, I wanted to emphasize the message our GWRRA Officer’s Handbook is providing for our Members. It is that we are all LEADERS in some way – possibly in our organization, maybe at our workplace, or even in our family.

There is a relationship between growth and leadership. It is the capacity to develop and improve our skills that distinguishes leaders from their followers. Successful leaders are learners. And, the process is ongoing, a result of self-discipline and perseverance. The goal each day must be to get a little better, to build on the previous day’s progress.

To Lead Tomorrow, Learn Today. Leadership is developed daily, not in a single day. The secret of success in life is for a person to be ready for his time when it comes. What a person does on a disciplined, consistent basis gets him ready, no matter what the goal. Basketball legend Larry Bird became an outstanding free-throw shooter by practicing five hundred shots each morning before he went to school. Demosthenes of ancient Greece became the greatest orator of his time by reciting verses with pebbles in his mouth, and speaking over the roar of the waves of the seashore – and he did it despite having been born with a speech impairment. The same dedication is going to work to make you a great leader and Officer. The good news is that your leadership ability is not static – no matter where you are starting from, you can get better.

There is an old saying in boxing: Champions don’t become champions in the ring – they are merely recognized there. That’s true. If you want to see where someone develops into a champion, look at his daily routine. Former heavyweight champ Joe Frazier stated, “You can map out a fight plan, or a life plan. But when the action starts, you’re down to your reflexes. That’s where your roadwork shows. If you cheated on that in the dark of the morning, you’re getting found out now under the bright lights.” Boxing is a good analogy for developing your leadership and Officer capacity, because it is all about your preparation. Even if a person has a natural talent, he has to prepare and train to become successful.

One of this country’s greatest leaders was a fan of boxing: President Theodore Roosevelt. In fact, one of his most famous quotes uses a boxing analogy that I want to leave you with this month:


It is not the critic that counts, nor the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man

(By the Book, cont.)

who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who, at best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.

Learn at every opportunity – we never stop learning. Thank you for everything you do for our Association, whether it is as a Member or Officer. Remember that you are a LEADER. And, continue to refer to the GWRRRA Officer Handbook to find out more that you can do!

Learn Something New...Then Teach Someone!



**CHAPTER N2 MONTHLY
WEDNESDAY NIGHT SOCIAL DINNER**
6:30 p.m.

NOV *Jim & Lynn Flourney*
Wed., November 16 - (Alma Latina - 24660 Hwy. 59, Porter 77365 - 281-354-4030)

DEC *David & Cathy Southwell*

ALTERNATES: Gary & Stormy Young, Paul & Mari Rich, Rex & Ann Nix



Northwest Houston Foster Children's Annual GWRRRA Toy Run

Every year chapter N2 participates in the Northwest Houston Foster Children's Annual GWRRRA Toy Run. The bikes line up at Deerbrook Mall behind Macy's to decorate their bikes. The bikes will then parade over to the Sheraton Hotel at Intercontinental Airport. This year's Toy Run is *Sunday, December 18*.

Part of the Toy Run is providing toys for the children. Chapter G in Tomball is responsible for obtaining the cards for each of the foster children. At Saturday's meeting, we sent around a list for people to volunteer to buy gifts - the limit on the price of the gifts is \$40. If anyone who was not at the meeting would like to participate in buying a gift for a child, please send us an email and we will add you to the list. We will pick up the cards from Chapter G on *Thursday, November 17*, and distributed them at our November 19 gathering. If you would like more information, just give us a call.



Wing Wisdom Whittles

November 2011

Prepared by Steve & Carolyn Cotton, Region H Trainers



“Whittles” articles are intended to provide information that can be presented by chapter members at monthly gatherings to help promote the Leadership Training Program. The hope is that chapters will enlist members to share the information to make it a FUN and interesting new experience.



Building a Healthier Self-Esteem

It is easy to feel overwhelmed trying to balance all of the things you want to accomplish each day. Joe Hill's book *In Pursuit of Success* offers some suggestions about maintaining a positive attitude and feeling good about yourself while navigating along life's journey. Perhaps some of these ideas will make a difference in your thinking throughout the next month or so...

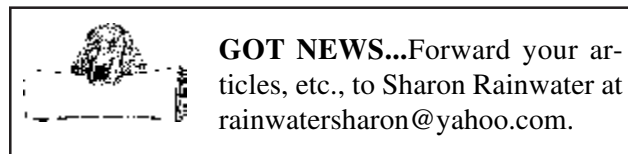
1. Stop comparing yourself to anyone but you. Take a break and be easy on yourself for a change. You can't do everything as well as everyone else, but there are some things that you do well and even better than others. Remember...you don't have to be the best to be successful. You simply have to *try* to do *your best* to be successful.
2. Learn how to take a compliment with sincerity. By not acknowledging a compliment graciously, you put yourself down and may insult the person that is complimenting you. The next time someone gives you a compliment, try saying a simple “thank you” and leave it at that.
3. Become a “giver” and not a “taker.” Helping other people may be considered the essence of successful living. Being needed, and having a feeling of being needed, is a basic requirement of our psychological make-up. There is a special feeling that you can receive as a result of giving to others. Unfortunately, sometimes there is not enough of this stimulus in our lives. The more you give, the more it gives back to you.
4. Don't kick yourself when you're down. You are more susceptible to negative thinking and feelings of low self-esteem when you are feeling down. At that critical time, pay more attention to how you feel about yourself and avoid beating yourself up over the little things. Instead of wasting your energy thinking “I can't do anything right”, try thinking of the good things you have going on. We were each born with the capacity to do well. Look for the “good” in you!

(*Wing Wisdom Whittles, cont.*)

5. Confirm the good qualities that you already have. Try writing down everything that you do well on one side of a piece of paper. Next, write down on the other side of the paper the things that you don't do well, but would like to improve on. Remember...don't compare yourself to anyone else but you. After you've completed your lists, focus your energy on the things you do best and put them to work for you. As for the "don't do well" list, pick one area of improvement at a time, and then review your good qualities to determine how your strengths can help you.
6. Use the power of your mind in a positive way with positive affirmations. Short statements like "I can do this" or "I'm getting better every day" can be a powerful way to build a healthy self-esteem. Just saying the words is not enough, though. They have to be said with emotion and conviction out loud. Try writing down two or three positive affirmations of your choice and post them in locations where you will see them often. Your vehicle dashboard, cabinet doors, bathroom mirrors and daily planners are always a great place to start reminding yourself.
7. Allocate some time to do what you're good at and enjoy doing. Don't spend a large portion of your life doing things that you constantly have to work at to be good. What do you do well? What do you enjoy doing other than work? Whatever it is, do it often in order to build yourself a healthy self-esteem. It will help you balance the things you are good at and the things you need to improve or change.
8. Be a person of action. Do you measure yourself and your success by your actions? You should. The worst thing that you can do when you're feeling down is to sit around and do nothing. It is what you do – your actions at home, in your work, and in your relationships – which determine how you feel about yourself and how successful you become. Do something – anything! Try something new and exciting! Break out of that comfort zone and the same old routine. Don't be afraid to try something new.

We have all heard the phrase that "The joy of life is in the journey", but someone recently wrote a note to us that said, "It isn't the journey that's important, but it's *who you get to travel with.*" I couldn't agree more.

I'm sure you have fond memories about the people you have traveled with, and will hopefully have many more great times in the future. Thanks for the memories you have given to us.



Get well wishes go out to...Bubba Tice for a speedy and complete recovery! Cards may be sent to the Tices at 10419 Lauren Creek Dr., Baytown 77523.



Brisket Sale

to benefit the
Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation

9 - 12 lb. (pre-cooked weight) \$45 each

****Cutoff Date for Orders****
NOVEMBER 15, 2011

Preparation and cooking will be done by:
MIKESKA'S BBQ & CATERING
on Friday, November 18

Briskets will be ready for pick-up
at Northwest Honda
on Saturday, November 19

ATTENTION CHAPTER N2 MEMBERS: Please contact **Karen Frazier** to place your brisket order at c#281-615-1365 or karenf@nctv.com. Remember she needs the money, when you place your order (*make check payable to Karen Frazier*)! Karen's cut-off date is November 13. In the past, Ricky has been available to pick up the briskets from Northwest Honda, but that is not the case this year. You will be responsible for picking up your order from the dealership on Saturday, November 19.



SECRET SISTER REVEAL

Tuesday, November 1

6:30 p.m.

Mari Rich's house

(11058 Spring Lane, Cleveland 77328)

Ladies...it's time to reveal the name of the person we've had for the last three months. Come join us for dinner at Mari's home as the ladies reveal the name of their secret sister through a gift exchange. Do you know who has your name? Come see if you guessed correctly.

LONESTAR RIDE

to Galveston, TX

Friday, November 4

7:00 a.m.

Meeting at Little Mexico. Jim Hartley will lead the ride. There will be a breakfast stop at Kelly's.



GAME NIGHT

Friday, November 4

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!

SPINNER RIDE

Saturday, November 5

8:00 a.m.

Meeting at Flying J. Randy Rainwater will lead the ride. Lunch will be wherever the spinner takes us!

Chapter Breakfast @ Hot Spot Diner

(20669 W. Lake Houston Pkwy.)

Sunday, November 6

9:00 a.m.



TEXAS HONOR RIDE

to San Antonio, TX

Saturday, November 12

Meeting at Little Mexico at 5:30 a.m. Registration begins at 6:00 a.m. at the Addicks Park and Ride (I-10 and Hwy. 6). Cost is \$25 per bike and \$10 for passenger. We will be leaving the Addicks Park and Ride at 7:15 a.m. Several chapter members plan to spend the night at the Days Inn located at 1005 I-35N & Hwy.80, San Marcos, TX 78666.

Social Dinner

Wednesday, November 16

6:30 p.m. (new time)



Jim & Lynn Flournoy have chosen (Alma Latina, 24660 Hwy. 59, Porter 77365 - 281-354-4030) for November's Social Dinner. Ya'll come.

Keller Williams Friday Night Concert

King's Habor on Lake Houston Pkwy.

Friday, November 18

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.



Free concert hosted by Keller Williams Realty Northeast featuring Leroy Thomas & The Zydeco Roadrunners.

Chapter Gathering

Saturday, November 19 - 6:00 p.m.

American Legion Hall

(307 Charles Street, Humble, TX 77338)

Come join us for our monthly chapter gathering and a **Thanksgiving theme potluck**. Bring a dish to share. The turkey will be furnished.

CAMPOUT @ Lake Livingston Park

in Livingston, TX

(Hercules Club Loop)

11/24 - 11/27



For more details and to RSVP, contact *Rex Nix*.



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COMMUNITY HANDBELL TEAMS

A Ceremony of Lessons and Carols -

Thursday, December 1, 2011

Friday, December 2, 2011

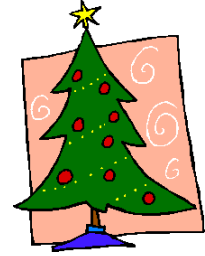
7:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Kingwood
5520 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood

The traditional Service of Lessons and Carols originated in England and is synonymous with Christmas celebrations. Telling the story of humanity's fall from grace in the Garden of Eden through the promise of redemption in the messianic prophecies and the birth of Jesus, these beloved services interperse Bible readings with the singing and ringing of Christmas carols and hymns.

**Tickets are available by calling
281.360.4743 or 281.358.1464
or tickets are available for purchase from Marie Rabalais
Tickets: \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Students**

One of our own, **Marie Rabalais**, is an original member to the charter, which began in 1991. Marie has rung every position at different times in the charter's history. While these teams present an effortless performance, there are weekly practices behind their perfection. Come enjoy an evening of musical entertainment!



21st Annual
Northwest Houston Foster Children
QWRRA Toy Run

Sunday, December 18, 2011
Join us in helping the foster kids
of North Houston

Sheraton Hotel, JFK Blvd.
Bush Intercontinental Airport

Decorated motorcycle judging at 12 noon
Parade starts at 12:45 p.m. sharp
Deerbrook Mall, Humble, TX (Macy's side of the mall)

Meals provided for children, foster parents, and
entertainers only.

For more information call:
Marshall LeGard @ 281-550-5338



**GWRRR CHAPTER N2
HUMBLE, TEXAS
November 2011**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Secret Sister Reveal Mari Rich 6:30 p.m.			Game Night American Legion Hall 6:00 p.m. Lonestar Rally 7:00 a.m. Hartley Little Mexico breakfast at Kelly's	Spinner Ride Rainwater 8:00 a.m. Flying J Lunch - wherever the spinner takes us
		1	2	3	4	5
Daylight Saving Time ends Breakfast @ Hot Spot Diner 9:00 a.m. 20669 West Lake Houston Pkwy				10		Texas Honor Ride San Antonio 5:30 a.m. Little Mexico
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			Social Dinner Flournoy's Alma Latina 24660 Hwy 59 South bound feeder between Porter & Northpark Dr	Christmas card pickup Chapter G meeting		Chapter Gathering American Legion Hall 6:00 p.m. potluck
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
				Campout - Lake Livingston Park - Hercules Club Loop <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	Contact Rex Nix	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Birthdays

Linda Stich	11/5
Daviette Slaughter	11/12
Tom Maynard	11/20
Randy Rainwater	11/29

Anniversaries

Michael & Suzanne Elrod	11/6
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**GWRRA CHAPTER N2
HUMBLE, TEXAS
December 2011**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						Co-rider Class & Night Riding Class American Legion Hall 9:00 a.m. Turn in Christmas gifts for children 1 2 3
Breakfast @ Skeeter's 9:00 a.m. 4121 West Lake Houston Drive 4	5	6	7	8	9	Fruitcake Ride Flying J (59 & 242) 6:00 a.m. Breakfast - New Waverly Lunch - Corsicana 10
11	12	13	Social Dinner Southwell's Hibachi Grill Hwy 59 & 1314 Porter 14	15	16	Christmas Party Bull Sallas Park 7:00 p.m. 17
Toy Run Deerbrook Mall Bike judging 12:00 noon Parade 12:45 p.m. 18	19	20	21	First Day of Winter 22	23	24
Christmas Day 25	26	27	28	29	30	New Years Eve 31

Birthdays

Beth Hartley	12/7
George Stich	12/20
Robin Smith	12/31

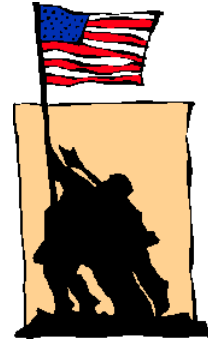
Anniversaries

Paul & Marie Rich	12/26
Mike & Nancy Morgan	12/
Gary & Marie Rabalais	12/31

VETERAN'S DAY is Friday, November 11

History

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 an armistice between Germany and the Allied nations came into effect. On November 11, 1919, Armistice Day was commemorated for the first time. In 1919, President Wilson proclaimed the day should be “filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory.” There were plans for parades, public meetings, and a brief suspension of business activities at 11 am.



In 1926, the United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I and declared that the anniversary of the armistice should be commemorated with prayer and thanksgiving. The Congress also requested that the president should “issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.”

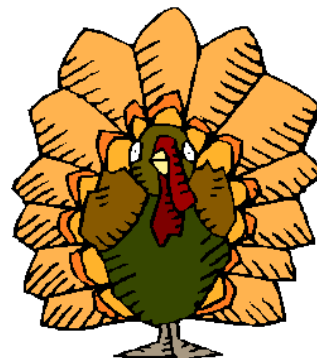
An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) was approved on May 13, 1938, which made November 11 in each year a legal holiday, known as Armistice Day. This day was originally intended to honor veterans of World War I. A few years later, World War II required the largest mobilization of service men in the history of the United States and the American forces fought in Korea. In 1954, the veterans service organizations urged Congress to change the word “Armistice” to “Veterans.” Congress approved this change and on June 1, 1954, November 11 became a day to honor all American veterans, where ever and whenever they had served.

We salute “all” veterans for their service to our country...the land of the free! God bless America!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6.



Happy TURKEY Day!



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Gobble...**

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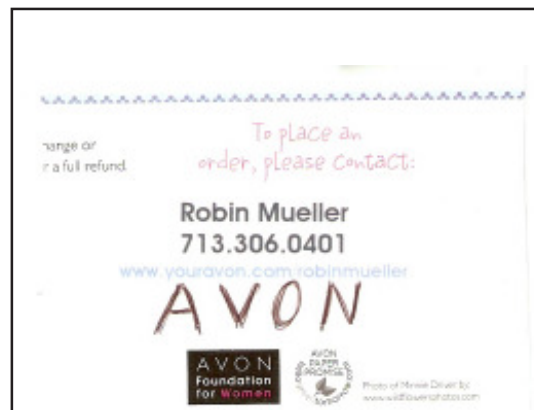
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