



# ***G2 Roadrunners***

## ***July 2016 Newsletter***

**GWRA Region "H" Texas District**



**Chapter G2 Greenville, TX**

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## **Save the Dates:**

### **Wing Ding 38**

August 31st – September 3rd  
Billings, MT

### **Oklahoma District Rally**

Sept 29th – Oct 1st  
Harrison, AR

### **Chapter “R”**

### **Chicken Drop Rally**

October 1st  
Krum, TX

### **Chapter “T”**

### **T-Fest**

October 8th  
Killeen, TX

### **Chapter “H”**

### **Wings in the Park**

October 15th  
San Antonio, TX

### **Chapter G2 Gatherings:**

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

On the first Tuesday every 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 every 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,**

Happy 4th of July! I hope everyone had a great weekend and enjoyed themselves! The upcoming months should be a challenge weather wise at North Texas heats up and folks start summer vacations that do not involve the chapter. Since last month we had several chapter events and despite the heat we had some really great turnout. On the 11th Tommie and I attended a Road Captain course in Grapevine which was put on by ½ of our Region “H” Couple of the Year, Randy Reese. This class was informative and though it was not new

information to those who have led or tail gunned, it reminded us of our responsibility to ride safely, communicate clearly and plan accordingly.

The class was the first half of the day and the second was to be out on the road practicing what we were show in the classroom. Some of the communications were a little new but each of us tried to confirm to the commands the group was using. It can be confusing riding with new folks who have not all ridden together, and it showed when Tommie and I were tail gunner and lead and meshed together. We had done this so many times before.

The fun really began as storms started to brew and we got caught under the awning of a gasstation in Roanoke as it totally poured soaking us both to the skin. The temps dropped from the 90’s all the way down to just over 70. The rain in my view made this a very memorable time and a good deal of fun!

A week later we were to have been riding up to Pam’s Hateful Hussy in Talihina Oklahoma. Due to the heat Paul shortened the ride to go to Bonham and visit a Tex Mex restaurant for lunch. G2 had the majority of riders with 6 including a new couple. Some folks continued on into OK while many of us headed south and back to air conditioning. Max, Paul, Suzette, Donna and I rode to Richardson to have Ice cream at sweet firefly.

***Dan Rymarz***

***TX-G2 Chapter Director***

## From Your Chapter Educator

Greeting Road Runners,

To start off with, all of you know it has been hot and getting hotter. Make sure you keep yourself hydrated and take extra brakes if you are traveling long distances. In addition, if you are traveling from one climate to another, like east Texas to west Texas take into consideration the humidity. Both areas are hot but you may need to adjust your water intake. Also remember to wear sun screen on any part that is not covered. Even a small area burned hurts.



## From The District Educator

### Rider Educator Resource

You probably have several members who ride long distances on their bikes. I wrote an article for this month's district newsletter on planning for my ride to Billings, but there are many articles out there on distance riding. The Iron Butt Association has a lot of information on this subject and here is one you might consider sharing: <http://www.ironbutt.com/tech/aowprintout.cfm>

As many of you already know one of benefits of a GWRRA member is the Gold Book. One of the reasons you carry this book when traveling, is it contains among other things is a listing of all GWRRA members and where they are located, If you happen to be traveling and have a problem you are able to contact someone in the area for assistance. Starting on page v, it lists for you all the available resources in the book. Example is Motorcycle Laws by states on page ii-4.

Last but not least I read two articles in the July issue of Motorcycle news that jumped out at me. The first was under Motorcycle Justice. This was a letter from Ken Bowen Dallas Texas. The article stated a Texas rider was involved in a crash and did not have a license. The other driver was at fault in the crash (can you believe it) but because the rider did not have a license the insurance company refused to pay damages (personal injury and property). They stated that since the insured rider was unlicensed, he should have not been on the road in the first place. The author said he contacted a few lawyers and was told the same thing. The attorney who answered him gave him some options but it came down to he didn't think he could collect. My question is did the Law Enforcement who investigated the crash give the rider a ticket? Since he was involved in a crash why didn't they impound the bike as Texas Law permits.

The second article dealt with Tar Snakes. The article said you're out on a Weekend ride following a state highway you enjoy riding as you have ridden it before. In addition, you are also riding it a bit aggressively since you know the road. You happen to notice road crews have been sealing cracks in the pavement but you are not concerned because the sealer seems to have been applied smoothly. You lean right into a right hand sweeper, but suddenly you feel your rear tire twitch. It's enough of an expected surprise that you panic a bit and roll off the throttle. That seems to make matters worse. The rear end steps out and the bike drops onto its right side and slides off onto the opposite shoulder. No injuries but riding gear is scuffed and bike has some serious scratches. My question to you is what mistakes were made? How do you prevent this from happening to you?

All for this month. Till next safe riding.

**Harry Whipple**

**TX-G2 Chapter Educator**



## From Your Regional Directors

Hello boys and girls. What time is it? It's Howdy Doody time! Well, not really. Just having a flashback. But it is almost Wing Ding time. Billings, MT, The Chief Joseph Highway, and the Bear Tooth Pass! It doesn't get much better than that. We surely are looking forward to seeing you there.

Here is how you can help us out: We need your help at the bike show. This year the show will be totally different. Fewer classifications with people's choice winners. There are no bike show training requirements for volunteers. Just bring yourself and a fun attitude.

We need your help in assisting Region F at the GWRRA store (formerly known as Goodie Booth). What a great way to pass some time meeting new friends. The store will be set up differently this year, promising less folding time (hurray!). The most complicated part of this job is the operation of an iPad. I know we can all do that.

We need Gold Wing connoisseurs. We will have a corral set up near the entrance of the event center for some of our best and most unusual machines. We will need crews out every afternoon identifying thoroughbreds that meet the criteria of the day and inviting them to show off in the corral. This is a great way for our members just to show out!

We have asked our Chapter Directors to advise their District Directors of projected Wing Ding attendees. If you plan on attending Wing Ding and would be excited about helping out in one or all of these three areas, please send an email to your Chapter Director so he can forward it on up the line. The more the merrier.

Reba and I have been busy this summer serving as your International Couple of the Year. In addition to rallies within our district, we have attended the TN and MO rallies and are scheduled for the Bi-State (NY/NJ) and the WA District rallies. We have a greater appreciation for this organization. It is filled with wonderful people and just offers a wealth of fun to be had. It really is true. If you want to have more fun:

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We are looking forward to seeing you at Wing Ding.

***Jim and Reba Berry***  
***Region "H" Director***



## From Your District Directors

It is awesome to see so many Chapters getting involved in some of the seminars and riding classes. It takes planning, organizing the dates and getting instructors to present the seminars, but the outcome is forth it. Learning is always a good thing. The more you learn the more you know.

We would like every chapter to take advantage of the Road Captain Course. Just taking the class room portion has a lot to offer. The riding portion is a good experience that everyone needs to take. Riders and Co-Riders. The lead and drag bike of a chapter ride is a very important part of a safe ride. They are the ones that make it safe to change lanes, make safe turns, pull into a parking lots and watch out for the other vehicles while enjoying a nice outing with friends. The ride seems to be more structured and seems to work together as a team to make the ride safer and more enjoyable.

We do have to say that this Association has so many safety and learning opportunities, weather it being about safe riding or learning leadership skills to use in your everyday life. In the workforce you would pay thousands of dollars for courses that we get for free. Sometimes one course can cost as much as 500.00 if not more. What a great association we belong to. Don't you think?

Since January we have had several chapters involved in 5 First Aid/CPR classes, that's not including the ones given at the Region, LA District or TX District Rallies.

We also have had 16 Riders Education seminars, 7 riding courses and 4 motor awareness seminars. We have added 12 new instructors to the university training now able to present seminars to any chapter wanting to learn more. It will surprise you, the more you learn the more you want to do and get involved. The more you know, everything seems to start making a lot of sense. We learn something new every day.

Don't forget to get out there and visit a chapter and meet new friends.

After Wing Ding this year in Billings Montana we have several Texas Chapters having a one day rally:

- Chapter K2---September 17<sup>th</sup>
- Chapter T ----October 8<sup>th</sup>
- Chapter H----October 15<sup>th</sup>
- Chapter N2—October 16<sup>th</sup>

Visit the Texas District Website under the FUN tab and click on Coming Events to see what events or coming up and to get more information.

Hope to see many of you visiting and having fun with us.

***Mike & Robin Thacker***  
***Texas District Directors***



## GWRRRA Vision

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

## GWRRRA Mission

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

## GWRRRA Values

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

**Safety** - We strive for improvement through GWRRRA 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 GWRRRA Rider Education Programs page.

**Knowledge** - While generalization about a group of individuals as large as today's GWRRRA is difficult, GWRRRA 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 GWRRRA Medic First Aid International® Programs.

### ***Why belong to GWRRRA?***

There are many benefits to becoming a GWRRRA 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 GWRRRA 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 GWRRRA!

[Become a member!](#)

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## July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Jun	27	28 6:00pm - 8:00pm Chapter "R" Monthly Gathering Grapevine	29	30	1 Jul	2
3	4	5 6:00pm - 8:00pm Chapter "G2" Monthly Gathering The Buffet Palace, Greenville	6	7 6:00pm - 8:00pm Chapter "M" Monthly Gathering Mansfield	8	9 7:00am Breakfast Ride
5:00pm - 10:00pm Princeton, TX Spectacular - Fireworks and Festival	11	12	13	14 6:30pm G2 Dinner at Babe's in Frisco	15	16 1:00pm Pool Party, Plano TX
17	18	19 6:00pm - 8:00pm Chapter "G2" Monthly Gathering at Napoli's in Wylie	20	21 6:00pm - 8:00pm Chapter "W2" Monthly Gathering Waxahachie	22	23 5:00pm - 8:00pm Bowling at Allen Bowl 1011 S. Greenville, Ave., Allen, TX
24	25	26 6:00pm - 8:00pm Chapter "R" Monthly Gathering Grapevine	27	28 6:30pm Dinner at San Miguels Grill, 506 W McKinney TX	29	30
31 Aug	1 Aug	2 6:00pm - 8:00pm Chapter "G2" Monthly Gathering The Buffet Palace, Greenville	3	4 6:00pm - 8:00pm Chapter "M" Monthly Gathering Mansfield	5	6

## August 2016

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14	15	16 6:00pm - 8:00pm Chapter "G2" Monthly Gathering at Napoli's in Wylie	17	18 6:00pm - 8:00pm Chapter "W2" Monthly Gathering Waxahachie	19	20
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				6:00pm - 8:00pm Chapter "M" Monthly Gathering Mansfield		

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