



G2 ROADRUNNERS

September, 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

Barbara and I attended Wing Ding 40 in Knoxville last week along with George, QP and Don Walker, the CD of Chapter R. Barbara and I rode to Indiana first for a week-long stay with her Mom while George, QP and Don rode directly to Knoxville. We arrived in Knoxville at the same time. Barbara and I joined the others on the 3-day return trip. Many thanks to George for planning the route and hotels with such precision. We had a good time and it was great to have some time off from our mundane day-to-day chores. Barb and I ended up logging 2150 miles on a relatively trouble-free trip. I did have to fix a turn signal light on my trailer while we were there. Eastern Tennessee has beautiful country and great roads to ride. See George's article later in this edition for a blow-by-blow account of the trip.

Six people made the breakfast ride to Sidekick's in Emory on Aug 4th. Highly recommended.

Eleven people attended our monthly gathering on August 7th at the Buffet Palace. We got to see Glenn and Reba Spelis again, Carl Dvorak and many of our old friends.

On August 18th, ten people rode to a Fellowship Breakfast at the Ballard Street Café sponsored by the North Texas Patriot Guard. We were joined by members of the local VFW riders.

We had a good turnout at the gathering at Napoli's last month. Fourteen people attended our gathering at Napoli's in Wylie including new members Jeff and Birdie Slama. We always enjoy the delicious food and good conversations.

Eleven people attended our monthly gathering on the 4th at the Buffet Palace. Eddie Chennault, a new member attended, and Jeff and Birdie made it again also. Though QP, George, Barbara and I had just returned from Wing Ding that day, we all planned to attend. Unfortunately, George chose to ride his trike back to Greenville that evening from the Metroplex but was caught in a deluge on I30 and had to return home.

Gather up those treasures that you're willing to donate to the annual garage / bake sale. It's from 7am – 2PM **Saturday, September 15th** in Quinlan @ 326 N Elm St, Quinlan, TX. David and Shirley will accept items at their house starting this week. Please place a price on any item you're donating so we don't have to do that the day of the sale. Call either David @ 478-397-8395 or Shirley @ 903-441-4005 **BEFORE** you go over to make sure they are home to accept your items. Though the sale is scheduled to start at 7AM, please show up at 5:30AM to help us get set up. Even if you can't come for the entire event, stop by to visit.

We'll have a table reserved for bake sale goodies. I know we have some great cooks in the chapter and the bake sale table was popular during past sales. If you'd like to cook up something. Drop an email to Jim, Barbara, David or Shirley if you're willing to contribute. It will help us plan a bit better. Our email addresses are on the "staff" page at <http://www.g2txroadrunner.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.

Jim & Barbara Wiggins

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Chapter G2 Meetings:

On the first Tuesday of the month, G2 meets to discuss Chapter, GWRRRA 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.

Motorcycle Parking 101

Yeah, I know...you're probably thinking, "What could be so hard about parking a motorcycle that could possibly warrant an entire article?" Well, if you are headed for Wing Ding, you will be sharing parking lots and spaces with thousands of your closest friends!

If you've been riding for years and years and have never:

- Tipped over while backing your bike into a parking spot.
- Laid your bike over because your foot slipped on loose debris or a wet surface.
- Needed a little push into or out of a parking space.
- Had your kickstand sink into the ground or asphalt.
- Had your bike tampered with or stolen.

...then you should probably count your lucky stars and go buy a lottery ticket

However, if you're like most of us and have at one time or another encountered one or more of the above scenarios, this article might be worth taking a quick look over.

Security:

I don't know about you, but depending on where and for how long I plan to leave my bike parked, I take different precautions to keep it safe and secure. For example, if I'm:

- Fueling up and need to step inside the store for only a few seconds, I lock the ignition switch.
- Stopping for lunch and I can see my bike from where I'm sitting, I lock the ignition switch and forks (never know when nature might call and you need hit the john).
- Stopping overnight, I try to get a ground floor room near an exit so I can see my bike from the window of my room, lock the ignition switch and forks, and try to secure my bike to another bike or solid object using my cable and place a weatherproof cover over my bike.

Depending on your own personal experience, the above examples may seem like overkill, and to some of you they may seem like I'm leaving my bike exposed to possible theft. To me, there's a fine line between paranoia and precaution. I sure as heck don't want my bike stolen, but at the same time I don't want to be a nervous Nelly and go through the hassle of always locking my bike up tighter than a drum whenever I want to buy a pack of gum. If I had to give any advice I'd have to err on the side of caution, because taking a little more time to properly secure your bike is a lot better than having your bike stolen and never seeing it again.

Surface Hazards:

You should always:

- Watch for surface debris, loose and uneven surfaces and wet or potentially slippery spots where oil accumulates.
- Be aware of surfaces where you could lose your footing.
- Take care that your tires and feet do not become contaminated with fluids when entering or exiting a parking space.

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Sloped Surfaces & Stability:

You should always:

- Park on level ground whenever possible.
- Leave your bike in first gear to keep it from rolling.
- Park with your front-end facing uphill so your bike doesn't roll forward and retract the kickstand.
- Turn your handlebars to the left to increase stability.
- Place a small piece of flat metal or other solid object under your kickstand when parking on hot asphalt or wet ground. In a pinch, you can use a crushed beer can...oops...I mean soda can.

Parking Spots:

You should always:

- Park off the street in a parking lot whenever possible.
- Find out if there are local parking restrictions.

Parallel Parking:

You should always:

- Pull into the parking space and maneuver within its boundaries.
- Take your time positioning your bike once you are safely inside the parking space.

Diagonal Parking:

You should always:

- Back in rather than pulling in forwards for easy departure.
- Park near the back of the parking space so other drivers see your bike before pulling into your spot.

Mechanical Arms (John Osborn, this is for you):

You should always:

- Move quickly through mechanical arms that control access to parking lots.
- Wait for any vehicles in front of you to pull ahead and watch for mechanical arms to lower prematurely if your bike is lost in the detection "loop."

Parking at the end of a row:

You should always:

- Leave plenty of room for vehicles to be able to make the turn.
- Place your bike near the back of the parking spot so drivers can see your bike before pulling into your spot.

Never thought there was so much to consider when parking your bike, huh? A few simple precautions can go a long way toward insuring your parked motorcycle is safe and will be there when you return.

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

Randy and Kathy Reese

Texas District Educators

Our Trip to Wing Ding 40

“Cracker Barrel or Bust”

By George S. Augustas

On Saturday, August 25, three intrepid Gold Wingers met at Cracker Barrel in Greenville to ride to Knoxville, Tennessee for Wing Ding 40. Those riding were Don Walker, CD, Chapter R; Quinton “QP” Pierce; and myself. QP and I were on trikes; Don was on a stock Wing. Don’s CB was not working, so QP rode drag. We stopped for lunch and fuel at Subway in New Boston. We stopped again at Pilot in Caddo Valley, Arkansas. About 50 miles from Little Rock, we encountered stalled traffic on the highway. Two trucks had run together ahead. We were about 30 minutes getting past that. We arrived at the hotel at last and had a nice dinner at Cracker Barrel. Leave time was set for eight o’clock the next day.

Day 2: We got rolling about eight o’clock. We didn’t have any trouble until we got into Tennessee. We hit a big slowdown at Jackson and decided to get off the freeway and find another way. We detoured through part of Jackson and eventually got back on the main road. When we got to the hotel, I discovered that we had to backtrack ten miles to the restaurant. I did not realise at the time I planned the trip that the restaurant was so far from the hotel. But there was nothing to be had near the hotel. When we got ready to go to the restaurant, the traffic was grinding to a halt on the freeway. We had no more than left the on-ramp than we had to stop. I heard on the radio that there had been an accident five miles ahead, so we turned around on the shoulder and came back down the on-ramp and returned to the hotel. I came inside and checked the map and found that we could take a back road to get to the restaurant. So we started to go, and just then, the Garmin showed me a shortcut. I started to take it, but it was a rough road, so I turned around and came back. That happened twice more, but the third time, the road was paved, so I called out to QP to follow me. I did not know it, but he was out of radio range just then, and he didn’t see me or hear me, so he went past the shortcut and took the main road. Don was behind me, and I turned around and went back to find QP. Luckily Don followed me, and unbeknownst to me, QP had gone on to the restaurant and couldn’t hear me on the radio. We caught up to him at the restaurant, and the adventure was over.

Day 3: We left the hotel at nine-o’clock and rode to Murfreesboro. We followed the route to McMinnville, where we had lunch at Subway. Then we got back on the road. We arrived at Athens, Tennessee about three-thirty and had dinner at Cracker Barrel. QP and I went to Walmart for some things, then we filled up the fuel tanks on the trikes. The weather has been good thus far on the trip. No rain is forecast for tomorrow.

Day 4: This day was to be the reason for the trip. We left the hotel at eight o’clock and rode to Tellico Plains, then we rode the Cherohala Skyway to Robbinsville, N.C. The ride was very nice. We had lunch in Robbinsville at Subway (a barbecue place was closed), then we returned to US-129. We stopped at the Tail of the Dragon souvenir shop at Deal’s Gap, then we continued on US-129 to Knoxville.

Along 129, three hotshots on Harleys whizzed past us. One of them was going too fast, and he straightened a curve. Don stopped to see if he was all right. He wasn’t hurt badly, mostly his pride. There’s a 30 m.p.h. speed limit on that road for a very good reason. They say there’s a lot of accidents on that road, but there wouldn’t be if everyone just *slowed down* a little. We saw just a slight sprinkle of rain. It happened right after we came out of the twisties. There was just a little sprinkle, then it was over.

Jim and Barbara arrived at the hotel just as we did. The hotel was very nice. I was shocked... shocked to find a Cracker Barrel right next door to the hotel. (I didn’t know it was there, honest.) Don stayed in a different hotel farther away.

QP went to the Cracker Barrel for dinner. I went to the welcome party, mostly to pick up the registration packet. Don got there shortly after I did. They made us park in a large field. When I started to leave, they told me to cut across the field. I did so and could not find the road. By then 200 other bikes were behind me. I turned around, then someone else found the way out, and we all followed him. A Gold Wing was not made for off-road riding.

Day 5: I went to the Civic Centre about eight-thirty. I went to the ballroom where the opening ceremonies were already underway. Then I went to the vendors. The number of vendors seemed off a bit from previous years. I estimated that there were about a third fewer. I could see all of them in a day. There was a vendor walk slip in the packet; you had to find numbers in several vendors' booths and write them on the slip to go into a drawing for a Bushtec trailer; that was fun. I did find a vendor selling rider floorboards that I liked. I saw Don Walker there. He said that he had lost his cell phone on the highway, and he gave me an alternate number. I did not see QP, Jim, or Barbara.

At two o'clock, I went to a Honda presentation of the new Gold Wing. I'm glad I did, because I still feel that buying the older model GL-1800 was the right thing for me. Afterwards, I went back to the vendors and tried to find some more numbers. At five o'clock, they closed the vendor show, and I went back to the trike to ride to the hotel. I tried to phone Don to see when he wanted to go to dinner, but I got his voice mail instead. At six-thirty, I walked over to the Cracker Barrel. When I came out of the Cracker Barrel, I saw a GL-1500 with 350,870 miles on it. I waited a while for the rider to come out so I could congratulate him on his long-mileage ride. He said it was a 1993 model. He said he didn't have any trouble with it; he just changed the oil and the timing belts regularly.

Day 6: The weather started out nice. I had planned a side trip today to visit a friend in Erwin. I left the hotel about eight-fifteen to go. I got to Erwin about ten-thirty. We had a pleasant visit. My brother and his wife joined us later. About three-fifteen, it started to rain. I was about ready to return by then, so we said our good-byes and I jumped on the trike. I rode through brief showers until I got to Greenville, then I ran out of the rain. When I got back, I tried to call Don, but I only got his voice mail.

Day 7: I went to the vendor show and finished getting all the numbers in the vendor walk. QP bought a little red helmet that I liked. In the afternoon, I had dinner at Cracker Barrel, and then QP and I went to ride in the parade. I did not see Don anywhere. Jim and Barbara did not ride in the parade; they went to the bike show area to assist Jim Woodul. After the parade, QP and I went to the bike show. I handed out ballots to people as they arrived. When the bike show was over, we returned to the hotel.

Day 8: I went back to the vendor show and bought a little red helmet like QP's and a set of rider floorboards for the trike. Just as I was leaving, Jim called, and I went back down to find him and Barbara. They hadn't filled out their entry for the Bushtec trailer, so we went up and down the rows filling in the numbers. I saw some things that I had missed earlier. As we were leaving, we saw QP and Don, and we finally all got together at last. I wanted us all to go to dinner at a nice place in Knoxville, and we decided to meet there at six o'clock. We went up to attend the closing ceremonies. After the closing ceremonies were over, we started back to the hotel. Just as we got to the exit lane, it started raining, and we all got wet. When we got to the hotel, Jim looked at the weather map and thought that we shouldn't go to the restaurant after all, so I cancelled the reservation, and Jim, Barbara, QP, and I went to the Cracker Barrel. Don told me later that he actually did go to the restaurant, and it was good.

Day 9: We were supposed to leave eight o'clock for Sikeston, Missouri. I was slightly late getting ready. We had to wait for Don to arrive, so he saved my face. We got started about eight-fifteen. We had nice weather all day. We stopped for lunch in Clarksville. I got slightly lost in Paducah. As we were going to take a rest stop anyway, I stopped to get my bearings. I finally found the route, and we took back roads to get to Sikeston about three-thirty. We had dinner at Lambert's Café, home of throwed rolls.

Day 10: Today's ride was shorter, so we had a leave time of nine o'clock. We came down Hwy 60 to Hwy 67. We had lunch at Pochontas, Arkansas. QP had a problem with his CB, which he fixed by swapping the lower cord. Don's CB had started working again. We got to Little Rock about three-thirty. Jim and Barbara did not want to go to dinner, but Don, QP, and I went to Cracker Barrel. We were a bit concerned about the weather for tomorrow.

Day 11: I checked the weather radar map, and it looked clear—better than last night. We left the hotel at eight-fifteen. We had a fuel stop at Prescott, Arkansas and lunch at Subway at New Boston, Texas. We encountered brief showers but no heavy rain. At Greenville, we each went our separate way home. I got home at three-fifteen and unloaded the trike. I had registered 2,354 miles. I think everyone had a good time; at least, I hope so.

Wing Ding 40 by the numbers: There were 8,093 attendees—more than either last year or the previous year. 420 bikes rode in the parade. The oldest rider (male) was 89 years; the youngest rider was 44 years.

Wing Ding 41 will be held at the Gaylord Opryland in Nashville, Tennessee. That's kind of a neat place because *everything*—hotels, restaurants, and convention—is more or less under one roof. Will *you* be there?



George, QP, and Don stop along the Cherokee Skyway



The gang enjoys dinner at Lambert's Café

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Shirley Hale – Sept. 18

Judy Elliott – Sept. 22

Harry Whipple – Sept. 25

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Joe & Brenda Holt – Sept. 16

Harry & Ione Whipple – Sept. 29

FUN FACTS

- Coca-Cola was originally green.
- If you have three quarters, four dimes, and four pennies, you have \$1.19. You also have the largest amount of money in coins without being able to make change for a dollar.
- The nursery rhyme Ring Around the Rosey is a rhyme about the plague. Infected people with the plague would get red circular sores ("Ring around the rosey..."), these sores would smell very badly so common folks would put flowers on their bodies somewhere (inconspicuously), so that it would cover the smell of the sores ("...a pocket full of poseys..."), People who died from the plague would be burned so as to reduce the possible spread of the disease ("...ashes, ashes, we all fall down!")
- Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history. Spades -King David, Clubs -Alexander the Great, Hearts - Charlemagne, and Diamonds -Julius Caesar.

G2 ANNUAL GARAGE & BAKE SALE

September 15th

7:00 AM – 2:00PM

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, September 11

7:00pm

Ice Cream Social

Saturday, September 15

7:00am

G2 Garage and Bake Sale

Tuesday, September 18

6:00pm

Gathering at Napoli's Restaurant in Wylie

Tuesday, October 2

6:00pm

Gathering at Buffet Palace in Greenville

Monday, October 8

Columbus Day (regional holiday)

Tuesday, October 16

6:00pm

Gathering at Napoli's Restaurant in Wylie

Wednesday, October 31

Halloween