



G-2 ROADRUNNERS

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TEXAS DISTRICT

CHAPTER G-2

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, nonreligious and nonpolitical 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.

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Words From The Wiggins

We had a slow start to 2018 due to due to unforeseen circumstances. The annual lunch at Babe's had to be canceled because of safety considerations due to the threat of inclement weather. Barbara, David and I had to cancel our attendance at the Mid-Winter conference due to illness, but we've finally recovered. Fortunately, George was able to attend and represent us. February 10th will be the annual Valentine's dinner at Napoli's in Wylie. Dinner starts at 5PM. The GWRRA North Texas Bowling Challenge is on February 18th at City View Lanes, 6601 Oakmont Blvd, Ft. Worth. Registration is at 11:00, bowling starts at noon, but most folks go early to participate in the silent auction. Cost to bowl is \$15. If you don't bowl, come and be a cheerleader or bowl anyway, it's a friendly competition between the North Texas GWRRA chapters.

Don't forget the meeting at Napoli's in Wylie on the 20th. Barbara and I couldn't make it last month, but eight people attended. We're going to try to make it this month. I need a Stromboli fix.

The Texas District is scheduling an "Education Weekend" in Killeen on Mar 10th & 11th. The goal is to provide classes on this weekend and not provide classes during the District Convention. See the flyer on the next to last page of the newsletter for details. Several of the classes are needed for the levels program.

The upcoming 2018 Texas District Convention Theme is "Winging Back in History". The convention will be held in Brenham, Texas at the Washington County Fair Grounds, May 17 - 19, 2018. Mark your calendars so you won't miss out on the fun.

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

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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.

Chapter Activities

January Chapter Meeting

G-2 kicked off the new year on January 2 with their monthly meeting at the Buffet Palace, with thirteen members in attendance.

The incoming Chapter Director, Jim Wiggins presided over the meeting. After the pledge and a moment of silence for our military and first responders, we sang Happy Birthday to the three members celebrating January birthdays.

Jim brought us up to date on district, chapter and GWRRA happenings. Harry spoke about the Levels program.

Shirley and David won the cheesecake auction, and then were kind enough to share it with the group.

Thank you'll for sharing. And a special thanks to George for baking a delicious cheesecake every month. The funds raised through this monthly auction go the chapter.

Barbara was the first person to guess Judy as the mystery girl.



George and Jim at the January Chapter meeting.

Chapter Gathering in Wylie

Enjoying various Italian meals at Napoli's were seven attendees at the Wylie gathering on January 16th.

It was Richard Boslow's birthday; to celebrate George brought a delicious carrot cake.

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Happy Anniversary

February 3- Bobby Williams and Joetta Oliver

IN THE KITCHEN

The Best Snickerdoodles

1 CUP BUTTER (SOFTENED)
 1 ½ CUPS SUGAR
 2 EGGS
 2 ¾ CUPS FLOUR
 2 TSP. CREAM OF TARTAR
 1 TSP. BAKING SODA
 ½ TEASPOON SALT
 2 TB SUGAR
 1 TSP. CINNAMON

- Mix together flour, cream of tartar, baking soda, and salt together. Set aside.
- Cream together sugar and butter. Add eggs and blend well.
- Add dry ingredients to wet ingredients and mix well.
- Shape dough into 1 inch balls and roll in the cinnamon-sugar mixture.
- Place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet.
- Bake for 8-10 minutes at 350 degrees. (Makes about 4 dozen cookies)

Just for Fun

A man walks in a bank, pulls out a gun, and robs the bank....Then he turns around and asks the next customer in line, "Did you see me rob this bank?" The customer replies, "Yes!"

The robber raises his gun and shoots him!

He then moves to the next customer in line and says to the man, "DID..YOU..SEE..ME..ROB THIS BANK????"

The man calmly responds, "No....But My Wife Did."

Do you know him?



Be the first person to guess who this is and win a \$5.00 gift card to Braums.

Send your guess to Vickie at vicpie11@yahoo.com

The mystery person, his wife and QP are not eligible to play.

The timestamp on the e-mail will determine the winner.

The contest ends at the close of the chapter meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 6.

The Importance of Motorcycle Maintenance

By Judy Elliott

Tommie informed me tonight that he wanted me to write an article about the value of keeping ones motorcycle maintained.

Me? Maintain anything mechanical? Surely you jest.

You want to know the truth?

I know NADA about anything mechanical, motorcycle or otherwise. Now I do have enough smarts to know that vehicles need a power source, have to have gas and oil or electricity, and some require spark plugs. And because it's been drummed into my head, I know the oil needs to be changed on a regular basis. And that, my friends is the sum total of my mechanical expertise.

One summer afternoon Tommie was feeling desperate. He sent me to get spark plugs for the lawn mower. He had enough sense to send a burned out one with me, so all I had to do was show the clerk at the parts store what I wanted. "How many do you want, ma'am? Heck fire! I didn't know. And to emphasize how MUCH I didn't know, I bought eight, which turned out to be a LIFETIME supply. Tommie got a big kick out of that and still razzes me about it today.

So we worked out a deal early in our marriage. He does the upkeep and maintenance outside, and I cover the house. It's a tradeoff. I can go to any vehicle (or lawn mower) I want to select in our garage and KNOW it's going to be reliable and safe because of HIS maintenance priorities and skills, and he knows he's going to get a decent meal and have clean underwear.

In 17 years and over 350,000 miles of riding on two bikes, between us we have been stranded three times to the point that we needed help from an outside source because of mechanics. The splines went out on his bike in the middle of the south forty in Nowhere, Montana, a bolt broke that held on the front wheel on my I200 and the leaf spring broke on the underside of our cargo trailer. That's a pretty good record of maintenance I'd say. Who checks the splines on their bike as a part of regular maintenance? Who checks every bolt or the under part of the trailer they are hauling when doing a TCLOC?

I may be prejudiced, but I think that's a pretty good indicator of how much value is placed on regular maintenance or the motorcycles at our house. Since I'm writing this article, I'll tell you something else I think is important regarding maintenance, and something that has been proven invaluable to others. He carries all kinds of tools in the bike, and the longer we'll be away from home, the more tools he carries. Just in case.

That Motorcycle Vision Thing

Submitted By: Randy and Kathy Reese, *Texas District Educators*

A “visionary” is someone who has the ability to evaluate current information, use it to project likely developments in the future, and take effective action today to manage future events and avoid having those events manage them. Former President George H.W. Bush famously referred to this ability as the “Vision Thing.” And the Vision Thing also can apply to riding a motorcycle.

Anyone who has taken the Basic Rider Course knows a motorcycle goes where you look, and effective cornering depends on a rider “looking through” the curve. But in many ways, that only scratches the surface of the “Motorcycle Vision Thing” for riders.

Focusing your sight on the proper “primary” and “secondary” targets is important both to achieving a smooth and effective riding technique and mitigating the dangers incumbent in riding a motorcycle on the street.

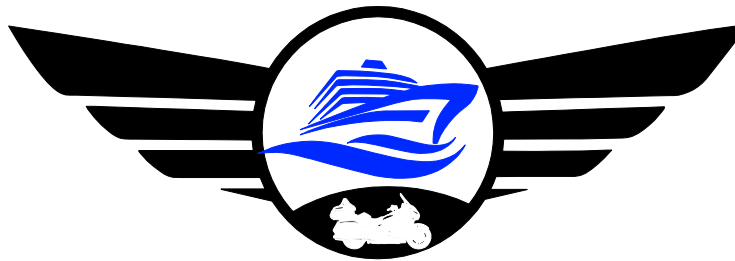
Primary targets are those of the highest priority, and they demand a rider’s immediate, primary focus. Secondary targets, on the other hand, should be monitored by a rider’s secondary focus, or peripheral vision. For example, when a rider suddenly detects a pothole or other road hazard in his or her peripheral vision, that hazard should, immediately, become a primary target. But instead of fixating on that hazard, the rider should visualize and focus on the best path to avoid it. After the danger has passed, riders should then refocus their attention to the new primary target (i.e., the one with the highest priority).

In the absence of an immediate threat, riders generally should focus as far down the road as their sightline allows, but also keep their eyes roving 360 degrees (by using their mirrors) to detect potential dangers. The farther ahead you focus, the easier it is for your brain to process what you are seeing. It’s as if your bike’s forward motion is progressing at a slower pace. Focusing closer to the front wheel makes the activity being processed by the brain seem to be happening much faster. This often results in jerky rider inputs through the handlebars, brakes, and throttle and less time to detect and avoid hazards.

Let’s consider another example of how this riding technique should work. When riding in a group, particularly if it’s tightly packed, there’s a tendency for riders to focus on the motorcycle directly in front of them, making it their primary target. Because the following rider is not focusing on the road ahead, he or she is constantly braking, accelerating, and erratically executing corners. If, instead, the road becomes the following rider’s primary focus, and the other riders ahead are placed in peripheral vision, the following rider will be smoother and safer.

A rider can practice sharpening up their peripheral vision even when they’re not riding. For example, while walking down a sidewalk, try to pick out details in your surroundings without looking at them directly. With a little practice, riders can master the Motorcycle Vision Thing and improve their riding technique and safety.

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Day	Ports of Call	Arrival	Departure
Sunday, October 21, 2018	Galveston, Texas	--	8:30 pm
Monday, October 22, 2018	Cruising	--	--
Tuesday, October 23, 2018	Cruising	--	--
Wednesday, October 24, 2018	Roatan, Honduras	8:00 am	5:00 pm
Thursday, October 25, 2018	Belize City, Belize	8:00 am	5:00 pm
Friday, October 26, 2018	Cozumel, Mexico	7:00 am	5:00 pm
Saturday, October 27, 2018	Cruising	--	--
Sunday, October 28, 2018	Galveston, Texas	6:30 am	--

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Texas District Education Weekend

March 10-11, 2018 • TAMU Central Texas • Killeen, Texas

Registration Form

Chapter: _____

Rider _____ GWRRR# _____ Exp Date: _____

2nd Rider/Co Rider _____ GWRRR# _____ Exp Date: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone #(_____) _____

Rider's email _____ 2nd Rider's email _____

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY MARCH 1

**Riding Courses/MFA filled on first come/first served basis
Classes offered 8:00 am – 5:00 Saturday and 9:00 – 1:00 Sunday**

Riding/MFA Courses

	<u>QTY</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Trike Riders Course – Full Course (Class and range)	_____	\$50 ea	\$ _____
Trike Riders Course – Recertification (range only)	_____	\$35 ea	\$ _____
Advanced Riders Course – Recertification (range only)	_____	\$35 ea	\$ _____
First Aid/CPR – new curriculum	_____	\$25 ea	\$ _____
Road Captain Course *- Full Course (Class and range)	_____	\$5 ea	\$ _____
<i>* Preference given to Ride Coordinators</i>			
Total Enclosed			\$ _____

Seminars/Modules

Co-Rider Seminar (can be used for levels)	_____	FREE
Team Riding Seminar	_____	FREE
Motorcycling for the Mature Rider Seminar	_____	FREE
Module - This One's for Girls - Women in Leadership Roles	_____	FREE
Module - My Enthusiasm Counts – Chapter MEC Role	_____	FREE
Module - You Got Mail – Email Etiquette	_____	FREE

Final Event Schedule will be published by March 1 and is dependent on registration

Waiver: I/We agree to hold harmless GWRRR, the Co-Sponsoring Organization, and any property owners for any loss or injuries to self or property in which I/we may become involved by reason of participation in this event. I/We also agree to assume responsibility for any property I/We knowingly damage.

Rider Signature: _____ Date: _____

2nd Rider/Co-Rider Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sign form and mail with payment (payable to GWRRR-Texas) to PO Box 10438 Killeen, Tx 76547-0438



Hotel Options

Residence Inn Marriott, Candlewood Suites, Towneplace Suites Marriott, Holiday Inn, Woodspring Suites, Quality Inn, Sleep Inn, Motel 6, Travelodge, Hampton, Shiloh Inn, and many others. Hotels range from \$84.00 and up.
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