



G2 Roadrunner NEWS

**GWRRRA Region H "South Central Texas District
Chapter G2 Greenville, TX
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CD's CORNER

Another cold month in the books. Maybe this month we will get some warmer weather so more rides can be organized. Sad news for GWRRRA Texas. Another chapter V Rio Grande and Valley & Odessa is closing. District is reassigning the members to the nearest chapters. If some move our way I know we will greet them with open arms. Region H newsletter is available at <http://www.gwrra-h.org/news.htm>. District newsletter is available at gwrra-tx.org/news/newsletters.php. If any of the address do not work just do a search on the internet under gwrra and whatever region district or chapter you are looking for. Once again I must thank Tommie and Judy for the outstanding job they are doing for the chapter. We also have a redesigned web page so when you get time check it out. Thanks to Dan for all his hard work as our webmaster. Region Convention is April 3 thru the 5th of April. Texas District convention is May 8 through the 10th. Our chapter still has volunteer job openings if anyone is interested and would like to help. If you need to get in touch with me send an email to skcmss@yahoo.com. If it is urgent you may call at 903 274 9051. If I do not answer I will get back with you as soon as I can. Thanks and ride safe.

From the educator.

The 2014 Texas Motorcycle Safety Forum will be held May 8 2014 at the Brazos Center Bryan Texas, more information to follow. If you are interested in going let me know. Sitting in my seat of the truck with a perch view I see a lot of crazy drivers doing a variety of stupid things; Anything from reading a book to eating a bowl of cereal to putting on makeup or shaving. Point I'm getting across is you as motorcyclists have to watch out for these people. Make sure you are 100 percent mentally ready to ride when you get on your bike. Also make sure you do a good T Clock inspection before you leave. The few minutes you spend checking the bike will save you hours in the long run. Have a safe and enjoyable ride.
Thanks

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G2 MONTHLY GATHERING

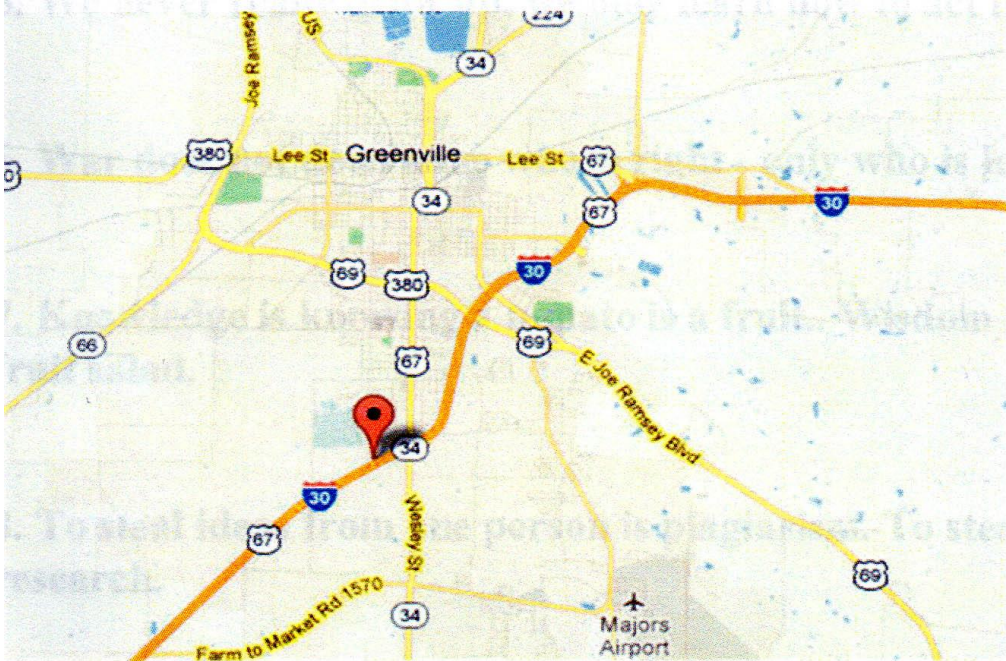
1ST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

@ FAMILY BUFFET RESTAURANT

3202 W. I-30 @ SAYLE ST.

GREENVILLE, TX. 903-455-6888

6PM FOR DINNER/7PM FOR MEETING



Arkansas Motorcycle trip June 2 – 8, 2014

Day 1: Monday, June 2 (336 miles)

Depart: 9:15 AM Valero next to Hospital for Greenville, MS (336 miles)

Final Destination: Econo Lodge, 3080 US 82 E, Greenville, MS, 38702, 662-378-4976, \$59 (all rates are quoted at Senior rate) Bottom of route 19 – Great River Road National Scenic Byway.

Day 2: Tuesday, June 3 (284 miles) cum (620 miles)

Depart: 9:15 AM Greenville, MS take route 19

(15 miles) Lakeport Plantation – only remaining AR plantation home on the Mississippi River. Tours at 10:00 AM - \$3. Call 800-265-6031 if group > 8. Address is: 601 Hwy 142, Lake Village, AR 71653

(154 miles) to Delta Cultural Center in Helena, AR...check it out/have lunch. Admission is FREE! Call to request a tour (800-358-0972). Explore the culture and history of Delta Blues and hosts “King Biscuit Time”, the longest running daily blues radio show in the country. Address is: 141 Cherry St., Helena, AR 72342.

Switching over to Route 20 – Crowley’s Ridge Parkway National Scenic Byway-NE

(110 miles) to Crowley Ridge Nature Center Address is: 600 E Lawson Rd., Jonesboro, AR 72404. Open 8:30 to 4:30. Movie every 30 minutes. 870-933-6787.

(5 miles) to Econo Lodge-Jonesboro, 2406 Phillips Dr., Jonesboro, AR 72401, 870-932-9339 \$43.00

Day 3: Wednesday, June 4 (280 miles) cum (900 miles)

Depart: 9:15 AM.

To the start of route 21 on Hwy 67-(27 miles)–Gateway Gap/Rock ‘N’ Roll Hwy

Historic Downtown Hardy (109 miles) – 41 buildings are on the National Registrar with boutiques, shops and antique shops.

Mammoth Spring State Park (16 miles) – tenth largest spring in the world with an output of 10 million gallons per hour; outflow creates headwaters of Spring River.

Arrive Branson, Mo (128 miles); Econo Lodge-Branson, 230 S Wildwood Dr., Branson, MO 65616, 417-336-4849 \$60/night.

See evening show in Branson:

Day 4: Thursday, June 5 (124 miles) cum (1024 miles)

Morning, afternoon and evening show or Depart: 9:15 AM for route 5 – Peel Ferry Route, afternoon and evening show.

If Route 5 – (124 miles)

Use Peel Ferry, two mile trip (20 minute ride), to cross Bull Shoals Lake. This is the last ferry plying the waters of any lake or river in Arkansas.

Maplewood Cemetery in Harrison, AR – a beautiful hilltop cemetery worthy of a visit.

Harrison Square – Historic downtown

Day 5: Friday, June 6 (miles) cum (miles)

See Day 4.....

Day 6: Saturday, June 7 (317 miles) cum (1341 miles)

Depart: 915 AM; Pick up Route 1: Eureka Springs Art and Heritage Tour, on Hwy 187

“Little Golden Gate Bridge“ over Beaver Lake AR 187 (54 miles)

Pea Ridge National Military Park – North of Rogers on US 62: Battle that determined the fate of Missouri (19 miles)

We will pick up Route 2: Scenic 71 Loop & I-540 Scenic Byway, near Fayetteville.

Traveling from Devil’s Den State Park on AR 74 to Winslow is a wonderful curvaceous 12 mile ride.

US 71 takes you over the top of the Boston Mountain range of the Ozarks....views are spectacular.

The trip down into and back out of Mountainburg is the highlight of the ride.

We pick up route 3: Talimena National Scenic Byway, in Waldron, AR. One of the best rides in AR through the Ouachita Mountains.

Limetree Inn 1-800-536-4366, 804 Hwy 71 North, Mena, AR 71953

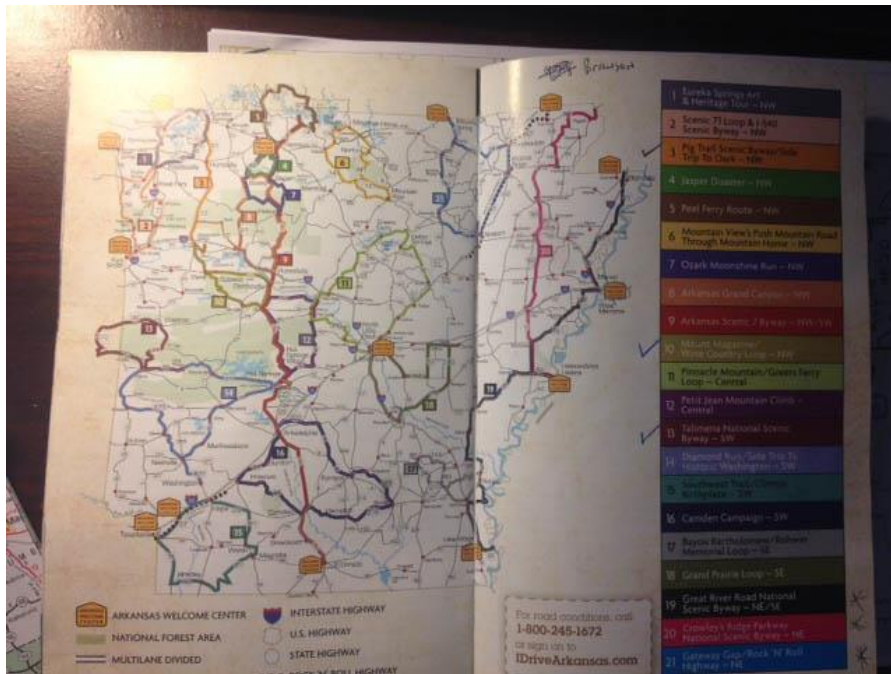
\$55 to \$64

Day 7 Sunday, June 8 (266 miles) cum (1607miles)

We will pick up Route 14: Diamond Run/Side trip to Historic Washington, immediately. We will continue on 71 for a short while and then take 278 all the way to Washington.

Historic Washington State Park, Washington, AR: Preserves Arkansas capital from 1863-65. Recreated blacksmith shop, horse drawn surrey rides, and Williams' Tavern Restaurant are on site. Interpretive programs and tours daily.

Back to Greenville, TX (170 miles) – Direct route on I-30.



AND THEN IT IS WINTER

You know ... time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of

the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

But, here it is... the back nine of my life and it catches me by surprise...How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that I was only on the first hole and the back nine was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting gray...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me...but, I see the great change...Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd become.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!! But, at least I know, that though I'm on the back nine, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...I will be going to be with my father in heaven who created me and this wonderful earth that I have fully experienced and enjoyed. A new adventure will begin! Yes, I have a few regrets. But I have lived the American dream in the greatest time of this wonderful, beautiful and prosperous country.

So, if you're not on the back nine yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether you're on the back nine or not!

You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one. LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAPPY ! HAVE A GREAT DAY Remember "It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver. [LIVE HAPPY IN 2014!](#)

LASTLY, CONSIDER THIS:

- ~Your kids are becoming you.....but your grandchildren are perfect!
 - ~Going out is good.. Coming home is better!
 - ~You forget names.... But it's OK because some people forgot they even knew you!!!
 - ~You realize you're never going to be really good at anything like golf.
 - ~The things you used to care to do, you aren't as interested in anymore, but you really do care that you aren't as interested.
 - ~You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV 'ON' than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".
 - ~You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch..
 - ~You tend to use new 4 letter words ... "what?"..."when?"... ???
 - ~You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"?!!!
 - ~What used to be freckles are now liver spots.
 - ~Everybody whispers.
 - ~You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet.... 2 of which you will never wear.
- ~~~But Old is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!

Some Interesting Little Tidbits

1. Debra Winger was the voice of E.T.
2. Pearls melt in vinegar.

3. It takes 3,000 cows to supply the NFL with enough leather for a year's supply of footballs.
4. It's possible to lead a cow upstairs...but not downstairs.
5. Humans are the only primates that don't have pigment in the palms of their hands.
6. The sentence "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog," uses every letter in the alphabet. (Developed by Western Union to Test telex/two communications)
7. Average life span of a major league baseball: 7 pitches.
8. A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.
9. The reason firehouses have circular stairways is from the days of yore when the engines were pulled by horses. The horses were stabled on the ground floor and figured out how to walk up straight staircases.
10. The airplane Buddy Holly died in was the "American Pie." (Thus the name of the Don McLean song.)
11. Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history. Spades - King David; Clubs - Alexander the Great; Hearts - Charlemagne; and Diamonds - Julius Caesar.
12. $111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321$
13. Clans of long ago that wanted to get rid of their unwanted people without killing them used to burn their houses down-hence the expression "to get fired."
14. Hershey's Kisses are called that because the machine that makes them looks like it's kissing the conveyor belt.
15. The name Jeep came from the abbreviation used in the army for the "General Purpose" vehicle, G.P.
16. The highest point in Pennsylvania is lower than the lowest point in Colorado.

17. The only two days of the year in which there are no professional sports games (MLB, NBA, NHL, or NFL) are the day before and the day after the Major League All-Star Game.
18. Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.
19. The mask used by Michael Myers in the original "Halloween" was actually a Captain Kirk mask painted white.
20. If you put a raisin in a glass of champagne, it will keep floating to the top and sinking to the bottom.
21. Snails can sleep for 3 years without eating.
22. Actor Tommy Lee Jones and vice-president Al Gore were freshman roommates at Harvard.
23. The fingerprints of koala bears are virtually indistinguishable from those of humans, so much so that they could be confused at a crime scene.
24. Months that begin on a Sunday will always have a "Friday the 13th."
25. The man who plays Lt. Commander Montgomery Scott on Star Trek is missing the entire middle finger of his right hand.
26. The Eisenhower interstate system requires that one mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies.
27. There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
28. All of the clocks in the movie "Pulp Fiction" are stuck on 4.

Now we can all have meaningful conversations with the grandkids!!

What a day! Putting Tommie's safety talk to the test.

I got home from church around 12:45 and what a beautiful sunny afternoon it was, this first day of daylight savings time. I struggled with two thoughts: 1) I can sit in my

recliner and take a nap or 2) I can enjoy the beautiful day and go for a motorcycle ride. It didn't take long to get my gear on and head for the motorcycle.

I decided that I would do a pre-ride for the ride that I'm leading on March 22nd. I wanted to ensure that the ride that I had downloaded on the GPS was accurate. So I rode to the starting point for the ride which is the Valero gas station next to the hospital.

After filling my motorcycle with gas, I noticed that there was three other motorcycles at the gas station. One of them had a Tinkerbell attached to the luggage rack. I pulled up next to them, parked and went inside.

Tommie, Judy, Dan and Donna were taking a coffee break. The ride yesterday had been rained out so they decided to go for a ride today. What a coincidence us arriving at this gas station at the same time....

After talking about our ride options, I convinced them to join me for my pre-ride GPS test to Carpenter's Bluff Junction.

The ride went well. We stopped at the Dairy Queen in Whitewright for a late lunch. Then we continued across the Carpenters Bluff bridge, across the Red River, in to Oklahoma. After a short ride in OK we crossed back into Texas. Then we continued to Bonham where we stopped for gas. I was in front of Dan and I think we both noticed the very poor condition of my rear tire at the same time.

Instead of taking a shorter route home, Tommie, Judy, Dan & Donna were kind enough to follow me back to Greenville, and I'm sure glad they did. Keeping my speed down, I made it to mid way between Bailey and Leonard on Hwy 78 when the rear tire blew. I'm so lucky it didn't happen earlier when we were zipping around the route at a much higher speed.

I pulled off the highway.

Tommie pulled out his triangle reflectors and placed them behind the motorcycles and Judy commenced to directing traffic on the two lane highway.

AAA was called. It took them a couple hours to get a flatbed wrecker out there.

I tried my best to get Tommie, Judy, Dan & Donna to head on home while I waited for the wrecker, but they wouldn't do it.

You have to thankful for appreciate friends like this!!

There was a farm very close to where the tire blew. They had a large herd of goats that entertained us while we waited for the wrecker. There were several babies that were pretty cute.

I think Dan asked what we would do if we ran out of water. Tommie was quick to offer his goat milking skills. Fortunately, the water lasted until the wrecker arrived and we didn't have to put Tommie's goat milking skills to the test.....

....maybe next time, **Tommie.**

A LITTLE POEM (AND SO TRUE)



**Another year has passed
And we're all a little older.
Last summer felt hotter
And winter seems much colder.**

**There was a time not long ago
When life was quite a blast.
Now I fully understand
About 'Living in the Past'**

**We used to go to weddings,
Football games and lunches..
Now we go to funeral homes
And after-funeral brunches.**

**We used to have hangovers,
From parties that were gay.
Now we suffer body aches
And while the night away.**

We used to go out dining,
And couldn't get our fill.
Now we ask for doggie bags,
Come home and take a pill.

We used to often travel
To places near and far.
Now we get sore asses
From riding in the car.

We used to go to nightclubs
And drink a little booze.
Now we stay home at night
And watch the evening news.

That, my friend is how life is,
And now my tale is told.
So, enjoy each day and live it up...
Before you're too damned old!



WE IS FRIENDS!

Me and You is friends
You smile, I smile...
You hurt, I hurt...
You cry, I cry...
You jump off a Bridge
I gonna miss your E-Mails.

April 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesda	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 G2 MONTHLY MTG. EAT @ 6/MTG. @7	2	3 GWRRA REGIONAL RALLY/MAR SHALL, TX.	4 GWRRA REGIONAL RALLY/MARSH ALL, TX.	5 GWRRA REGIONAL RALLY/MARSH ALL, TX.
6	7	8	9	10 Z2 DINNER RIDE TO MONA LISA PIZZA CADDO MILLS	11 CH.O BLUEBONNET RALLY/LADY BIRD JOHNSON PARK	12 CH.O BLUEBONNET RALLY/LADY BIRD JOHNSON PARK
13	14	15	16	17	18 Good Friday	19 <u>G2 - Terry's Lunch Ride to Carpenter's Bluff</u>
20 Easter Sunday	21	22	23	24	25	26 MYSTERY RIDE FROM PRINCETON CAFE/
27	28	29	30			

4/12 G2 RIDE TO LAKE HAWKINS. ERIC LEADS FROM

4/12 Z2 ALLEN BOWL 5PM/DINNER AFTER

Z2 CHAPTER MEETING (INFO LATER) WATCH FOR EMAILS WITH FURTHER INFO. FOR EACH RIDE

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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ANNIVERSARIES

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