



# ***G2 Roadrunners***

## ***May 2015 Newsletter***

**GWRRA Region "H" Texas District  
Chapter G2 Greenville, TX  
Established October 2001**



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**We have a New Region “H” Director!**

Ray and Sandi Garris along with myself (Jack Wagner) are pleased to announce Jim and Reba Berry have been selected as the new Region H Directors effective immediately. They were previously the Assistant Region Directors as well as being the Region newsletter editor; they are the 2014-2015 Region H Couple of the Year. Jim and Reba have been married for 42 years and have 3 children and 9 grandchildren. Jim is the controller for a major liquefied petroleum gas distributor and Reba works for the University of Louisiana-Monroe. They began their GWRRA life in 2005 and have served as Chapter Directors for their home Chapter LA-D, LA District Treasurer, LA Assistant District Directors, LA District Couple of the Year, and LA District Medic First Aid Coordinators. Reba is a Medic First Aid instructor and Jim is a Medic First Aid Trainer. Jim is also a Senior University Trainer for GWRRA University. They are both proud to be Level IV Master Tour Riders. Please join me in welcoming and congratulating Jim and Reba on their appointment.



## From Your Chapter Director

Four months into 2015 and G2 has been busy attending the rallies of Region "H". I will have to admit that a couple years ago attending a GWRRA Rally was an alien and strange event for me personally. I saw lots of folks decked out in vests with patches and pins; there were enough stuffed animals (Mascots) to rival "Toys-are-Us".

Hugs were exchanged everywhere, and people who did not even know us yet greeted us with those hugs (very unusual for a guy who did not have a hugging family). I enjoyed the vendors though and took some classes to enhance my skills which still needed much work. What I did not know then was that each time we attending subsequent rallies we then saw those familiar faces and each visit was now becoming a reunion. Those hugs became genuine and easy to doll out, the handshakes became strong and accompanied huge smiles. These people have become family!

The original chapter games were now interesting as you found yourself rooting for the people you knew best, and no longer feeling shy and withdrawn when Donna and I were ready to compete. Now when we attend we are looking to help out in any way possible regardless if it is our district or not! This year's Texas District Donna was asked to be the official photographer due to that huge camera always being around her neck and always snapping photos.

Donna has truly blossomed as my co-rider and as a member of GWRRA. She has found her own voice and now actively seeks out friends at these rallies and it is wonderful to watch! I know that Rallies seem old fashioned, folksy and a bit out of place in 2015, but I assure you that it is so much more. In a time where smart phones, texting, have caused people to loose site on how to communicate in person and when electronic games on our PC's and phones have replaced sitting around talking over a board game.

GWRRA rallies are a rekindling of the personal touch and friendships that many of us desire even if we are not yet aware of what has been lost in a techno filled world. I strongly encourage you to consider joining Donna and I as we attend those events our work filled schedule allows. Check out what GWRRA offers in addition to the riding opportunities our Chapter strives to fill each month with!



## From Your Chapter Educator

Greetings Road Runners. We had a few for riding days in April then March but the Weather was still a factor. One weekend Saturday was a beautiful 70 degrees with lots of Sunshine and Sunday the Temperature didn't get above 50 and it rained hard most of the day. My point to the weather report is making sure you dress and prepare for conditions. That way you don't end up with heat exhaustion or hypothermia, like some of my students almost had during range exercises.

As most of you may know to get a MC endorsement you must take the BRC class in order to do so. Also there is about 60 % of the motorcyclists in the state of Texas riding without a License. Under the old MSF courses you could take an ERC course and if needed take the Licensing Tests and then go to the DMV and take a written Test get you license that way, without taking the BRC. Since the BRC was updated in 2013, that opportunity is no longer available. There is a BRC2 which has a Licensing Portion but the state has not adopted it. There is an alternative available for riders to take and that is the Total Control Intermediate Course. The state accepts this as an alternate way for experienced riders to get a license. I attended this course on the 20th of April in Irving Texas. This class was a true learning experience. You sign up for the class where it is offered by a sponsor. Cost is more than the BRC and is 8 hours long verses the 16 you take for the BRC. Here is the eye opener. You take a skills test on the range before you start the class. **If you do not pass the skills test you do not get to take the course.** The test is challenging. I cannot tell you the skill tests or the exercises in the class as the material is copyrighted, but I believe you will leave the class with improved skill levels.

I was questioned on why I instruct my students to use 4 fingers on the front brake instead of 2. For some time now modern motorcycles have front brakes that you can effectively operate with 2 fingers. Dirt bike riders often only use 1 finger when using the front brake. The reason I teach with 4 is when you train to use the brake you operate it as you are trained. If you learn with only two fingers that is what you will use to make most of you stops. For most stops and even some emergency stops that is fine. I learned that if you panic on a motorcycle you grab with all 4 fingers on the brake and the clutch. If you have learned with 2 fingers and you grab with 4 you chance locking the front wheel and causing a crash. Grabbing the clutch with 2 or 4 fingers has the same effect, your immediately remove power going from the engine to the rear wheel.

That is all for this month. May has started out with beautiful riding weather.



## From Your Regional Director

The Region H rally is nearly here! And yes, I said 'rally'. We no longer have to refer to them as 'conventions'. The theme for this year's rally is 'Catch the H Train', so get your railroad or hobo attire ready and head on down to Marshall, TX. Have you registered yet? If not, you have until March 31 to register and still be included in the mini grand prize drawing at opening ceremonies Thursday evening. Your Region H team has a trainload of fun planned with quite a few new activities – lots of games, both on-bike and off; the art party will feature a totally new concept; guided lunch rides; downtown street dance; hobo costume contest and the Chapter Challenge - those are just a few of the new things happening this year. Of course, there will be all of the other things you've grown used to seeing at Region H - various Chapter competitions, bike and light shows, seminars, rider courses, first aid/cpr classes, Couple of the Year selection, announcement of the Region H Chapter of the Year, lots of vendors of interest to both the guys and the girls, the list goes on and on. And one other very important item will happen at closing – the announcement and swearing in of a new Region H Director. If you haven't made plans to attend, please consider coming to Marshall April 16-18. Can't get away for the whole rally – think about coming for the day. If you're not there, we will miss you and you will only get to read about the fun rather than being part of it!

I'm sure you've seen the announcements that Bill & Dea Ann Gray relinquished their role as Deputy Directors. They did a tremendous job in that position and we all thank them for their service. I was very honored to have been selected to fill the position, however that means I also have to turn over the reins of Region H, which makes me kind of sad. Being your Region H Director is something I have truly enjoyed. But I'm not going away, only changing the rockers on my vest – and obtaining yet another set of shirts. Serving you, the Members, is something I do not take lightly and the best way I know to do that is continuing to be available to talk with anyone, any time, and attend as many events as possible in order to accurately represent your voice to National. Region H is the greatest! Thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me the privilege of serving Region H as your Director.

**Jack Wagner**  
**Region "H" Director**





## **From Your District Director**

We just left the Florida Rally and what fun we had. It is interesting to go and visit other Rallies to see how differently they do things. We found out that Florida has 33 Chapters in their state and they all are very active. They all have little weekend Rallies and everyone visits to support each other.

They were happy to see 15 people from Texas came to their Rally; they also had folks from Mississippi, South Carolina, Louisiana, Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama.

It did not matter that they only had two seminars a day; people were involved with other activities to keep them busy. It was great to meet some great folks we will see again at other events.

We are now on the way to visit our dear friends at the Louisiana District Rally. We always have a great time. Louisiana District team did a great job at their Rally, they had near 500 people attend. We are hoping that Texas steps up to match the attendance Louisiana had. That would be an awesome way for the members of Texas to show their support.

In three weeks we will be going to take the H train at the Region H Rally. We can't wait to dress up as Hobo's for the street dance. Your Texas District Rally is coming up very quickly. It is less than a month away. We know that Texas needs a lot of work on getting people back involved with each other as a team, but we have noticed that the members still want to be involved but they are looking for the guidance from their leaders. Good leadership begins at the Chapter level. It is very important to have Chapter Directors and a good team behind them. We all know that fun and excitement is contagious and everyone wants to have fun but sometimes they need to be led to the fun. Chapter Directors and their team should be constantly looking for fun things for their Chapter to do. They should get their Chapter involved in making those decisions also. Having a suggestion box at every meeting with a pencil and paper placed at every chair for them to write suggestions down is one way. Draw a suggestion at every meeting and make it happen. We read every newsletter and see all the fun things that everyone is having, let's not stop there, let's start making plans. Take a look at the District calendar and get some ideas for some rides.

We are very happy to see a lot of chapters placing their events on the District Calendar, we look at it daily and it is great to see that Chapters are still very active and have a lot of great rides planned.

We hope that everyone will come to the District Rally and support Texas. We need the support and participation from our Texas members. Our team has come up with a great Rally for everyone but the members are what makes the Rally, it's no fun having fun without you guys.

We have set a lot of goals that we would like to see completed during our tenure as your Directors, all of the goals benefits the members but we have to get your support first, so come on out and join in on the fun activities. See you at the Texas District Rally in Temple

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

To all who might be interested:

Due to popular demand and conflicting training schedules, we've rescheduled and added **3W-BRC** classes in Bedford. The **3W-BRC / Trike class** on Mother's Day weekend, May 9-10, has **sold out!** The earlier announced dates, May 22-23-24, have been **rescheduled** to May 29-30-31, due to a scheduling conflict.

We have one seat left in the class on:  
**Friday-Saturday, May 29-30**

and just 3 seats left in the class on:  
**Saturday-Sunday, May 30-31.**

The student must provide their own "trike" for the class. The cost is \$250.  
The classroom and riding are both held in Bedford (the classroom is 1 mile north of SH 183 on Central Drive;  
all riding is at Pennington Field Football Stadium on the southwest corner of SH 183 and Central Drive).

You must register in advance, **by telephone**  
at [972-242-0300](tel:972-242-0300) or [1-800-410-4549](tel:1-800-410-4549) between 9AM - 5PM CT, Mon-Fri; or online  
at [www.RideSafeTexas.com](http://www.RideSafeTexas.com). Please have the student's driver's license and the payment ready (\$250 even, no tax; we accept debit/credit cards, check-by-phone, or Visa Gift Cards) to register.

There are **only 4 student per class**, so **CALL NOW!**

Please let your friends / family / favorite **dealerships** know so the Trike riders are aware of these classes. Thanks!

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## GWRRA Vision

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

## GWRRA Mission

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

## GWRRA Values

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

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

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

### ***Why belong to GWRRA?***

There are many benefits to becoming a GWRRA 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 GWRRA 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 GWRRA!

[Become a member!](#)



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**RESCUE PLUS INFORMATION**

Discounted, low-cost roadside assistance for you and your family for as little as \$35 per year\*, provided by Nation Safe Drivers. Rescue Plus is our best value solution. Learn how much Rescue Plus can save you by comparing it to AAA PLUS.

Rescue Plus covers all registered family members within the household while driving any non-commercial vehicle or motorcycle, with 100 miles of free towing. Standard Rescue covers motorcycles only. This plan also covers GWRRA Members' motorcycle trailers. (Note: Members of GWRRA must have a Family Membership to cover multiple drivers.)

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Map Service: 800-338-2680

**ADDITIONAL RESCUE PLUS BENEFITS & INFORMATION**

Map Service - Car map. Membership allows specially prepared maps for travel. Call 800-338-2680 two weeks in advance of your trip, giving your trip origin and destination.

Rental Car Discounts - Rental car keys. Call any of these nationwide rental car companies providing assigned identification number and receive a discount.

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Hotel Discounts - Hotel counter button. Member will receive 10% Traveler's Discount at participating Choice Hotels, including Comfort, Quality, Clarion, Sleep, Econo Lodge, Rodeway and Friendship hotels. Call 800-4 CHOICE to make advance reservations. Ask for the Nation Safe Drivers Traveler's Discount. This discount is based on availability at participating hotels and is not for use in conjunction with any other discount offer or promotional rate. Advance reservations required.

## Chapter O rally

Seven members had their first camping experience April 10th and 11th in Fredericksburg. Chapter "O" had their annual chapter rally at Lady Bird Johnson State Park. Even though there was a threat of rain the whole weekend it turned out to be a cloudy, misty but a decent weekend. Dan, Donna, Don and I left Greenville headed to Quinlan to meet up with Eric and Carl (One of the charter members of G-2 when it originated in October 2001). Our route was pretty simple and straight forward. We went the back roads through the country side taking in all the smells of freshly cut grass, and enjoying the blue bonnets along the road way. The blue bonnets and other flowers and weeds were in full bloom. After several stops along the way for gas, lunch and other necessities along with the usual CB chit-chat we arrived around 4PM.

Eric, Carl, Don and I had pop up campers. Dan and Donna had a huge dome tent. It only took each of us a short time to set up camp. After getting set up and making a Walmart run we decided to eat at Whataburger, then back to the camp sites. We all sat around talking and just relaxing until bed time.

Saturday morning, Chapter "O" fixed breakfast for those who wished to partake. After registering, eating, and browsing the merchandise displayed for a later silent auction they also had a planned guided ride to see the blue bonnets in the area especially an area called Willow City Loop. I'm guessing there were about 30-40 bikes that went on the ride. It's amazing what Mother Nature has to offer--so beautiful.

Once the ride was completed we went back to the rally where lunch was furnished by Chapter "O" Once lunch was completed the silent auction and other meeting business started. It was noticed from my point of view that all the merchandise was needed or wanted worse by someone else other than me. Everything I bid on was taken by someone else's higher bid. I came home empty handed, but it was fun trying.



Once the meeting was over everyone just milled around, visiting and just relaxing.

The negative aspect on the trip was once we arrived and set up our campsite was my CB decided it didn't want to work any longer. It showed the RX symbol on the screen and wouldn't go off. I could not transmit nor receive. After trying several things which included spraying lubricant around the talk switch, disconnecting the negative from the battery but nothing corrected the problem so I came home listening to the AM-FM radio

Later that evening we ate at Whataburger then started getting things packed for the ride home Sunday. The ride home Sunday was uneventful and very relaxing. Everyone seemed to have a good time. This was the first ever that I went on a rally-camping trip by myself. Judy was unable to make it. Thanks to all that went, and hope we do it again.

Tommie Elliot

## Ride to CEDAR MILLS MARINA

For the first time in days we had no rain in the forecast so I led a ride to Lake Texoma-- Pelicans Landing located at Cedar Mills Marina. Ten decided to make the ride including a visitor--Les from Plano. We left Princeton at 9am and the route was all back roads. Some were straight, some curvy, some bumpy, and some were upsies and downies. A normal ride would have taken about an hour---we arrived two and a half hours later which included one pit stop. We noticed we were not the only ones taking advantage of the beautiful weather. Seemed like we saw bikes on every road we were on. Most of the roads we have ridden on other rides but I did manage to incorporate one FM road I have never been on before. It just added to some beautiful green scenery along the way.



The restaurant sits right on the lake with a large Marina. We decided to sit outside on the balcony enjoying the beautiful weather. The menu had plenty to choose from including different combinations of hamburgers, salad combinations , ribs, and even fish and shrimp. Apparently everyone enjoyed their choice because the only thing left on the plates were the bones from the ribs. As usual different conversations were going on while eating.

Our ride was more of a straight run. All but one couple decided to ride to Maxim Honda in Allen, They were having an open house with some vendors. As we were loading up to head out Judy noticed the top part of her CB antenna was missing. For whatever reason the top part had broken off. At close range she could hear and transmit but I had to buy another antenna. They don't sell separate parts. After visiting and shopping around a little bit everyone went their separate ways,

Thanks to all that came and enjoyed the beautiful day to ride.

Tommie Elliot



## Riding in the Rain

The longer you ride your motorcycle the more likely you will be in a situation where riding in the rain is unavoidable. While most riders will avoid an afternoon lunch ride that has a high possibility of less than ideal riding weather, sometimes your destination is a long ways away and one must venture out to get there. This was the case for Donna and I on the weekend of April 18th to the GWRRA Region “H” Rally in Marshall TX.

The Rally was only 168 miles away, but we were unable to leave until Donna got home from work. The weather forecast called for rain and thunderstorms and the radar at weather.com showed scattered storm cells moving in a direction that might allow us to navigate around the bad ones. The ride started off well and the first two hours of this “Three hour tour” (S.S Minnow comes to mind) were uneventful with Rainbows and a natural fireworks display of lightning. We dodged the storm using the weather app “Raindar” on my cellphone (cellphone is attached via Ram Mount on my left Handlebar, GPS on the right).

Donna wanted to hit “Ryan’s Buffet” In Longview for a late dinner and hopefully allow the huge storm cell to our east on Highway 80 to stay ahead of us. Well, for a while we stayed behind the storm, and then we started to catch the tail end with some drizzle, then light rain. Donna had her Frogg Toggs on (pants and jacket) while I only had the jacket part on, but have never had much of a problem staying dry as long as we kept moving. I asked her how she was doing, and as is typical of this tough chicky who is almost impossible to scare or show anything but delight while on the back of our Goldwing, she said she was doing great.

The light rain turned a little heavier but the radar showed the worst of it was staying ahead of us. The heaviness of the rain dictated the speed as we and the cars and trucks on highway 80 slowed down. I figured this would work in our favor as the bad stuff would keep moving east and further away from us. Well, I was wrong.

The rain was now coming down pretty good, the visor on the helmet had to rise to handle fogging as well as rain drops inside and outside. My glasses had to be slid down to the end of my nose to have a clear view of the road over my windshield. In Gladewater I decided to find a gas station to pull over to let the storm get past us, but the roads were flooding and we drove through several washes from left to right were the rain waters were clearly pushing against my toes on the foot pegs, and at one point was hitting my ankles.



Each entrance to the gas stations had water hiding the curbs making that more dangerous than continuing to a better stopping point as well as several tree limbs down in the right lane. We were both laughing as I was soaked to the skin and Donna’s feet were drenched. I finally found a Valero in

Gladewater where I could see the curb and could navigate safely in. Donna could not stop laughing at the image of me standing next to the bike, water running out my pant legs and forming a huge puddle beneath me, my helmet visor up just enough to see my glasses at the end of my nose, my beady eyes barely visible.

There was no point staying put as we were wet (but not cold thought) we just waited for the downpour to move east and we headed back out on the road. About 200 yards down the road we had our final deep water experience, as I downshifted to allow us to plow through to the other side of this “river”. By the way, we spent most of our time in the left lane to avoid the majority of standing water that seemed to be submerging the right lane up to the dotted white line. A Semi truck heading the opposite way had the same idea of staying out of the right lane and hit that deep water at the same time sending a wall of water onto the bike with enough force that I worried could break the windscreen. It held and so did we. For the rest of the trip we had steady strong rain but few matching the excitement in Gladewater.

We got into Marshall about 9:45, a little more than an hour longer than it should have taken. In the rain we never figured out which exit we needed for Ryan’s Buffet, and in retrospect, had we stopped for coffee and food way before we closed on that storm we would have likely arrived dry and with no story to tell. On the way home on Saturday, we used that Raindar App to dodge scattered storm cells and get in the house 10 minutes before the heavens once again opened up and down poured. All in all this was a neat experience with a ton of lessons learned that will help us in the future.

- 1. When I see the clear possibility of crossing the path of rain I will put on my rain gear (all of it!)**
- 2. I will get a good set of over the boot rain covers and will wear them.**
- 3. Using the Raindar app works best when you do keep a greater space between you and storms, as they can expand or shift directions and be on top of you before you can stop and put on the gear.**
- 4. Keep plenty of dry towels on the bike (in airtight bags when possible) for drying off visors and glasses.**
- 5. Always pack an extra set of clothes to change into including shoes. It is no fun wearing wet clothes until they dry**
- 6. Keep plastic kitchen bags on the bike to hold wet clothes**
- 7. The Goldwing will handle rain, even significant water on the pavement, but watch the speed and think of how the other vehicles on the road will impact you when they enter the water too. Downshift to give you the power to counteract those forces.**
- 8. In the dark you can see standing water on the road in the distance but is much more of a challenge as you get closer. Keep that in mind as you adjust you speed or plan your position on the road**
- 9. Remember that standing water can hide obstacles including pot holes, debris and curbs. Avoid it when you can.**

# 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL TEXAS TRIBUTE TO FALLEN SOLDIERS MEMORIAL TORCH MOTORCYCLE RIDE



## “A MISSION TO HONOR OUR FALLEN”

### May 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Northwest is excited to announce our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual (Texas) Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Motorcycle Ride scheduled for May 15, 16, & 17, 2015 in the Dallas Metro area.

This heartwarming tribute ride event is open to all riders who would like to join us in honoring and paying tribute to our fallen soldiers from the State of Texas.

Tribute to Fallen Soldiers will be honoring at least (16) fallen soldiers and their Gold Star families from the Dallas metro area. Our escorted ride procession will make “Fallen Soldier Home Visits” to each of these families at which time each will be presented with a ‘Memorial Plaque of Distinguished Service’ in memory of their fallen hero.

All participating riders are asked to gather both Saturday & Sunday ( May 16 & 17 ) at VFW Post #8785 in Mesquite, TX. ( 509 W. Main Street ) beginning at 6:30 A.M.

A FREE breakfast will be provided from 6:30 – 8:30 A.M. The ride will depart at approximately 9:15 A.M.

\*\* There is NO ride fee to participate.\*\*

For more information, go to:  
[TributetoFallenSoldiers.com](http://TributetoFallenSoldiers.com) or email to:  
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[www.TributetoFallenSoldiers.com](http://www.TributetoFallenSoldiers.com)



# GWRRA ARKANSAS DISTRICT CONVENTION



## ARKANSAS MASH BASH



**May 21 – 23, 2015**

**Harrison, Arkansas**

Games/Challenges  
Seminars,  
Cake Walk  
Bike Show,  
Light Show

North Arkansas College  
1515 Pioneer Drive  
Harrison, AR 72601

50/50/\$500  
Grand Prize  
Ice Cream Social



Karaoke-You can bring  
your own music or use  
what we have

Hotel Information  
**Quality Inn**

870-741-7676-Host  
\$69.00 + tax

**Holiday Inn Express**

870-741-3636  
\$79.00 + tax

**Hampton Inn**

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# Happy 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday Chapter I

Calling all past and present Chapter I members and friends!

**ALL BIKES AND BIKERS WELCOME**



**Saturday – June 27, 2015  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

*Birthday Cake*

**H & W Marine  
3720 East End Blvd. (Hwy. 59 South)  
Marshall, Texas**



**Door Prizes  
50-50 Raffle**

**10:00 Poker Run guaranteed \$500**

**12:00 Cajun Tex Lunch catered**

**Special drawing for Early Bird registration prior to June 15, 2015  
Registration \$20 per person**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Co-Rider \_\_\_\_\_

I/We agree to hold harmless GWRRA, H&W Honda, GWRRA Texas Chapter I sponsoring this event and any property owners for any loss or injury to myself or to my property as a results of my/our participation in this event.

Rider \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Co-Rider \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to Chapter I and mail to:  
Libby Parrish  
4319 Fern Lake Cut Off  
Marshall, Texas 75672

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# WINGDING37

HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA + SEPTEMBER 3-6, 2015 + wing-ding.org

## REGISTER TODAY! SIMPLY MAIL OR FAX YOUR COMPLETED FORM

Contact Member Services at 800-843-9460 with any questions. Visit [wing-ding.org](http://wing-ding.org) and click "REGISTRATION" at the top of page.

RIDER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GWRRA MEMBER # \_\_\_\_\_

CO-RIDER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GWRRA MEMBER # \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/ST/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ ALT. PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

### PREREGISTRATION:

(Postmarked before July 16, 2015)

Number of Life Members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Non-Members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### LATE REGISTRATION:

(Postmarked July 17, 2015 - August 6, 2015)

Number of Life Members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$22 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Non-Members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$55 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### DAY PASS:

(Sold on-site only)

\$22 per person  
\$15 GWRRA Members

Day Pass Fee includes the following:

- One-day pass to indoor Trade Show
- One-day access to Demo Rides on all participating manufacturers' bikes (subject to availability)



### FULL REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- 4-day pass to indoor Trade Show
- 4-day pass to Demo Rides on all participating manufacturers' bikes (subject to availability)
- Wing Ding Welcome Party
- Access to Seminars and Parades
- Access to Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Optional dinner and priority seating prior to free Entertainment Event
- Access to free Evening Entertainment Event
- Souvenir Event Pin and Pocket Guide
- Exclusive opportunities for tours, dinners and other ticketed events
- Numbered armband for chance at thousands of dollars in amazing prizes!
- Precision Drill Team Exhibitions and other performances
- Optional Rider Education Safety Courses, CPR Classes and more

Children 15 and under at the time of the event are admitted free. Cancellations in writing must be received at the Home Office on or before August 6, 2015, and are subject to a \$15 processing fee. No telephone or verbal cancellations will be accepted.

Please note, only registered delegates may participate in Wing Ding functions, activities and events! You will receive a confirmation via email 24-48 hours after your registration is processed. Please visit our website for hotel and camping information. Armbands,

tickets, T-shirts or any other items purchased will be available for pickup beginning the day prior to Wing Ding in the registration area (see website for hours and location). In accordance with federal regulations, some prizes may be subject to up to 25% federal withholdings payable prior to receipt.

FAX or MAIL this form to: GWRRA Member Services, P.O. Box 42450, Phoenix, AZ 85080-2450. Fax: 877.348.9416. Call 800.843.9460 or 623.581.2500 for more information. Register on-line at: [wing-ding.org](http://wing-ding.org)

Text WINGDING to 555-888 for all the latest news, updates, and special offers! LIKE us on





# WINGDING37

HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA + SEPTEMBER 3-6, 2015 + wing-ding.org

## RIDER EDUCATION COURSES

The number and availability of courses is dependent upon the number of participants. You will be notified of your class time and location as soon as possible. Note: Certification cost is per bike! \$20 refund after course completion.

### ARC:

Experience advanced techniques in turning, maximum braking, and swerving plus mental and situational strategies in GWRRA's own Advanced Rider Course. Co-Riders welcome. 8 hours (classroom and range)

# OF PEOPLE \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 per bike = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rider \_\_\_\_\_  
 Co-Rider \_\_\_\_\_

### ARC (Recertification):

The GWRRA ARC for those who have PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED the ARC. Includes discussions at the beginning of the course and between exercises. 5 hours (range only)

# OF PEOPLE \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 per bike = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rider \_\_\_\_\_  
 Co-Rider \_\_\_\_\_

### SIDECAR:

Experience advanced techniques of riding with a sidecar as well as situation strategies and accident avoidance tactics. 8 hours (3 classroom/5 range).

# OF PEOPLE \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 per bike = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rider \_\_\_\_\_  
 Co-Rider \_\_\_\_\_

### TRAILERING:

Learn advanced trailering techniques and strategies for safe and enjoyable travel. Motorcycles only--no trikes or sidecars please. 8 hours (3 classroom/5 range)

# OF PEOPLE \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 per bike = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rider \_\_\_\_\_  
 Co-Rider \_\_\_\_\_

### TRIKE:

This course teaches advanced riding skills for the trike rider such as maximum braking, swerving and turning. 8 hours (3 classroom/5 range)

# OF PEOPLE \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 per bike = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rider \_\_\_\_\_  
 Co-Rider \_\_\_\_\_

### TRIKE/TRAILER:

This course combines the Trike Rider Course (TRC) with some guided practice in backing a trailer. 8 hours (3 classroom/5 range)

# OF PEOPLE \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 per bike = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rider \_\_\_\_\_  
 Co-Rider \_\_\_\_\_

### CPR/FIRST AID (New):

This course is designed to teach and certify you in the basic principles of CPR and First Aid. 8 hours

# OF PEOPLE \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 per person = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_

### CPR/FIRST AID (Renewal):

This course is designed to refresh and recertify you in the basic principles of CPR and First Aid. 4 hours

# OF PEOPLE \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 per person = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_

RIDER EDUCATION TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send check or money order in equivalent U.S. funds.  
 All others will be returned to sender for adjustment. Please do not send cash.

**GRAND TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 ENCLOSED:  Check  Money Order  
 CHARGE MY:  M/C  VISA  
 AmEx  Discover

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### GRAND PRIZE

Your Choice! A New Honda Gold Wing or \$10,000 in Cash!

\_\_\_\_\_ 5 Tickets = \$15  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 Tickets = \$20  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 20 Tickets = \$30  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 40 Tickets = \$50  
 Total \_\_\_\_\_

Must be present to win! Drawings held at Closing Ceremonies\*. GWRRA not responsible for filling out tickets or placing them into hopper. Altered, illegible or counterfeit tickets will be voided.

### GRAND 50/20-15-10-5

\_\_\_\_\_ 1 Yard (18 Tickets) = \$10  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Yards (54 Tickets) = \$20  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 7 Yards (126 Tickets) = \$40  
 Total \_\_\_\_\_

4 Winners! Must be present to win! Drawings held at Closing Ceremonies\*. GWRRA not responsible for filling out tickets or placing them into hopper. Altered, illegible or counterfeit tickets will be voided.

### GWRRA ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT

September 3rd. Rotisserie chicken, Sliced Pit Ham, Home-Style Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Turnip Greens, Mac and Cheese, Fried Okra, Corn Bread, Tossed Salad, Sweet and Unsweetened Iced Tea. Lemon pie. (Seating is limited, while supplies last)

# OF PEOPLE \_\_\_\_\_ x \$16 = \_\_\_\_\_

### BBQ DINNER

September 5th, prior to free Evening Entertainment Event. Pulled Pork, Smoked Chicken, Coleslaw, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob, Rolls, Watermelon. Lemonade and Iced Tea. (Seating is limited, while supplies last)

# OF PEOPLE \_\_\_\_\_ x \$16 = \_\_\_\_\_

### SOUVENIR T-SHIRT

(Place quantity next to size.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Small x \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Medium x \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Large x \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ XL x \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 2XL x \$17 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 3XL x \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 4XL x \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_

Embroidered Polo Shirt  
 (Moisture wicking performance material)

\_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total \_\_\_\_\_

### BIKE SHOW COMPETITION

# OF BIKES \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Includes souvenir pin.

### POKER RUNS (8 Winners!)

Must be present to win! Includes souvenir pin.  
 1st (\$500), 2nd (\$250), 3rd (\$100), 4th (\$50), 5th-8th (\$25 each).

Winners will be posted on Closing Day. Five card draw.

# OF HANDS \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_

# Kansas District Convention

'Wingin' It to the Air Capital City  
The Hospitality District



The Best Western North Wichita Hotel & Suites  
915 E 53rd St North, Wichita, Kansas  
1-866-503-5700 or 316-832-9387



Ya'll Come See Us!  
Jack & Doris, KS-DD

September 18-19, 2015

Vendors



Grand



Prize

Seminars



Night Light  
Parade



Twister's Drawings



Drill  
Team

On-Off Bike Games

Sequoyah Lodge  
*On beautiful Fort Gibson Lake*  
19808 Park Road  
Hulbert, OK 74441

Hiking / Biking on Nature Trails  
Horseback Riding / Hay Rides  
Golf / Tennis  
Boating / Fishing  
On-Site Restaurant  
Monster Mash Ball



# Halloween on the Lake

2015 Oklahoma District Convention  
October 15 - 17, 2015

Lodge Rooms & Cottages  
\$80 - \$130  
Call: 918-772-2545  
Use Group ID: 324951



Camp Sites  
\$26  
Call: 918-772-2046

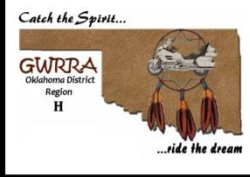
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**GWRRRA OKLAHOMA DISTRICT CONVENTION**

**Hallo-Wing On the Lake  
The Lodge at Sequoyah State Park**

October 15-17, 2015



**REGISTRATION FORM**

Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ GWRRRA# \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Co-Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ GWRRRA# \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date of Birth)  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Region \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Miles to Convention: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plan to stay at: Host Hotel  Other Hotel  Camp  Other

<b>DESCRIPTION:</b> <i>All On Site Registrations Will be an Additional \$5.00</i>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
GWRRRA Life Member (20+ Years)	_____	\$17.50	_____
GWRRRA Member	_____	\$25.00	_____
Non GWRRRA Member	_____	\$30.00	_____
Meal Tickets (must purchase one per person regardless of age)	_____	\$10.00	_____
<i>(Children under 12 attend rally FREE (Fee for meal NO MEAL TICKETS WILL BE SOLD ON SITE)</i>			
Level IV Breakfast Tickets for Saturday 10/17/15	_____	FREE*	_____
(* Must be current as of Oct 1, 2015) Rider Master # _____ Co-Rider # _____			

**TICKET SALES (MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN)**

50/50 Tickets Friday 10/16/15 (Per Stretch)	_____	\$10.00	_____
50/50 Tickets Saturday 10/17/15 (Per Stretch)	_____	\$10.00	_____
\$500 Grand Prize Tickets Saturday 10/17/15 (Per Stretch)	_____	\$10.00	_____

**OTHER ACTIVITIES {TENATIVE}**

Medic First Aid/CPR (Full Certification) 9am.-3pm. Friday (10/16/15)	_____	\$25.00	_____
Medic First Aid/CPR (Renewal) 9am-3pm Saturday (10/17/15)	_____	\$25.00	_____
Rider Education TBD Friday (10/16/15)	_____	\$35.00	_____
Rider Education TBD Saturday (10/17/15)	_____	\$35.00	_____
Hay Ride and Cowboy Campfire Friday (evening 10/16/15)	_____	\$ 5.00	_____

GRAND TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I/WE agree to hold harmless the GWRRRA, co-sponsoring organization, and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property to which I/We may become involved by reason of participation in this convention. I/We also agree to assume responsibility for any property which I/We knowingly damage.

Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Co-Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **OKLAHOMA DISTRICT**  
 Mail to Johnie Fredman, 33207 45th St. Shawnee, OK 74804

Must Preregister by October 9th, 2015

May 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					Texas District Convention Temple, TX  Terry's Tour of Arkansas 2015	Texas District Convention Temple, TX  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	<a href="#">G2 - Chapter Meeting</a> Terry's Tour of Arkansas 2015	Terry's Tour of Arkansas 2015	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
		<a href="#">R - Grapevine Chapter meeting</a>		<a href="#">Chapter Dinner San Miguel's McKinney, TX</a>		<a href="#">Chapter Bowling Evening at Allen Bowl</a>
31						

June 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		<a href="#">G2 - Chapter Meeting</a>		<a href="#">M - Mansfield Chapter Meeting</a>		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			Reno Rendezvous Reno, NV	<a href="#">W2 - Waxahachie Chapter Meeting</a>  Reno Rendezvous Reno, NV	Reno Rendezvous Reno, NV	Reno Rendezvous Reno, NV
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		<a href="#">R - Grapevine Chapter meeting</a>		<a href="#">Chapter Dinner San Miguel's McKinney, TX</a>		<a href="#">Chapter Bowling Evening at Allen Bowl</a>
28	29	30				

# **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

## ***BIRTHDAYS***

***KEN PADILLA 05-18***

## ***ANNIVERSARIES***

***NO ANNIVERSARIES***

