



## ***G2 Roadrunner NEWS***

**GWRRA Region H “South Central Texas District  
Chapter G2 Greenville, TX  
March 2015\*\*\*Established October 2001**

### **From the Chapter Director:**

Well, here we are, February in the can and on we go into March. Despite February's cold and rain we succeeded in holding events and activities that helped keep us from suffering “Cabin Fever”, or at least not as much. Donna and I hosted a Super Bowl Party on February 1st, and we were thrilled that we had a full house of “G2” and “R” folks to enjoy food, fun and entertainment. We visited Jefferson TX and took in their “Mardi Gras” parade; several of us attended a CHL class offered by Wayne Hardy of chapter “R”. Dinner at Crowes in Anna, TWO Valentine meals with great company, a chilly but satisfying Lunch ride at Windy's Catfish in Bryan Oklahoma, our standard chapter “G2” Meeting at Cotton Patch Café, Dinner gathering at San Miguel's and a Z2 event of Bowling at Allen Bowl. After all these things, we had one more event that was HUGE for the chapters in north Texas! On February 22nd, Rick and Vickie Boslow, Tommie and Judy Elliott, George Augustus, and Donna and I drove out to Ft. Worth to participate in the GWRRA North Texas Bowling challenge held by Chapter “P” from Granbury. The whole idea is first and foremost to have fun. But when possible a chapter wants to win these events, both for bragging rights and for the honor of hosting this event the following year. I am pleased to announce that Chapter “G2” did just that. We had the highest series average per bowler of all the other chapters, and in 2016, we will be the host chapter! This is a great opportunity to raise funds for the chapter as these things can be quite the profitable event.

As Far as March is concerned, there are several ride possibilities and the District Convention season kicks off with Louisiana's March 26th through the 28th. The weather should be warming up and should give us plenty of great weather to keep our wheels rolling and the fun times coming. It is up to you to take these opportunities and make them yours!

Dan & Donna Rymarz – Chapter Directors

## **From The Chapter Educator:**

Greetings Road Runners. The last month except for a few days has not been motorcycling weather. If you are like me you like to ride whenever you get the chance. One thing you always have to remember is the risks you take and the consequences of those risks. Never forget motorcycling is very dangerous and you have to compensate for the danger in order to stay alive on the road. What are some of the ways you can compensate? First only ride a motorcycle when you are physically and mentally able to devote everything to the ride. If you cannot do not ride. Second wear proper protective gear, including an approved Helmet. The most important reason for wearing the gear is if you miss compensating for a risk you have a little protection to reduce the severity of the consequences of the miss. Third always practice the skills you have acquired from training classes. The main reason I keep teaching Motorcycling classes is to keep on top of my game. Unlike a car if you do not ride and practice your skills you forget about them. Last but not least always match your speed to the conditions. If you are in a hurry to get someplace do not do it on a motorcycle. When you are driving faster you have to predict and react faster to whatever may happen. Odds and physics are against you and when you miss something you will have to pay.

Till next month, safe riding.

Harry Whipple – Chapter Educator

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## **G2 VALENTINE'S SWEETHEART DINNER**

The day comes around once a year--Valentine's Day---It's been a chapter tradition that we have a Sweetheart dinner and bring your loved one, or just come by yourself if that be the case. We have always gone to an Italian restaurant and this year was no exception. We learned of a new one that recently opened in Greenville--Tuscan Slice. We had made reservations and were given a large room off by itself and private. Judy did her usual thing, making preparations for table decorations which included roses in a red vase with red ribbons attached for the ladies and a heart shaped box inside with chocolate candies for the men. The tables were decorated with red heart shaped rose petals scattered all over the table and tear dropped candy kisses in front of everyone to nibble on before dinner. Thirteen members arrived, and one couple was new to the event--Jim and Barbara . All ordered individually to their own liking and what they wanted to eat. While waiting to be served everyone started munching on the candy kisses and rolls furnished. A lot of conversation, war stories and general conversation went around the table. Each couple was given an opportunity to tell how, when, where they met and how long they had been married, how many children, grand children great grand children they had. This way we all learned something new about each couple. After the food started coming the conversations came to a slow crawl and was even quiet at times. After dinner and before leaving Judy had prizes for the longest and shortest married couples -a plate of chocolate covered strawberries Judy had made. Dan and Donna were the couple to be married the shortest time. Jim and Barbara were the couple married the longest. Since I didn't write it down I think Dan-Donna have been married 25 years and Jim-Barbara 47 years. If this is not right then I stand on the fifth amendment. All seemed to have a good time and enjoyed the get together. After adjourning all pitched in and helped in cleaning the room, and tables. For three couples the day wasn't over for they were going to double dip and go to another Valentine's dinner at another Italian restaurant. Story to follow.

Thanks each and all for coming and sharing your time.

Those who came were Dan, Donna, QP, Vickie, Barbara, Jim, Eric, Linda, Terry, Linda, George, Judy and myself.

Tommie

## **Z2 VALENTINE'S DINNER**

As stated in my previous article three couples decided to double dip and go to another Valentines party joining ex-chapter members from Z-2 in Garland at Sicilianos. Dan-Donna-Qp-Vicki-Judy and myself met their party of six. We were surprised two more of our members were there also Bill-Sharron. Since they were meeting there at 6 pm we had a little time between our gathering and theirs, so everyone went their own way. This restaurant was crowded with many other parties being held. Others attending were Charles, Helen, Brother Ed, Debbie, Rich and Vicki making it a total of 14 attending.

Bread and drinks were served after ordering, and while waiting for the main course, conversations, war stories, memories of past rides and rallies were shared. This too was interesting because we learned where all they had been and their experiences over the past years.

Once the food had been served the chatter slowed but all mouths were still moving. Each ordered their own thing to their liking. I feel everyone had a good time and enjoyed themselves. Needless to say I didn't eat anything else until the next day. I want to thank Rich and Vicki for inviting our members to attend their function. After eating each went their own way. Thanks again for allowing us to attend.

Tommie

## JEFFERSON MARDI GRAS RIDE

Judy, QP, Vickie, and I left Friday morning and headed to Jefferson for their annual Mardi Gras which was on Saturday 7th.

It was plenty chilly when we left Greenville but it wasn't raining so away we went. Not wanting to get on the freeway--I20--we went 69. Wasn't on the road long until food was mentioned. I asked QP and Vickie if they had ever eaten at the East Texas Hamburger place in Mineola. Since their answer was nope guess where we stopped. As usual they were crowded and we had to stand in line to order but it was definitely worth it. Think they really enjoyed it.

Then on the road we went heading on Hwy 80 the rest of the trip. I had made reservations in Marshall and we arrived around 3:30. No one was overly tired so I took them on a little ride to Lake of the Pines about 20 miles away. In the past we stayed at a lake resort, Tejas Village, which was right on the lake, but decided to change this time. Once we arrived QP asked how in the world I found this place since it was so far off the beaten trail--I'll never tell my secret---I may want to hide out some day. I took another route back and ended up in Jefferson, Here we parked close to where the night parade was to run. As usual once again it was time to munch down so to a well known restaurant we did go. After eating we went to our regular place we have gone in the past and stood waiting for the parade to start. At 7 pm here it came led by red lights and siren with mostly decorated 4 wheelers and dressed up walkers behind them. All had beads and tossed them out to the crowd standing along the way. As a fisherman says--it was a good catch-. The parade was short, about 45 minutes but it was fun.

We then loaded up and went to the motel in Marshall where we waited for Dan and Donna to arrive. Both had to work and didn't leave home until 5ish. Judy and I met them at IHOP when they arrived around 10pm. After visiting while they ate back to the motel to rest for the activities the next day.

Since the major parade didn't start until 2pm on Saturday we made a run to Uncertain, Tx, about 20 miles from Jefferson. The purpose for this ride was two-fold---kill time and check on a catfish restaurant we had eaten at before but was closed the last time we went to Jefferson. After a good country ride we were pleasantly surprised to learn it was open again. Not only that but we found another catfish place about 3 miles away. So G-2 members I have two rides I will lead on different times to Uncertain, Tx. for some good fried fish and trimmings. This will occur later in the year so be ready.

After returning back to Jefferson, we found a parking place and wandered through the melee of other visitors to find a good position to watch the parade. About an hour before it started I received a call from Don wanting to know how he could find us. I gave him directions the best I could and said to call again after he parked and we would try to find him. About thirty minutes passed I saw him riding down the street. He found where we were parked and eventually found us. The area was shoulder to shoulder people watching, yelling, jumping, laughing, and reaching for the beads being thrown from those riding in the floats. The parade I would say lasted about an hour and a half or more. Upon completion we very slowly made our way back to the bikes. We decided to go ahead and head home for it was already around 4pm. We didn't get far until someone mentioned " where we gonna stop and eat" ? We found a Ryan's buffet in Longview so we pulled in and had a good visit and meal. After eating we headed straight home but still didn't beat the dark.

I think all enjoyed themselves on the venture, the food, rides, and especially the company. Hope the summer continues to bring us good weather, places to ride, things to see, and friends to be with. Thanks for a great week end.

Tommie

## **RIDE TO WINDY'S**

Even though the temperature wasn't perfect Dan-Donna-Don and I bundled up for the ride to Windy's in Cartwright Oklahoma on Saturday 2-21. When I pulled out the temperature was 45 but since it was cloudy and windy there was a chill in the air. When I left and started out I realized I needed to add more padding . Apparently the others didn't start out warm enough either for they seemed to be chilly also. After coffee and a bite to nibble on off we headed out.

I planned a route which did not include the freeway, only back roads. I have been on all the roads before but think I took some the others had never ridden. One road we did take everyone had ridden at one time in the past was Carpenters Bluff and the one way bridge. After crossing the bridge instead of making a u-turn and finishing the ride I went straight to Highway 78 which took us through Colvert, OK. then on to Cartwright.

None of the others had eaten at Windy's but seemed to enjoy the food (at least none was left on any plate). After about an hour of eating and conversation, ideas, upcoming rides it was time to leave. To our advantage the sun came out and it warmed up considerably, up to 53, which was much better than 45. Dan wanted to go to Maxim Honda, so off we went back south to 289. Dan had mentioned that Paul and other members were going to be there recruiting new members to GWRRA. Upon arrival that wasn't the case----no one from Chapter R was present. So we just visited with the staff and oohed and ahhed over the new 2015 black and red 1800 40th anniversary special which was already equipped with a CB. Im surprised it hasn't already sold. After about half an hour it was time to go. Each went their separate ways. It was a good day of food and conversation, and we are looking forward to the summer.

Tommie

## Canadian Association of Retired People Questions and Answers from CARP Forum

<b>Q:</b> Where can single men over the age of 60 find younger women who are interested in them?	<b>A:</b> Try a bookstore, under Fiction.
<b>Q:</b> What can a man do while his wife is going through menopause?	<b>A:</b> Keep busy. If you're handy with tools, you can finish the basement. When you're done, you will have a place to live.
<b>Q:</b> Someone has told me that menopause is mentioned in the bible... Is that true? Where can it be found?	<b>A:</b> Yes. Matthew 14:92: "And Mary rode Joseph's ass all the way to Egypt..."
<b>Q:</b> How can you increase the heart rate of your over-60 year-old husband?	<b>A:</b> Tell him you're pregnant.
<b>Q:</b> How can you avoid that terrible curse of the elderly wrinkles?	<b>A:</b> Take off your glasses.
<b>Q:</b> Seriously! What can I do for these crow's feet and all those wrinkles on my face?	<b>A:</b> Go braless. It will usually pull them out..
<b>Q:</b> Why should 60 plus year old people use valet parking?	<b>A:</b> Valets don't forget where they park your car.
<b>Q:</b> Is it common for 60-plus year olds to have problems with short term memory storage?	<b>A:</b> Storing memory is not a problem, Retrieving it is the problem.
<b>Q:</b> As people age, do they sleep more soundly?	<b>A:</b> Yes, but usually in the afternoon.
<b>Q:</b> Where should 60-plus year olds look for eye glasses?	<b>A:</b> On their foreheads.
<b>Q:</b> What is the most common remark made by 60-plus year olds when they enter antique stores?	<b>A:</b> "Gosh, I remember these!"

**SMILE, You've still got your sense of humor!**



## **Not All Thieves Are Stupid**

Check out the last one....I had never thought of it before. Always follow up with a return phone call to see if it is actually true.

### **1. LONG-TERM PARKING:**

Some people left their car in the long-term parking at San Jose while away, and someone broke into the car. Using the information on the car's registration in the glove compartment, they drove the car to the people's home in Pebble Beach and robbed it. So I guess if we are going to leave the car in long-term parking, we should NOT leave the registration/insurance cards in it, nor your remote garage door opener. This gives us something to think about with all our new electronic technology.

### **2. GPS:**

Someone had their car broken into while they were at a football game. Their car was parked on the green which was adjacent to the football stadium and specially allotted to football fans. Things stolen from the car included a garage door remote control, some money and a GPS which had been prominently mounted on the dashboard. When the victims got home, they found that their house had been ransacked and just about everything worth anything had been stolen. The thieves had used the GPS to guide them to the house. They then used the garage remote control to open the garage door and gain entry to the house. The thieves knew the owners were at the football game, they knew what time the game was scheduled to finish and so they knew how much time they had to clean out the house. It would appear that they had brought a truck to empty the house of its contents. Something to consider if you have a GPS - don't put your home address in it... Put a nearby address (like a store or gas station) so you can still find your way home if you need to, but no one else would know where you live if your GPS were stolen.

### **3. CELL PHONES:**

I never thought of this..... This lady has now changed her habit of how she lists her names on her cell phone after her handbag was stolen. Her handbag, which contained her cell phone, credit card, wallet, etc., was stolen. Twenty minutes later when she called her hubby, from a pay phone telling him what had happened, hubby says, "I received your text asking about our Pin number and I've replied a little while ago." When they rushed down to the bank, the bank staff told them all the money was already withdrawn. The thief had actually used the stolen cell phone to text "hubby" in the contact list and got hold of the pin number. Within 20 minutes he had withdrawn all the money from their bank account.

### **Moral of the lesson:**

- a. Do not disclose the relationship between you and the people in your contact list. Avoid using names like Home, Honey, Hubby, Sweetheart, Dad, Mom, etc....
- b. And very importantly, when sensitive info is being asked through texts, CONFIRM by calling back.
- C. Also, when you're being texted by friends or family to meet them somewhere, be sure to call back to confirm that the message came from them. If you don't reach them, be very careful about going places to meet "family and friends" who text you.

### **4. PURSE IN THE GROCERY CART SCAM:**

A lady went grocery-shopping at a local mall and left her purse sitting in the children's seat of the cart while she reached something off a shelf... Wait till you read the WHOLE story! Her wallet was stolen, and she reported it to the store personnel. After returning home, she received a phone call from the Mall Security to say that they had her wallet and that although there was no money in it, it did still hold her personal papers. She immediately went to pick up her wallet, only to be told by Mall Security that they had not called her. By the time she returned home again, her house had been broken into and burglarized. The thieves knew that by calling and saying they were Mall Security, they could lure her out of her house long enough for them to burglarize it.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit.

Wisdom is not using it in a fruit salad.

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending;  
and to have the two as close together as possible.

- George Burns

Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint.

- Mark Twain

I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back.

- Zsa Zsa Gabor

Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups:  
alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat.

- Alex Levine

My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying.

- Rodney Dangerfield

Money can't buy you happiness .... But it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery.

- Spike Milligan

Until I was thirteen, I thought my name was SHUT UP.

- Joe Namath

I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap.

- Bob Hope

I never drink water because of the disgusting things that fish do in it.

- W. C. Fields

We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress.

- Will Rogers

Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you.

- Winston Churchill

Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty, but everything else starts to wear out,  
fall out, or spread out.

- Phyllis Diller

By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere.

- Billy Crystal

And the cardiologist's diet: if it tastes good spit it out.

May your troubles be less, may your blessings be more, and  
may nothing but happiness come through your door.

# **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

## **BIRTHDAYS**

***LORI CULBERSAM 03/06***

***FRANK REDTTMAN 03/15***

***CLARA MEHNE 03/19***

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

***NO ANNIVERSARIES***



### March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		G2 - Greenville Chapter Meeting		M - Mansfield Chapter Meeting		Valero Greenville ride to "The Shed" in Edom, TX. Leaving the Greenville Valero at 9:45am
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
2015 Welcome Home Run for Vietnam Vets, Childress TX, Day 1		G2 Ice Cream Social Braum's in Greenville 7:00pm		Dinner at Cafe Del Rio, Allen TX. - 6:30pm		Dan led ride to the Coppel - Grapevine Motorcycle Rodeo 7am Princeton Cafe
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				W2 - Waxahachie Chapter Meeting		Eric ride to Taste of Italy Lake Hawkin 10:00am Valero
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		R - Grapevine Chapter meeting		Chapter Dinner San Miguel's McKinney TX Louisiana District Convention Lafayette, LA	Louisiana District Convention Lafayette, LA	Chapter Bowling Evening at Allen Bowl Louisiana District Convention Lafayette, LA
29	30	31				

## April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				<u>M - Mansfield Chapter Meeting</u>		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		<u>G2 - Greenville Chapter Meeting</u>			Chapter "O"'s Bluebonnet Rally Fredricksburg, TX	Chapter "O"'s Bluebonnet Rally Fredricksburg, TX
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Chapter "O"'s Bluebonnet Rally Fredricksburg, TX				Region H Convention Marshall, TX	Region H Convention Marshall, TX	Region H Convention Marshall, TX
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
				<u>Chapter Dinner San Miguel's McKinney, TX</u>		<u>Chapter Bowling Evening at Allen Bowl</u>
26	27	28	29	30		
		<u>R - Grapevine Chapter meeting</u>		Texas District Convention Temple, TX		

**May 2015**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					Texas District Convention Temple, TX	Texas District Convention Temple, TX
					Terry's Tour of Arkansas 2015	Terry's Tour of Arkansas 2015
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Terry's Tour of Arkansas 2015	Terry's Tour of Arkansas 2015	G2 - Chapter Meeting Terry's Tour of Arkansas 2015	Terry's Tour of Arkansas 2015	M - Mansfield Chapter Meeting Terry's Tour of Arkansas 2015		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
						Texas Fallen Soldier Ride, All Day event
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Texas Fallen Soldier Ride, All Day event				Arkansas District Convention Harrison, AR	Arkansas District Convention Harrison, AR	Arkansas District Convention Harrison, AR
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
x	x	R - Grapevine Chapter meeting x	x	Chapter Dinner. San Miguel's McKinney, TX x	x	Chapter Bowling Evening at Allen Bowl x
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