



# G2 ROADRUNNERS

January, 2019



# 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

Happy New Year! Hope you had a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season.

Twelve were able to attend the annual Christmas party at Soulman's BBQ this month. Barbara and Shirley did a great job putting it together. The BBQ was very tasty, and George brought a delicious cheese cake for dessert. George was the winner of the "Saran wrap" game, so he won the \$25 gift card but almost everyone got a trinket or two. Everyone got a bit noisy during the game rooting-on the participants. Jim presented Certificates of Appreciation to Dave & Shirley, George and Vickie for their help with chapter business this year. Thankfully, they've agreed to carry on thorough 2019. We also collected some toys to donate to the Hunt County Spirit of Giving Campaign which helped make Christmas a little brighter for some in the community. Thank you.

Nine people attended the Quarterly Ice Cream Social is on Dec 11<sup>th</sup> at Braum's in Greenville.

Nine people were also able to attend the gathering this month at Napoli's. Three more were coming but had to cancel at the last minute. Vickie surprised us with gifts of baked pumpkin and banana bread for everyone to take home. The bread was delicious and appreciated. Thank you, Vickie.

Kate, David, Eric and I attended the "Wreathes Across America" program in Wolfe City on Dec 15<sup>th</sup>. State Senator Bob Hall spoke at the ceremony. After the program and wreath laying on veteran's graves, we headed for lunch at the Lone Star Eatery Grill and Bar in Commerce. The Lone Star Eatery gets a good recommendation from us. Everybody seemed to enjoy what they ordered. I recommend the Chicken Fried Chicken with Skillet Potatoes as a side.

Remember that we're having the next gathering in Greenville at Buffet Palace on Jan 8th and at Napoli's on Jan 22nd.

We're still looking for someone to be the official MEP Coordinator and the official Ride Coordinator for the chapter. David is acting as the MEP and I'm acting as the Ride Coordinator, but we'd welcome any help. Just let either of us know if you're interested.

Texas District GWRRA Mid-Winter Roundup will be on 26th January 2019. It's at Loves Civic Center at 2025 S. Collegiate Dr. Paris, TX 75460. An email from Jim Woodul encouraged anyone from the chapter to attend. More details are available on the chapter calendar at <http://www.g2txroadrunner.org/Calendar.html> Click on the calendar entry for more information.

**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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# G2 ROADRUNNERS

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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.

## *New Year's Resolutions*

It's a brand new year and most of us will at least think about resolutions to make us happier, healthier, and better persons. It's also a good time to think about how you can improve your motorcycling lifestyle and enjoyment. Here's my top ten motorcycle resolutions for **2019**:

1. **I will ride more** – Last year was a lot busier than I anticipated and even though Kathy and I traveled many miles for our ICOY activities, I found myself in a car much more often than on two wheels. I want to remedy that this year.
2. **I will wear ATGATT** – All The Gear, All The Time. I am pretty good at this, but I admit that when I run to the store or on an errand, I may not don my jacket and boots. As a Level 4 Senior Master Tour Rider, I have pledged to wear all safety gear every time I get on one of my bikes. I'll strive to do that.
3. **I will ride each of my bikes at least once a week** – I tend to jump on the scooter to run around town because of its light weight and convenience, but I plan to ride the Wing every couple of trips. Keeps the fluids circulated, battery charged and my skills sharp.
4. **I will participate in more charity rides** – I used to do several of these a year, but only did two in the last year. It benefits the community and helps promote a positive image for riders.
5. **I will take multi-day road trip** – Kathy and I have fond memories of riding to Big Bend or Palo Duro and spending multiple days in the saddle. Time to do it again.
6. **I will ride 1/2 of Route 66** – Kathy and I did the first half of Route 66 from Chicago to Amarillo two years ago. Time to fishih this bucket list item travelling from Amarillo to Santa Monica this year (also takes care of resolution above).
7. **I will pay more attention to bike maintenance** – I admit I don't change my fluids as often as I need to. I also have parts I bought a year ago and have still not installed. Time to fix that.
8. **I will attend several GW Modules** – I think everyone should make this a resolution. I always learn something new or am reminded of something I know but have forgotten. The new updated training modules (both Rider Ed and other areas) offer us help in riding skills and life/leadership skills. Please contact your CD or us to request a particular training for you or your chapter.
9. **I will invest in heated gear** – I'm tired of being cold. Will also help extend my riding season.

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**10. I will visit more chapter events and gatherings** – Even though Austin is only reasonably close to four other chapters, I keep up with all Texas chapters through their newsletters and websites. There is a lot of **FUN** being had out there and I want to be part of that. Look for us out and about this year.

I challenge each of you to contemplate next year and how you can increase and enhance your GWRRA experience. Hope to see each of you on the road soon.

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

Randy and Kathy Reese  
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*2017 International Couple of the Year*  
*All The Gear All The Time*

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Barbara Wiggins – Jan.6<sup>th</sup>

Kate Tyre – Jan.7<sup>th</sup>

George Augustas – Jan. 24

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## DID YOU KNOW...?

- MISTER ROGERS ALWAYS MENTIONED OUT LOUD THAT HE WAS FEEDING HIS FISH BECAUSE A YOUNG BLIND VIEWER ONCE ASKED HIM TO DO SO. SHE WANTED TO KNOW THE FISH WERE OK.
- AMELIA EARHART AND ELEANOR ROOSEVELT ONCE SNEAKED OUT OF A WHITE HOUSE EVENT, COMMANDEERED AN AIRPLANE, AND WENT ON A JOYRIDE TO BALTIMORE.
- DURING PROHIBITION, MOONSHINERS WOULD WEAR "COW SHOES." THE FANCY FOOTWEAR LEFT HOOFPRIINTS INSTEAD OF FOOTPRINTS, HELPING DISTILLERS AND SMUGGLERS EVADE POLICE.
- SINCE FOUNDING THE IMAGINATION LIBRARY IN 1995, DOLLY PARTON HAS DONATED 100 MILLION BOOKS TO CHILDREN.
- THE 100 FOLDS IN A CHEF'S TOQUE ARE SAID TO REPRESENT 100 WAYS TO COOK AN EGG.
- SOME CATS ARE ALLERGIC TO HUMANS.
- AN ESTIMATED 1 MILLION DOGS IN THE U.S. HAVE BEEN NAMED PRIMARY BENEFICIARY IN THEIR OWNERS' WILLS.

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# 2018 IN PICTURES



**Top Row:**  
Officer Installation  
North Texas Bowling Challenge  
March Ice Cream Social

**Second Row:**  
March lunch ride to Crow's  
Medal of Honor Motorcade

**Third Row:**  
Ride to Robles in Canton  
Christmas Party

**Fourth Row:**  
Christmas Party  
December Ice Cream Social  
Wreaths Across America

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Friday, January 4**

Progressive Insurance International Motorcycle Show

### **Saturday, January 5**

Progressive Insurance International Motorcycle Show

### **Sunday, January 6**

Progressive Insurance International Motorcycle Show

### **Tuesday, January 8**

6:00pm

Gathering at Buffet Palace in Greenville

### **Tuesday, January 22**

6:00pm

Gathering at Napoli's Restaurant in Wylie

### **Saturday, January 26**

Mid-Winter Conference - Paris TX

### **Tuesday, February 5**

6:00pm

Gathering at Buffet Palace in Greenville