G2 ROADRUNNERS



October, 2019

Website: http://www.g2txroadrunner.org

Facebook: GWRRA-ChapterTX-G2 or the direct link below:

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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 6:00 pm, 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-forprofit, non-religious and nonpolitical 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 fall in Texas. It's still hot but the temperatures are finally dropping a bit. I'm looking forward to being able to ride when it's not sweltering. Eleven people were able to make the gathering at the Buffet Palace this month. Rick Eaton and Jimmy Jackson were able to make their first gathering with us. Hopefully, they can come again. Only five made it to the Ice Cream Social but Shirley did have a great looking banana split compliments of the chapter since her birthday fell in the last quarter. Eight were able to make it to Wylie this month. Barb couldn't be there since she had to make another trip to Indiana.

I got to work on the bike a bit this month. The battery in my front TMPS sensor has been bad for a while but I didn't want to take off the tire in order to change the battery. My front tire had finally worn enough to put a new one on, so I changed the battery while the tire was off. It's not designed to be changed but if you can solder, it's a pretty simple fix. I'm glad the TPMS warning light is no longer coming on intermittently.

Plans sometimes change. Barbara and I were looking forward to a bike trip to San Antonio with our son and daughter-in-law. However, we found out we could visit with our grand-daughter in San Antonio so we took at 4-wheeler from Gatesville to San Antonio so we could all be together. I did ride my Heritage to Gatesville so we could ride in the local area. Congratulations to my DIL for passing the Basic Rider Course and obtaining her motorcycle endorsement.

Wing Ding will be in **Springfield MO. June 30 – July 4, 2020** at the Springfield Expo Center in Springfield, Missouri. The following site http://42.wing-ding.org/ has early information but detail pages are not final. You can register for the event "early bird' packages and for notifications when updates occur. The Wing Ding link on the chapter webpage to goes to the new Wing Ding 42 site.

If you're interested in a bike or motorcycle accessories, the Texas District GWRRA has a classified page now. Just go to http://www.gwrra-tx.org and click the green, "classified pages" icon on the home page. There's also info there about a free trial membership, the 2020 mid-winter conference, and links to the GWRRA safety and knowledge pages.

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 District web page http://gwrra-tx.org/.

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

Ione Whipple – Oct. 18

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Tommie & Judy Elliott - Oct.16



Remember to inspect your bikes. A T-CLOCS inspection checklist is available here: 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.

My Trip to Wing Ding 41

"Last Trip to Nashville"

By George S. Augustas

n Monday, August 26, 2019, Don Walker (Chapter R) and I set out for Wing Ding 41 at Nashville. Don was on a stock Wing; I was on the Trike. Don's CB was only half working—he could transmit but could not receive. We stopped for lunch and fuel at Texarkana. We arrived at the hotel in Little Rock about three o'clock. Later, we had dinner at Cracker Barrel. Leave time was set for eight o'clock the next day.

Day 2: Tuesday. It rained during the night. When I got up, it was still raining lightly. We got rolling about eight forty. We ran out of the rain and didn't see any more. We had lunch in West Memphis, Arkansas. The road was under construction, and I got lost trying to find the highway again. As a result, we took a scenic ride through Memphis along the river. We got to Nashville about three thirty. Don was staying in another hotel, so we split up. I continued on to the Gaylord and got there about three forty-five. I unloaded my things from the trike onto a cart, and then a man took the cart away. I had to park about a mile away and walk back to the hotel. After I got checked in, I had to find my room. I found it at last and called the porter to bring my things. That took another hour. By that time, I was having a panic attack. The porter finally brought my things; then I went over to check in at the rally. That took another hour. Finally, I went back to where I had left the trike and moved it to another spot that was closer to the room. By then, I was too tired to go anywhere else, so I went back to the room and had wine, cheese, and potato chips for dinner.

Day 3: Wednesday. I got breakfast over and went to the opening ceremonies. They announced that Wing Ding 42 would be held in Springfield, Missouri. The only time it was held there previously was in 1999.

I went to the vendor show and did a preliminary tour. Don came over later and we had lunch. Afterwards, he went to lie down for a while, and I went back to the vendors to find the numbers for the vendor walk. Later, I went to Walmart for some things. When I came back, I found a good parking spot and decided to put the trike there and not move it again. Don and I were going to meet for dinner at six o'clock. I didn't want to lose my parking place, so I walked from the hotel to the restaurant. We had dinner at Caney Fork Restaurant. Don gave me a ride back to the hotel on his bike. He said I weighed less that his wife did, and I said not to tell her.

Day 4: Thursday. I had to go to the trike demo area to get the last two numbers on the vendor walk. I didn't want to move the trike, so I walked. I was already tired from the previous day's walk, and I barely made it. I was too tired to walk back. Just then, a shuttle van showed up and offered me a ride back to the hotel. I found Don a little later, and we had lunch. Then I went back to the room and had a cup of coffee and took a nap.

When I woke up, I went back to the vendor show and bought some Happy Feet insoles to put in my shoes. They really helped. I walked about in the vendor show for a while to test them. When the vendor show closed, I walked over toward the Magnolia area to find a restaurant. The one I liked thirteen years ago was gone. I went into a little café and bought a nice chicken salad sandwich and took it back to my room. Don called just then, and I apologized and said that I couldn't go out this evening. I wanted to avoid moving the trike so I wouldn't lose my parking place.

Day 5: Friday. I had volunteered to help with the on-bike games, and so I had to move the trike to go across the road where the games were being held. All I had to do was to watch and see if any rider hit any of the "animals" (none did). After the games, I went to Walmart and then returned to the hotel. I was very lucky to find a parking spot. I went to my room and had a cup of coffee. Later, I went to the rally to redeem a coupon for a free cookie. I had another chicken

salad sandwich for dinner before I went over to help Jim Woodul with the bike show. Don and Eddie were already there. That lasted until nine o'clock. When it was over, I returned to the hotel. As usual, I circled the parking lot for a while trying to find an empty space. On the second drive about, a lady came out of the hotel and looked as if she was preparing to leave. She went to her car to go out, and I snagged the spot.

Day 6: Saturday. No rain here, but the weather gadget on the computer showed thunderstorms at home. There's no rain in the forecast for the duration of the trip. Don phoned and said he had to go back home early. I made him promise to let me know when he got home. I went to the rally site to kill some time. At eleven thirty, they awarded the unclaimed door prizes. My number was six away from one prize. I thought I was a cinch to win it; alas, ten other people were closer than I was.

I went to the F4 Customs booth and bought a windscreen. I didn't want to move the trike, so I had them ship it. Then I went to the cookware vendor and watched the show. It was getting close to the time for the closing ceremonies, so I went back to my room to get my jacket. I'm glad I did, because the ballroom was cold enough to hang meat. Eddie Roberts rang just then, and I went over to where he was sitting. He said his group was leaving early in the morning, and I said that I wouldn't be ready in time, so I would ride back alone. After the closing ceremony, I went back to the little café and got another chicken sandwich for dinner.

Day 7: Sunday. I got rolling about nine o'clock. I stopped in Jackson for fuel and a Subway sandwich. I stopped again at a Love's to rest a bit and have some coffee. I got to the hotel in Little Rock about three forty. I walked across the street to Panera Bread so I didn't have to move the trike. Eddie Roberts called later. He was staying about twenty miles away. He said they would leave at eight o'clock, and I agreed to ride the rest of the way with them.

Day 8: Monday. I got ready to roll about eight thirty. Just as I was finishing up, I saw Eddie and his group go by. They stopped at the filling station next door. I went over there to fill up and join them. We rode back together as far as Bucee's in Royce City. We pulled in there to say our goodbyes. Then Jimmy (Jackson) and his wife headed for home, and I continued on home. Eddie and Leo went on to Granbury after a brief stop at Buc-ee's.

I got home about two forty-five. I unloaded the trike, got the AC switched on, and had a cup of coffee. I e-mailed Don to let him know I was home. My trip mileage was 1,405.

One useful bit of information I learned from the vendors was that I could save 20% at Wyndham Hotels by using the GWRRA code. The discount is available any time, not just for GWRRA events. Go to http://gwrra.org/benefits.html to find the code, as well as many other benefits available to GWRRA members.

Wing Ding 41 statistics: There were 5,931 attendees—fewer than last year or the previous year. They did not have a parade this year because they could not get the escort. Wing Ding 42 will be held at the Springfield Expo Centre in Springfield, Missouri. The dates are 30 June to 4 July, 2020. Y'all come! ①

How to Update your Gold Book information

Jim Woodul, Texas District Director forwarded an email from GWRRA on how to update your Gold Book Information. GWRRA would like it to be updated by October 31st. Here's how to do it. Give me a call or email if you have any issues and I'll try to help. – Jim Wiggins

Online https://membership.gw	<u>rra.org/</u> You will probably have to login at this point.
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Or you can Email: customerservice@gwrra.org



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

ltem	Size	Qty	Price
Blue Long Sleeve Tee	M	3	\$15.00
	L	8	\$15.00
	XL	3	\$15.00
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Blue Short Sleeve Tee	M	1	\$15.00
	L	1	\$15.00
	2X	1	\$15.00
Blue Polo Shirt	М	1	\$30.00
Embroidered hats		3	\$15.00
Lindidiaerea nats		J	Ψ15.00
Yellow Short Sleeve Tee	M	1	\$12.00
Yellow Windbreaker	М	1	\$12.00



FOR SALE

2009 Starlight Trailer model #16 made by Neosho Fiberglass in Neosho, MO. Asking \$500.00.





Also have two NEW HJC Helmets, (never worn) aHJC 1S-33-11 silver open face size small



HJC 1S MAX 11 full face module silver size 5XL

Both with Sierra Electronic Intercom HD-1H1H1787 custom

Both helmets \$125.00

For information email Joe Holt holtjoew@gmail.com or Text 214-908-2753

FOR SALE

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, October 1

6:00pm

Gathering at Buffet Palace in Greenville

Tuesday, October 15

6:00pm

Gathering at Napoli's Restaurant in Wylie

Tuesday, November 5

6:00pm

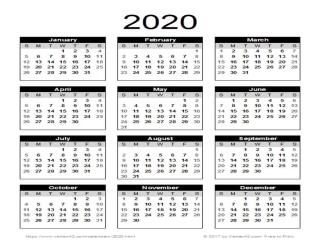
Gathering at Buffet Palace in Greenville

Tuesday, November 19

6:00pm

Gathering at Napoli's Restaurant in Wylie

LOOKING AHEAD



Texas District Rally, Kerrville – April 30 – May2 Wing Ding, Springfield, MO – June 30 – July 4