



G2 Roadrunner NEWS

**GWRRA Region H South Central Texas District
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Hi Everyone,

Well, the month of July has passed and Wing Ding is over. Hope everyone had safe travels, terrific times, and made lots of new friends. The month of August is pretty quiet but don't forget the upcoming GWRRA "Weekend at the Opry" in Nashville, TN on 29-31 August, 2014.

Also, don't forget **"Ride 'n Relax" at the Flying L Guest Ranch on 13 September** in Bandera, TX. This event is sponsored by the Texas District of GWRRA. Last year was the first time for this event and everyone that attended had a great time, with some great riding and sight seeing in the Texas Hill Country. Please let your Chapter participants know that if they plan to attend this event (**I think they'll have a great time if they do**), I would suggest they make reservations now. They may want to arrive on 12 September!!

Bring some dominoes, cards, or board games if you want or you can choose just to kick back and relax with your friends and share road tales from the Riding season. You can also play some horseshoes, miniature golf, volley ball, tennis or basketball if you want. The idea is to just have some time with friends and enjoy this beautiful part of Texas. For information on this, go to the Texas District Website at <http://www.gwrra-tx.org/> and click on the Flying L logo. There are only 50 rooms blocked for our Texas GWRRA members so make your reservations soon!!

There are activities to attend from other Chapters and our Ride Coordinators will be putting out the specifics at the monthly

gathering. Remember if you would like to lead a ride or have a suggestion and places to go let them know so we can get it on the calendar. Thanks for your support.

From the Chapter educator:

I received the following email from the District Educator;

Jill & I are pleased to announce a new Rider Education Rewards Program! This program is designed to “reward” Texas District members for actively taking advantage of the GWRRA Rider Education Program. We believe this program is unique within GWRRA! It should help increase interest in the Rider Ed Levels Program as well as keep more folks up to date! We made up a flier on this new Rider Education Rewards Program which may be included in chapter newsletters.

Members may exchange their Rider Education Rewards Program Card at the 2015 Texas District Convention for free tickets to participate in great prize drawings. Members earn points for attending any Rider Ed seminars, and/or taking First Aid, CPR, Motorist Awareness seminars, as well as riding courses (Trike, ERC/ARC, Co-Rider, etc). A maximum of 38 points may be earned each year, but attending even one seminar will earn a member a free ticket for the Rewards Program raffles!

Attached to this email you will find the Rider Education Rewards Program Score Card consisting of two pages but can be printed front to back on one page. Score Cards can be freely printed. They are designed to be printed front & back, two cards per page. If you do not have the capability to print them, we would be happy to send them to you. Cards should be retained by the member, and may be replaced if lost.

Only one card may be turned in by each member at the 2015 Convention, and Rewards Program participants must be present to win. Rules are listed on the card so please read closely!

This program is retroactive to June 1, 2014. We hope to see lots of completed score cards at the 2015 Texas District rally in Temple! This is a new program so if you have any questions or comments, please contact us!

I will have the cards at the meeting for anyone interested. Thanks and see you at the meeting.

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Trip to Wing Ding 36 Rain and Tyre Problems

By George S. Augustas

Friday 27 June 2014: I checked the bike over for the trip. I found a large nail sticking out of the rear tyre. I made a quick trip to Dallas Honda. Three hours and \$250 later, it was fixed.

Saturday 28 June 2014: I checked the weather report. There was a chance of rain, but we may dodge it. I put the rain suit on and went to meet QP at the IHOP. He wasn't there. It seems I went to the wrong IHOP. Twenty minutes later I got to the correct one, and we started out. At the first fuel stop, I took the rain suit off. We had a few bouts of light rain, but we arrived at the hotel okay. At Ozark, Missouri, we had dinner at Lambert's Café. While there, it rained briefly—just a shower.



Sunday 29 June 2014: It was raining lightly this morning. We decided to put the rain suits on and take them off later. We rode in and out of light rain all morning. About 1:30, we stopped for fuel and took the rain suits off. It didn't rain any more that day. We arrived at American Gothic House shortly before four o'clock. Although closing time was four o'clock, they let us in. We took characteristic photos in front of the house and bought some souvenirs.

We proceeded to Fairfield and had dinner at a Mexican restaurant. Then we filled the fuel tanks. QP complained that the regular price was so high; I said he should try the super grade instead. In Iowa, the super grade is cheaper than regular because the regular has no alcohol in it and the super grade does. I always used the super grade with no ill effects, but the alcohol-free version might give better mileage. Just don't use the pump that says "E-85."



Monday 30 June 2014: The weather looked a little better this morning, but the clouds were socking in. The forecast was for thunderstorms. We headed out about eight-thirty, taking scenic country roads. The skies cleared up as we went on. We stopped at the I-80



Truck Stop in Walcott—the world's largest truck stop. Then we went to LeClaire to visit Antique Archaeology—the shop featured on *American Pickers* (History Channel). We saw Mike Wolfe there and took photos with him. He was very gracious. After lunch, we rode to Anamosa to visit the National Motorcycle Museum. As we rode, the skies became more threatening. When we got to the museum, I told QP that I was going to cover the bike, which I did. As soon as we went inside, a fierce

storm arose. The lights went out briefly and then came back on. After about an hour, the rain let up enough so we could leave. We put the rain suits on and started for Dubuque. On the way, we saw several trucks turned over on the road. We heard later that there had been some tornadoes nearby. We arrived at Dubuque at five-thirty and had dinner at Olive Garden because it was close by the hotel.

Tuesday, 01 July 2014: The forecast was partly cloudy with a 20% chance of rain. We set off at eight-thirty to visit the House on the Rock. It is a sight to behold. There are hundreds of rooms filled with all manner of things. The main attraction is a huge carousel deep in the innards of the place. I believe that if one spent a year there, one couldn't see everything in the house. Four hours later, we emerged and made the final leg of the trip to Madison. After we checked in, QP went to his hotel, and I went to the Cracker Barrel for supper. Whilst I was there, it rained (again)! That was the last time it rained on the trip.



Wednesday 2 July 2014: It was cloudy and somewhat cool. I walked to the Alliant Centre from the hotel for the opening ceremonies, which were very nice. Then I went to the vendor area. I saw QP, Tommie, Judy, Dan, and Donna. QP registered for a trike course and First Aid/CPR. I volunteered for the bike show and bought a nice GWRRA jacket. Later I returned to the Cracker Barrel for supper. The temperature was 66° at five o'clock.

Thursday 3 July 2014: Sunny today and much warmer! I went to the Alliant Centre at 0830. I toured the vendors again. I tried out some bike seats (I need a new one). I went to the Bike Show at noon to help with staging. Then I went back to the Alliant for some seminars. QP finished the Trike course and took his CPR/First Aid class. I went to supper at six o'clock. I found a place on the Garmin that looked good, but getting there was another matter. (And I thought *Dallas* streets were bad!)

Friday 4 July 2014: Forecast was sunny, high 77. I went to the rally... uh... convention site at 0830. I met QP there. He said that the others had already left. He went to watch the Drill Team show, and I went to the vendors. I bought a new seat for the bike. I had lunch and did some more seminars. I went to the J&M dinner at five o'clock. I looked for QP but did not see him there; he arrived later. I went to Wal-Mart for some things, then went back to the hotel. That Wal-Mart store is



very strange. You have to park under the store and ride a lift up to the store level.

Saturday 5 July 2014: I went over to ride in the Parade. It ended at the Alliant Centre. Then I took in a seminar and toured the vendors one last time. At four o'clock, QP and I attended the closing ceremonies. Afterwards, we went to the Prime Quarter Steakhouse for dinner. We selected our steaks from a case, took them over to a large grill, and grilled them ourselves. It was fun, and they were very good.

Sunday 6 July 2014: This was to be an express trip home. We started out at eight o'clock. We saw an accident on the way... a Gold Wing had run off the road. As I heard later, another biker had run in front of her, and she had to hit him or else run off the road, and she chose the latter. We were both tired and QP's feet were bothering him, and we had to stop several times. As a result, we got to our hotel about six-thirty. The motel wasn't much to look at (it had good reviews on Google), but I got the best night's sleep on the entire trip. We had supper at Arby's.

Monday 7 July 2014: We left at eight o'clock for the last time. We didn't have any trouble until we were way down in Oklahoma. A pickup truck lost its load, and it scattered all over the roadway. QP was a short distance behind me, and I yelled on the CB for QP to get into the left lane and watch out. He must have run over something, because in Durant, QP asked me if his front tyre looked okay. I spotted a Sonic drive-in, and I said, "Let's pull in there and check it." I got out my tyre gauge, and the front tyre was fine. Then I noticed that the left rear one was almost flat. I hooked up my air hose (thanks for the GL-1500 compressor!) and aired it up to 20. The waitress at Sonic told us there was a tyre place just down the road (Casteel's Tire Service). We went over there and they were just great. They repaired it very quickly. We were back on the road in due course and finished the trip with no further trouble.

The total mileage on the trip was 2,261.

Attendees: 8,873

New members: 329

Light Parade: 88

Grand Parade: 256

Wing Ding 37 will be held in Huntsville, Alabama, September 3–6, 2015. 😊

Top 8 morons of the year

1. WILL THE REAL DUMMY PLEASE STAND UP?

AT&T fired President John Walter after nine months, saying he lacked Intellectual leadership. He received a \$26 million severance package. Perhaps it's not Walter who's lacking intelligence.

2. WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS:

Police in Oakland, CA spent two hours attempting to subdue a gunman who had barricaded himself inside his home. After firing ten tear gas canisters, officers discovered that the man was standing beside them in the police line shouting, 'Please come out and give yourself up.'

3. WHAT WAS PLAN B?

An Illinois man, pretending to have a gun, kidnapped a motorist and forced him to drive to two different automated teller machines, wherein the kidnapper proceeded to withdraw money from his own bank accounts.

4. THE GETAWAY!

A man walked into a Topeka, KS Kwik Stop and asked for all the money in the cash drawer. Apparently the take was too small, so he tied up the store clerk and worked the counter himself for three hours until police showed up and grabbed him.

5. DID I SAY THAT?

Police in Los Angeles had good luck with a robbery suspect who just couldn't control himself during a lineup. When detectives asked each man in the lineup to repeat the words: 'Give me all your money or I'll shoot' The man shouted, 'That's not what I said!'

6. ARE WE COMMUNICATING?

A man spoke frantically into the phone: 'My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart'. 'Is this her first child?' the doctor asked. 'No!' the man shouted, 'This is her husband!'

7. NOT THE SHARPEST TOOL IN THE SHED!

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Judy Henson 08/02

Paul Mehne 08/08

R.B. Wilson 08/26

Tommie Elliott 08/27

Quintin Pierce 08/29

ANNIVERSARY

Bill & Sharon Godwin 08/29