



The P'titioner



GWRRRA Texas Chapter 'P'

Meet the 2nd Thursday of each month @ Spring Creek BBQ

Except December!



December MMX



From your Director



Family, Friends and Ho Ho Ho!



Here comes Santa Clause

T'was just weeks before Christmas, and stuck in the house,
In front of the computer, with my hand on the mouse.

Searching through files of photos of fun,
There were so many,
look at all we had done!

People, places, and rides we have shared,
Wisely using, the time we've been spared.

Hundreds of memories that brought us such joy,
Many on our GoldWing,
it's my favorite toy.

We're so grateful for all our Blessings its true,
And we pray Gods favor is extended to you.

Wishing you a safe and Joyous Holiday Season.

Merry Christmas

Jeff Mew



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Our Song

Uncertainty of Chapter P's future leadership was one of the highlights of the November gathering last month. Repeated efforts during the year, to recruit volunteers to help lead the chapter forward were resolved when members committed to step into leadership rolls and fill vacant staff positions, in order to keep the chapter moving forward.

As your outgoing director, I want to thank all the membership and sponsors for your support and friendship. We couldn't have done it without you!

Theresa and I wish to thank our friends of the past and present District Staff, Region Staff and Leadership Divisions for offering instruction, support and encouragement throughout our 3 year term.

Where has the time gone? Theresa and I never intended to lead the Chapter, but did so at the request of the (then) District Director. I believed in Chapter P and we embraced the GWRRA motto "friends for fun, safety and knowledge". Reluctant at first, we jumped right in and started learning and having fun. It hasn't stopped.

There were challenges, but in order to properly serve the membership, we needed to learn all we could about the association. So we got involved. That is when the fun started. Small steps led to small successes and encouraged us to continue to serve the membership.

We attended all the District and Region events and attended leadership seminars where we gained much needed confidence and knowledge. Through our commitment, we made new friends and met many good people. I don't see that changing. *As long as we ride*, we will continue to be active members of GWRRA. It's the people we meet, the friends we make and the fun we have shared, that will keep us involved.

I look forward to assisting the new staff as Newsletter Editor and we look forward to remaining involved in the fun!

I believe in the participants of GWRRA TX-P. Participate! Get involved and share in the fun! When you do, you will find it rewarding and a great way to safely enjoy our hobby of motorcycle riding.

Thanks for your support!

Jeff Mew

Outgoing Chapter Director



Photo taken aboard the carrier Lexington in Corpus Christie. Site of the Texas District Rally 2008

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Congrats to Ed & Jackie (not pictured) for achieving Level III in the Riders Education program. Presented by Educator (trouble maker) Brian Handleson



Chapter participants urgent for the 50/50 ticket to be drawn



Gary and Sherry Wilson are recognized with Extreme Rider medals for riding in extreme conditions far and above all fair weather riders!



Laughter is the best medicine! Paul shares his wisdom of marriage success with the group.

PARTICIPATION IS THE KEY TO CHAPTER SUCCESS!



Thanks! Bob, for providing the awesome gift cards! You rock!

Can you name the title of the Christmas classic from the clues pictured here?

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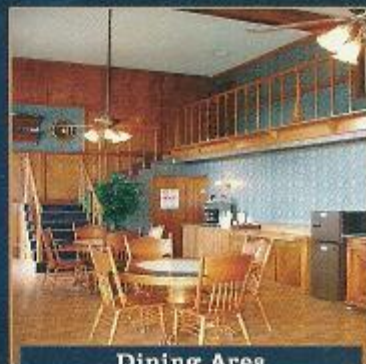
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Thanksgiving Holiday Blessings

Over the past three years GWRRA TX-P has teamed up with the local food pantry to give back to the community.

Because of your participation in the 50/50 drawing in the months of October and November, Chapter P was able to assist the community with a collective donation to the local food bank in the amount of \$300.00. Gary and Jeff presented the checks to Diane Coke, Business Administrator for **Granbury First United Methodist Church**.

Through their community outreach program, they are able to team up with the Food Bank of North Texas to feed over 300 families in our community each month!

The Saturday before each Thanksgiving, the church serves a free Thanksgiving meal to those in the community who might not have the opportunity to celebrate. We are thankful and blessed by your generosity.

They also have a group of riders who enjoy riding, a good meal and good fellowship!

Homestead Heritage Ride

Those fortunate to make the weekday ride to Heritage Farms had a great day to do so. And 9 riders couldn't resist as the weather was ideal for a November day ride.

Paul led the group from Granbury to Hico where they got a quick bite. Then they mounted up as Ed Frady led the ride to their anticipated destination just outside of Waco. The group had a real good time and returned to Granbury in the late afternoon. .



Please help us stay within our budget, by making your **RSVP for the Chapter P Christmas Party!** We need to know if you can attend so we don't overspend!

Please let us know by 12-10 so we can plan accordingly. Chinese gift exchange for those wanting to participate. \$15.00 limit. Bring a gift, leave with a gift. Hope we see you with bells on, Sunday the 12th.



*Merry
Christmas*



Is your **Co-Rider** familiar with the things they should know and do to increase their level of enjoyment, lower their risk while participating in the riding team and understand their actions while riding on the motorcycle

Preparations

- **Loading:** Know the limits, read the manual, check for stickers on the bike that outlines the limits of the bike.
- **Proper Gear:** What and why, cover any part of your body you may want to use later in life! Proper helmet, gloves, long sleeves, long pants, over the ankle footwear, protective eyewear. Comfort is the key for extended hours of enjoyment.
- **Mentally and Physically ready:** Rested, not angry, not medicated or intoxicated. On long drives, occasionally flex and relax your ankle and lower leg muscles to prevent fluid build up or swelling. Adjust your foot rests for comfort. No sudden moves without telling the driver!
- **Packing and planning for your needs:** Balance, anticipate your needs for your trip. Rain gear, cold weather gear, water.
- **T-Clock, it's your life too:** Safety inspect the motorcycle before you leave. If you get on an unsafe bike, it's your life too. Tires, lights, brakes, etc.

Working together, partners in Safety

- **Scanning for hazards:** Staying alert, assist in the scanning process, communicate effectively, clearly and precisely.
- **Stay alert:** Reading and sleeping will increase your risks, be a part of the team and enjoy the ride.
- **Limits:** Yours and your riders, plan for stops, rest when your tired, do not exceed your limits and encourage the rider not to exceed theirs.
- **Intercom use:** Clear, exact, specific, calm. Keep the mike just far enough from your mouth to be able to slide your hand between it and you.
- **CB use:** The key transmits from both mikes, controls, location

Motorcycle Controls

- **Engine Cut off:** Explain the function
- **Clutch:** Disengages the engine from the drive wheel
- **Brakes:** Integration, explain the front and rear brake
- **Cruise or throttle lock:** How can you cancel cruise? Throttle locks



Moving motorcycle, your actions

- **Cornering:** Explain weight shift and the effect it has on a motorcycle. Co-rider simply looks over the shoulder of the rider in the direction of a turn to negate her added weight during a turn.
- **Braking:** Lean back, don't flop your weight forward, hold handgrips and slide your feet forward on the boards so you can use your legs to push back.
- **Swerving:** How to allow the motorcycle to move independently of your body lean. Lean forward and stay parallel to the rider.

Emergency actions NEVER PRACTICE ON A MOVING MOTORCYCLE

- **Rider in Crisis:** Check for responsiveness, if the rider is in crisis, push the rider forward into the dashboard and down. Stand up on the pegs and reach to the handgrips.
- **Know the Controls:** in an emergency: Engine cut off switch, guide the motorcycle off into a grassy or safe area. Only brake if you must.
- **Getting stopped:** Allow the motorcycle to slow to a lug, pull your body in tight and allow the motorcycle to fall over. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CATCH THE BIKE. Give care to the rider.
- **Getting help:** CB, Universal helmet signal (place helmet next to the road facing road open end down.) Cell phone, safety when flagging down assistance.



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Days left

This applies to all current and future officers. All Directors and Assistant Directors must complete the Officer Certification Program. within 6 months of his (her) appointment.

The Officer Certification Program is open to any Member or Associate Member of GWRRA who wishes to learn more about the Association.

If you are interested in a leadership position you will be required to be certified. This seminar and certification is required for leading a GWRRA chapter.



Thank you for supporting our sponsors, as they continue to support GWRRA TX- P

Thank You! To you, the members who continue to make contributions of gifts to give away at the monthly gatherings each month. You know who you are and we appreciate you!

Chapter P has given away some great prizes this year and we hope we can continue to do so.

If you have not attended a monthly gathering lately, please mark your calendars and come pay us a visit!

We do our best to start on time (7:00pm) and try to keep the meeting to less than an hour. Now getting out of the parking lot is on your own watch as we like to hang around and visit and get caught up on your business.

If you would like to lead or post a ride, please feel free to let us know. It's a great way to get involved and contribute to your chapter! We can't do it alone!

I encourage you to keep an eye on the other chapter calendars as well. They offer opportunities for great rides & fun. What a great way to make new friends!

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NO DECEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

- Parker County Toy Run-December 4th -Weatherford
- North Texas Salvation Army Toy Run-December 11th-Ft.Worth
- Chapter P Christmas Party- Dec. 12th, 2:00-4:30
- TX District Mid Winter Round Up-Killeen-January 15th
- Officer Certification Program** January 29-30, Kerrville
- Region H Convention Plano, Texas March 24 - 26, 2011
- Texas District Convention-May 14-15th-Killeen



find more on these and other events on the Texas District website at www.gwrra-tx.org



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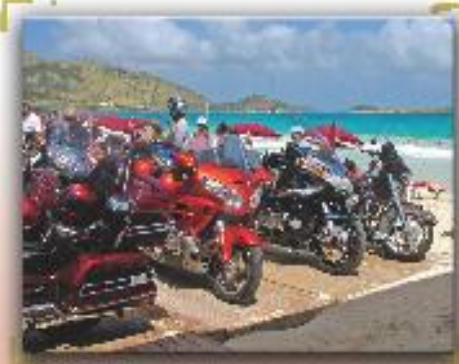
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Each month at the **SPRING CREEK**
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We start at 7:00PM

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Doug & Laura Roberts