



# ***G2 Roadrunners***

## ***December 2016 Newsletter***

**GWRRA Region "H" Texas District**



**Chapter G2 Greenville, TX**  
**Established October 2001**

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## **Save the Dates:**

### **G2 Christmas Party**

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm  
Napoli's Garland, TX

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### **North Texas Toy Run**

Dec 10th  
Grapevine, TX

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### **Big Texas Toy Run**

Dec 18th  
Ft. Worth/Dallas, TX

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### **Midwinter Roundup**

Jan 14<sup>th</sup>  
Wichita Falls, TX

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### **Louisiana District Rally**

March 30<sup>th</sup>  
Lafayette, LA

## **Chapter G2 Gatherings:**

### **Meeting Times (6:00pm dinner, 7:00pm meeting starts)**

On the first Tuesday of the month, G2 meets to discuss Chapter, GWRRA and ride information at The Buffet Palace (3202 I-30, Greenville, TX 75402) This has been the main Chapter meeting historically.

On the Third Tuesday of the month, G2 meets at Napoli's Restaurant in Wylie. (701 N Hwy 78, Wylie, TX 75098) - (972) 442-4653. This is a satellite location started in May 2016 created to help GWRRA members who are unable to make the Greenville or McKinney gatherings

*In general, the multiple location idea is what is being used in other states where geographically GWRRA Members are dispersed and small in numbers. Our Chapter usually meets multiple times for dinner anyway; this just allows more people the opportunity to participate in the chapter's affairs.*



## **From Your Chapter Director,**

This time of year, is filled with opportunity for spreading our good fortune and sharing with those less blessed in the form of charity rides and gifting events. We have already been on two “Toys for tots” and have plans for more as this wonderful season continues. This includes this December 10<sup>th</sup>, in the morning before our Christmas Party we have the 2016 North Texas Toy run. This ride leaves the Main event in Grapevine and ends at the Salvation Army post in Ft. Worth. Many of us have chosen families to sponsor and bought the children in those families’ clothes and toys. I encourage those looking to shake some dust off their rides to join me. Wrapping up the charity rides will be the Big Texas Toy Ride that leaves from both Dallas and Ft. Worth, and meets up in the middle!

It is hard to believe that two years have gone by since we were allowed to be your chapter directors. We have learned so much over this time and have made many friends, both in our chapter, and in the district and region. We have seen much and rode many miles. As it is however, it is time to pass the mantle back to Harry Whipple as 2017 will be one of the biggest challenges to Donna and I, both financial and time draining. Our daughter Valerie is getting married October 2017, and so much must be done to prepare the house and our bank accounts. That will be two of our three out on their own and the house will feel less full! Time to finish our projects and look forward to downsizing!

The first thoughts that go through my mind are ones of gratitude. We have been blessed with friends for the past three years that we have been involved in GWRRA. Coming down from Chicago in 2005, we knew no one, we had almost no social life and no interests outside our home until we found you all, and I am so thankful for that! We enjoyed visiting other chapters, rallies and GWRRA events in cities across Texas and even in other states. We truly wish that the message of safety and fun would spread and this organization would grow back into what it once was.

We have no intent to leave G2 only to take a lesser role. We enjoy our friendship we have formed and plan on doing all we can to keep G2 viable and thriving. But as I have said before this is a team sport. The riding and the dinners are fun, but it takes the efforts of more than just the CD and treasurer to keep a chapter running. There are all the efforts to bring in new members, the duties to communicate via web, social media, email and the newsletter that are expected services of any GWRRA chapter. It is how information is shared on safety and opportunities to ride. And without it, the Chapter is toast. I encourage you all to find your special way to reach out to Harry and offer to carry but a little bit of the burden. It does not have to be huge, just enough to make sure you feel ownership in this chapter, and alleviate some small part that would otherwise fall on the CD. Donna and I intend to do just that, and have offered Harry our continued involvement in whatever form he asks us to do.

Many blessings to you and your families this time of year. And may 2017 be one of health, wealth and contentment!

**Dan Rymarz**  
**TX-G2 Chapter Director**



## From your Chapter Educator:

Greetings Roadrunners.

Hope everyone had a good thanksgiving and is working toward a great Christmas. Since my last newsletter, I attended the Basic Rider Course Update at the El Paso Community College. It was a five-day course consisting of Knowledge tests, Classroom exercises and Range skill exercises. The state is switching over to the update. All sponsors ranges have to be painted and Rider Coaches certified by August 2017. Major changes include you no longer do workbook assignments in class room. Those have to be completed on line before you attend the class. For the state of Texas completion of the on-line course also for fills the knowledge test requirement for your endorse if you are over 18. The BRC2 which is the old ERC has not been finalized yet but I will get it done when available.

From The District Educator: **Randy and Kathy Reese** [txed@gwrri-tx.org](mailto:txed@gwrri-tx.org)

### Mid-Winter Round Up

Before you know it, this year will be over. The Texas District Mid-Winter Round up will be held in Wichita Falls on **January 14**. This is a time for all officers to get together for training updates, turning in chapter paperwork, and planning for the New Year. We will also recognize our top 3 Educators of the Year at Mid-Winter. We strongly encourage you to **mark your calendars** and make every effort to join us.

### Texas District Raffle

Each year, Rider Education holds a raffle to help offset some of our costs for Supplies and help pay for our Level 4 meal at the State Rally. The drawing will be held at the State Rally in May. As you remember, we had a very successful raffle for a YETI package last year that included a 50 qt. cooler, 2 tumblers and 2 coasters. Since this went so well, we are offering YETI products again this year. This year, each ticket sold will be entered into 2 drawings for YETI packages. The first drawing will be a Tundra Roadie 20 Cooler (fits on a trailer tongue well) and two YETI tumblers. The second drawing will be for a Hopper soft-sided cooler, a Rambler Thermos, and a two lowball rambles. We also will have a YETI incentive for whoever sells the winning ticket.

### Rider Educator Resource

Like it or not, our GWRRA ranks are aging. There are a couple of GW seminars addressing this, but a few years ago, I used information from this article from Harvard Medical School to encourage my members (and myself) to take better care of themselves. Hope it will give you some food for thought, [http://www.health.harvard.edu/newsweek/Exercise\\_and\\_aging\\_Can\\_you\\_walk\\_away\\_from\\_Father\\_Time.htm](http://www.health.harvard.edu/newsweek/Exercise_and_aging_Can_you_walk_away_from_Father_Time.htm).

### Upcoming Major Events – Time to Ride!

**Mar 30-Apr 1** – Louisiana District Rally; Lafayette

**Apr 8** - TX-O Bluebonnet Rally; Fredericksburg

**April 27-29** – Region H Rally; Marshall

**June 23-24** – Kansas Rally; Hutchinson

**May 18-20** – Texas District Rally; Wichita Falls

**July 13-15** – Arkansas Rally; Eureka Springs

**Aug 29-Sept 2** – Wing Ding 39; Grapevine, Texas

**Sept 28-30** – OK Rally; Muskogee

Last but not least I'm Back from my work in El Paso and look forward to being more active in the chapter.

**Harry Whipple**

**G2 Chapter Educator**



## From the Region Director

Hello Region H.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Reba and I killed two birds with one stone in November. We had Thanksgiving and family Christmas on the same weekend. When you have kids scattered all over the U.S., you have to do what you have to do. 9 grandkids plus an assortment of nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, brothers, sisters, in-laws and “outlaws” insured an action-packed weekend. I can’t remember how many trips around the block on the old Gold Wing there were.

In December, we have our Chapter Christmas gathering, the Bawcomville Red Neck Christmas Parade (where the most cherished throw is rolls of toilet paper and yes, this is right down the street from the Duck Dynasty location), toy runs, firework displays and Christmas musicals. But just as exciting is the beginning of calendaring for next year. Since I (Jim) am retiring at the end of January, we are excited about planning for next year. All the rallies, a cruise or two and leading the chapter on some long rides, including Nova Scotia. We love this time of year.

Here are some noteworthy items for you:

1. We have announced new District Directors for Oklahoma and Kansas. Please welcome on board the new OK District Directors, John and Shawn Irons, OK Chapter X, Stillwater, OK. Your new KS District Directors are Bill and Sarah Watts of KS Chapter H in Hutchinson, Kansas.
2. There are new email addresses listed in this newsletter and on the webpage for our Region Trainer and our Region Treasurer. We discovered their email host was not real cooperative with the email forwarding from our website.
3. My ax handle broke! This is my standard excuse when I screw up. After all, one excuse is as good as another and this way I can always remember what I told you. I was supposed to have sent out some officer pins several months ago and just flat out forgot to do that. Now we have a good stock of the officer wings in the patch and pin inventory. If you need any for new officers, please place the order thru the normal patch and pin process. They are FREE!
4. Don’t forget the financial reports due in January are required to be on the new GWRRA Financial Report and the Financial Cover Sheet dated 1/1/2016.

Have a great holiday season and please don’t overeat (yeah, right!).

***Reba and Jim Berry***  
***Region “H” Director***



## From Your District Directors

### Get Ready for 2017

2017 is going to be an amazing year for GWRRA. As we receive the Area Run lists for Texas, it is amazing to see how many people have joined this year. This is a great opportunity for you to step up and help your chapter grow. Get with your Chapter Director and advise him/her that you are interested in being involved with the things going on within your chapter. It can be little things like greeting people at the door when they come in, sitting with new people to answer any questions they might have, leading a ride to go a visit another chapter. All of these things are important positions and should not be taken lightly. One thing you can do is to attend the MWRU this upcoming year. There are no fees involved. Just come and visit for the day.

January 14, 2017 will be the date for your MWRU (Mid-Winter Round Up) in Wichita Falls. For those of you that do not know what this means, it's the end of the year business (financials) along with the new business of new teams and everyone getting sworn in and receiving their patches, pins and certificates of appreciation. We also will have the new Couples of the year getting presented with their medallions. This is also the time that all Chapters will be turning in their Chapter of the Year packets to Sheri Altes. (Chapter of the Year Coordinator).

We will have approximately four educational seminars that everyone will be able to attend and we will be passing out folders to the Chapter Directors with information to pass on to the members. There will be information regarding the Texas District Rally and other Region H Rallies.

This will be a great opportunity for everyone to get a look at the facility and hotels that have been chosen for the Texas Rally. The MPEC Center is awesome and they really roll out the red carpet for GWRRA members. They love us in Wichita Falls.

Your District team is planning a great rally for everyone this year and we want to share those ideas with all of you. The registration forms are ready to be passed out and will be on the website this month.

The host hotels have been chosen (information on the registration forms) and we think everyone will be pleased with the location. It also has a very large parking lot, there may be some things happening in that lot.

We would like everyone to come and visit this one day event. Our goal is to have everyone leave the MWRU with something new they have learned to carry back to their chapter.

So come and join us in Wichita Falls.

We hope to see everyone there.

***Mike & Robin Thacker***  
***Texas District Director***



## **GWRRA Vision**

Gold Wing Road Riders Association [GWRRA], founded in 1977, is recognized as the world's largest single-marquee motorcycle association in the world. GWRRA provides safety, technical, and educational services to its Members world-wide.

## **GWRRA Mission**

Dedicated to our Motto; Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge, GWRRA Members enjoy the freedom of belonging to a not-for-profit, non-religious and non-political organization.

## **GWRRA Values**

**Friends** - GWRRA Members are men and women from all walks of life with varied interests and backgrounds. We have Gold Wing and other touring motorcycle riders of all age groups. Some ride solo and many ride with small and large groups! New Members join GWRRA especially for the technical information we share; some of our Members join for the enjoyment of riding with friends and also meeting new friends. Find your future riding friends with your [Region Map](#).

**Fun** - As a family organization, GWRRA has certain fun groups to include restaurant, picnic and campout runs. We also have GWRRA groups to include charities, parades, and small or large events across the country. GWRRA Members can participate in live or video seminars through [Rider Education Programs](#).

**Safety** - We strive for improvement through GWRRA safety workshops. We will share technical expertise, news and tips about riding, maintenance and the best touring routes in the world. [Safety is for Life](#) on our GWRRA Rider Education Programs page.

**Knowledge** - While generalization about a group of individuals as large as today's GWRRA is difficult, GWRRA Members are likely to be independent thinkers, fun-loving, generous, adventuresome, cooperative and unfazed by the natural challenges of riding in the rain, temperature extremes or highway uncertainties. Many Members have Find " CPR and First Aid Training " on our GWRRA Medic First Aid International® Programs.

### ***Why belong to GWRRA?***

There are many benefits to becoming a GWRRA Member. As a Member you will enjoy camaraderie and fellowship while enjoying the comfort of belonging to the largest family of Gold Wing/F6B and other touring motorcycle owners. We like to share our pleasure in the freedom of riding motorcycles with others like ourselves. Our Members strive for improvement by attending GWRRA live, video and webinar safety workshops. We offer an emergency towing and roadside assistance program called Rescue Plus. This is a benefit that ensures peace of mind, day or night. Among our 60,000 + skilled and dedicated Members can find the answer to almost any question regarding the Gold Wing! Your special Membership Card signifies your membership, along with many other benefits such as; discounts at touring motorcycle dealerships, designated hotels, campgrounds and travel agencies. As a Member, whenever you need help traveling, our Gold Book Directory connects you with your nearest friends, worldwide. Our most important benefit is sharing how to safely enjoy motorcycling in more ways than you thought possible. Belong to GWRRA!

## [Become a member!](#)

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Discounted, low-cost roadside assistance for you and your family for as little as \$35 per year\*, provided by Nation Safe Drivers. Rescue Plus is our best value solution. Learn how much Rescue Plus can save you by comparing it to AAA PLUS.

Rescue Plus covers all registered family members within the household while driving any non-commercial vehicle or motorcycle, with 100 miles of free towing. Standard Rescue covers motorcycles only. This plan also covers GWRRRA Members' motorcycle trailers. (Note: Members of GWRRRA must have a Family Membership to cover multiple drivers.)

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### **ADDITIONAL RESCUE PLUS BENEFITS & INFORMATION**

Map Service - Car map. Membership allows specially prepared maps for travel. Call 800-338-2680 two weeks in advance of your trip, giving your trip origin and destination.

Rental Car Discounts - Rental car keys. Call any of these nationwide rental car companies providing assigned identification number and receive a discount.

Alamo 800-354-2322 (ID# 93625); AVIS 800-831-8000 (ID# A619901); Budget 800-772-3773 (ID# 8700013620); Dollar 800-800-4000 (ID# NS6009); National 800-Car-Rent (ID# 5140401); Thrifty 800-367-2277 (ID# 0010027892).

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### **Important reminder**

We have several sponsors who help make Chapter G2 successful, whether it be generous donations, access to facilities, or friendly knowledgeable staff that share their time and expertise to help keep us safe, and our bike functioning. It is with our thanks that we place acknowledgements of these valued businesses in our newsletters. We do not offer, nor accept, paid advertisement space in our newsletters. It is our hope that when you have need for the services that these business offer, you consider giving them the opportunity to serve you. Please make sure you let them know you are from Chapter G2 and that you appreciate their support!



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