





# Roadrunner NEWS

GWRRA Region H "South Central Texas District Chapter G2 Greenville, TX January 2014 Established October 2001

#### Notes from the CD:

Well Road Runners another Year in the Books. First were having our monthly gatherings at a new location. Please ensure you give me your feedback on the new location. This will aid me in determining where to hold the gatherings. Next I'm embarking on a new adventure in life so I may not be readily available to assist you with you questions or problems in the chapter. Rest assured I will have my electronic leashes with me when I'm not here and I will answer all emails when I get them. Now the information on the hat completion at the District convention:

Just a quick reminder of what is needed for the upcoming "Best Hat in Texas" competition at the District Convention on 8-10 May 2014. We think it would be lots of fun if the CD's scheduled one of their upcoming Chapter Gatherings as "Funny Hat" night to inject even more fun into your Gatherings for your membership.

We're going to call this contest the "Best Hat in Texas". We want this to be fun for everyone and since we're not going to have much time to accomplish this, we're only going to have a couple of rules and run the competition like this:

#### **NOTE:** Added requirement for pictures in **RED**.

- 1. Each Chapter CD should schedule a "Funny Hat" night for one of their Chapter Gathering.
  - a. RULE ONE: "Funny Hat" night must be scheduled anytime between now and April 30, 2014.
- 2. Each Chapter will declare a Male & Female winner for their group.

- 3. After selecting your Chapter Male & Female winners, submit a photo and name (as soon as possible) of each winner to the District MEC's (Steve & Donna Van Gilder). Need photo of both the hat by itself and each winner wearing them.
  - a. RULE TWO: Submit your photo's in 800 x 600 pixel format. (If you have any questions about doing that, please call me at 210-391-9495)
- **4.** As we receive the pictures, we will forward them to the District Newsletter Editor and have them put into the Monthly District Newsletter.
- **5.** At the District Convention, we will set up a "Best Hat in Texas" table with pictures of the Male & Female winners from each Chapter and a ballot box.
- **6.** When you sign in at the District Convention, you will receive a ballot card for the contest in your packet. You can select your winners and place your ballot card in the ballot box.
  - a. Ballots must be completed before 3:00 PM on Friday, 9 May, 2013.
  - b. Ballots will be counted and tabulated by the District Staff.
- 7. At the beginning of the Costume Dance on Friday, 9 May 2014, the winners from each Chapter will be announced and presented to the rest of the District Membership.
  - a. RULE THREE: Chapter Winners must be present and wearing their hat's during the presentation to be eligible to win the "Best Hat in Texas" award.
- 8. Chapter winners (Male & Female) with the most ballots will be declared the winner of the "Best Hat in Texas" competition.
- 9. The winners of the "Best Hat in Texas" competition will be crowned and rewarded for their efforts.

So as you can see, there's not going to be a lot of rules, hopefully only FUN. We sincerely hope that each Chapter participates in this competition and has as much FUN as possible with it. We will do our best to make it a rewarding and FUN experience for all your Chapter winners at the District Convention.

So come on Texas, let's find the "Best Hat in Texas" and have some FUN. Should you have any questions/concerns, please let me know.

Next we have an invitation to all that is interested from the TMSC.

TMSC Meeting January 29



Join us for the <u>Texas Motorcycle Safety Coalition</u> (TMSC) board and committee meeting, January 29. The meeting will be held in College Station, Texas, at the Texas A&M Transportation Institute State Headquarters and Research Building. Both members and non-members are invited to attend the meeting.

Please RSVP via <u>email</u> by **Thursday**, **January 24** and indicate if you will drive a vehicle or motorcycle so we can have an accurate headcount and correct parking permits.

#### **Preliminary Agenda:**

- Outreach event planning
- Update the Coalition Member Database
- President's report: 2013 year in review
- Motorcycle Safety Forum suggestions/planning
- Committee reports
- Break-out Group Discussions: Committee chairs will meet with all committee members present to discuss what their focus (deliverables) will be for the upcoming year, relative to our new Strategic Plan

The TMSC serves as a public forum for addressing strategies to improve motorcycle safety; discusses effective programs, regulations, and other opportunities to improve motorcycle safety; reviews, proposes, and makes recommendations concerning motorcycle-related legislation; and serves to promote rider safety and inform the public about being aware of motorcycles and sharing the road safely.

Sign up to get involved with the coalition.

For more information about the coalition or to see past meeting minutes, go to the TMSC page.

View the invitation for more details.

Last but not least, Make sure if you want to lead a ride or have a destination in mind to email our ride coordinators (Tommie and Judy) the places you would like to go. Thanks for your support.

### From The Chapter Educator:

This information is provided from the Look Learn and Live Website.

It's wintertime and the temperatures make it hard for riders to find warmth on the roadways. However, with the proper attire, riders can stay safe from the cold throughout the season. There are several different options for winter riding gear.

Some riders choose to wear heated gear. Everything from heated body suits to heated gloves is on the market. Others choose to wear multiple layers with a wind-proof shell. For example, wearing breathable layers underneath a leather layer will provide warmth and protection from the wind. Other items that are winter appropriate are: insulated boots and gloves, a fog-proof helmet and a balaclava.

Frostbite and hypothermia are risks when riding in the cold temperatures, so make sure to bundle up during the winter season!

Ever wonder what the temperature is at riding speeds? View these charts to calculate wind chill.

Below are 2 wind-chill factor charts for when riding motorcycle whether in Winter time, or Summer times so you will know how to properly dress for riding.

# This chart is for when riding in the winter times . . .

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30	42	35	28	22	15	8	1	-5	-12	-19	-26	-33	-39	-46	-53	-60	-67	-73	-80	-87	-9
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# Motorcycle Wind Chill Chart

This chart mainly for the Summer times . . .

Ever Wonder What The Temperature Is At Riding Speeds...

Riding Speed (mph)		Air Temperature (degrees F)														
	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	
5	27	32	37	43	48	53	58	64	69	74	79	85	90	95	100	
10	16	22	28	34	40	47	53	59	65	71	77	84	90	96	102	
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## **OLD PEOPLE**

I never really liked the term "Old Person" but this makes me feel better about it. And if you aren't one, I bet you know one! I got this from an "Old Person" friend of mine!

## **OLD PERSON PRIDE**

I'm passing this on as I did not want to be the only old person receiving it. Actually, it's not a bad thing to be called, as you will see.

Old People are easy to spot at sporting events; during the playing of the National Anthem. Old People remove their caps and stand at attention and sing without embarrassment. They know the words and believe in them.

Old People remember World War II, Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Normandy and Hitler. They remember the Atomic Age, the Korean War, The Cold War, the Jet Age and the Moon Landing. They remember the 50 plus Peacekeeping Missions from 1945 to 2005, not to mention Vietnam.

If you bump into an Old Person on the sidewalk he will apologize. If you pass an Old Person on the street, he will nod or tip his cap to a lady. Old People trust strangers and are courtly to women.

Old People hold the door for the next person and always, when walking, make certain the lady is on the inside for protection.

Old People get embarrassed if someone curses in front of women and children and they don't like any filth or dirty language on TV or in movies.

Old People have moral courage and personal integrity. They seldom brag unless it's about their children or grandchildren.

It's the Old People who know our greatCountry is protected, not by politicians, but by the young men and women in the Military serving their Country.

This Country needs Old People with their work ethic, sense of responsibility, pride in their Country and decent values.

We need them now more than ever.

Thank God for Old People.

Pass this on to all of the "Old People" you know.

I was taught to respect my elders. It's just getting harder to find them.

#### ANDY ROONEY RECENTLY DIED AT AGE 92. THANKS ANDY

These are written by Andy Rooney, a man who had the gift of saying so much with so few words. Enjoy......

I've learned.... That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

I've learned.... That when you're in love, it shows.

I've learned.... That just one person saying to me, "You've made my day!" makes my day.

I've learned.... That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

I've learned.... That being kind is more important than being right.

I've learned.... That you should never say no to a gift from a child.

I've learned.... That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.

I've learned.... That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

I've learned.... That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

I've learned.... That simple walks with my father around the

block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.

I've learned.... That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

I've learned.... That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

I've learned.... That money doesn't buy class.

I've learned.... That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I've learned.... That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

I've learned.... That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

I've learned.... That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

I've learned.... That love, not time, heals all wounds.

I've learned.... That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

I've learned.... That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

I've learned.... That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.

I've learned... That life is tough, but I'm tougher.

I've learned.... That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

I've learned.... That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

I've learned.... That I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.

I've learned.... That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.

I've learned..... That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I've learned..... That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, that you're hooked for life.

I've learned.... That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

I've learned.... That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

# Our New Year Gathering at Babe's







It was a crispy New Years day that found about 25 fellow Goldwingers at Babe's in Garland for our annual New Year's Day ride, and it was a rousing success. Members from chapters G2, Z2 and former chapter B gathered to make this one of the best annual New Year's Day rides ever. It was great to see so many friends that we haven't seen in some time. Here's hoping we can duplicate this again in 2015!

## HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU!

Addendum to the New Year's ride: After this ride was completed I was taught an important lesson that I hope to pass on to all riders, and intend to share even with my non-Goldwing motorcycle friends. After this ride, Tommie and Judy Elliot and Donna Rymarz and myself, (Dan

Rymarz) were riding up 75 in Richardson when we noticed smoke then as we crested a hill, saw a car fire on the southbound side of the highway, we called this out on the CB and began to slow down. Unfortunately a Harley rider bearing down on our left did not. He locked up both tires went down quickly and he and his bike slid into Tommie's front wheel bringing him down. Tumbling bikes and riders were a blur. Donna and I on my bike and Judy behind us were able to stop in time as did all the cars and trucks behind us everyone ran to the riders. Because Tommie was wearing proper attire (jacket, pants, helmet, gloves), he was feeling some pain but had made it thru without anything life threatening. He stayed put and did not move much to make sure he did not make anything worse and waited for emergency personnel to get there. The other rider was not as lucky. He was not wearing a helmet and had a very large spot of road rash on his head, a broken elbow, injured ankle and multiple wounds where the pavement rubbed thru his jeans. He will recover but he was lucky it was not worse. Later that night, after getting Tommie back home from a day of x-rays, CT scans, and high quality pain pills and muscle relaxers, we all sat around a discussed what were the take away's from this close encounter and this is what we came up with.

- 1. Proper gear is key to walking away from an accident, Helmet, quality Jacket, riding pants, boots, and gloves can save your skin and life.
- 2. The Dangers out there are not always avoidable. An unforeseen danger behind you can wrap you up in an event even of you were doing everything right, as Tommie was.
- 3. Proper spacing and staggering of lane position is critical in making sure a two vehicle accident does not pull others in.

- 4. This can happen to any of us. Tommie has been riding since he was 25, was as experienced as they come, and always rode with caution, but yet in an instant with no warning, others can bring chaos to a beautiful, sunny warm day. Being prepared is all you can do to minimize the risks we take every time we ride.
- 5. Not only look for immediate threats but also look for the things that start those chain reactions. Anything unusual ahead or behind can change a situation quickly. Other accidents or a stray dog up ahead, children, sprinklers, and leaves can cause others on the road to react into your path, anticipate how others will react to those things and may become an obstacle you will need to avoid. Because we slowed down as we anticipated gawkers (which awaited us over the hill) we were prepared to stop in time, and because that other rider did not, he injured both himself and Tommie (and scared the rest of us).

Stay safe out there!

## **RECIPES**

## **Breakfast Cheese Danish**

- 2 cans ready to use refrigerated crescent rolls
- 2 (8-ounce each) packages cream cheese
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 egg
- 1 egg white

#### Glaze:

- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 2 Tablespoons milk
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350\* degrees and grease a 13X9-inch baking pan. Lay a pack of crescent rolls in the pan and pinch the openings together. Beat the cream cheese, sugar, vanilla, and egg together until smooth. Spread the mixture over the crescent rolls evenly and then lay the second pack of crescent rolls on top of the cheese mixture and brush with egg white. Bake for 35-45 minutes until the top is golden brown. Top with glaze after cooling for 20 minutes.



Peach cake: NO EGGS

1 large can sliced peaches, drained and mashed (I used 2 regular cans since that is all I had at the time) You could also use fresh peaches.

2 cups all-purpose flour

2 cups sugar

2 teaspoons baking soda

Drain the peaches and empty into a large bowl. I just used my hands to mash them. Add flour, sugar and soda and mix well. Spray a  $9 \times 13$  inch cake pan and pour in batter. Bake in a preheated 350F degree oven for 35 minutes. See recipe below for icing.

#### ICING:

3/4 cup sugar

3/4 regular sized can of evaporated milk

1 stick butter or margarine

1 cup coconut (I used a little more than a cup of coconut)

1 cup nuts

Boil everything but the nuts on top of the stove until thickens, remove from heat, stir in nuts and spread on cooled cake.

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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NO BIRTHDAYS OR ANNIVERSARIES FOR JAN.



# January 2014

day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1RIDE TO BABE'S New Year's Day	2	3	4
	6	7 G2 MONTHLY MEETING @ COLLIN STREET BAKERY. EAT @6/MTG @7PM	8	9	10	11
	13	14	15	16	17	18
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	27	28	29	30	31	

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# **NOTES**