



G2 Roadrunner NEWS

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

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CD's CORNER

Notes From the CD

Greetings Road Runners. Well the weather is finally getting warmer and we are able to ride more. Once again special thanks to Tom and Judy for organizing the rides for the Chapter. Also thanks to the volunteers who lead rides to different places. I'm happy to report that Dan and Donna have stepped up and accepted the position of Assistant Chapter Directors. Welcome Dan and Donna and Thanks for stepping up. Dan also fills the position of Chapter Webmaster. He has spent numerous hours getting the web page up and running again so the chapter events are put out in a timely manner and pictures and stories of the events gets posted for everyone to read. Check it out when you get a chance. Also if you have any ideas on improvements let me know.

Region H Rally was held this past month and everyone who attended reported having a good time.

The Texas District Rally will be held in Tyler Texas on the 8- 10 of May. The Chapter donated a 50 dollar gas card to Support the COY of the Year Program. 40 percent of the sales goes to the COY Program and puts our Chapter in the running to get 60 percent of the ticket scales. Also at the rally the Best Hat In Texas contest. G2 Entries are Judy Elliot and George Augustus. Make sure if you're at the Rally you support them at the Rally by getting your ticket and put it by their hats on display. The winners will be announced at the Dance on Friday Night. Another event at the Rally is the Pine Car Races. They will be held on Friday May 9th 12pm to 2pm in the main room of the Convention Center. There will be a Traditional Class Race and Open Class Race Car. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners who will receive medallions. Last but not least thanks everyone who is going to the convention and is volunteering at the numerous events. All for this month, Thanks for your support and time contributed.

From The Educator:

First, I have learned if you take a BRC course and receive a completion card; the card does not expire in the state of Texas. What effect this has is as long as you have the card you can go down and get your MC license if you do not have it no matter how long it takes you to go down and get it. Next the New BRC course is being implemented in stages in the State of Texas. There is a new book for the class room and there is no more videos. Class room is still 5 hours long but will be conducted using a slide show presentation.

Civic Research Institute produces a publication titled Impaired Driving Update. If you are interested in this let me know and I will give you the information to get the publication. One bit of information I learned is Drivers who test positive for drugs have triple the risk of a fatal car crash. Also Brain enzymes Regulates Mood, may advance Depression and additions Treatment.

If you are interested in taking an ERC Course let me know and I will get one set up. The course is 5 Hours long and it all on the range. Ride and Stay safe.

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The Ride to Lawton with W2, the Waxahachie Gold Wing Chapter

When I'm trying to plan upcoming rides I frequently look at other chapter web site calendars to see if they might be going someplace that might make a good ride for us. Tommie and I had been talking about going to Meers Hamburgers for several weeks, but neither of us could remember where it was. To discover that the Waxahachie chapter was going to take an over-nighter to Lawton, OK starting at Meers made us very happy.

I called the Waxahachie CDs, Dan and Donna Smith and talked to Dan. There's not a couth way of inviting yourself, but that's exactly what we did. He seemed really happy that we would join them, told us where they were staying and how to get a GWRRA hotel room discount. In addition to Meers, they were going to the Ammunition Museum at Ft. Sill, Mt. Scott, the wildlife refuge, the Holy City and Medicine Park. That made it all the more enticing. On March 26th "our" Dan and Donna, QP and Vicki met us at the Princeton Cafe for breakfast, and the six of us rode to and met W2 in Decatur. Vicki is still recouping from a broken leg, so she followed in her vehicle and had a CB so we were able to stay in contact with her.

W2's Dan and Donna were on their beautiful custom painted blue Wing, pulling their matching trailer, and they led the ride. Norma and Byron Menthe tail gunned. Both did an excellent job. The first stop was Meers for a late lunch/early dinner. It's always packed, and that day was no exception. We had to wait about an hour and a half. The good news is, the weather could not have been more perfect, and we visited the entire time, making time go faster. The burgers were worth the wait. They are so big they serve them in pie pans and cut them in fourths. Half a burger is plenty, especially when you add fruit cobbler ala mode to finish up. QP and Vicki were the only ones who did not partake of dessert. The cobbler is served hot with what appears to be at least a pint of fluffy, homemade vanilla ice cream on top. Unbelievable! "Our" Dan and Donna split one dessert with us and there was some left over. By the time we'd waited, eaten and waddled to our bikes there was not enough time to visit the Ammunition Museum. What a bummer, but it will be something to look forward to on the next trip.

From Meers we headed on to Mt. Scott. At 2494 ft it's not the biggest mountain, but it certainly looks like one compared to the roads from Denton to Decatur! We really enjoyed the nice, twisty roads and perfect weather, even though it was pretty windy. We got to the top, took in the valley below and marveled at the parents who seemed oblivious that their little kids were bouncing around on precarious perches. Guess we're a bunch of old fogeys, 'cause it got to be more than we could watch.

From Mt Scott we went to our rooms at the Baymont Inn in Lawton. The entire facility was immaculate and the beds were really nice. The best thing about the room was the price. Not sure if you're aware of it, but if you'll go to the national web page and click on benefits there are hotel discounts available for GWRRA members. We got 20% off, so our rooms were only \$65 including taxes. Can't beat a deal like that. We made a plan for everyone to get unpacked, rest up, clean up and meet back in the lobby about an hour later. There was a Starbucks half a block from the motel, so we walked there, got drinks and just sat around chewing the fat for at least an hour and a half.

It's such a small world! Keep in mind that nobody from W2 knew anyone from G2. We were all complete strangers. While we were getting to know each other Vicki and W2s Donna discovered that they were brought up in the same small town in west Texas and knew a lot of the same people. QP knew some of the same people, and Donna had been a teacher at a school where Tommie's cousin was principal back in the 70s. Instant connection!

After coffee and conversation, Tommie, QP and I headed for the "heated" pool. (Yeah, right!) QP was already in it by the time Tommie and I got there. Tommie stuck one toe in and decided it was too cold for him. The guys re-hashed their Vietnam experiences while I took the plunge. It was tolerable only as long as I was moving, but invigorating at the same time. I slept like a baby that night.

We all rested well, ate breakfast at the motel on Sunday and checked out. Dan led us to the wildlife refuge first, where we encountered a big bison and plenty of longhorn cattle on the side of the road. They couldn't have cared less about us, and that was a good thing! We toured the visitor's center, watched a short movie and marveled at all the prairie dogs roaming the area as we exited and headed for the Holy City. The Holy City is a depiction of Jerusalem at the time of Christ, built in cobblestone. We'd been there before, and glad we had been, 'cause they had it closed off in preparation of their Easter show (like a Passion play.). We could still see the buildings, but could not go in them. The only one we were allowed to go in was the church. It was absolutely beautiful and ornate inside, with angels painted on the ceiling. The altar was set up for a wedding. I can't imagine a more beautiful setting.

Tommie's always preaching to be prepared, and perpetual boy scout that he is, he came through again. Bryon accidentally touched his hazard light switch when we were leaving the wildlife refuge. Nothing he tried worked to get them off. Tommie told him he could fix the problem, pulled out his handy dandy mini bottle of WD 40, gave the switch a good squirt, pushed the button in a couple of times and voila! They turned off. Byron was ecstatic, and the relief he felt was evident in his huge smile.

From the refuge we went to Medicine Park. It was amazing! The original homes were done in cobblestone, and some were still standing. A lot of the replaced homes (more modern, seeming out of place) still had the cobblestone retainer walls. The houses had no yards and were built up from the road on inclines. On one side stood the homes, and a river ran between them and a tourist area. It was Sunday morning, so none of the shops were open. There was one business with tables and chairs in a patio type setting where we were able to get some drinks, so we sat down and just took in the warmth of weather, company and setting. The river area was set up real neat, with different levels, complete with ducks neck-dueling and squawking, I'm assuming over territory. I was thinking how awesome that place would be to visit at Christmas when the Santa's Shop and candy striped tables were brought to my attention. It's well worth visiting, but if you decide to go at Christmas you might want to go in the car instead of the bike. Parking was minimal, and on gravel.

After we toured Medicine Park we reluctantly had to turn towards home. We stopped and ate at Cracker Barrel in Wichita Falls before parting company. We were going to a birthday party in Sadler, so Dan, Donna, Tommie and I headed towards Hwy 82. QP and Vicki headed towards 380 and home, and Dan, Donna, Byron and Norma continued on 287 towards their homes. We did almost 600 miles round trip, and enjoyed every second of it.

This outing was a prime example of how the part of the GWRRA creed that says "fun, friends and safety" is supposed to work. When we met we were total strangers. By the time we parted, we all vowed we would stay in touch and plan get-togethers more often. Hopefully, more of us can get together the next time. We're going to try to plan a weekend together after Wing Ding, maybe Granbury. They say it's a really neat place to visit. Stay tuned!

Thanks Dan, Donna, Byron and Norma for allowing strangers to invite ourselves along and enjoy a perfect weekend with you. It was relaxing, it was fun, it was informative and it was eye candy. The best part of it was meeting, riding and bonding with y'all, Let's keep this going!

Judy

TASTE OF ITALY RIDE - LAKE HAWKINS (R.B. WILSON)

Saturday, April 12th, was a great overcast, warm day for our ride to Lake Hawkins and Taste of Italy. Eric led the group, consisting of Frank, Terry & Linda and R.B., on a roundabout route to our destination.

The scenery was super, including lots of Bluebonnets, Indian Paintbrush, and other assorted wild flowers. The recent rains have greened up the trees and pastures, showing everyone Mother Nature is gearing up for another rebirth of her finest.

After a 2 1/2 hour ride thru some beautiful countryside we arrived at Taste of Italy on Lake Hawkins. This was Terry and Linda's first trip to the restaurant, and I think they enjoyed the food. I know the rest of us did.

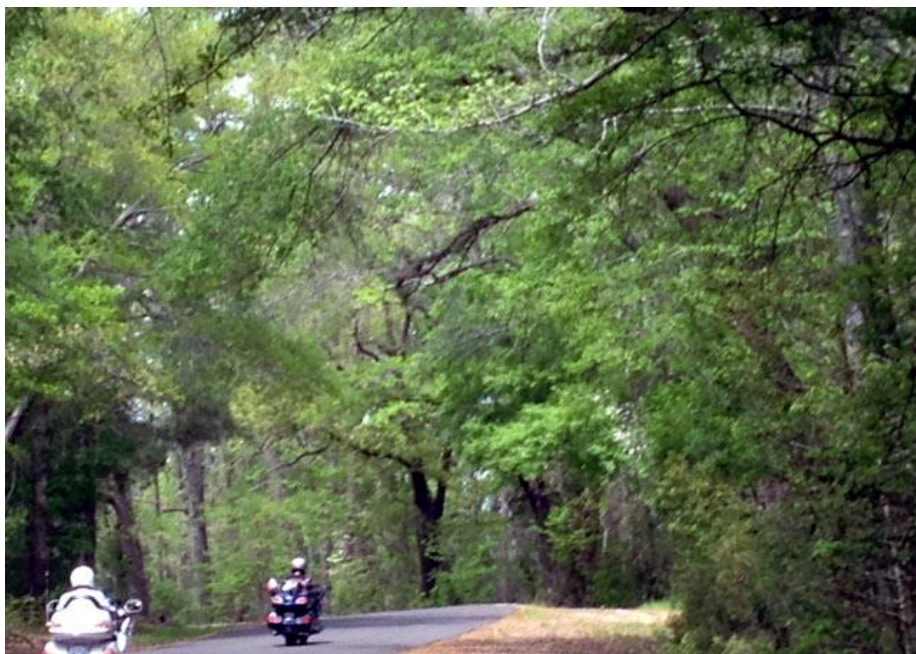
Terry took some photos which are shown below and on other pages.



Taste of Italy Restaurant - Lake Hawkins



View of Lake Hawkins outside restaurant



Eric leading our ride



Frank cruising behind our fearless leader



Terry looking dapper and cool



Linda has found the right way to travel



And here's R.B. bringin' up the rear again



And last but not least.....The lunch Bunch

CARPENTER'S BLUFF JUNCTION (With photos)

Thanks to Dan's great publicity and the excellent weather we had a great turnout for the ride. Eight motorcycles and 13 riders left the Valero gas station for Carpenters Bluff Junction at 10 AM.

We had a few new riders for this outing... Bob and Jody from Tawakoni on a yellow Honda trike, Dan from Tawakoni on a black Harley ultra classic and Paul and Suzette, who are members of chapter Z2, on their yellow Honda Goldwing.

Our regulars that were in attendance included RB, Frank, Eric and Linda, Dan and Donna and Terry and Linda.

After riding back roads for about an hour we arrived at the Exxon gas station in Whitewright for our first break. RB had been serving as tail gunner up until this point. His back got to bother him and he decided to head back to his home. So Dan took over as tail gunner for the remainder of the ride. Thanks to RB and Dan for both serving as tail gunner for the ride.

After leaving Whitewright it took us about another 30 minutes to arrive at Carpenters Bluff Junction. We spent about 20 minutes checking out the bridge and the historical marker. We also posed for a couple of group shots on the one lane bridge. Donna was kind enough to serve as our official photographer for the trip.

We then crossed the bridge into Oklahoma for a short ride and then worked our way to the Hickory barbecue restaurant in downtown Bonham. Everyone seemed to enjoy the food and the prices.

After lunch we took a direct route back to Greenville.

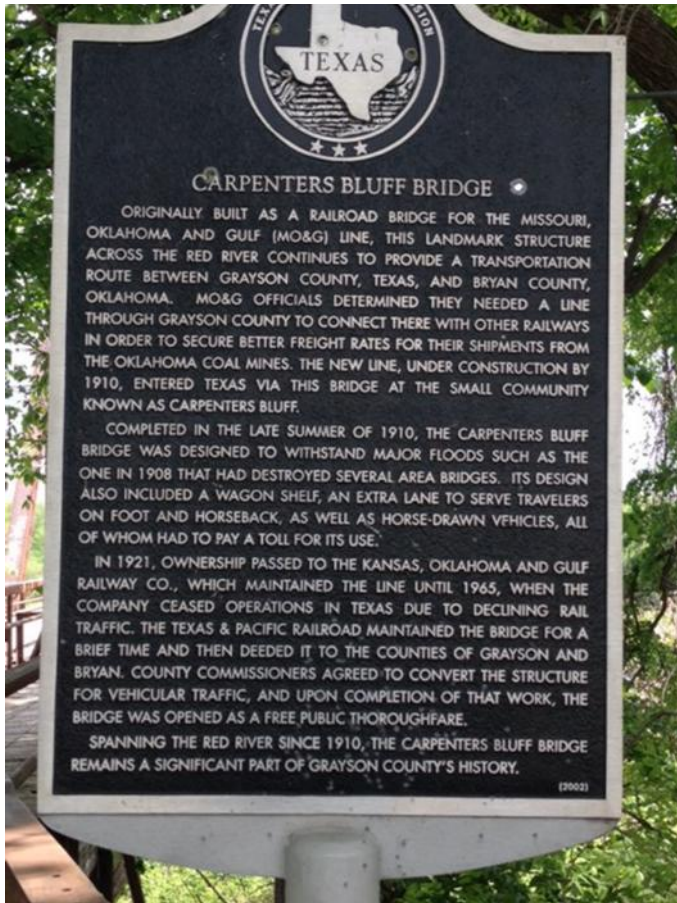
Thanks to all who came out and made it very fun ride.











BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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Ken Padilla 05-18

None



May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesda	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 BOWIE LONGHORN BBQ CAFE
4	5	6 G2 MONTHLY MTG. FAMILY BUFFET/EAT @ 6PM/MTG.@ 7PM	7	8 DINNER RIDE TO CROW'S IN ANNA W/Z2 <hr/> TX. DIST RALLY/TYLER	9 TX. DIST RALLY/TYLER	10 TX. DIST RALLY/TYLER
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25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31 Z2 BOWLING ALLEN LANES