



G2 Roadrunner NEWS

**GWRRA Region H South Central Texas District
Chapter G2 Greenville, TX**

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From the CD,

Greetings Roadrunners. Well the weather has finally gotten warmer and more riding time is available. Tom and Judy still need your input for rides you would like to go on. As I'm writing this quite a few members from the Chapter are on the way to Wing Ding. Of those members who are going I wish a safe journey. A few tips that were sent out are:

- Trouble on the road? Remember all GWRRA Members are covered by 'Rescue', call 888-233-9127 with your Member number and the agent number on your membership card for roadside assistance.
- **Registration and packet pickup is available at the Alliant Energy Center on Tuesday from Noon to 5:00pm** prior to the Welcome Party in Middleton! You will need to have picture I.D. and please do not plan to pickup any packets other than your own.
- Registration and packet pickup is open early (7:00am) on Wednesday prior to Opening Ceremonies. **It is not necessary** to have your armband for Opening Ceremonies, however, a select few of the Premium Door Prizes will be drawn during Opening (**from the full-registration numbered armbands**).
- The start time for the Welcome Party in Middleton has been backed up to 3:00pm as opposed to the 2:00pm listed in the Spotlight.
- Bringing your bike in for service or installation? Please make sure you obtain an appointment slip from the exhibitor prior to bringing your bike to the back of the expo hall for entry. Due to **fire marshal safety regulations**, this process must be strictly monitored and there is no parking of bikes in aisles or walkways in the case of emergency evacuation. Building entry is subject to space availability and bikes must be returned to the general parking areas immediately after service or installation. We appreciate your patience and cooperation in this regard.
- Do signup for the mobile text alerts by **texting WINGDING to 555-888** to get the latest news and info.

- Do be cautious of the weather and stay hydrated!
- After entering the main entrance to the Alliant Energy Center, off of Rimrock Road, take an immediate left or right into the **general parking areas**.
- Do note that **Handicap placards** must be visibly displayed in order to park in designated Handicap Areas.
- Do remember to lockup or stow any valuables, helmets, etc.
- Please use a kickstand plate if you have one!
- The start times and 'Doors Open' times are listed on your tickets for ticketed meal/entertainment functions. If ordered, your tickets will be in your packet.
- Please note the **No Pets Policy** of the Alliant Energy Center. Assistance animals will need to have documentation available.
- The host city for **Wing Ding 37** will be taking hotel reservations and event registrations at their booth in the lobby starting Wednesday after the Opening Ceremony. Be sure to stop by and check out the Wing Ding 37 bundle packages! Member Services will also be taking bundle reservations until Monday, July 7th.
- **Lost and Found** is located at the GWRRA Info Booth in the lobby area of the Alliant Energy Center.
- Do sign up for Demo rides early as they tend to fill up!
- Do ride safe and enjoy the event!
 - If you would when you get back submit an article to RB on how your trip went. My OTR Truck days are over for a while and I will be able to do more Chapter related Items when I'm not teaching BRC classes. If you need an ERC class or BRC 2 as its now called let me know and I will see what I can arrange. I need at least 3 people for a class to get a range set up from the sponsors . The CD In Chapter A in Amarillo sent out a request for help . Here is his Email for your consideration.

From the Chapter Educator.

What does riding at the Limit mean? MSF defines riding at the limit as staying near the very limits of crashing. Aggressive riding such as challenging the road should be taken to the racetrack. Many track days and track schools are available around the country. Safety requires riders and drivers to be predictable , courteous and cooperative.

What does good risk offset mean? Good risk offset is when you driving abilities are better than the risks you are taking. If you start taking more risks than you can handle then you are leading yourself to be in a crash.

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TERRY'S ARKANSAS ADVENTURE

Terry's back road tour around Arkansas, with side trips to Mississippi and Missouri was like something a professional guide would put together. He, Linda, Tommie and I left out on June 2nd for seven days of riding, companionship and relaxation. The weather was always a factor, and while we spent a lot of time either in rain, threatening rain or dodging rain, we managed to stay dry most of the time. I think all of us got drenched at one point or another, and Linda had the pleasure of figuring out what did and did not work in the rain on her first long ride as a passenger in their side car. She also found a way to make her ride a lot more comfortable by stopping at a hardware store and purchasing some black PVC foam and placing it around the inside edges of the car that her knees were hitting on bumps.

In the interest of brevity I have summarized our week of events:

The Roads

We took in tours, shows, shopping and history, and did all kinds of roads, from the big slab, farm land, some really great, tight twisties covered with tree canopies and heavy bumper to bumper traffic in Branson. I have to say that the city of Branson has re-designed roads since we were there last, and the bumper to bumper traffic is all but eliminated once you get to the bypasses. Taking the trip with someone who knows how to navigate these bypasses was a huge perk.

The Tours

The Lakeport Plantation in Lake Village, AR. was built around 1859. The outstanding tour guide, displays, original artifacts from the house and information provided explained the history of the people who lived there and how they lived, and the house itself allowed you to take yourself back and visualize what life could have been like for the residents. (The slave aspect was addressed, but the focus was on the history of the home and families who lived there.) The house was built with 10 foot doors and windows. The windows lifted straight up, allowing the most ample ventilation possible and the ability to walk from inside the house directly to the porch. Even old Abe Lincoln could have gotten through those windows

with his top hat on! The doors, windows and original cistern that still stands were among the most interesting physical aspects of the house. They still had a cast iron stove in a little room that was the kitchen (that had to have been absolutely stifling in the summer) and several rusted out artifacts, like a noodle making device. It also makes one realize how very spoiled we are to remember that they didn't even have fans back then, when they all wore those heavy clothes. It was well worth the time to tour.

The Delta Cultural Center in Helena, AR. What a great presentation of blues music and artist history! Not only blues, but gospel, rockabilly and country. Individual artists' pictures, songs and histories and their part in the local "King Biscuit Time" blues show on radio station KFFA, which had over 15,000 broadcasts by 2009.

Mammoth Spring State Park. Spectacular falls and a tour of the hydroelectric plant constructed in 1925. It produced power to the area until 1972 with over 10 million gallons of water flow an hour. The average water temperature is 58 degrees.

Pea Ridge National Military Park. North of Rogers on Hwy 62. In depth and very detailed displays, artifacts and movie on the Civil War battle that determined the fate of Missouri.

The Shows

"The Dutton's". If you ever go to Branson you NEED to see this show! Three generations perform. Mom and Dad, their kids and grandkids, and all are musical. Mom started each child on classic violin at the age of 3, and their talents are just mesmerizing. Unbelievable. Go see it!

"Celtic Ladies, Dublin's Irish Tenors." We were kinda disappointed in this show. They sang more pop then Irish. The female soprano was beyond outstanding, especially in the opera selections. She could have gone solo and it would have been perfect. The guys were just okay. That's just our opinion. You might love it.

"Rock n Roll Reminisce" Great tunes from simpler times, fun show.

"Tribute to Marty Robbins" Absolutely fantastic. A three person band, but don't let that be deceiving. Probably THE most talented guitarist I've ever heard. They sang "El Paso". 'Nuff said!

"Smoky Mountain" This is another must see. The theater is very small, but is elevated so everyone has a great seat. The audience is the congregation in a small church. The presentation is hysterical theater mixed with good old southern gospel songs. You will laugh your head off!

Clay Cooper show. Great show! Lots of audience interaction. Huge auditorium was packed. He was brought up in Wylie and got his start at Wylie Opry. We were able to visit with him briefly after the show and discovered we know some of the same people.

Terry and Linda went to see the Oak Ridge Boys while we went to Smoky Mountain. They'd seen Smoky Mountain and we'd just recently seen the Boys. They said the show was great.

The trip had gone without a hitch till we got to Paris on the way back home. We were on Hwy 82 (just a few hours from home) when Tommie hollered at me on the CB to pull over. I was pulling the trailer, and smoke was pouring from it. I pulled over into an empty lot right next to a storage unit place. Terry and Tommie got on their backs and surveyed the underside of the trailer, trying to figure out what the problem was. As it turned out, the axle at the frame had come unwelded and broke. Prior to this happening someone had lost a tire in pieces and chunks were scattered in the road. I was doing some evasive maneuvers to keep from hitting it with my bike or the trailer and flipping it back on Tommie, who was tail gunning. I made a sharp move, and that's when it came unwelded.

So we're all four wondering what in the heck we're going to do. It's about 4pm in a small town on a Sunday afternoon. We were discussing pulling out the trusty Gold Book when we noticed a couple of bike riders pull into the storage unit place. Tommie said if anyone knew how to help us it would be them. (One was a Gold Wing.) These guys just happened to OWN the storage unit. Tommie asked if he could rent a space to put the trailer in till we could get home, get Junior and a trailer to come back and pick it up. The owner made a place for the trailer in his own unit and refused to take a dime towards storage fees. We were so grateful.

I don't know if any of you believe in guardian angels, but it seems they are always close to Terry. As you might remember, awhile back he was planning a ride to Carpenter's Bluff. He decided to check it out before hand and was going to go on his own. Tommie, Dan, Donna and I were on our

way to do a day ride when we decided on the spur of the moment to stop at "our" Valero for a cup of coffee. Terry pulled in shortly after we sat down, completely unexpected. None of us knew the other would be there. After talking to Terry, we decided to ditch our plans and go with him for his test run since we were going to be out of town when he did his ride with the chapter. Long story short? Terry had a blowout in the middle of nowhere. I guess it was meant to be that he was not by himself when it happened. Or were his guardian angels watching over him?

What are the chances that the owners of the storage units would own a Gold Wing and be there on a Sunday - which he said they NEVER were - precisely at the time we had issues, or that they would allow us to leave our trailer there out of the goodness of their hearts?

So here's my take on riding with Terry: If you even think something is going to go wrong, make sure you're riding with Terry! Just sayin'.

Terry did an outstanding job in planning and leading this ride. He and Linda were perfect travel companions, not only because they are nice people, but because they are so laid back. It's a lot of fun to be together, but it's also fun to know you can ALL do what YOU want to do without having to worry about hurting someone's feelings. What a laid back, fun, educational trip.

Hope you will plan on going with us next time he does one of these. You won't be disappointed.

Judy

TERRY'S ARKANSAS TOUR

Well, day 1 is under our belt. We traveled 340 miles from Greenville, TX to Greenville, MS. We hit small pockets of rain several times yesterday. We didn't put our rain gear on because with the heat...around 90 degrees, it only took minutes to dry out after each rain.



Tommie:



Judy:





Strong, AR: this town was like a "throw back" to the '70's. They had the old gas pumps. They pumped your gas. And you had to sign a charge receipt. I can't remember the last time I signed a charge receipt for gas. The bathrooms hadn't been cleaned since the '70's.....disgusting! It was a memorable experience.



We have only a couple hundred miles to travel today with more stuff to stop and see along the way. We're not supposed to hit any rain today. Have a good one!

THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI



BRANSON, MO.











While we left Branson under sunny skies this morning, the rain clouds quickly surrounded us and hovered over us most of the day. We were fortunate to only hit bad rain about an hour before we got to Mena, AR, where we are spending the night.

Shortly after crossing from MO to AR we encountered this beautiful one lane wood bridge. It crosses Beaver Lake. It is called "the little Golden Gate".

After traveling for half an hour from the bridge, we stopped at Pea Ridge National Military Park. They had a great video that explained Missouri's role in the civil war and the battle that was fought here.

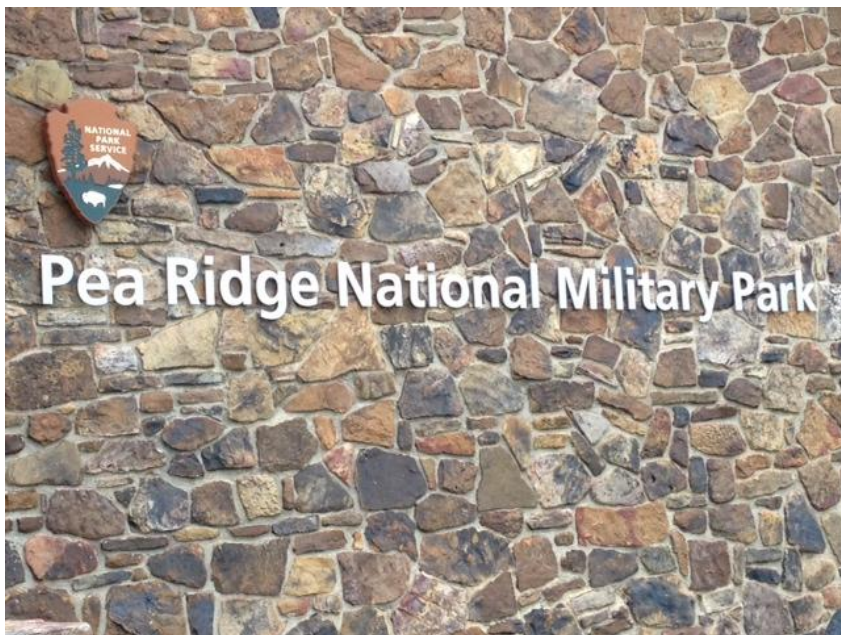
Ready for rain....

The drive through the Ozarks was beautiful. The Devil's Den State Park area is gorgeous. All the campgrounds were full.

We made it to Mena around 6:00 PM. We had supper at the restaurant here at the hotel. It was very good and very affordable.

Heading for home in the morning. Hope you've enjoyed traveling along.....









Why Teachers Drink

The following questions were set in a GED examination. These are genuine answers (from 16 year olds)

Q. Name the four seasons

A. Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar

Q. How is dew formed

A. The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire

Q. What guarantees may a mortgage company insist on

A. If you are buying a house they will insist that you are well endowed

Q. In a democratic society, how important are elections

A. Very important. Sex can only happen when a male gets an election

Q. What are steroids

A. Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs (Shoot yourself now, there is little hope)

Q. What happens to your body as you age

A. When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental

Q. What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty

A. He says goodbye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery (So true)

Q. Name a major disease associated with cigarettes

A. Premature death

Q. What is artificial insemination

A. When the farmer does it to the bull instead of the cow

Q. How can you delay milk turning sour

A. Keep it in the cow (Simple, but brilliant)

Q. How are the main 20 parts of the body categorized (e.g. The abdomen)

A. The body is consisted into 3 parts - the brainium, the borax and the

abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels: A,E,I,O,U

Q. What is the fibula?

A. A small lie

Q. What does 'varicose' mean?

A. Nearby

Q. What is the most common form of birth control

A. Most people prevent contraception by wearing a condominium (That would work)

Q. Give the meaning of the term 'Caesarean section'

A. The caesarean section is a district in Rome

Q. What is a seizure?

A. A Roman Emperor. (Julius Seizure, I came, I saw, I had a fit)

Q. What is a terminal illness

A. When you are sick at the airport. (Irrefutable)

Q. What does the word 'benign' mean?

A. Benign is what you will be after you be eight (brilliant)

Q. What is a turbine?

A. Something an Arab or Sheik wears on his head. Once a Arab boy reaches puberty, he removes his diaper and wraps it around his head. (now we're getting somewhere)

Bottoms up, maybe the next class will be a little smarter.

**At the root of every grey hair, there is
a dead brain cell.**

**Someone had to remind
me,
So I'm reminding you, too.
Don't laugh....It is all true!**

**Perks of reaching 50
Or being over 60
And heading towards
70 or beyond!**

1.

**Kidnappers are not very
Interested in you.**

2.

**In a hostage situation,
You are likely to be
released first.**

3.

No one expects you to run

--

Anywhere.

4.

People call at 9 PM (or 9

**AM) and ask,
'Did I wake you?'**

5.

**People no longer view you
as a
Hypochondriac.**

6.

**There is nothing left
To learn the hard way.**

7.

**Things you buy now
Won't wear out.**

8.

**You can eat
Supper at 4 PM.**

9..

**You can live without sex
But not your glasses.**

10.

**You get into heated
arguments
About pension plans.**

11.

You no longer think of

**speed limits
As a challenge.**

12.

**You quit trying to hold
Your stomach in no matter
who walks
Into the room.**

13.

**You sing along
With elevator music.**

14.

**Your eyes won't get
Much worse.**

15.

Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.

16.

Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.

17.

Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't

remember them either.

18.

**Your supply of brain cells
is finally down to
A manageable size.**

19.

**You can't remember
Who sent you this list.**

**And you notice these are
all**

**In big print
For your convenience.**

*WHY MEN ARE SELDOM
DEPRESSED:*

Men Are Just Happier People --

What do you expect from such simple
creatures?

Your last name stays put.

The garage is all yours.

Wedding plans take care of
themselves.

Chocolate is just another snack...

You can never be pregnant.

You can wear a white T-shirt to a
water park.

You can wear NO shirt to a water
park.

Men Are Just Happier People

NICKNAMES

If Laura, Kate and Sarah go out for lunch, they will call each other Laura, Kate and Sarah. If Mike, Dave and John go out, they will affectionately refer to each other as Fat Boy, Bubba and Wildman.

EATING OUT

When the bill arrives, Mike, Dave and John will each throw in \$20, even though it's only for \$32.50. None of them will have anything smaller and none will actually admit they want change back.

When the girls get their bill, out come the pocket calculators...YEP!!!

MONEY

A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs.

A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't need but it's on sale.

BATHROOMS

A man has six items in his bathroom: toothbrush and toothpaste, shaving cream, razor, a bar of soap, and a towel.

The average number of items in the typical woman's bathroom is 337. A man would not be able to identify more than 20 of these items.

ARGUMENTS

A woman has the last word in any argument.

Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

FUTURE

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband.

A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

MARRIAGE

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't.

A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, but she does.

DRESSING UP

A woman will dress up to go shopping, water the plants, empty the trash, answer the phone, read a book, and get the mail.

A man will dress up for weddings and funerals.

NATURAL

Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed.

Women somehow deteriorate during the night.

OFFSPRING

Ah, children. A woman knows all about her children. She knows about dentist appointments and romances, best friends, favorite foods, secret fears and hopes and dreams.

A man is vaguely aware of some short people living in the house.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A married man can forget his mistakes. There's no use in two people remembering the same thing!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Eric Flynn - July 10

ANNIVERSARIES

Ken & DeeDee Padilla - July 8

Bill & Judy Henson - July 10



July 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 G2 CH. MTG. GWRRA WING DING	2 GWRRA WING DING	3 GWRRA WING DING	4 GWRRA WING DING MADISON,	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Chapter R Meeting	23	24 Chapter Z2 Meeting	25	26 Z2 Bowling Allen Lanes 5pm
27	28	29	30	31		

