

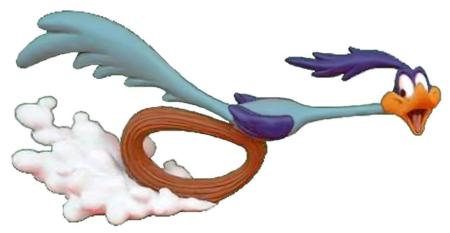




G2 Roadrunners

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GWRRA Region "H" Texas District



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Save the Dates:

Texas District Rally

May19th – 21st, 2016 Temple, TX

Arkansas District Rally

May 26th - 28th, 2016

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August 31st – September 3rd Billings, MT

Oklahoma District Rally

Sept 29th – Oct 1st Harrison, AR

Chapter "R" Rally

October 1st Krum, 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 We have changed the location to 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,

One thing I have always believed in, especially when it comes to riding a motorcycle is, never miss an opportunity to learn from any event, whether it is your own, or that of another rider. The facts are that none of us can afford to experience, all potential problems while we enjoy the freedom that the motorcycle gives us. This is where my latest "Lessons from the Road" has taken shape. Like every mishap, it is almost always a number of individual things that culminate in a problem.

Back in March, Louisiana held its annual District Rally and Donna and I have not missed a single one since we joined GWRRA a few years back. The reason is simple. Those folks know how to have a good time. They are welcoming, engaging, and ultimately they know how to throw a great party! We had a great time this year as well! It was afterwards, after the closing ceremonies, we had made plans to ride over to New Orleans, and the next morning, have Beignets and coffee at the famous, "Café Du Monde". This is all part of my plans to create a "Whisky, Tango, Foxtrot" riding group spending weekends taking long, interesting rides to interesting places, simply for the love of riding. This is just the kind of thing Donna and I like doing! We have no regrets doing this, but while on the way home, I was about one car length behind the car in front of us as we were passing the Super Dome, when a very large and jagged pothole appear from between the tires of that car. I left too little time to perform an emergency swerve (or at least too short for my skill level at this time). We hit it pretty well, and I started watching the pressure on my Doran TPMS Display. After about 30 minutes I was feeling like we may have lucked out. The pressure was climbing as normal for my bike, 2 up, and pulling a trailer.

We made it home ok, but noticed a little shimmy when traveling at speeds below 40 miles an hour. I chocked it up to the triple tree bearings which I needed to have replaced. I already had an appointment for this work to be done as well as my rear brake recall. The bike was returned to me with a clean bill of health, but I still had a little wiggle below 40. After googling it, many bloggers claimed a good fork brace fixed their issue, so I ordered and installed one. I still had the shimmy though. I ran out of time troubleshooting it and we headed out for our 6 hour ride down to Fredericksburg and the Chapter "O" Bluebonnet Rally.

The ride down was lovely. There were clear skies, comfortable temps, and the wife on the back of my bike! The bike was performing well, and as most of our time in the saddle was spent between 65 and 80 with our Escapade Trailer following nicely. I forgot all about that pesky shimmy issue below 40. The curves were large and sweeping, and we were enjoying a spirited time on the road. It looked like we may even get to the campsite early! Then we felt a rumble after coming out of a turn. I slowed down and it stopped, and I assumed it was the road. Rolled on the throttle and after another couple turns at 80, we felt the rumble again, though this time it did not stop when we slowed as before. We rolled to a stop and knew something was wrong with the back tire even though the TPMS was still showing fully inflated. We got off of the bike and I kneeled down and saw a nasty gaping hole across the tire. We were about 60 miles north of the campsite, and it was time to figure out the next move.

I was not taking a chance on riding on THAT tire with my wife on the back, and so the first call ahead to the campsite was to get my friend (and ride coordinator of TX-G2) Tommie Elliott to head up to retrieve both Donna and our trailer with the camping gear. Second call after some thought was to call a Chapter "O" friend and the Texas District webmaster Tom Sprague. I knew he would be at the campsite as well and would know of folks that might be able to help me get the bike trailed down to camp or to a place I could get a new tire.



Being it was close to 7pm I did not havemuch confidence this would be resolved before nightfall. Tom and Chapter "O" walked the campsite and found folks with a trailer (attached to their RV), another camper with a pickup truck and a Goldwinger who chose to ride his motorcycle up to see if he could help provide light and a tail gunner to follow us back. Tommie showed up first a little over an hour after I called, and

about an hour after that came "the crew". This consisted of Hubert Jackson – Chapter "O" Treasurer (owner of the Truck), Tom Muller from Poland Spring, Maine (owner of the trailer), and Scott Finnell – Chapter TX-T2 Rider Educator (owner and rider of the Goldwing that accompanied us). We arrived back at the campsite around 10pm and decided to leave it trailered for the night. Hubert and Tom allowed me to borrow the truck and trailer to head out the next morning to get my tire replaced. WOW! They did not even really know me, but trusted me to borrow equipment critical to them getting back to their homes after the rally! Tom Sprague had even found me a place I could get a tire in Kerrville, 30 minutes south of where we were!

This was a real testimony of the dedication and kindness of motorcyclists, and GWRRA members in particular. Being a younger rider (Just under 50 young), I often find myself and my wife doing the long distance thing by ourselves, many of our crew have had their long days in the saddle and seen much of things we still have on our bucket list. But what I have once again been shown is that we as an organization are the safety net for one another, we are the lifeline whether we are in a group heading out to lunch, or a solo rider crossing the plains. Knowledge is shared, experiences are told, lessons are passed on so that we all benefit. There is comradery and respect among the riders, that gives us confidence that we are NEVER alone even when it appears that no one is around. The only thing those three gentlemen would take from me is a promise that I will pay it forward. And that, as a member of GWRRA I will always honor.

So... another month, another lesson, another story to be told, I find that every day on the bike I learn something. These little observations add up to increase not only my safety while riding, but hopefully all those who read these "Lessons from the Road".

Ride safe, ride often!

Dan Rymarz TX-G2 Chapter Director

From Your Chapter Educator

Greeting Road Runners,

Since our last gathering we have had a lot of rain. Everyone knows riding in the rain increases your Risk so make sure you are extra careful.

News from District Educator:

As you know, our 2016 District Rally, "Happy Trails to Temple," is less than a month away. I hope that each of you has already registered for this weekend of FUN. District Education is offering several courses including:

- First Aid/CPR Refresher Course Friday from 8:00 12:00 pm
- Trailering Course (Classroom) Friday from 12:30 4:30 pm
- (Range) Saturday from 7:30 12:30 pm
- Motorist Awareness Saturday from 9:00 10:00 am
- Crash Scene Response Saturday from 9:00 10:00 am
- Level IV Luncheon Saturday from 11:30 1:00 pm



Rider Educator Resource

http://www.lazymotorbike.eu/tips/ This site is from Europe and had dozens of links to information from safety to riding skills to protection and more. Check it out!

We need your help. Kathy and I just double-checked the registrations for the Level IV Luncheon in Temple on Saturday, May 21st and we only show 34 registered (and 9 of those are not current in their Levels program). Last year we had about 90 attend the meal. We have to turn in the count to the caterer by May 8 - yes, in 7 days - and we were hoping for almost 100 participants. I'm afraid many may think they can just make a decision when they get there for the Rally, but this is not the case. Pre-Registration ends May 13th, but we need to know about the meal by May 8th. They can just call or email us at the address below that they are coming and we'll put them on our list, even if they are not paying until later or at the Rally.

Randy and Kathy Reese Tx. District Educators txed@gwrra-tx.org 512-744-3635

The Department of Public Safety-Motorcycle Safety Unit has taken delivery on some of the new training motorcycles which were awarded to Honda 125 GROM (80 units) and Yamaha 250 Star (50 units). And you thought the old training bikes were small. Its good the state is getting new inventory as it makes a better training experience.

Safety paragraph this month is on Heat. I know with all the rain most of us are looking forward to the summer. Remember though it gets hot in Texas and you have to plan your rides carefully so you have an enjoyable ride. Always hydrate yourselves before the ride and make enough stops to keep yourself hydrated. Heat stroke and heat exhaustion are large concerns in the heat.

Ride Safe

Harry Whipple
TX-G2 Chapter Educator



From Your Regional Directors

It was good to see so many of our friends at the Marshall Rally. It was also great to meet so many new ones. It was busy, but we had a great time. What about that welcome party downtown? Wasn't that great? And for those of you who hung around until the end, the free ice cream provided by one of the downtown merchants to about 30 wingers was awesome.

We would like to thank all our volunteers and our Region Team for making it such a success. We are now planning next year's event which will again be held in Marshall. What? Marshall again you ask! Well, you just can't find a location that is centrally located, with easy access, an adequate supply of moderately priced hotels, great food choices and such a great group to work with as the Marshall Convention and Visitors Bureau. Thanks to Sarah O'Brien and her staff. They did an excellent job for us. Next year's theme will be "Boogie Down to Marshall". Marshall is the home of "Boogie Woogie", so this will be a great theme.

We have a lot of pictures from the rally but we will have to wait until the next newsletter to get them in. Since we have returned home, I have been faced with filling in for a sick boss, trying to recover from a computer virus at work, and working on a flooded rental property. We love GWRRA, but the job pays the bills. Know what I mean?

We had some great talent at the Region Talent show. If you have an act that you would like to take and perform at Wing Ding, please get it entered in the talent shows in KS, TX or AR. If you can't make one of these, have it videoed and sent to me before the end of June. If you are creative and have a great idea for an entry but don't have enough folks to man it, let me know and we will help you assemble a cast.

As a special bonus to our talent show, we had our first annual District Challenge. KS took the prize with their now infamous lip sync rendition of "Home, Home on the Range". I will never be able to throw a football with my grandson again! You just had to be there.

There are a lot of activities going on in April.

Jim and Reba Berry Region "H" Director



From your Newsletter Editor

A Bit of Humor

COULD YOU BE A SAMURAI?

Once upon a time, a powerful Emperor of the Rising Sun advertised for a new Chief Samurai. After a year, only three applied for the job: a Japanese, a Chinese, and a Jewish Samurai.

"Demonstrate your skills!" commanded the Emperor.

The Japanese Samurai stepped forward, opened a tiny box, and released a fly. He drew his samurai sword and 'Swish! the fly fell to the floor, neatly divided in two!

"What a feat!" said he Emperor. "Number Two Samurai, show me what you do."

The Chinese Samurai smiled confidently, stepped forward and opened a tiny box, releasing a fly. He drew his samurai sword and 'Swish!' 'Swish!' the fly fell to the floor neatly quartered.

"That is skill!" nodded the Emperor. 'How are you going to top that, Number three Samurai?"
The Jewish Samurai, Obi-wan Cohen, stepped forward, opened a tiny box releasing one fly, drew his samurai sword and 'Swoooooosh!' flourished his sword so mightily that a gust of wind blew through the room. But the fly was still buzzing around!

In disappointment, the Emperor said, "What kind of skill is that? The fly isn't even dead."

"Dead?" replied the Jewish Samurai. "Dead is easy . . . but circumcised?"

R.B. Wilson Chapter "G2" Newsletter Editor

From Your District Directors

We had a great time at the Region Rally in Marshall, Texas. Our next stop is the Louisiana Rally in Lafayette on March 31st. Then we will head to Texas Chapter O weekend rally in Fredericksburg Tx. At the Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park on April 9th.

Congratulation TEXAS! Our very own Texas District Couple of the Year was chosen to represent Region as the Region Couple of the Year. It was a hard decision for all of the judges, but Randy and Kathy Reese did Texas proud. They were great. They were having a lot of fun and it showed. We can't wait until next year to see them make the International Couple of the Year (we know they will)

OH, TEXAS is not done yet! Within the Texas District, Chapter C was named at the Chapter of the Year for 2015. When we were at the Region Rally all five states within our Region (Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Kansas) had their District Chapter of the Year present. Guess What? Texas Chapter C was selected as the Region H Chapter of the year over all the other states within our Region. What a GREAT JOB. Did you know we had Talent in Texas. Chapter T. The Chapter Directors, Jim and Alvalin Woodul also won an award. What great Talent.

OH and let's not forget the winners of the Red Nose Contest. Your very own Texas Directors. That was a lot of fun. We had pop corn, cotton candy, hot dogs and candy apples. We played several carnival games that were a big hit. FUN FUN.

Now is time to start thinking about attending the Texas District Rally in Temple Texas, if you have not registered already. We have the largest state in our Region and have over 3000 members in Texas. Come on TEXAS, let's get together and have some fun. We have a lot of things planned for everyone, from bingo and Card making class to tossing cow patties and shooting. Don't forget to bring your decorated horse for riding and judging. We can't wait to see all the great ideas everyone has come up with.

We have already chosen the next year location for the 2017 Texas District Rally, come and see. We will be announcing it at closing ceremony.

BTW For all of you that may have forgotten Chapter C was the first winner of the Chapter Participation award in 2015 at the Texas Rally. Chapter C has thrown down a challenge this year to any chapter that thinks they can win it to come and get it.

Don't forget to check our website and click on the registration tab to see new information. Also check out the upcoming events under the FUN tab to see what's happening next.

Let's get out there and Ride, Visit and have Fun.

Mike & Robin Thacker
Texas District Directors



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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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.

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Over Nighter, Railroad State Historical Park, Davey Crocket National Forest, Texas Prison Museum Bowling at Allen Bowl 1011 S. Greenville, Ave., Allen, TX Ride in the morning and Lunch/Dinner at our home in Plano Donna's 50th Birthday Party!! annual Riverbend Ro Texas District Convention, Temple Texas 28 Arkansas District Convention 13 20 27 Dinner at San Miguels Grill, 506 W University, McKinney 6:30pm G2 Dinner Get together Chapter "W2" Monthly Gathering Waxahachie Chapter "M" Monthly Gathering Mansfield Chapter "M" Monthly Gathering Mansfield 12 19 May 2016 6:00pm - 8:00pm Chapter "G2" Monthly Gathering The Buffet Palace, Greenville 6:00pm-8:00pm Chapter "G2" Monthly Gathering at Napoli's in Wylie Chapter "R" Monthly Gathering Grapevine 10 31 16 30 23

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