



G2 ROADRUNNERS

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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

Eleven people attended our monthly gathering on the 1st at the Buffet Palace. George again provided a delicious cheesecake to auction off.

Bobby planned a route to Catfish King in Paris on May 6th. Eleven people were able to make the ride including Don and Karen Walker from chapter R and their friend Paul. Thanks to them for visiting and making the ride with us.

Thirteen people attended our gathering at Napoli's in Wylie this month. Great conversations and delicious food.

Bobby led an early morning Memorial Day ride to Robles Mexican restaurant in Canton. Great ride that avoided the hottest part of the day. See Barbara's comments later in this edition of the newsletter.

George and I rode to the Texas District Rally together after meeting in Ennis. It was an uneventful trip but did get very warm by the time we arrived. Bill and Sharon Godwin also made it to the rally. George had to leave before the closing ceremonies due to having plans the following day. He won a statistical award for having the lowest membership number at the rally. Since George left on Saturday, I rode home alone the next morning. This was bad timing on my part since I got drenched about five miles outside of Ennis. I waited out the worst of the storm at the QT and made it home without issues. Lots of clouds the rest of the way home but no rain. See George's article about the rally in this newsletter.

I commend the District Team for their hard work putting the rally together. It was very pleasant with something to do at most times. The opening ceremonies were preceded by a delicious meal catered by Nathan's barbeque. Numerous "on your own" rides were available with a gift card drawing if you provided a "selfie" of yourself at the destination. One of the destinations was a tour of "Newman's Castle". Well worth the time and price of admission if you're near Brenham. The next District Rally is planned for next May in Paris, so it won't be far for us to travel.

There are some pictures from the Robles breakfast ride and the Texas District Rally posted at <https://gwrrachapterg2photos.shutterfly.com/pictures>

In addition to our monthly gatherings at Buffet Palace on the 5th and Napoli's on the 19th, we're having our quarterly Ice Cream Social at 7:PM at Braum's in Greenville on the 12th. If your birthday falls in the last quarter, you get a free ice cream concoction of your choice, compliments of the chapter.

It's not too early to plan for Wing Ding 40 in Knoxville. Online registration and information for the rally is available at <https://wing-ding.org/> or press the "Wing Ding 40" icon on the first page of the G2 website <http://www.g2txroadrunner.org> George has already planned a route and hotel recommendations to and from Knoxville that includes riding the Cherochala Skyway and Tail of the Dragon on the way to Knoxville. Contact George for details if you're interested in riding with the group. His email address is on the website under the "Staff" tab.

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.

Greenville

Chapter Rides

Ride to Catfish King in Paris – May 6

Submitted by Bobby Williams

We really had a wonderful ride Sunday going to Paris for fish at Catfish King. We had seven bikes show up to ride . The weather was perfect and the roads in good shape. The riders that tagged along were Joetta and myself Jim Wiggins, Eric Flynn and several couples that I had not ridden with before. Dwayne and Rose Mary Adams, David and Ann Groves. Don and Karen Walker, Paul McCowan. I had never ridden any of these roads so it was an adventure. I was jokingly asked to keep my speed under a 100 mph I told them I would try but couldn't make any promises. I also told everyone if I had to make any U turns it wouldn't be my fault someone had changed the street signs. Sure enough only one u turn but I needed the practice going the other way. We arrived just before the church crowd and the place got very busy. I was hoping George would bring his new Goldwing trike out but not this time maybe next time.

Monday, May 28th Breakfast Ride to Robles Mexican Restaurant

By Barbara Wiggins

It was a glorious morning for a ride. Bobby, as usual, took us on a beautiful, interesting ride to Robles Mexican restaurant in Canton for breakfast. We had a nice group of riders Monday morning. Eight bikes with eleven people including Eric's friend Bob. Robles was very accommodating and made us very comfortable. A waitress took a group picture for David and then even took one with her camera. Breakfast was very good and a change of pace, at least for me. This trip can be a repeater.

A couple of pictures of the group are posted on the website at

<https://gwrrachapterg2photos.shutterfly.com/pictures>

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June 10

In The Kitchen

CREAMY PEA SALAD

INGREDIENTS

- 2 pkg. (16 oz. each) frozen peas, thawed and drained
- 1/2-1 cup diced Cheddar cheese
- 1/2-1 cup diced Mozzarella cheese
- 1 small red onion, chopped
- 1 cup Miracle Whip or mayonnaise
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1/2 lb. bacon, cooked and crumbled

INSTRUCTIONS

In a large bowl, combine all ingredients and mix well. Refrigerate until serving.

June 14



My Trike (Buying) Trip

By George Augustas

I had been toying with the idea of buying a trike for a while. I had some issues with the Tow-Pac. The reason I got the Tow-Pac in the first place was that when I bought the GL-1500, I swore I would never trike it. The Tow-Pac can be removed, so it doesn't count. Now, twenty years later, it is difficult to get parts and service for the GL-1500. For that reason, I probably wouldn't buy one today even if I found a brand-new one. I said that if I ever got another one, I would buy one already triked.

I had several criteria in mind: I wanted a GL-1800, 2012 or newer, low mileage, with a CSC or Roadsmith trike, with the extra fuel tank, and with a receiver hitch so I could carry my refrigerator. The colour was negotiable, but I didn't want yellow or white.

Then one day, I re-read the February issue of *Wing World*. There was an article in it called Buying a Trike. The writer said he had looked at several dealers and finally found KD Cycles in Alabama. They are authorised dealers for Roadsmith Trikes. I looked at the KD Cycles website and found one that I liked: a 2012 red and silver GL-1800 level I, with 23,557 miles and a new Roadsmith trike conversion. It had most of what I wanted except the CB radio and the extra tank. I made an enquiry to Kevin Dodd at KD Cycles, and we negotiated a deal. He would add the extra tank and would offer a discount on the CB radio. He gave me a trade-in allowance for my old bike that I thought was fair. I said I would ride the old bike to Alabama, do the exchange, and ride the new trike home.

I left on Wednesday, May 2, and rode to Tuscaloosa. I had no trouble on the way. On Thursday morning, I rode to KD Cycles. I had to cross a twisty little mountain road to get there. KD Cycles is well off the beaten path, as they say. Mr Dodd let me test-ride the trike. It was the first time I rode a GL-1800. I rode it down to the end of the road and back and found that I could handle it well. I liked how easily it steered, too.

I went back and paid him the money and started taking my things from my bike and putting them on the new trike. They had installed a power socket for the fridge, but they hooked it up to the license plate light circuit, so I would need to change that later. I had to put the Garmin in the fairing pocket until I could get it mounted.

When I left KD Cycles, the Garmin wanted to take a different road. I wanted to go back on the twisty little road, so I turned left when it said turn right, and it brought me back the way I had come. I rode all the way to Jackson, Miss. that day. I missed the backrest, and I had to stop several times to rest. On Friday, I did better and only stopped a couple of times. Rain was threatening, but it didn't rain until I got across the Texas border. Then it rained so hard I could hardly see. I got off the road and pulled under a hotel canopy to put on the rain suit. The only part of me that got wet was my feet. I ran out of the rain finally and arrived home Friday afternoon.

The extra fuel tank worked well. On the trip home, I only had to stop for fuel once each day, rather than two or three times. The extra tank is an auxiliary tank; I have to wait until the gauge reads Empty then flip a switch to activate the transfer pump.

The new trike handles much better than my old bike. It starts, runs, and stops better. The audio system is great. The seat is not as good, but I can buy a **Corbin** seat at *Wing Ding*. Still, I do kind of miss the GL-1500. I was very fond of that old bike.☹

Texas District Rally 2018

By George S. Augustas

Jim Wiggins and I made a trip to Brenham on Thursday, 17 May to attend the Texas District Rally. We met at the I-HOP in Ennis at 0910. I was a bit late, and when I got there, the Garmin misled me, and I could not find the place. I finally found it, and we started out. We stopped at Buc-ee's for fuel and lunch. We arrived at Brenham about one o'clock and checked in at the rally. I took the Chapter Pride entry to the judging room and set it up before going to the hotel. Later that evening, we rode to Washington On The Brazos State Park for the opening ceremonies and a barbecue dinner. The dinner was good, and they didn't run out of food. There was enough left over to feed everyone twice.

On Friday, I got to the rally about eight o'clock. I toured the vendors and did the vendor walk game. Then Jim and I sold tickets from ten o'clock until two o'clock. I stopped at Subway® before arriving to get a sandwich so I would not have to go out for lunch.

After our work shift was over, I went to the Blue Bell ice cream store and had a scoop of peach ice cream. It was delicious. I watched the ice cream packing line working a while. Then I went back to the hotel. Later, I went back to the Subway® for dinner before going downtown to ride in the light parade. They had the light show judging before the parade started. When it was over, I went back to the hotel. I sent Jim a message saying that I had decided to skip the closing ceremonies and return home early on Saturday because I was going to attend an event on Sunday.

On Saturday morning, I decided to leave for home as soon as I had picked up the Chapter Pride exhibit. That was scheduled for two o'clock, but Jim Woodul announced at noon that the judging was over and that we could retrieve them earlier. I went over to pick it up and then started for home. Jim stayed for the closing ceremonies and stayed overnight. Jim got home the next day (Sunday) about noon.

We had a good time at the rally. Jim said that next year's rally would be held in Paris, Texas. That is good news because it is closer to home. Y'all plan to be there.

Motorcycle Cargo Trailer for Sale

Inside of trailer is about 4 1/2 feet long, 3 1/2 feet wide. Upgraded to 12" tires/with spare, has kickstand and cooler. Has never leaked. Vinyl top. Fiberglass bucket. Had about 18 years with never a problem. \$500. Firm on price. Call Tommie at 214-802-5046 or Judy at 214 534 4742.





RIDER EDUCATORS Texas District Randy & Kathy Reese

The Heat Is On

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Riding in the heat is uncomfortable, especially when you're geared up properly. But at a certain level of heat, it can go from uncomfortable to actually dangerous – and it happens pretty fast.

There are a few reasons why. At temperatures exceeding 93 degrees, the convection effect intensifies the effects of heat; that makes it feel even hotter than it actually is, forcing your body to work overtime by sweating to keep itself cool.

But heavy sweating is often less noticeable on a motorcycle, because it evaporates more quickly in the rushing air. So you can be sweating profusely, dehydrating your body very quickly, and actually accelerating the effects of heat exhaustion – all without even noticing!

To make matters worse when riding on-road, asphalt roads collect and radiate heat, making the air above the highway even hotter than ambient temperatures – and when you add that to the heat already being generated by your bike, it can become a recipe for heat injury very quickly.

The key to preventing heat injury is preparation. Most often, heat injuries occur when someone is unprepared for the heat, and tries to “tough it out.” To make sure you're not “that guy/girl,” here are a few tips to make sure you're ready to face the heat:



Hydrate or die. Camelbak's motto holds true – water is essential to life, and in the heat, especially in sports where you sweat intensely (like riding) it is absolutely crucial to staying hydrated and preventing heat injury. Bring more and drink more than you think you need. Using a hydration pack is essential while riding, because it allows you to hydrate without stopping your ride and prevents you from “pushing a little farther.”

Avoid energy drinks to stay alert. One of the first signs of heat exhaustion is fatigue, which occurs as your body overworks itself sweating to keep you cool. A common remedy is to “energize” with caffeinated energy

drinks; however, these can make the effects you're feeling even worse, since caffeine is a diuretic, and actually pulls more water out of your body! There is no substitute for pure water in the heat (though a sports drink with electrolytes can be added to your water as well.)

Rest and recover more than normal. Long rides are exhausting and rest stops are essential, but you should include more of these than normal on especially hot trips – this will allow your body to recover, your temperature to equalize, and give you some time to hydrate before the next leg of a trip. Find a shady spot to stop at least, but an air conditioned spot is even better!

Cover up. Head-to-toe gear prevents injury from a crash, but did you know it also prevents heat injury? This is because the sun not only burns bare skin, but it also loses sweat faster due to the effects of convection, which draws more water and energy from the body at a faster rate. It sounds counter-intuitive, and goes against the inclination to strip off all your gear, but while riding in intense heat, you're better off staying covered from head to toe in mesh or moisture wicking material.

Use cooling gear. These days, technology has given us some awesome tools to fight off the heat, like cooling vests, collars, and even wrist bands, which absorb water into special moisture-retaining fabric and help keep your body cool for hours.

Use sunscreen to prevent sunburn. Dehydration isn't the only way the heat can hurt you – extreme heat is usually accompanied by intense sun, which can cause sunburn in as little minutes in extreme conditions! Use a sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or greater on exposed skin every time you ride in the sun to prevent burns and long-term effects of sun, like accelerated aging and even skin cancer.

Beware the melting road.

You've probably seen how roads, especially fresh ones, can become soft in high heat as the tar melts. “Tar snakes” (patches of sealant in the cracks on road surfaces) can melt and become slippery in high heat, causing a crash hazard, so ride over these with extra caution when it's hot out.



The sun can dump your bike! And don't forget one often overlooked nuisance from heat – that a parked bike's kickstand can “melt” into the pavement slowly, even dropping your bike while you're not looking! Place a puck of some sort under your kickstand when parking in hot areas, especially on fresh asphalt – a small block of wood, a rock, or even a crushed soda can will work to keep your kickstand from punching a hole in the ground and dropping your bike.

JUST FOR FUN

A priest decides one day to visit one of his elderly parishioners, Mrs. Smith. He rings the door bell and Mrs. Smith appears. "Good day, Mrs. Smith. I just thought I would drop by and see how you are doing." "Oh just fine, Father, come on in, and we'll have some tea." While sitting at the coffee table, the priest notices a bowl of almonds on the table. "Mind if I have one?" the priest says. "Not at all, have as many as you like." After a few hours, the priest looks at his watch and alarmed at how long he has been visiting, says to Mrs. Smith, "Oh my goodness, look at the time. I must be going. Oh, but dear me, I have eaten all your almonds. I'll have to replace them the next time I visit." Mrs. Smith replied, "Oh don't bother Father. Ever since I lost all my teeth, it's all I can do just to lick the chocolate off them."

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!**

From the Editor-

Thank you to all that have contributed articles for the newsletter. Your contributions add so much to the newsletter.

Based on the gatherings we have had where we brought food to share, I know there are a lot of great cooks in our chapter; do you have a recipe you would like to share for the newsletter? If so, please send it to me at: vicpie11@yahoo.com

Also, If any of you would like to submit your picture for the Guess Who contest please do. Send it to my e-mail listed above.

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