

# **G2 ROADRUNNERS**

"Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge"

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- Chapter G2 meets the First Tuesday of every month at Buffet Palace, 3202 IH-30, Greenville. There is a second meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at Napoli's Pizza, 701 Hwy 78, Wylie. Eat at 6:00 PM, meet at 7:00 PM.
- Unless otherwise noted, Chapter G2 Group Rides will depart from the Valero at 4303 Joe Ramsey Blvd, Greenville, Texas.

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#### WORDS FROM THE WIGGINS

#### Jim and Barbara Wiggins, Chapter Directors

eather seems to be a hot topic in North Texas. Barbara and I hope you all weathered the recent events with no serious damages. We consider ourselves lucky since our experience was limited to about 4 days of power on and off every 15 minutes and low water pressure for a day. Since our power was not off for extended periods. the house stayed relatively warm at about 62 degrees. I had pulled out an old kerosene heater and stacked firewood on the porch to get ready for the storm but never used any of it. The water company in our area has now recovered and just canceled the "boil water" orders.

After teasing us with a sunny 75-degree day, the rest of February does not look good for outside activities. Showers and thunderstorms are forecast for the rest of the month. Hopefully, March will be better, and we can all get out.

Though we canceled the gathering at Napoli's last month due to weather, we plan to meet in Greenville at the Buffet I Palace March 2<sup>nd</sup> (the first Tuesday of the month) at 6PM and at Napoli's in Wylie March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. We hope all of you can make it.

We received a message from the Assistant District Director that Jerry Parnell of Chapter T passed away.

We also received a message from 6 GWRRA that had the following quote. "It has come to our attention that an 7 entity is contacting attendees by phone/8 email and fraudulently claiming that a hotels are completely booked. The entity

will try to coerce the attendee into booking through their service. If you receive a call or email from such a company, please disregard. There is room availability."

TX-J is having a bike and car show in Orange, Texas on Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup> as a fund raiser. See more detailed info later in the newsletter.

The **Texas District Rally** is still planned in Kerrville April 29<sup>th</sup>-May 1<sup>st</sup>. It may be modified to be less meetings and more riding to minimize close contact. If you plan to stay at the Y.O. Ranch, the GWRRA rate for the rally it is \$99. The Texas District web page has dates and hotel information for the Texas District Rally. Reservations may be made by starting here: <a href="http://www.gwrratx.org/2021Info/2021RallyPage.php">http://www.gwrratx.org/2021Info/2021RallyPage.php</a>.

Wing Ding 42 is planned for June 29 – July 3, 2021 at the Springfield Expo Center in Springfield, Missouri. You can register for the event packages and for notifications when updates occur at the following site <a href="http://42.wing-ding.org/">http://42.wing-ding.org/</a>. George has investigated hotels in the area. Contact George for more info on hotels.

GWRRA is still offering a **Free** fourmonth trial membership. The application form is enclosed with this newsletter. Please let any prospective members know of this offer.

Jim & Barbara Wiggins jimwtx@verizon.net (903)217-4066

# 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), found in 1977, is recognized at the world's largest single -marque motorcycle association in the world. GWRRA provides safety, technical, and education services to its Members world-wide.

# CHAPTER STAFF Chapter Directors



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## Assistant Directors Position available

Treasurer and Newsletter Editor pro tem



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# **G2 ROADRUNNERS FIND US:**

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http://www.g2roadrunner.org

**FACEBOOK:** 

**GWRRA-ChapterTX-G2** 

Chapter G2 Meetings:

#### GroupWorks:

https://app.groupworks.com/\*/groups/4534

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.

#### **Local Area Chapter Gatherings**

Chapter	Location	<b>Meeting Time</b>	<b>Meeting Location</b>	<b>Meeting Day</b>
Chapter G2	Greenville	6:00 PM (Eat) 7:00 PM (Meet)	Buffet Palace 3202 IH-30, Greenville	1st Tuesday
Chapter G2	Wylie	6:00 PM (Eat) 7:00 PM (Meet)	Napoli's Italian Restaurant 701 Hwy 78, Wylie, Texas	3rd Tuesday
Chapter M	Arlington/ Mansfield	6:00 PM (Eat) 7:00 PM (Meet)	Spring Creek Barbecue 1724 Hwy 287 at Debbie Lane, Mansfield	1st Thursday
Chapter P	Granbury	6:30 PM (Eat) 7:00 PM (Meet)	Spring Creek Barbecue 317 Hwy 377 E (at Overstreet), Granbury	2nd Thursday
Chapter R	D-FW	6:00 PM (Eat) 7:00 PM (Meet)	Spring Creek Barbecue 315 West SH-114, Grapevine, Texas	4th Thursday
Chapter W2	Waxahachie	6:00 PM (Eat) 7:00 PM (Meet)	TaMolly's Mexican Restaurant 1735 Hwy 77, Waxahachie	3rd Thursday

### **TEAM GWRRA**

#### **NATIONAL OFFICERS**

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#### **Rider Education Corner**

#### **Scott Polhemus**

OW! Spring is almost here. Along with all the rains and 'road hazards' that winter has created for us. I ran across this story while I was looking around the web. I thought the timing was rather perfect.

Cattle Country - By Tom Jenkins, Texas

While taking a long weekend trip with a fellow rider in South Texas, I was abruptly brought to a conclusion that anything can happen when you are riding a motorcycle. We were riding in perfect weather, maybe a little warm, in what we call ranch country. I've always been keenly aware of livestock which seem to escape their fences or the occasional deer that darts into your lane at the most inopportune time. However, I was caught completely by surprise by what appeared in the road on this day.

Since I had been riding for more than 20 years on various sized motorcycles, I felt capable of handling almost anything. But today was to be a new lesson. As we were riding along at about 60 mph and I was in the lead when I noticed a discoloration on the pavement ahead. My first thought was that sand had washed over the road and that I immediately should slow down to a safe speed to negotiate it. I kept slowing as I approached the "discoloration" until I was only riding at about 30 mph when I reached it. But of course, it was then that I realized that what I had seen wasn't sand or gravel on the pavement. It was much worse. My friend and I found ourselves trying to keep our rides "shiny side up" on what seemed to be greased

ball bearings. After we negotiated the impediment and regained our composure, we stopped to examine the road only to discover that some rancher had lost a load of cow pellets. For those who aren't familiar with this product, it consists of very hard, compressed mixtures of feed and grass to form a cylinder about 1/2 inch in diameter and about 2 inches in length. In essence, we were riding over a patch of "roller bearings."

To this day, I don't see how either of us was able to negotiate the hazard without mishap. I can only attribute our success to slowing to a speed with enabled forward progress without losing control

In all my riding, I have been lucky that I wasn't the first one to ride up on something similar. But I have seen many bags of 'hazards' that have fallen on the road, but by the time I saw them they were mostly off to the edge of the road. Seems that most of the usual hazards we encounter in North Texas are gravel and rocks that have ended up on the road from someone's driveway or a dirt road.

Now we are in the season where RAIN is more likely to be the biggest hazard that we will encounter. Of course, we all have our Frog Toggs rain gear in our saddlebags, right? But if you are like me, ya HATE to pull them out until it already raining. They are just too hot to wear until you absolutely have to. Has everyone reapplied RAIN-X to their windscreen and visor? It only takes a few minutes and helps considerably. It's also a good time to reapply whatever anti-fog

stuff you happen to use inside your visor. Would be a royal pain if all the rain was rolling off your windscreen and visor, and the humidity were to blind you with fog in your helmet!

Of course, we all know that when the weather begins to get ugly, we should slow down and look closer to see from what direction the weather is heading. As well as just how 'ugly' it is looking.

It's never a bad idea to pull into a gas station and grab a bit of gas or a drink to wait a few minutes after sprinkles begin. The first 15 minutes after things turn wet are the most dangerous, as all the oil and road grime floats to the surface and begins to be washed away by car and truck tires. That will also give you a chance to look and determine if this is just a quick 30-minute shower, or something bigger that would force you to pull out all the rain gear.

And we should never forget tires. Do they have plenty of tread depth to help avoid hydroplaning? What about tire pressures? Did you check them when you got on the motorcycle? Even a few pounds low will reduce the amount of traction your tires have available, and in the rain, we need every little bit we can get.

Just remember, Have fun out there! And anything that helps you arrive safe is good, even if it makes you look funny or aggravates the cars around you.

Until next time, **Scott...** 

#### **Coming Events**

Date	Chapter	Event	Location	Contact/E-Mail	Phone
29 April–1 May	*	I CAAS DISTIFIC ITALLY		Jim Woodul txdd@gwrra-tx.org	254-634-4658
June 29-July 3 2021	*	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	- r - G	GWRRA National Office https://www.wing-ding.org	800-843-9460

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#### SHIRT AND HAT SALE

The Chapter has some hats and shirts available. Designs vary a little since they were ordered at different times, but most are a variant of the front and back shown in the picture. The back is the large logo while the front has the G2 designator on the left breast. Let me know if you're interested and I'll bring to a gathering or arrange some other so you can see them or take more detailed pictures.

Jim Wiggins- contact info in the staff section.

Item	Size	Qty	Price
Blue Long Sleeve Tee	M	3	\$15.00
	L	8	\$15.00
	XL	3	\$15.00
			\$15.00
Blue Short Sleeve Tee	M	1	\$15.00
	L	1	\$15.00
	2X	1	\$15.00
Blue Polo Shirt	M	1	\$30.00
Embroidered hats		3	\$15.00
Yellow Short Sleeve Tee	M	1	\$12.00
Yellow Windbreaker	M	1	\$12.00



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Gold Wing Road Riders Association

21423 N 11th Ave

Phoenix, AZ 85027

#### **Fun Facts:**

Russia didn't consider beer to be alcohol until 2011. It was previously classified as a soft drink. (Trivia Today) *That made it much more appealing to children.* 

A California woman once tried to sue the makers of Cap'n Crunch because Crunch Berries contained "no berries of any kind." (Trivia Today)

Yeah, and Cap'n Crunch isn't even a real captain.

Greece's national anthem has 158 stanzas. (Trivia Today)

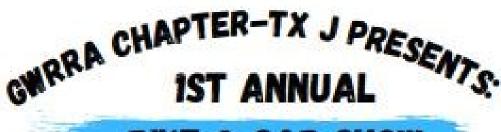
Και πρέπει να τα τραγουδήσετε όλα έτσι ώστε μέχρι το τέλος της ημέρας, το παιχνίδι να τελειώσει πριν ζεκινήσει. (And you have to sing all of them, so by the end of the day, the game is over before it begins.)

In the United States, sitting on a sea turtle is a third degree felony. (Trivia Today)

Sitting on a chicken is only a misdemeanour (but a lot more fun).

Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older. (Trivia Today)

*Gee, I wonder who the other person is.*  $\odot$ 



# **BIKE & CAR SHOW**

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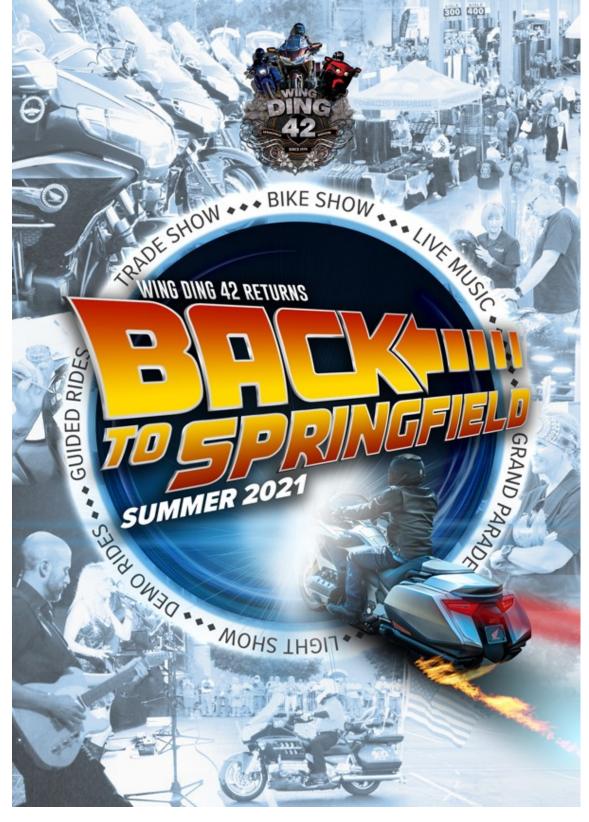
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REGISTRATION FEE: \$20 (INCLUDES FREE T-SHIRT)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GWRRA TX-J

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#### CHAPTER SKILL ENHANCEMENT ADVISOR



#### Job Summary

The role of Chapter Skill Enhancement Advisor (CSEA) is to proactively support Member/Participant by providing them with information they can consider on ways to become skilled, prepared and safer riders and co-riders.

#### **Encouraged Responsibilities**

- Serve as an example by being actively engaged in the Levels Program.
- Monthly, or as often as possible and weather permitting based on Members interest, put on an on-bike skills day with skill practice, bike games for riders and co-riders.
- Team with the Chapter Ride Coordinator to promote the importance of best riding practices at chapter gatherings, rides and events.
- Utilize the quarterly Chapter Levels Report provided by the District Educator to support the Members and assist them in achieving milestones and earning recognition.
- Communicate directly with the District Educator to advocate for classes and courses to serve any chapter participant with an interest in progressing in the levels program, becoming a more proficient rider and being better prepared to respond to emergency situations.

#### Qualifications and Skills

#### The Chapter Skill Enhancement Advisor:

- is not an officer; and the position is not mandatory.
- has a basic knowledge of the GWRRA Rider Education Program
- is appointed by the Chapter Director
- is interviewed by the District Educator
- completes a Confidentiality Agreement
- is a current Level II Rider or Co-Rider
- receives guidance and support from the District Educator
- communicates with the District Educator directly, keeping the Chapter Director in the loop to assure the needs of the chapter participants are met. Remember, the Chapter Skill Enhancement Adviser is an active participant on the Chapter staff and primary direction comes from the Chapter Director
- does not have access to the RE database and relies on the District Educator for the information.

Goal: To provide the membership with the basic support needed to participate meaningfully and successfully in the GWRRA Rider Education Program at the Chapter level.

Susan Huttman-Director RE Program

Approved by GWRRA July 9, 2019

# **MARCH 2021**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	National Pig Day  Share A Smile Day	Chapter G2 Gathering Buffet Palace Greenville	Navy Reserves Birthday	4 Marching Music Day	C Last Quarter 5 Dress in Blue Day	Alamo Day Oreo Cookie Day
World Math Day ————————————————————————————————————	Peanut Cluster Day	Get Over It Day Organise Your Home Office	A.G. Bell Patents Telephone (1876)	11 World Plumbing Day	Girl Scouts founded (1912)	• New Moon 13 K-9 Veterans Day
Genius Day  Daylight Saving Time Begins  National $\pi$ Day $(\pi=3.141592653)$	Act Happy Day  Ides of March	Chapter G2 Gathering Napoli's Pizza Wylie, Texas	St Patrick's Day Kick Butt Day	18 Oatmeal Cookie Day	19 Saint Joseph's Day	20 Vernal Equinox (Spring Begins)
D First Quarter 21 National Flower Day	Happy Anniversary Rich and Vicki Boslow	23 Near Miss Day	24 National Cheesesteak Day	25 Happy Anniversary Jim and Barbara Wiggins	26 Make Up Your Own Holiday Day	Brothers and Sisters Day
© Full Moon 28 First Day of Passover Palm Sunday Holy Week	29 Smoke and Mirrors Day	30 Pencil Day	Cesar Chavez Day Farm Workers Day		•Academy Award •Dolphin Awaren •Gender Equality •National Crocher •National Noodle •National Womer •Red Cross Month	ess Month Month t Month Month a Inventors Month

# **APRIL 2021**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
• Adopt a Ferret M • Car Care Month • Drop Everything • Dog Appreciation • Keep America Bo • Move More Mon • Prevent Animal C • Soft Pretzel Mon	and Read n Month eautiful th Cruelty			All Fools Day  St Stupid Day  National 1¢ Day	Good Friday  Hot Cross Bun Day	Holy Saturday
C Last Quarter 4 Easter Sunday	Peeps Day	Chapter G2 Gathering Buffet Palace Greenville Army Day	World Health Day  Metric Day	8 Buddha Day (Birthday of Buddha)	Former POW Recognition Day —— Happy Anniversary RB and Pat Wilson	Hug Your Dog Safety Pin Day
New Moon 11 Submarine Day	Ramadan begins  Drop Everything And Read Day	Scrabble Day Thomas Jefferson Day	14 Pan American Day	15 Income Tax Day	16 Emancipation Day	Bat Day
Velociraptor Awareness Day Go Fly A Kite	19 Oklahoma City Bombing Com- memoration Day	Trist Quarter 20 Chapter G2 Gathering Napoli's Pizza Wylie, Texas	Banana Day San Jacinto Day	22 Earth Day	Day of Silence Cherry Cheese-cake Day	24 Marconi Day Rebuilding Day
25 World Penguin Day	© Full Moon 26 Chernobyl Disaster Day Pretzel Day	27 Morse Code Day///////	28 Clean Comedy Day		Arbor Day Plant a tree, a shrub, or a Bush.  strict Rally (April 2' nch Resort, Kerrvill	9–May 1)



GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

# TRIAL MEMBERSHIP

4 Free Months



#### You will receive:

- Rescue Motorcycle Towing of 35 miles
- 4 months subscription to Wing World magazine
- Opportunity to participate in Chapter Life

#### Yes! I would like a 4 month free trial membership to GWRRA

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Address:	Street Address)		
City:	State	Zip Code	
Phone: ()			
Email:			
Referred By:		Member Number:	

Mail to GWRRA-PO Box 42450, Phoenix, AZ 85080-9942

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