

# G2 ROADRUNNERS



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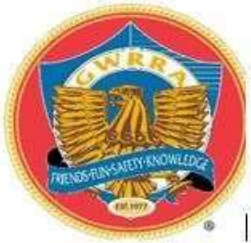
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Chapter G2 Meetings:

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 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.



# **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

Eight people showed up for the gathering at the Buffet Palace this month. It was great to see Dan & Donna and Bobbie & Joetta again. Five of us made the Ice Cream Social at Braum's and five were able to make the gathering in Wylie. Four of us enjoyed great burgers on the ride to ET Burger Company in Mineola on the eighth.

Barbara and I just returned from a 1900 mile motorcycle trip to Indiana to visit Barb's mother. Barbara told me we couldn't use any interstate highways, so we decided to go up the Natchez Trace Parkway. The Natchez Trace Parkway is a park road that's 444 miles long between Natchez MS and Nashville TN. We'd driven it in a truck during a snowstorm years ago, but this was the first time in the summer on the bike. It's a very pleasant ride with a 50 MPH speed limit and no stop signs. We rode from Greenville to Natchez, MS to get on the trace where it starts. We got off the Trace after about 370 miles and visited the Jack Daniel's distillery in Lynchburg TN. As Barb suggested, we were able to stay off the interstates until our last day of the route to Indiana. We would have met a line of thunderstorms shortly before arrival if we'd stayed on the secondary roads we had planned to use. So, we changed to a direct route and arrived just 30 minutes before the storms rolled over our destination. Unfortunately, on the return trip we had to make it back to Greenville quickly, so we took the interstate highways. They're not nearly as picturesque. For more info on the Natchez Trace Parkway, see <https://www.nps.gov/natr/planyourvisit/index.htm>

Bobby and Joetta returned from a trip recently. See Bobby's article later in the newsletter.

The next Texas District Rally will be in Kerrville at the Y.O. Ranch Hotel and Convention Center from 30 April to 2 May 2020. You can make reservations from the Texas District web page <http://gwrra-tx.org/>

Remember to inspect your bikes. A T-CLOCS inspection checklist is available here: [https://msf-usa.org/downloads/T-CLOCS\\_Inspection\\_Checklist.pdf](https://msf-usa.org/downloads/T-CLOCS_Inspection_Checklist.pdf)

Vickie always needs articles, recipes, or anything else for the newsletter. I'm sure she'd appreciate any help you can provide.

**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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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Eric Flynn – July 10<sup>th</sup>

## TRIP TO TAIL OF THE DRAGON

Submitted by Bobby Williams

A little story about our ride east. We loaded up the trailer and bike. Thanks to Dan for coming over and wiring my bike for trailer lights. I owe you big time.

We left Ennis on a Wednesday the 12th our first destination was Bristol Tn. It was about a thousand miles so we took 2 and a half days to get there. We had a good tail wind all the way there so it made for some pleasant riding. Our reasoning for going there was to see the NHRA Drag racing and as usual it did not disappoint. After the races concluded we headed down to Robbinsville, North Carolina. I made early reservations there knowing that it is a destination for many motorcycles since 20 short miles away starts the tail of the Dragon. We got to ride it the first day to very nice weather but after that it came a down pour pretty much every day. Our last day at the motel there was a group of Harley riders that rented the room on either side of us. They also had a pickup truck with an enclosed trailer behind it. They proceed to open it up and pulled out a cooler that was at least 8 feet long plus a grill. Well, I will leave it to your imagination what they did for the next 5 hrs. Oh how I hate motels. The ride home wasn't nearly as much fun since weather had gotten so hot here. It felt like it was a hundred and twenty degrees with the helmets on. Bobby

## TEXAS TRIVIA

Taken from Texas Co-Op Power

Texline, in the far northwest corner of the Texas Panhandle, is 899 miles from Brownsville, in the southern tip of the Rio Grande Valley.

Texline residents are closer to residents in 21 other states – Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, and Wyoming – than they are to fellow Texans in Brownsville.

## USELESS TRIVIA

Based on data from the chain's website, California has the highest number of McDonald's in the country with 1,295 restaurants. By comparison, North Dakota ranks as the state with the fewest with just 25 in the whole state. There are nearly 14,000 McDonald's around the country.



## ***Stay Awake, Stay Alert, Stay Alive...***

Our chapter just returned from a multiple day ride up to Palo Duro Canyon and the Amarillo area. Each day we covered long distances but we took frequent breaks to stretch and hydrate. One of the comments I regularly heard at our rest breaks was “I’m having a little trouble staying awake.” Of course, that got my attention and started me thinking.

*Rider fatigue can be deadly.* It can happen any time, but it is most frequent on long rides and after dark. Along with feeling drowsy, other signs of rider fatigue are back tension, burning eyes, shallow breathing, inattentiveness, and erratic riding.

One aggravating factor is often a large meal on the road. The sugar rush and subsequent fall after a big meal can be enough to produce a drowsy rider. Other culprits include today’s Gold Wings themselves. They are smoother, quieter, and more comfortable. Cruise control is a wonderful feature but can contribute to falling asleep while riding.

The National Safety Council recommends the following tips for staying awake – and staying safe – when you are riding.

- Get enough rest. This may seem obvious, but if you have not had a restful sleep, you are inviting rider fatigue.
- If possible, do not ride alone.
- Try to avoid riding long distances at night.
- Use the audio on your radio to help keep you awake and alert.
- Use the cruise control sparingly.
- Watch ergonomic factors. Ride with your head and eyes up along with a good riding posture.
- In the daytime wear sunglasses to fight glare and help prevent eye fatigue.
- Take frequent breaks.
- Avoid overeating; have light meals and snacks. Don’t drink any alcohol.
- If you still find yourself getting drowsy riding, pull over into a rest stop or just stop for the night at the next motel.
- ***GOLDEN RULE: Listen to your Co-Rider*** who may well know what’s going on better than you. Co-Rider, watch for the warning signs for fatigue and tell the rider YOU need a break. Once stopped, visit about your observations.

Remember, safe riding is important and demands your full attention.

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

Randy and Kathy Reese

### ***Texas District Educators***

***2017-18 International Couple of the Year***

***All The Gear All The Time***

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## Classifieds

Tommie has three hitches for sale. Two are for 90-degree receivers and one for a straight receiver. Tommie said the prices would be very reasonable so give him a call at (214)802-5046 if interested.





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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Tuesday, July 2**

6:00pm

Gathering at Buffet Palace in Greenville

### **Tuesday, July 16**

6:00pm

Gathering at Napoli's Restaurant in Wylie

### **Tuesday, August 6**

6:00pm

Gathering at Buffet Palace in Greenville

### **Tuesday, August 20**

6:00pm

Gathering at Napoli's Restaurant in Wylie