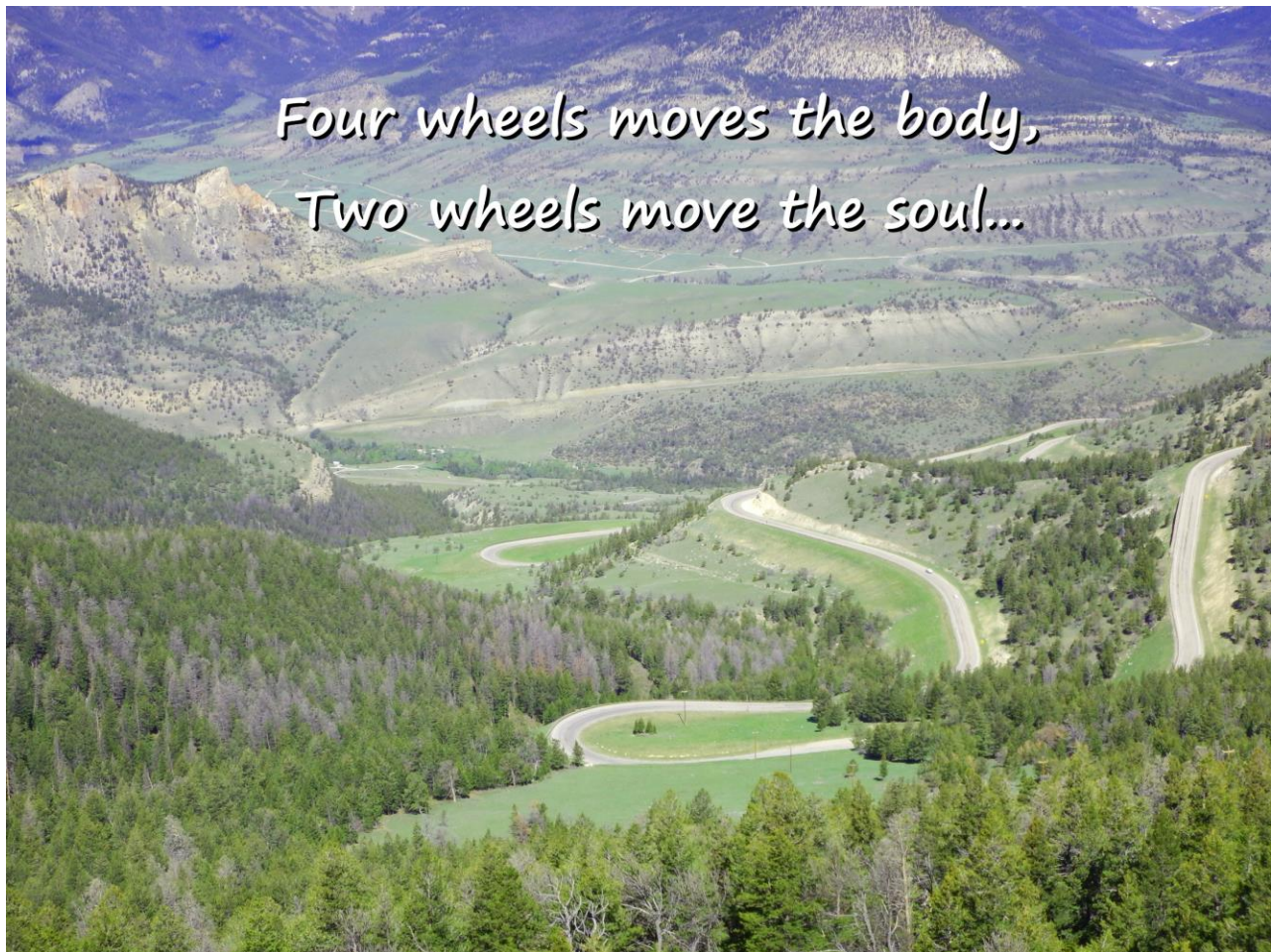




G2 Roadrunner NEWS

**GWRRA Region H, Texas District
Chapter G2 Greenville, TX
Established October 2001
January 2015 Edition**



Chapter Officers

Chapter Directors - Dan & Donna Rymarz

dan@rymarz.com, donna@rymarz.com

Chapter Educator - Harry Whipple

skcmss@yahoo.com

Chapter Treasurer - George Augustas

gsaugustas@att.net

Chapter Newsletter - Ron Wilson

zzbear52@hotmail.com

Chapter Ride Coordinators - Tommie & Judy Elliott

tdejle@yahoo.com

Chapter Website - Dan Rymarz

dan@rymarz.com

Chapter Website: <http://www.g2txroadrunner.org/>

Chapter Discounts are offered at: Maxim Honda, DFW Honda, Cyclecenter of Denton.
Percentage will vary based on products purchased. Remember to tell your salesperson of your G2 affiliation

From The Chapter Director, Dan Rymarz:



Happy New Year Road Runners! As most of you already know, there has been a change in the leadership in G2 for 2015. I, Dan Rymarz and my wife Donna, have taken on the role of Chapter Director replacing Harry and Lone Whipple who have held that responsibility for the last two years. Harry and Lone have done a great job representing us in all matter dealing with GWRRA. Donna and I will do our best to continue the tradition of service to you all, and to make this chapter a group that embodies what GWRRA is supposed to be all about, Friends, Fun, Safety, and Knowledge.

December was a month of constant activity with Charity rides, Christmas Parties, and Hanukah. We had ample opportunities to break bread together and enjoy great company and building friendships. The Holidays are hectic and full of family events that often take precedence over Chapter events, as it should be. Now life will start to return back to normal as we enter the winter months and the unpredictability of North Texas weather.

This month Donna and I will be hosting a ride planning meeting at our house to discuss destinations and events for 2015 and try to get a loose idea of what we can do to offer the greatest number of opportunities for all to find rides they would like to take part of, (if they so choose to of course). And so we begin 2015 with the hope and desire to have a year full of great rides, expanding group of friends, shrinking waistlines, and above all else a year of safe travels! Our success is ours to make!

A Change of leadership at the District Level

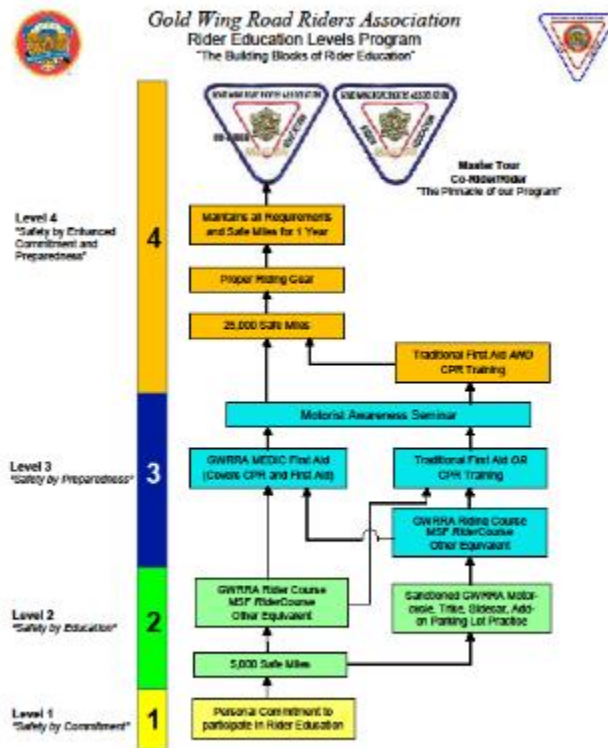


This December also marks the transition of the role of Texas Districts Chapter Directors from David & Christina Vidrine to Mike & Robin Thacker. Mike and Robin joined GWRRA in 2004 and have served Texas in a number of different capacities, most recently as Assistant District Directors. They have been Assistant Chapter Directors, Chapter Directors, Chapter Couple of the Year and District Couple of the Year.

From The Chapter Educator, Harry Whipple:

How many of you have seen the below chart and the explanation for the Chart?

Explanation of the GWRRA Rider Education Levels Program...



Purpose

The GWRRA Rider Education Program (REP) is intended to make the motorcycle environment safer by reducing injuries and fatalities and increasing motorcyclist skills and awareness. The REP does not propose to have all the answers. However, our close-working relationship with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF), as well as additional GWRRA programs and studies, has provided a wealth of information for use in establishing a comprehensive Rider Education Program. Through Commitment, Education and Application, we can reduce our accident rate significantly. Listed below are several benefits of a fully implemented GWRRA Rider Education Program at the Chapter level:

- Increased rider knowledge
- Increased rider safety skills
- Prevention of accidents
- Reduced injuries
- Reduced fatalities
- Improved general public image of motorcyclists
- Enhanced enjoyment of motorcycle riding

The motorcycle community is already realizing many positive benefits from the GWRRA Rider Education Program. Through the efforts of the Rider Education Officers and participation of the membership and others, we will reach our goal of establishing the safest motorcycle environment possible.

Level I: Safety by Commitment - The first big step to success



Level I of the Rider Education Program is also referred to as Safe Miles. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or the Co-Rider to practice safe motorcycle operation whenever they operate their motorcycle.



Safety is a state of mind which can only be attained through total commitment. Every successful accomplishment begins with a commitment to reach the intended objective. This is true of the Rider Education Program and includes a promise to learn for the sake of Rider, Co-Rider, friends and family, and others on the road.



Though there is no mileage requirement to enter Level I, the commitment to safe riding is tracked by the number of accident free miles since joining GWRRA. Accident free miles are accumulated in 5,000 mile increments and may be updated at yearly intervals. Requirement: Verbal commitment to ride safely at all times. No

cost to sign up. Patches available at \$6.00 per participant Receive: "Safe Miles" patch, Rider (or Co-rider) Rocker, and mileage pin.

Level II: Safety by Education



Level II of the REP is also referred to as Tour Rider. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to be safer motorcycle riders by taking approved motorcycle riding courses at regular intervals.



GWRRA has chosen several educational training programs for the Riders and Co-Riders such as the MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) programs, the United Sidecar Association course, the CSC (Canadian Safety Council) programs, and the GWRRA's Advanced Riding courses and Parking Lot Practice programs. (See note in the Rider Education Manual on PLP.)

Completing these courses provides the foundation and skills for your quest to be a safe motorcycle rider. All recognized programs with the exception of the PLP are taught by qualified and Nationally certified instructors. PLPs use our Facilitators to administer the program.

For the Co-Rider, we have provided an excellent seminar and "Two Up" programs to assist in their role in the safety aspect of motorcycle riding.

Motorcycle education goes "hand in hand" with commitment. The "on bike" education by MSF, USCA, CSC and GWRRA for the Rider and Co-Rider and the "off bike" education designed specifically for the Co-Rider, provide a very effective approach to motorcycle safety. This is when a REP participant truly begins to understand what the Level I commitment means and sees the value in the program.

Requirement: Rider - a Certified Rider Course with 5,000 safe miles. Co-Rider - certified Co-rider Seminar or 2-up Rider Course. No cost to sign up. Patches available at \$5.00 per participant Receive: "Red Triangle" patch for either Rider or Co-rider signifying Level II participant.

Level III: Safety by Preparedness



Level III of the REP is also referred to as Certified Tour Rider/Co-Rider. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to be prepared in the event of an accident to give aid and possibly save lives. This is done by being knowledgeable in First Aid or CPR and carrying a first aid kit on their motorcycle at all times.

It would be wonderful if we could achieve the coveted goal of zero accidents, however, we know realistically, accidents will happen. Because of this, it is important to be fully prepared to lend aid to unfortunate accident victims. It is important to always be prepared to save a life. Level III of the Rider Education Program was developed to deal with such circumstances by recognizing and encouraging proper First Aid or CPR training. CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation), has been used to save many lives. Being trained to render CPR or First Aid is a tremendous asset to those the REP participant will come in contact with daily.

Attendance of a Motorist Awareness Seminar at this level exposes the Member to our program to improve awareness of all road users to the presence of motorcycle, trike, and sidecar enthusiasts. When interfacing with the public in the future, the Level III Rider or Co-Rider can inform them about what we have available to help others share the road with us. GWRRA University Trainers certified in Rider Education are authorized to present Motorist Awareness Seminars.

Requirement: Current in Level II and have taken either First Aid or CPR training, & MA seminar
No cost to sign up. Patches available at \$4.00 per participant
Receive: "Certified Tour Rider" or "Certified Co-Rider" patch.

Level IV: Safety By Enhanced Commitment and Preparedness



Level IV is the most prestigious of the REP levels and is referred to as Master Tour Rider/Co-Rider. It represents the highest commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to safe riding and preparedness. This commitment is shown by a demonstrated history of safe miles and current certification in both First Aid and CPR.. These Master Tour Riders/Co-Riders are the finest example to everyone of the highest commitment to safe motorcycle operation and preparedness.

Level IV of the REP, the Master Tour Rider, was designed for those special caring individuals who desire to "be all they can be" with regards to motorcycle safety. The requirements are more stringent than Level III and require a greater commitment. These individuals are caring, trained and prepared with the experience to back them up. It is realized Level IV is not for everyone, but for those who desire to be of greater service to their fellow man, it is the correct prescription.

Why desire to be a Level IV Master Tour Rider? It's a worthy goal. Being prepared to save a life is a high calling indeed! These individuals are shining examples to the rest of the GWRRRA membership. Others aspire to practice the same commitment as displayed by those who have attained Level IV. For that reason, because these individuals are ambassadors to the members at all levels, GWRRRA provides a special gathering to celebrate the Master Tour Rider commitment each year at the District Rally, Region D Rally and Wing Ding.

Requirement: Current in Level III for one year and have taken both First Aid and CPR training. Have 25,000 Safe Miles and must be committed to riding with "Proper Riding Gear" at all times.

Cost: \$35.00 for each participant (Black and Gold patch is available for another \$8.00)

Receive: "Special Triangular" patch with dark blue border and your individual Master number embroidered on it.

So there you have the program structure:

- Level I Safety by Commitment
- Level II Safety by Education
- Level III Safety by Preparedness
- Level IV Safety by Enhanced Commitment and Preparedness

The GWRRRA is proud to present the Rider Education Program. We encourage you to think seriously about motorcycle safety and be a participant in the GWRRRA Rider Education Program. You should also remember the old cliché, "an ounce of prevention IS worth a pound of cure." Always wear protective riding apparel!

This is the foundation for GWRRRA Rider Education Program. For more information on how you can advance up the levels contact me at our Gathering and we will start the process. Thanks

From The Outgoing District Director, David Vidrine:



I had a friend of mine that I worked with. He knew I just purchased a Goldwing 1200 in 2003 and he told me about GWRRA. He pulled out a picture and it was a group of men with coconut shells on for bras and hula skirts. Believe me I was stunned he would even do this because he was very reserved. When I looked at him he was smiling and had a twinkle in his eye.

He said “it’s a bunch of adults reliving their adolescence”. He went on to tell me about rallies, talent shows and all the people they have met and how they ride with a chapter and how much fun they have. This was all foreign language to me-rallies, Wing Ding, chapters, talent shows, chapter gatherings. what is he talking about? He went on for about thirty minutes of all the things they do and places they go and rallies all over the great state of Texas as well as out of state. I admit he caught my attention. The following month I went to my first chapter gathering. I went home and told Christina about it because she didn’t go with me. The weekend came and I joined them at their place to meet and take off riding. I returned home like a kid talking about the great ride we had, the open roads and the fun we had. Christina was not too crazy about getting on a motorcycle since she had a bad experience before but she decided to give it a try. Well the rest is history as they say. We have participated in many positions with the chapter from Membership Enhancement Coordinators to Couple of the Year to Ride Coordinator to Assistant Chapter Directors to Chapter Directors. We became friends with Fred and Mandy Mew and they graciously asked us to become Assistant District Directors which led to District Director. What I have enjoyed the most about being in GWRRA is meeting new people every time I attend a rally and getting to visit with old chapter friends from all over Region H. I have had the pleasure of meeting GWRRA friends from other countries that have come to visit Texas. The fun I have had while being a member with GWRRA is priceless. I have been to many parts of Texas I may not have seen if not being a member of GWRRA. GWRRA has given me and Christina the opportunity to see beautiful places together and meet new friends. I will always be grateful to my friend who introduced me to GWRRA and the chapter. It truly is a bunch of adults reliving their adolescence

From The Regional Director, Jack Wagner:



I hope Santa was good to everyone and left plenty of bling and safety chrome under your tree, or at least enough coal in your stocking to keep the fireplace going thru the cold weather. Many may be thinking its winter; GWRRA downtime; not much going on. They couldn't be more wrong. Many Chapters or Districts have New Year's Day events to kick off the New Year. January also brings the annual District business, Mid-Winter, or paperwork meetings. All are great opportunities to set the stage for a year of camaraderie and fellowship. Winter is also a good time to catch up on some needed training before the weather breaks and we want to ride instead of being in a classroom. Bring your first aid/cpr credentials up to date; take the time to learn something new or refresh your skills from the variety of seminars offered thru Rider Education or Leadership Training. Let newer Members know more about GWRRA thru orientation information available thru Membership Enhancement – after all, they may not be that familiar with our jargon or GWRRA benefits. Chapter training days are a great way to get everyone together and keep them involved. There is no reason a training day can't be turned into a fun-filled event. Need something to do weekend afternoons now that football season is over? Use the time to plan out some of your travels. Hopefully they will include attending the Region Convention in Marshall. It is shaping up to be a fun filled, don't miss event. Mail-in registration forms are in the newsletter or available from the Region website, www.gwrra-h.org. Want to use your credit card or PayPal account? Online registration is now open. If you want to attend Medic First Aid or rider courses, register early as spaces for those are limited. Once again, there will be the opportunity to win registration for all six 2016 rallies in Region H. Just attend each of the District rallies in Region H plus the Region H rally in 2015 for the chance to win. January also brings leadership changes in some areas. Oklahoma and Texas will both have new District Directors. Many Chapters will have new officers. Please thank the retiring officers for their service. Thank the new officers for stepping to the plate and offer to assist them as they build their new teams. Unfortunately we had several Chapters close in Region H during 2015 – all due to no one stepping up to leadership roles. Being an officer is not work. Contrary to what many believe, there are not a lot of requirements that have to be met and it is not that time consuming. The reality is, responsibilities for just about every Chapter position can be accomplished in under an hour each month, in addition to the Chapter gathering. However many are reluctant to accept the position. I heard from some closing Chapters that they will continue to get together as a group. Who is going to coordinate the time and place for that, and get the word out to everyone? If someone is willing to take that on, why won't they consider being Chapter Director? After all, isn't that all a Chapter Director is really responsible for? I heard that some felt they didn't need to be a GWRRA Chapter to continue. How sad that they think that. If it weren't for GWRRA, they wouldn't know each other in the first place, so there would be no desire to continue to ride and socialize together. So as we ring in the New Year, let us also raise a glass to GWRRA; for without GWRRA, none of us would have the joy of knowing anyone in what has become our extended family

December's Events:

12/2/2014 - G2 - Meeting – This was great meeting at Cotton Patch Café' in Greenville and Harry's last as Chapter Director. The room was better prepared for us, the service was excellent, and the food was delicious. George's Cheesecake successfully raised over \$35 dollars for the Chapter. Harry shared his safety discussion

12/06/2014 - Toys for Tots – Tommie and Judy, Donna and Dan, QP and Vicki attended a pretty good Charity ride (love those Police escorted rides!); we all were quite popular with the photographers as we were decked out in Holiday Attire. After the ride we headed over to Maxim's and then to the Allen Café for Lunch.



12/07/2014 - G2 - Christmas Party – We all had a wonderful time breaking bread together and enjoying one another's company. George brought a Key Lime Cheesecake which was a first for him and it was outstanding!

12/9/2014 - G2 - Ice Cream Social – Tommie Elliot as well as Jim and Barbara Wiggins, were the only attendees, but this time of year this may not be too bad.

12/11/2014 - Dinner at Babe's in Frisco – Dan & Donna were the only ones riding motorcycles (Donna got her Spider out for this one) It was drizzly but a fun time. Had a whole banquet table full of Z2 and G2 folks, including Tommie and Judy, Rich and Vicki, Helen and Charles, Don, Ed, Debbie & Family. It was a tone of fun, good food, and great conversations!

12/13/2014 - North Texas Toy Run – Don, Dan and Donna, Tommie and Judy all attended this toy run sponsored by members of Chapter R. We had a great uneventful ride to a Salvation Army shelter in Ft. Worth bringing Holiday Cheer to folks who are down, but not out. The kids seemed to love all the attention! Afterwards we headed east to a BBQ joint with the Chapter R folks who made this possible.

12/20/2014 - Bowling at Allen Bowl – Paul and Suzette of Chapter R attended as well as the normal cast of characters with the exception of Dan & Donna who were sick and could not attend.

12/21/2014 - The Texas Toy Run – Only Tommie and Judy were able to attend. They spoke of a huge turn out by hundreds of other riders. They even got interviewed by Channel 11 news!

From the Newsletter Editor, RB Wilson:

THESE REALLY WORK!!

I checked this out on Snopes and it's for real!

Amazing, simple home remedies:

1. Avoid cutting yourself when slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold the vegetables while you chop.
2. Avoid arguments with the females about lifting the toilet seat by using the sink.
3. For high blood pressure sufferers ~ simply cut yourself and bleed for a few minutes, thus reducing the pressure on your veins. Remember to set a timer.
4. A mouse trap placed on top of your alarm clock will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.
5. If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives; then you'll be afraid to cough.
6. You need only two tools in life - wd-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and should, use the wd-40. If it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape.
7. If you can't fix it with a hammer, you've got an electrical problem.

Thought for the day -

Some people are like slinkies - not really good for anything but they bring a smile to your face when they're pushed down the stairs.

GROWING OLD

I very quietly confided to my best friend that I was having an affair.

She turned to me and asked, 'Are you having it catered'?

And that, my friend, is the definition of 'OLD'!

Just before the funeral services, the undertaker came up to the very elderly widow and asked 'How old was your husband?

'96,' she replied: 'Two years younger than me'

'So you're 98,' the undertaker commented.

She responded, 'Not hardly worth going home, is it?'

I've sure gotten old!

I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, Take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. Have bouts with dementia. Have poor circulation; Hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. Have lost all my friends. But, thank God, I still have my Texas driver's license.

An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests.

First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Wal-Mart. 'Wal-Mart?' the preacher exclaimed. 'Why Wal-Mart?'

'Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week.'

My memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

Know how to prevent sagging?

Just eat till the wrinkles fill out.

It's scary when you start making the same noises
as your coffee maker.

These days about half the stuff in my shopping cart says,
'For fast relief.'

Reporters interviewing a 104-year-old woman:

'And what do you think is the best thing

About being 104?' the reporter asked.

She simply replied, 'No peer pressure.'

THE SENILITY PRAYER:

Grant me the senility to forget the people

I never liked anyway,

The good fortune to run into the ones I do,

and The eyesight to tell the difference.

EXERCISE FOR PEOPLE OVER 60 !

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato bags.

Then try 50-lb potato bags and then eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level.)

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.

COMPLETELY USELESS TRIVIA

A SHOT OF WHISKEY

In the old west a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents, so did a glass of whiskey. If a cowhand was low on cash he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink. This became known as a "shot" of whiskey.

THE WHOLE NINE YARDS

American fighter planes in WW2 had machine guns that were fed by a belt of cartridges. The average plane held belts that were 27 feet (9 yards) long. If the pilot used up all his ammo he was said to have given it the whole nine yards.

BUYING THE FARM

This is synonymous with dying. During WW1 soldiers were given life insurance policies worth \$5,000. This was about the price of an average farm so if you died you "bought the farm" for your survivors.

IRON CLAD CONTRACT

This came about from the ironclad ships of the Civil War. It meant something so strong it could not be broken.

PASSING THE BUCK/THE BUCK STOPS HERE

Most men in the early west carried a jack knife made by the Buck knife company. When playing poker it was common to place one of these Buck knives in front of the dealer so that everyone knew who he was. When it was time for a new dealer the deck of cards and the knife were given to the new dealer. If this person didn't want to deal he would "pass the buck" to the next player. If that player accepted then "the buck stopped there".

RIFF RAFF

The Mississippi River was the main way of traveling from north to south. Riverboats carried passengers and freight but they were expensive so most people used rafts. Everything had the right of way over rafts which were considered cheap. The steering oar on the rafts was called a "riff" and this transposed into riff-raff, meaning low class.

COBWEB

The Old English word for "spider" was "cob".

SHIP STATE ROOMS

Traveling by steamboat was considered the height of comfort. Passenger cabins on the boats were not numbered. Instead they were named after states. To this day cabins on ships are called staterooms.

SLEEP TIGHT

Early beds were made with a wooden frame. Ropes were tied across the frame in a criss-cross pattern. A straw mattress was then put on top of the ropes. Over time the ropes stretched, causing the bed to sag. The owner would then tighten the ropes to get a better night's sleep.

SHOWBOAT

These were floating theaters built on a barge that was pushed by a steamboat. These played small towns along the Mississippi River. Unlike the boat shown in the movie "Showboat" these did not have an engine. They were gaudy and

attention grabbing which is why we say someone who is being the life of the party is "showboating".

OVER A BARREL

In the days before CPR a drowning victim would be placed face down over a barrel and the barrel would be rolled back and forth in a effort to empty the lungs of water. It was rarely effective. If you are over a barrel you are in deep trouble.

BARGE IN

Heavy freight was moved along the Mississippi in large barges pushed by steamboats. These were hard to control and would sometimes swing into piers or other boats. People would say they "barged in".

HOGWASH

Steamboats carried both people and animals. Since pigs smelled so bad they would be washed before being put on board. The mud and other filth that was washed off was considered useless "hog wash".

CURFEW

The word "curfew" comes from the French phrase "couvre-feu", which means "cover the fire". It was used to describe the time of blowing out all lamps and candles. It was later adopted into Middle English as "curfeu", which later became the modern "curfew". In the early American colonies homes had no real fireplaces so a fire was built in the center of the room. In order to make sure a fire did not get out of control during the night it was required that, by an agreed upon time, all fires would be covered with a clay pot called a "curfew".

BARRELS OF OIL

When the first oil wells were drilled they had made no provision for storing the liquid so they used water barrels. That is why, to this day, we speak of barrels of oil rather than gallons.

HOT OFF THE PRESS

As the paper goes through the rotary printing press friction causes it to heat up. Therefore, if you grab the paper right off the press it is hot. The expression means to get immediate information.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

George Augustas - 01/24



January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Traditional New Years Day lunch at Babes in Garland, TX !		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		G2 - Greenville Chapter Meeting		Abuelo's 6:30pm 3420 N. Central Express Way, Plano		GWRRA Mid-Winter Roundup, Temple, TX
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				W2 - Waxahachie Chapter Meeting		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		R - Grapevine Chapter meeting		Chapter Dinner San Miguel's McKinney, TX	Progressive Motorcycle Show	Progressive Motorcycle Show Chapter Bowling Evening at Allen Bowl
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Progressive Motorcycle Show						



February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		G2 - Greenville Chapter Meeting		M - Mansfield Chapter Meeting		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
						Valentine's Day
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		R - Grapevine Chapter meeting		W2 - Waxahachie Chapter Meeting		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				Chapter Dinner San Miguel's McKinney, TX		Chapter Bowling Evening at Allen Bowl



Notes