



G2 ROADRUNNERS

December, 2018



GWRRA TEXAS DISTRICT CHAPTER G2 GREENVILLE, TX

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 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.

Words from the Wiggins

Welcome to another edition of the G2 newsletter. Hope you had a good Thanksgiving.

Thirteen people attended the first gathering of the month at Buffet Palace and nine were able to attend the gathering at Napoli's this month. We were able to get the separate room at Napoli's so the gathering was more quiet and conducive to conversation.

David planned a ride to Big Smith's BBQ & Catfish in Sulphur Springs on Veterans Day. 5 people attended and had a wonderful lunch. Big Smith's has our recommendation for a good lunch spot but make sure they're open. I must admit, there were no motorcycles involved at this ride, we all rode in trucks. I'm sure David and Shirley wondered where I was going since my GPS routed us down an unpaved road. It didn't matter in the trucks though. Coincidentally, the Patriot Guard Riders called me to do a mission in a nearby city that afternoon, so we all went from lunch to the mission. It was the first mission that Kate and Shirley had attended.

Remember that we are not having the gathering at Buffet Palace on Dec 4th. The Christmas Party is being held instead. Also, the Quarterly Ice Cream Social is on Dec 11th at Braum's in Greenville.



Kate, Shirley, Barb, David and I enjoying BBQ at Big Smith's BBQ and Catfish.

Please email or call if you have an activity or ride you'd like to plan and we'll try to get it set up.

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Chapter G2 Meetings:

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. Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting starts at 7:00.

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. Gathering starts at 6:00 pm.

Preparing for Toy-Run Season

One activity that many motorcycle riders participate in this time of the year is Toy Runs for kids. Our chapter enjoys the comradery of a large mixture of motorcyclists and the excitement of the children as we roar up with our gifts. Because Toy Runs are a group riding experience, it is important to review some of our basic group riding guidelines to keep everyone safer. Here is what the Motorcycle Safety Foundation suggests:

Arrive prepared. Arrive on time with a full gas tank.

Hold a riders' meeting. Discuss things like the route, rest and fuel stops, and hand. Assign a lead and sweep (tail) rider. Both should be experienced riders who are well-versed in group riding procedures. The leader should be aware of each rider's skill level before the ride and monitor the riders during the ride.

Keep the group to a manageable size, ideally five to seven riders. If necessary, break the group into smaller sub-groups, separated by a few seconds, each with a lead and sweep rider.

Ride prepared. At least one rider in each group should have a first-aid kit and full tool kit, and all riders should carry a cell phone, so the group is prepared for any problem that they might encounter.

Ride in formation. The staggered riding formation allows a proper space cushion between motorcycles so that each rider has enough time and space to maneuver and to react to hazards. The leader rides in the left third of the lane, while the next rider stays at least one second behind in the right third of the lane; the rest of the group follows the same pattern. A single-file formation with a minimum 2-second following distance is preferred on a curvy road, under conditions of poor visibility or poor road surfaces, entering/leaving highways, or other situations where an increased space cushion or maneuvering room is needed.

Avoid side-by-side formations, as they reduce the space cushion. If you suddenly need to swerve to avoid a hazard, you would not have room to do so. You don't want handlebars to get entangled.

Periodically check the riders following using your rear view mirrors. If you see a rider falling behind, slow down so they may catch up. If all the riders in the group use this procedure, the group should be able to maintain a fairly steady speed without pressure to ride too fast to catch up.

If you're separated from the group, don't panic. Your group should have a pre-planned procedure in place to regroup. Don't break the law or ride beyond your skills to catch up.

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For mechanical or medical problems, use a cell phone to call for assistance as the situation warrants.

Please note: Some Toy Runs can involve up to several hundred motorcycles. This is inherently a dangerous situation. Consider smaller events or sponsor one with just one or two chapters. Gold Wings are generally better trained and more skilled in group riding techniques.

Have a very merry holiday season and remember to adjust your riding to the weather to keep safe!

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

Randy and Kathy Reese
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All The Gear All The Time

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From the MAP National Director

What do you do when you are sitting in traffic? Listen to the radio? Talk to your car pool passengers? Call your spouse? Text or email your boss? Check Waze for a quicker route? Is your mind fully on your driving? A newscaster remarked the other day that he had contacted a friend while driving. Not unusual you say? Well, maybe – but this newscaster was FaceTiming while on the road!

Distracted driving is a huge problem, especially in highly populated areas like California. According to the California Office of Traffic Safety, in 2016 more than 54% of California drivers surveyed said they had been hit or nearly hit by a driver who was talking or texting on a cell phone. In California almost 22,000 drivers were involved in a distracted driving collision according to preliminary data for 2017 collected by the California State Office of Traffic Safety.

Tie all of this together. The Los Angeles area has the most congested traffic in the U.S., the most stressful commute in the U.S., and the eighth longest average commute in the country. Car pool motorists regularly break the lane restrictions. Roughly 50% of commuters say they were hit or nearly hit by a distracted driver. Add this to motorists who are not fully briefed on AB51 (the Lane Splitting Law) and who are not aware that lane splitting is legal. This can be a lethal commute for anyone!

This is why the Motorist Awareness Program is so incredibly important. All motorists should constantly look for motorcycles. Motorists must reduce and take responsibility for their distractions, and all motorists must drive aware. The Motorist Awareness Program increases all motorist's awareness of motorcycle riders, explains the purpose behind the safety habits of riders, and has the added benefit of improving overall driver awareness.

The Motorist Awareness Program provides tools to any member who is interested in educating the public. In addition, it provides hand-out materials which can be distributed in numerous locations. Contact your District Motorist Awareness Program Coordinator or District Director for a list of tools and materials. The District Motorist Awareness Program Coordinator is trained to assist in the selection of the best materials for your need.

Help Us Survive the Ride!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

David Hale -Dec.1

Joetta Oliver- Dec. 3

Bill Godwin – Dec. 4

Interesting Christmas Facts

- The **image of Santa Claus flying his sleigh** began in 1819 and was created by Washington Irving, the same author who dreamt up the Headless Horseman.
- The Montgomery Ward department store created Rudolph the **Reindeer** as a marketing gimmick **to encourage children** to buy their Christmas coloring books. The original Rudolph **did not have a red nose**. In that day and age, red noses were seen as an indicator of chronic alcoholism and Montgomery Ward didn't want him to look like a drunkard. To complete the original picture, he was almost named Reginald or Rollo.
- In 1914 during World War I there was **a now famous Christmas truce in the trenches** between the British and the Germans. They exchanged gifts across a neutral no man's land, played football together, and decorated their shelters. (Read more about it in the book "Silent Night: The Story of the World War I Christmas Truce" by Stanley Weintraub.)
- Bicycle, the U.S. playing card company, manufactured cards to give all the POWS in Germany during World War II as Christmas presents. **These cards, when soaked in water, revealed an escape route for POWs.** The Nazis never knew.
- NORAD's "**Santa Tracker**" **was born from a misprint in the newspaper.** A 1955 Sears ad was supposed to print the number of a store where children could call and tell Santa what they wanted for Christmas. The number printed was to the hotline of the Director of Operations for the U.S. Continental Air Defense. Colonel Shoup ordered his staff to give the children updates on the [flight](#) coordinates of Santa.
- A tradition began and continues until this day. **NORAD** (North American Aerospace Defense Command) continues to provide flight updates on local news, the Internet, and even a special iPhone [application](#) every Christmas.

5th annual WINGERS-N-WAVES 2019



January 25, 2019 – 6 nights of WOW!

Mark your calendar and come sail away with us on the 5th annual Caribbean **WINGERS-N-WAVES**. The Independence of the Seas will depart from Fort Lauderdale and travel to Nassau, Labadee & Jamaica. You will have the opportunity to meet Chapters from all over the US and Canada!



Our special group rates **include port taxes**, based on double occupancy. The rates are subject to change until booked. Please book your cabin with **WINGERS-N-WAVES** to ensure you're included into the special functions, parties, group dinners & Winger perks!



Oceanview Balcony cabin - \$788 per person

We promise to book your cabin at the lowest price at the time of booking and guarantee the best possible price. We will honor Crown & Anchor rates and special discounts if offered at the time of booking. Only a \$250pp deposit and the final payment is 10/20/18.

GWRRR Wing Ding 40 will give a FREE WINGERS-N-WAVES cruise for two at closing ceremonies! Check out our Annual Alaska Cruisetour, Viking River Cruise & Australia & New Zealand! All Wingers and friends are invited to join our group!

LIMITED SPACE – CALL TODAY TO RESERVE YOUR CABIN (386) 299-7535

For full event details: WWW.WINGERSNWAVES.COM

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Click on the event on the calendar at <http://www.g2txroadrunner.org/Calendar.html> for more detail

Tuesday, December 4

6:00pm

[Christmas Gathering at Soulman's BBQ Greenville](#)

Tuesday, December 11

7:00pm

[Ice Cream Social](#)

Saturday, December 15

11:00am

[Wreaths Across America Ceremonies](#)

Tuesday, December 18

6:00pm

[Gathering at Napoli's Restaurant in Wylie](#)

Monday, December 24

[Christmas Eve](#)

Tuesday, December 25

[Christmas Day](#)

Monday, December 31

[New Year's Eve](#)

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

[New Year's Day](#)

10:00am

[Ride to Babe's Chicken Dinner House - Garland](#)

Friday, January 4, 2019

[Progressive Insurance International Motorcycle Show](#)

Saturday, January 5, 2019

[Progressive Insurance International Motorcycle Show](#)

Sunday, January 6, 2019

[Progressive Insurance International Motorcycle Show](#)

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

6:00pm

[Gathering at Buffet Palace in Greenville](#)

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

6:00pm

[Gathering at Napoli's Restaurant in Wylie](#)