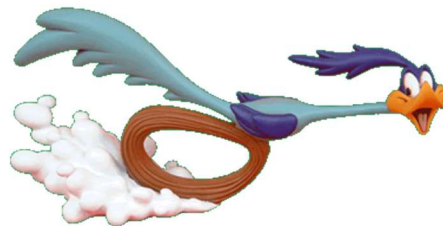




G2 ROADRUNNERS

October 2017 Newsletter



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Chapter G2 Meeting: (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, folks closer to the metroplex have an opportunity to gather together at Napoli's Restaurant in Wylie. (701 N Hwy 78, Wylie, TX 75098) - (972) 442-4653. This is for passing on information shared at the Greenville meeting and to enjoy the company of others we get to see less frequently.

Remember these dates:

Oklahoma District Rally

Sept. 28th – 30th

Muskogee, OK.

From the Chapter Directors

Greetings Road Runners,

Harry and Ione Whipple G2 Chapter Directors

From The Chapter Director,

Greetings Road Runners. Another month gone by and getting closer to the end of the year. First I have an MAP article by Scott Finnell explaining the process;

Motorist Awareness Events and Reporting

This month I'll make my article to the point. Wing Ding offered a nice opportunity to hear from our President, Anita Alkire and our Motorist Awareness Directors, Barri and Mike Critzman. As we know, GWRRA is evolving and so is our Motorist Awareness Program. The mission of the program remains the same and that is to educate the non-riding public that motorcycles are on the road. If we do this, it will provide a safer environment for us all.

But the big questions remain, what constitutes a motorist awareness event and how do you report it. The guidance we've receive in the past listed the following as motorist awareness activities:

- 1. Presentations to students of public or private schools or universities.***
- 2. Presentations to members of community organizations, both civic and religious. (one event per organization counted per calendar year)***
- 3. Presentation to Driving Schools.***

4. *Presentation to AAA or AARP driver classes.*
5. *Presentation or MAP exhibit at Company Safety Days.(one event per company per year)*
6. *Presentation or MAP exhibit at Community Safety Days.(one event per community per year)*
7. *Presentation or MAP exhibit at the National Night Out.*
8. *Presentation or MAP exhibit at a community festival or fair.*
9. *Presentation or MAP exhibit at Motorcycle Awareness Month activities.*
10. *Presentation or MAP exhibit at local Malls.*
11. *MAP exhibit at highway rest stops.*
12. *Presentation or MAP exhibit at Community or Company Bike Nights. (one event per community or company per year)*
13. *Presentation to Boys and Girls clubs, and Boy and Girl Scouts.*
14. *Presentation or MAP exhibit at Bike or Car shows.*

What we see in the list above is that all motorist awareness activities are either presentations or exhibits. But what was clarified for me at Wing Ding is that to this list you can add your organized chapter rides. The rationale is that anytime we are on the road as a group, we bring attention to motorcyclist and inevitably chat with the community when we stop. So make this important addition to the list.

Finally, reporting. We heard from Anita that reporting was getting out of hand and becoming burdensome to chapters. Thus, the N6 and N23 will no longer be used. But they still want to know what we are doing with motorist awareness. Therefore, each month all we need to report is what activity we had, when we had it and who organized it. That's it. Pretty simple. I hope this helps. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Next I would like to thank everyone who participated in Wing Ding activities. We didn't get to do what we volunteered for but we were there in any event.

You can go on the internet and Look up any Chapter district or National website in case you are looking for their newsletters to find out what events are going on.

Region H Directors Corner:

Another fun filled Wing Ding has come and gone, despite Mother Nature (Hurricane Harvey) and a gasoline panic. We met a lot of new friends and visited with a great number of old friends. We even got great advice on our upcoming ride to Nova Scotia along with offers to tour guide and arrange picnics along the way. Thanks friends!

We want to give a big ole thanks to all those volunteers who help Region H with their assigned chores. First, TX Chapter M, Arlington/Mansfield, Kristee and Wayne Orr Directors. They showed up at 8:30 with 8 other chapter members and put in a hard 5 hours helping set up the GWRRA store on Monday. Then, we had a great many volunteers manning the preregistration booth Tuesday thru Saturday. Some liked this job so much they wouldn't quit. They kept coming back shift after shift, day after day. Thanks to those guys. Incidentally, one of these volunteers left a fleece hoodie in the booth and we have it in our possession. If it's yours, call or email me and we'll get it back to you. Last but not least were the bike show volunteers. These guys had to go out on the Grapevine Mills Mall parking lot bright and early Saturday morning and we really appreciate their efforts.

A lot of information was doled out to our District and Chapter Directors about the upcoming restructure of GWRRA. We were also informed a lot of things have not been nailed down yet and that info will come shortly.

*Next year's Wing Ding will be in Knoxville. Here is a link to the Knoxville video shown at the opening of this year's Wing Ding:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pfcse7QfF3U&feature=YouTube>*

Now, what's next. September 28-30 is the Oklahoma Rally in Muskogee. Make plans to

attend. OK always provides a great rally and this will be the last one for Region H.

November 3-5 is the Region H ride-in starting in Van Buren, AR on Friday the 3rd, riding up to the HUB on the 4th and riding home on the 5th. We are thinking this ride-in may become an annual reunion for Region H. Info is on the Region webpage at www.region-h.org.

Reba and I, along with 2 other couples and a single, will soon start our 27 day ride to Nova Scotia. So if you need us we might be a little slow in responding. VT fall foliage and the Cabot Trail take precedence over answering the cell phone. But we will get back with you.

Have fun, be safe, Jim and Reba

News for the District Director:

Congratulations Texas District Members!

Texas District was recognized for having the largest district in attendance by percentage and by total count. Thank you to all who attended and for your help in the many areas as volunteers.

Congratulations to Randy and Kathy Reese as the new 2017-2018 International Couple of the Year. They have done us proud and will be great Ambassadors for GWRRA in their travels this coming year.

There were several forums that discussed the changes taking place on 1-12-2018 within GWRRA. These include, but are not limited to, removing the Chapter Educator as an officer and adding a Chapter Ride Coordinator as an officer. The Chapter Educator can stay as a staff member but will no longer be a required officer position. We know the great effort our Chapter Educators have put into their chapters and want them to continue if they desire.

The new officer position of Ride Coordinator, must be a Level II in the Levels Program and be a Road Captain. We will be having a District Education Weekend, February 2-4, 2018, and offer the classes needed to help those qualify who need it.

The Education Weekend will also allow us to focus on riding and having fun at the District Rally and not spending time in classes.

Speaking of the District Rally...

The 2018 District Rally will be in Brenham, TX May 17-19, 2018. Home of Bluebell Ice-cream and the Birthplace of Texas. Notice I mentioned Ice-cream first. There will be lots of great riding and many activities to enjoy. Final preparations are being made at this time. Watch for the Rally Flier soon. So mark your calendars and make plans to join with us and have a blast.

Also, Mid Winter Round-up will be January 13, 2018 at Washington On The Brazos State Park.

On a more somber note, our thoughts and prayers are with those of our GWRRA family and all others affected by Hurricane Harvey.

See ya ridin', Jim and Alvalin Woodul Texas District Directors.

Last but not least, I'm still looking for volunteers to fill the new positions that go into effect on 1 Jan 2018. If you are interested let me know. Thanks and Safe Riding

From the Educator

Greetings Road Runners,

Harry Whipple G2 Chapter Educator

From The Chapter Educator,

Greetings Road Runners, Riding weather has been a little on the warn side but you could still get in an early morning or late afternoon ride. I had some teaching assignments that took me on a couple of 200 mile daily ride and they were enjoyable. If you have any levels updates you need to get in be sure to get me them as soon as you can so I can get them to district before the Educator position goes away. Now news from the district educators:

RIDER EDUCATOR Randy & Kathy Reese Texas District Educators

Hello Texas Riders,

Kathy and I just returned from Wing Ding 39. It was a very busy week filled with a lot of activity – and it was held in our home state! As you can imagine, there was a lot of talk about the upcoming restructuring for GWRRA. We attended the Rider Education forum with National Director Bob Berry and GWRRA President Anita Alkire. Anita addressed the audience and gave several rationales for the changes. Bob said there were still a lot of details that are still being worked out between now and January when the changes take place. There was a spirited Q&A period and then we broke into groups to brainstorm issues as we saw them and to propose solutions. I believe that National really does want to listen to us also and will help us through this transition. I

will be visiting personally with every chapter as soon as we get the final details and procedures to provide as much support as we can. Rider Education is not completely going away. Safety will always be a high priority. The levels program will remain intact. District Director Jim Woodul and I are already planning for training opportunities at a statewide level. We hope to see more riding and fun at the chapter level than ever before.

This month's safety article is a result of me seeing two instances of emergency braking where the rider almost lost control. Fortunately, both survived the

scares but it reminded me how critical this skill is. The article below is from Jerry Palladino (Motorman) on emergency braking.

I was asked recently by a friend who just purchased his first bike what is the most important safety tip you can give me? I thought for a second and answered, learning how to use your brakes. He looked at me as if I were kidding him. "What's to it", he said, "ya just stomp and squeeze just like in your car".

That's the problem I said. Too many riders believe that, and coincidentally, bikers crash way to often. You've all heard the story about the guy who had to "lay er down" because somebody pulled out in front of him. What that actually means, is he panicked, locked the rear tire and the bike slid on the ground and stopped when it hit the vehicle or just before it hit the vehicle. In either case, the rider crashed in an attempt to avoid a crash. Ninety percent of the time, if the rider had braked properly in that situation, he would never have struck the vehicle.

So, the question is, how do I minimize my chances of crashing into something? The answer is simple. Practice emergency, maximum braking. But, first there's a couple of things you need to know. Number 1: The front brake is 70% of your braking force. Due to that fact, you must put more pressure on the front brake than the rear brake. If you happen to lock the front tire, you must release it immediately then reapply it. Squeeze the front brake, don't grab it. If you lock the rear tire, don't release it. If you do, there's a good chance you will high side. With a motorcycle, you can still steer when the rear tire is locked and sliding. You must also remember that the motorcycle must be straight up when performing maximum braking. This is not to say that you can't brake with the bike leaned over in a turn, you can lightly brake with both brakes in that situation, but maximum braking must be done with the bike straight up.

The point is, you must learn to modulate your brakes to keep from locking them and the only way to do that is to practice. Keep repeating to yourself, front brake, front brake. That will assist you in putting more pressure on the front brake than the rear brake.

You should practice maximum braking from whatever speed you normally ride. I guarantee your bike will react differently when braking hard at 80mph than at 30mph. If you practice, then in an emergency situation, you will revert to your training, rather than dumb luck. The only other alternative is to buy a bike with anti-lock brakes, just remember, even with anti-lock brakes, the bike still has to be straight up to perform maximum braking.

Ride Safely, Ride Often, and HEY! Be careful out there.

Randy & Kathy Reese Texas District Educators txed@gwrra-tx.org 512-744-3635 – Randy cell 512-848-3144 – Kathy cell All The Gear All The Time

All for this month. Thanks and ride safe.

September 2017

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 <u>Labor Day</u>	5 6PM-8PM <i>CH. G2 MONTHLY GATHERING BUFFET PALACE GREENVILLE, TX.</i>	6 6PM-8PM <i>CH. M MONTHLY GATHERING MANSFIELD, TX.</i>	7	8	9
10	11	12 7PM-8PM <i>G2 ICE CREAM SOCIAL GREENVILLE</i>	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 7PM-8PM <i>DINNER @ NAPOLI'S IN WYLIE</i>	20	21 6PM-8PM <i>CH. W2 MONTHLY GATHERING IN WAXAHACHIE</i>	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

October 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 6pm-8pm <i>CH. G2 MONTHLY GATHERING BUFFET PALACE GREENVILLE, TX.</i>	4 6PM-8PM <i>CH. M MONTHLY GATHERING MANSFIELD, TX.</i>	5	6	7
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Halloween				

Jokes for Seniors

"Hospital Regulations"

Hospital rules state that patients checking out must have a wheelchair.

One day a newly graduated nurse assistant came into the room to find an elderly man fully dressed. He was sitting on the bedside chair, with a piece of packed luggage at his side, all ready to go.

When he was shown the wheelchair, he was adamant that he was fully capable of walking himself to the parking lot.

But the assistant told him rules were rules, so he relented and let her wheel him out.

In the elevator, the assistant asked the elderly man if his wife was coming to meet him.

"I don't think so," he replied. "It takes her awhile to change her clothes, so she's probably still upstairs in the bathroom taking off her hospital gown and getting dressed."

"Hearing Better Now"

An elderly man was having hearing problems and went to see a specialist. The doctor fitted him with some hearing aids that brought his hearing back to full strength.

After a few weeks, the man came back to make sure the new equipment was working properly, which it was.

The hearing specialist said, "It all seems perfect. Your family should be delighted you can hear everything now."

"Oh no," the man responded. "I haven't told any of them. I just sit quietly, listening carefully. I've changed my will four times."

ACTUAL NEWSPAPER HEADLINES - -REALLY!!

"Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife and Daughter"
Now that is really something!

"Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says"
No kidding, really? Ya think?

"Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers"
Now that's taking things a bit far!

"Miners Refuse to Work after Death"
No-good-for-nothing' lazy so-and-so's!

"Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant"
See if that works any better than a fair trial!

"War Dims Hope for Peace"
I can see where it might have that effect!

"If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile"
Ya think?!

"Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures"
Who would have thought!

"Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide"
They may be on to something!

More News Headlines

"Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges"

You mean there's something stronger than duct tape?

"Man Struck By Lightning: Faces Battery Charge"

He probably IS the battery charge!

"New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group"

Weren't they fat enough?!

"Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft"

Why beans are no longer stocked on spacecraft.

"Kids Make Nutritious Snacks"

Do they taste like chicken?

"Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half"

Chainsaw Massacre all over again!

"Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors"

Boy, are they tall!

And the winner is....

"Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead"

From Your Newsletter Editor:

I am seeking any contributions from our members. It does not necessarily have to be about motorcycle riding. I will accept any article, no matter how brief, on family, recipes, clean jokes, vacation trips, your experiences at GWRRA rallies, chapter or personal motorcycle rides and trips, you name it. As the newsletter is due for this coming Tuesday, your article probably will not make it into the Sept. newsletter. I will also be looking for any items (ANY!!!) that you might be wishing to sell or trade. Send photos of your bikes and I will arrange a page to display them.

Thanks,

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WING DING 39

Judy Elliott won the Crazy Hat competition this year. Congratulations, Judy!!!



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Anniversaries

September

Judy Elliott 09/22

Harry Whipple 09/25

Harry & Ione 09/29

October

Ione Whipple 10/18

Tommie & Judy 10/16