



# ***G2 Roadrunners***

## ***November 2016 Newsletter***

**GWRRA Region "H" Texas District**



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**Established October 2001**

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## **Save the Dates:**

### **DFW Toys for Tots**

November 12<sup>th</sup>

Allen TX

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### **Motorcops for Kids**

November 20<sup>th</sup>

Garland, TX

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### **DFW Toys for Tots**

December 3<sup>rd</sup>

McKinney, TX

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### **North Texas Toy Run**

Dec 10th

Grapevine, TX

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### **Big Texas Toy Run**

Dec 18th

Ft. Worth/Dallas, TX

## **Chapter G2 Gatherings:**

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

On the first Tuesday of the month, G2 meets to discuss Chapter, GWRRA and ride information at The Buffet Palace (3202 I-30, Greenville, TX 75402) This has been the main Chapter meeting historically.

On the Third Tuesday of the 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,**

It is now November, and you would never guess it by the weather. Texas is still serving us up some warm weather but that seems to be changing soon. It is also the time of year we have the Charity rides on the calendar. Every year, Donna rifles through all of the flyers we receive and starts laying out the Charity ride she would like to participate in. This is definitely Donna's favorite time of year. It is a chance for us to do the two things we enjoy doing the most which is riding and trying to help others getting into the Christmas spirit. We have been fortunate enough to attend two already this year. The first was in early October and we rode the 2016 kids event at the Texas motor Speedway. Then this last Sunday on the 30th we rode the 24th annual teddy bear ride which left IKEA up in Frisco, and headed down to the Harley-Davidson finance center in Plano. Both were very well attended and were a lot of fun.

It is also this time a year when folks start looking to decorate the bikes to make a more festive for the holidays. They certainly get more attention at the holiday rides with decorations and Tommy and Judy often have Santa Clauses and trees on their luggage racks. Tom even has a snowman riding a motorcycle. The kids love to push that button and see it ride. While all the riders I have seen in our chapter have been very careful to choose the decorations carefully for safety, Donna and I have seen many bikes out there with decorations that start to borderline on reckless or at least questionable. Make sure to secure all your decorations appropriately. Make sure that nothing is hanging off the bike in a way that might impact other riders or falloff and going to the tire of riders behind you. Also, the weight of some of the things you may be carrying on your bike this time year, should be balanced between the left and right hand side. A bike that is not balanced is more difficult to control. Just a few things to keep in mind to keep your riding safe.

Regarding chapter leadership in G2. As Donna and I have communicated in last month's newsletter as well as our two chapter meetings, we are stepping down as Chapter Directors at the end of this year. In a conversation with Harry Whipple, he expressed an interest and perhaps coming back and leading the chapter. Donna and I have offered to continue holding some sort of office in the chapter in doing some work towards the operations. George spoke to me about offering to remain as Chapter Treasurer for Harry if that's what Harry would like to have happen. There are many open roles in this chapter and anyone interested in performing any little task can have a role in chapter leadership. It can be small or big. Maybe managing the team's website, or the newsletter, or simply making sure that get well cards go out sick members. The role of chapter MEC is also available. This simply entails a monthly review of the spreadsheet that is sent to that role, and contacting new, prospective, or expiring members. This is not a difficult role, but it helps if somebody's retired and can do this role in the early evening or even during the day. I had problems as I work during the day, and only had a window of an hour or so every evening to make this call before 8 PM.

Lastly, all members of the chapter should be aware, that anyone can lead a ride for Chapter G2. It does not have to be Tommy or myself. Anyone that has been a led ride, has heard the communications across the CB. It too is not difficult. With our schedule becoming more and more complex, we invite all members of G2 to offer up writing ideas, and leave them when possible. I am also not against having multiple opportunities to ride in the same day. A short ride for those that only half little bit of time, and longer rides for those who enjoy being in the saddle for hours. In either case, the key to having fun is participating!

**Dan Rymarz**  
**TX-G2 Chapter Director**



## **From your Chapter Educator:**

Greetings Road Runners,

While teaching a class last week I had a reminder as to why you should practice your emergency skills to keep them at the top of your game. I was demonstrating the quick stop procedure for the skill test to the class. I completed the center stop with no problems. No so for the outside stop. As I came down I passed the stop cones, downshifted to first and applied my brakes. Only problem was there being a rock the size of a BB on the traction patch when I applied the brakes. You guessed it, the front tire locked up and started to skid. I immediately realized what was going on and released the front brake. Bike straightened back up and I reapplied the front brake. The other instructor was quick to point out to the class that is what you do when you lock up your front tire. Going back and looking at the payment, I discovered a scrape about 4 feet long with the rock at the end of it. I wish I had been filming the demonstration as it was letter perfect and would have made a great teaching aid. That's why you need to practice so you are ready for whatever may happen.

### **Do You Even Counter steer?**

In case you didn't know, over half of all rider fatalities are single-vehicle incidents that occur in corners. These riders were unable to get their motorcycle turned quickly enough or failed to lean their bike far enough to stay in their lane. This is usually because the rider lacked the critical skill of counter steering.

To get a motorcycle to turn you must lean it into the curve. But, how do you actually lean a motorcycle? The answer is counter steering. By pressing forward (and to a lesser degree, down) on the handlebar on the side that you want to turn, you essentially unbalance the bike so that it "falls" into a lean. Press on the right handlebar to initiate a lean to the right and press on the left handlebar to turn left.

It's common for people to think that moving their body weight makes the bike lean. Sure, shifting your body to one side or the other can get the machine to drift in that direction. But, you're not going to get the bike to turn quickly enough when riding at speed. The only efficient and effective way to get a motorcycle from upright to leaned is to counter steer with the handlebars.

Knowing how to get your motorcycle from upright-to-leaned quickly and effectively allows you to avoid cornering mishaps, but it also paves the path to becoming a cornering master. Without it you will struggle forever to corner with any real confidence.

Any questions? If you do I will be setting up some parking lot practices for us to practice our skills. Till next month, Ride safe.

***Harry Whipple***  
***G2 Chapter Educator***



## Tire Pressure

### More temperature sensitive than you might think

As the ambient temperature starts to cool down and we head into colder months of the year I thought it would be appropriate to discuss tire pressures and the effect of temperature on same. During the Chapter's Fall Ride to Mena, AR we experienced some temperature variances as well.

Stamped on the outside of many of your tires is a recommended tire pressure range. (At least an upper limit.) Your motorcycle owner's manual will also list recommend tire pressure. The tire manufacture and owner's manual may vary. Typically keeping the tire pressure at the tire manufacture's higher limits will produce the best ride and longest tire life. Further, this pressure should be determined while the tires are cold - meaning, have not been used for a couple of hours.

Time and outside temperature effect the pressure within your tires. It is NORMAL for a tire to lose about 1 pound per square inch (psi) per month. Outside temperatures affect your tire pressure far more profoundly, however. A tire's pressure can change by 1 psi for every 10 degrees Fahrenheit of temperature change. As temperature goes, so goes pressure.

For example, if a tire is found to have 38 psi on an 80-degree mid-summer day, it could lose enough air to have an inflation pressure of 26 psi on a 20-degree day six months later. This represents a loss of 6 psi over six months and an additional loss of 6 psi due to the 60-degree temperature reduction.

At 26 psi, your tire is severely under inflated and dangerous!

There is nothing wrong with your tire if it behaves like this, of course. What is being illustrated here is that you MUST check your tire pressure on a regular basis and to be particularly aware of it on cold days.

So get out your GWRRA T-CLOCS Form and check your motorcycle before you ride, no matter the distance.

Hope you get out and enjoy the great fall weather. Ride safe

Happy Trails,

**David Shirk**  
**Chapter "R" Educator**



## From the Region Director

Wing Ding was a blast! We surely hope you got to experience it. There were so many great stories and pictures from all the routes selected to get to Billings. We had to drive our SUV but still had a great time. We were able to stop off at the SD/NE rally in Wall, SD the weekend before. At Wing Ding, Region H was very well recognized. We had Carolyn and Steve Cotton selected as the

2016/2017 International Couple of the Year. Rodd Polk, LA District Educator, Keith Cooper, AR Chapter D Director, and Ricky Frazier all were awarded National Merit Awards. The Kansas Twisters were 1st Place in Show for motorcycle drill teams. The Region put on a fantastic bike show. Rodd Polk headed up the Region H Crash Scene Enactment which received great reviews and comments from the membership and the National Team. Great job Rodd and Region H! See Rodd's letter on page 14 of this newsletter.

Last weekend, Reba and I attended the OK District Rally in Muskogee. The weather was great, the rides beautiful and the friends heartwarming. Sadly, Gina and Johnie Fredman announced that they were stepping down as District Directors at the end of the year. Johnie has some family and career priorities to address over the next couple of years and we all understand that. Also, KS Directors, Doris and Jack Schoeck, announced they were stepping down at the KS mid-winter meeting in January. Both of these couples will be sorely missed and are greatly appreciated for what they have done for GWRRA and Region H. We wish them great success in the future. As a result, we are now accepting applications for the positions of KS and OK District Directors until October 21. After resumes are collected, the Region Team will interview applicants and offer the positions to the most qualified applicant. If you are interested, send me a resume. If you have questions give, me a call or shoot me an email.

What are you doing October 21- 23? If you want some fun, travel and adventure, come join the Region H Ride In. Details can be found later in this newsletter. Currently, we are looking at over 40 bikes. Saturday night will conclude at The Hub Motorcycle Resort just south of Harrison with a big bonfire and lots of "stories". We would love to see you there.

This is some great hobby we have!

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



## **From Your District Directors**

### **This year has been FUN FUN FUN**

We just returned home from the last Region H District Rally of the Year. Oklahoma had a great rally this past weekend. It was good to visit with our friends we have not seen in a while. Before we get busy with the upcoming holidays, we still have a few events in the month of October.

**Mid-Winter Round Up** - Set the date for January 14, 2017, Saturday, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. MPEC and Expo Center, 1000 5th St. Wichita Falls. We have a day planned for everyone to attend. Come see what your staff is planning for next year's rally in Wichita Falls. We will be filling out new appointment forms, having educational seminars to help all members learn about what each core team member's responsibilities are. This will be the same style of event we had last year. Everyone gets to set in on all the seminars for each position. Chapter Directors will learn about the Rider Educators position and Membership Enhancement will learn about other core team positions. We will have a seminar, then a break, seminar, then Lunch and so on. I'm sure we will have a little entertainment in between.

We will be having the Couple or Individual of the Year presentation, so bring your past and present Couple or Individual of the Year that you have named as your ambassador for your Chapter. They will be presented their medallions either by the past Couple of the Year or the Chapter Director.

At closing ceremony, all the new staff will be receiving their certificates, patches and pins as they get sworn in and sign their Oath of Office. **(Please have all your appointment papers and MOU's filled out and emailed to us before MWRU so we can assure that everyone gets their patches and pins).**

Don't forget the end of the year Financials are due by December 31, 2016 and your yearly dues of 100.00 is due by November 15, 2016.

**New Chapter of the Year Coordinator** - Sherri Altes will be taking over the position as CHOY Coordinator. Please turn your Chapter of the Year paper work into Sherri at MWRU so she can review them and have them turned in to the Region Coordinator. Remember, every Chapter should be at the Bronze level in the program. Come on, fill out the forms and receive an award for your chapter on a job well done. Remember—A Chapter that plays together, Stays Together. We have a lot of new fun planned for everyone this coming year, come and see. Mike & Robin Thacker Texas District Director

***Mike & Robin Thacker***  
***Texas District Director***



## **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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## November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Oct 8:30am 24th Annual Teddy Bear Ride - Ikea - Frisco	31 Nov	1 Nov	2	3	4	5
		6:00pm - 8:00pm Chapter "G2" Monthly Gathering The Buffet Palace, Greenville		6:00pm - 8:00pm Chapter "M" Monthly Gathering Mansfield		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
						8:00am - 4:00pm DFW Toys for Tots - Harley Davidson - Allen, TX
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		6:00pm - 8:00pm Chapter "G2" Monthly Gathering at Napoli's in Wylie		6:00pm - 8:00pm Chapter "W2" Monthly Gathering Waxahachie		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10:00am - 3:00pm 14th Annual Motorcops for Kids Toy Run - Garland		6:00pm - 8:00pm Chapter "R" Monthly Gathering Grapevine		Thanksgiving		5:00pm - 8:00pm Bowling at Allen Bowl 1011 S. Greenville, Ave., Allen, TX
27	28	29	30	1 Dec	2	3
				6:00pm - 8:00pm Chapter "M" Monthly Gathering Mansfield		8:00am DFW Toys for Tots - Freedom Power Sports - McKinney

## December 2016

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27 Nov	28	29	30	1 Dec	2	3
				6:00pm - 8:00pm Chapter "M" Monthly Gathering Mansfield		8:00am DFW Toys for Tots - Freedom Power Sports - McKinney
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		6:00pm - 8:00pm Chapter "G2" Monthly Gathering The Buffet Palace, Greenville				10:00am - 3:00pm 2016 North Texas Toy Run - Main event - Grapevine
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		7:00pm - 8:00pm G2 Ice Cream Social, Greenville		6:00pm - 8:00pm Chapter "W2" Monthly Gathering Waxahachie		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:00am Big Texas Toy Run, Dallas TX						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		6:00pm - 8:00pm Chapter "R" Monthly Gathering Grapevine				

### **Important reminder**

We have several sponsors who help make Chapter G2 successful, whether it be generous donations, access to facilities, or friendly knowledgeable staff that share their time and expertise to help keep us safe, and our bike functioning. It is with our thanks that we place acknowledgements of these valued businesses in our newsletters. We do not offer, nor accept, paid advertisement space in our newsletters. It is our hope that when you have need for the services that these business offer, you consider giving them the opportunity to serve you. Please make sure you let them know you are from Chapter G2 and that you appreciate their support!



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