



G2 ROADRUNNERS

November, 2018



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

Welcome to another edition of the G2 newsletter. Hope you managed to stay dry in October.

Weather has again been a factor riding this month. We had near record rainfall, but some days were beautiful to ride. Barb and I managed to get in a few individual rides on some of the nicer days. Unfortunately, she was out of state again during the best weather we had this month.

Sixteen people attended the first gathering of the month at Buffet Palace and nine were able to attend the gathering at Napoli's this month. We were able to get the separate room at Napoli's so the gathering was more quiet and conducive to conversation.

Bobby planned a ride to Roble's Mexican Restaurant for breakfast on the weekend of the 20th but was concerned Saturday wouldn't work due to rain so scheduled it for Sunday morning. Unfortunately, it turned chilly overnight. Apparently, it wasn't a good time to plan a breakfast ride because he didn't get any RSVPs, so we canceled it.

Eric planned a lunch ride to the Red Dome Smokehouse in Quitman on Friday the 26th. Nine people showed up to ride to lunch from the meeting place in Quinlan including Glen who rode about 93 miles to get there. Eric led us through a pleasant route to Quitman. The Red Dome had some excellent choices for lunch specials although Glen and I were the only ones to select the liver and onion special. It was great! After lunch, most of the group continued back via Lake Fork. Unfortunately, I had to take a direct route home due to another engagement. If you're around Quitman and hungry, try out the Red Dome Smokehouse.



Eric briefs the route and procedures for the Red Dome Smokehouse ride

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.

Rider Course Training Options

Hey Texas Riders! One of the comments I often hear is that there are not enough rider training classes available to our GWRRA membership. Although you can usually more readily find Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) or Evergreen Safety Council (ESC) courses in your area, they usually have a permanent range and paid instructors so their fee is MUCH higher than the standard GWRRA fee of \$30-\$35 per bike. If you are taking the course for the levels program, be sure to check with me on all non-GWRRA courses before taking them to verify they will work.

I have to admit that the logistics in setting up a rider training class can sometimes be a little daunting:

- Our first challenge is to identify a need. We ask members to let us know what you want. Courses currently offered by GWRRA include ARC – Advanced Riding Course, TRC – Trike Riding Course, TC – Trailing Course (2 wheel), TTRC – Trikes Trailing Course, and if there is a certified instructor, SRC – Sidecar Rider Course and AORC – Add-on Rider Course, You can tell your chapter director or ride coordinator or contact us directly at txed@gwr-ra-tx.org.
- Next, we try to find a location that is not too far from our riders – a real challenge in this BIG state! We try to keep them centrally located to several chapters whenever possible. We have the highest concentration of chapters in the DFW, Houston, and Austin/San Antonio areas. When a chapter requests a course close to them, I ask the Chapter Team to locate an acceptable location that has both classroom space and a large area for the course – (230'x126' for ARC and 200' x 120' for TRC). Once we have a prospective location, we have to certify the course is large enough, flat enough ($\leq 5\%$ grade), and free from obstructions in accordance with GWRRA guidelines. We must also register the location with the Texas Department of Public Safety motorcycle unit.
- Our next step is to schedule a date and find available instructors who volunteer their time and resources to put on the class. Most classes have a limit of 8 bikes per instructor. We currently only have 4 certified Rider Coaches in the entire state and one that will come from Oklahoma when he can. As you can understand, this limits our offerings too. If you are interested in becoming an instructor, I emailed your CD information in early August to share on the next certification class (offered in Virginia next spring) or you can contact me and I'll forward you the information.
- Then we have to mark the course in a manner approved by the range provider. Most want only temporary markings. This necessitates several long tape measures, many cans of chalk paint, marker cones and dots, and 3-6 persons to mark the range.
- Finally, after the course is completed, all paperwork has to be returned to me where I file it with both DPS and GWRRA.
- Whew!

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Not interested in taking a Riding Course right now but still want to keep your skills sharp? A few months ago I wrote an article for your chapter newsletter on keeping your skills honed through parking lot practice activities. I also have another option for helping you receive basic training on a variety of riding topics through a series of free YouTube videos. They are produced by an MSF/Total Control certified instructor from the Dallas area named Kevin Morris. Although his knees prevent him from course instruction anymore, he still creates and releases a new video every Friday. I am impressed with the videos and refer to them often to help me refresh and retain my knowledge <https://www.youtube.com/user/kevinmorris22/videos>.

I hope you will find a way to increase your knowledge and refresh your skills on a regular basis. It will make you a better, safer rider and just might increase the years you still have to enjoy this sport of motorcycling.

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

Randy and Kathy Reese
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All The Gear All The Time

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bobby Williams – Nov.12

Jim Wiggins – Nov.20

Sharron Godwin – Nov. 24

Pat Wilson – 30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Shirley & David Hale – Nov. 27

THANKSGIVING FUN FACTS

- George Washington was the first to declare Thanksgiving a holiday, but it was on a year-to-year basis, so presidents had to re-declare it every year, [according to The Washington Post](#). Jefferson was so adamantly against Thanksgiving that he refused to declare it a holiday during his presidency, and many say that he called the holiday "the most ridiculous idea ever conceived."
- The first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York took place in 1914, when Macy's employees dressed in vibrant costumes and marched to the flagship store on 34th Street. The parade used floats instead of balloons, and it featured monkeys, bears, camels, and elephants, all borrowed from the Central Park Zoo.
- In 1953, the TV-dinner company Swanson overestimated the demand for turkey by over 260 tons, [according to Smithsonian Magazine](#). The owners of the company had no idea what to do with all the leftovers, so they enlisted the help of company salesman Gerry Thomas. Taking [inspiration](#) from airplane meals, Thomas ordered 5,000 aluminum trays and loaded them with the turkey leftovers to [create](#) the first TV dinner.





Honoring Veterans
Past, Present & Future

Thank you for your
faithful service!

A special thank you to all G2 members who served.

5th annual WINGERS-N-WAVES 2019



January 25, 2019 – 6 nights of WOW!

Mark your calendar and come sail away with us on the 5th annual Caribbean **WINGERS-N-WAVES**. The Independence of the Seas will depart from Fort Lauderdale and travel to Nassau, Labadee & Jamaica. You will have the opportunity to meet Chapters from all over the US and Canada!



Our special group rates **include port taxes**, based on double occupancy. The rates are subject to change until booked. Please book your cabin with **WINGERS-N-WAVES** to ensure you're included into the special functions, parties, group dinners & Winger perks!



Oceanview Balcony cabin - \$788 per person

We promise to book your cabin at the lowest price at the time of booking and guarantee the best possible price. We will honor Crown & Anchor rates and special discounts if offered at the time of booking. Only a \$250pp deposit and the final payment is 10/20/18.

GWRRR Wing Ding 40 will give a FREE WINGERS-N-WAVES cruise for two at closing ceremonies! Check out our Annual Alaska Cruisetour, Viking River Cruise & Australia & New Zealand! All Wingers and friends are invited to join our group!

LIMITED SPACE – CALL TODAY TO RESERVE YOUR CABIN (386) 299-7535

For full event details: WWW.WINGERSNWAVES.COM

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 4

Daylight Saving Time ends

Tuesday, November 6

6:00pm

Gathering at Buffet Palace in Greenville

Sunday, November 11

Veterans Day

Monday, November 12

Veterans Day observed

Tuesday, November 20

6:00pm

Gathering at Napoli's Restaurant in Wylie

Thursday, November 22

Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 23

Black Friday

Tuesday, December 4

6:00pm

Gathering at Buffet Palace in Greenville

Tuesday, December 18

6:00pm

Gathering at Napoli's Restaurant in Wylie

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 25

Christmas Day

Monday, December 31

New Year's Eve

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

New Year's Day

Friday, January 4, 2019

Progressive Insurance International Motorcycle Show

Saturday, January 5, 2019

Progressive Insurance International Motorcycle Show

Sunday, January 6, 2019

Progressive Insurance International Motorcycle Show