



# The P'titioner



## GWRRRA Texas Chapter 'P'

We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month @ **Spring Creek BBQ**

In Granbury

**February 2011**

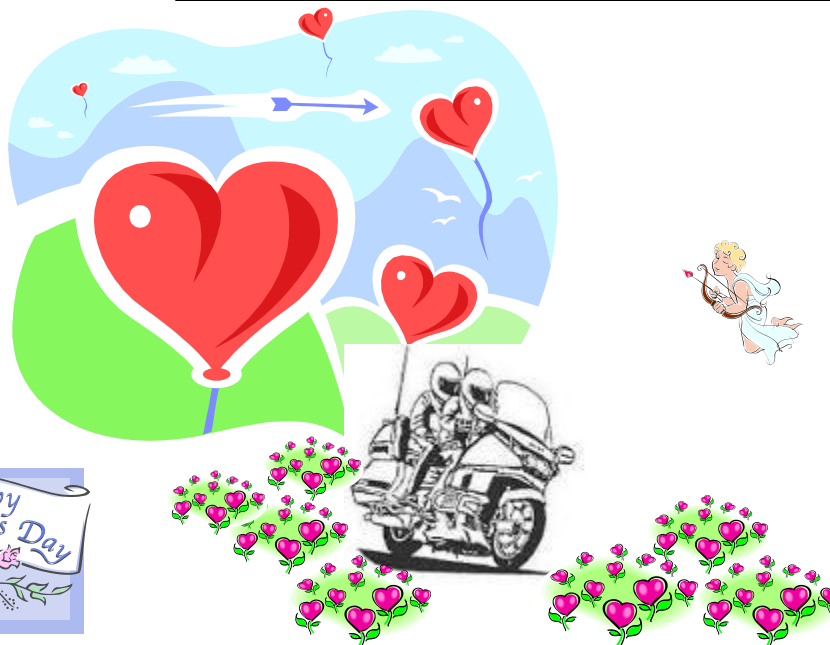


From your Director  
**Gary Wheatley**

*It has been very busy* for our Chapter since the week of Christmas.

Jeff and Theresa opened their home for our annual Christmas party and everyone had a great time. Thanks to the Mew's! January 15 was the Mid-Winter Round-up. The staff did an exceptional job. Bob, Connie, Vic, Jan, Brian and myself attended, representing Chapter P.

On January 22, there was an impromptu ride which met at Babe's Fried Chicken Restaurant in Granbury and then on to the Honda dealership on 820. There were 6 bikes and 8 riders and they had a great time. On January 27<sup>th</sup>, the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday (Sonic Social night) Bob & Connie invited Chapter P and members of the local CMA chapter to the Olive Garden Restaurant that he manages. There were 31 present. The food was great and everyone really enjoyed themselves. A Big thank you to the Whan's! On the weekend of January 29-30, Vic, Jan, Don, Ed, Marsha, Becky and myself four-wheeled it to Kerrville for *OCP Training*. It was hard work, but very informative. There was a test and we all passed! On February 5<sup>th</sup> we will be having practice for the Bowling Convention. Please come on out even if you don't plan to bowl. We'll have a great time. The Bowling Convention will be February 20<sup>th</sup>. We need bowlers and volunteers. We also need things to give away for drawings so if you know a vendor that might be willing to give something, please discuss with them. Welcome back to Jeff who was on a cruise the last week of January. (Poor Jeff!)



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# CHAPTER FUN

At January's chapter gathering, former Director, Jeff and Theresa Mew were given the boot! Literally! Paul Lustenhouwer handcrafted the piece for the TX



Connie and Barbara sporting their cold weather



District Rally held in Abilene in 2009. The boot Was given in appreciation for their 3 years of service.



It was great to see Dick & Mary Reedy back in town!



We look forward to seeing you at the next gathering Feb 10th

**Thank you Bob!**, for hosting the Chapter Social at the Olive Garden in Fort Worth last month. We had a great turnout and it was awesome to see everybody who could make it! Hope we can do it again!

## PARTICIPATION IS THE KEY TO CHAPTER SUCCESS!



Thanks! Bob, for providing the awesome gift cards!



# IN MEMORY



**When I'm Gone**  
 by Mrs. Lyman Hancock

When I come to the end of my journey  
 And I travel my last weary mile  
 Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned  
 And remember only the smile

Forget unkind words I have spoken  
 Remember some good I have done  
 Forget that I ever had heartache  
 And remember I've had loads of fun

Forget that I've stumbled and blundered  
 And sometimes fell by the way



Remember I have fought some hard battles  
 And won, ere the close of the day

Then forget to grieve for my going  
 I would not have you sad for a day  
 But in summer just gather some flowers  
 And remember the place where I lay

And come in the shade of evening  
 When the sun paints the sky in the west  
 Stand for a few moments beside me  
 And remember only my best



**Joyce I. Lustenhouwer**

Sadly, our dear friend and loved one, Joyce went to be with the Lord Jan 5th 2011, after a courageous battle with cancer over the past year.

Joyce was loved by all for her smile and she never met a stranger. Joyce loved to ride and loved her GWRRA family as well.

We are blessed by the love and memories we shared and cherish them deeply.

Joyce was born Aug. 13, 1940, in Albany, New York. She and Paul married Oct. 17, 1960. They recently celebrated their 50th anniversary with many dear friends and family. She will be missed deeply.

Thank you friends, for all your love and support. Please keep Paul and the family in your prayers.



Paul and Joyce were the first official Couple of the Year for the chapter. They represented GWRRA and Chapter P proudly.

# Group Riding

What are our responsibilities when leading a group?

I am responsible for the safety of the entire group I am leading.

1. I plan our route before leaving my house, trying to keep the ride interesting as well as safe.
2. I choose a responsible rider to be tailgunner.
3. I watch for hazards, and communicate to the group any hazards I see.
4. I communicate to the group any turns we are to make.
5. I ask the tailgunner to secure a lane before making a lane change.
6. I tell the group when to change lanes.
7. I plan rest stops on long rides.



What are our responsibilities as tail gunner?

I am responsible for the safety of the entire group.

1. I secure a lane when requested by the leader, but only when safe to do so.
2. I tell the leader when the lane is secure and it is safe for the group to change lanes.
3. I watch for vehicles approaching from the rear.
4. I communicate to the group any hazards I see.

What are our responsibilities when riding in a group?

I am responsible for my safety and my passenger's safety, as well as the safety of those I am riding with.

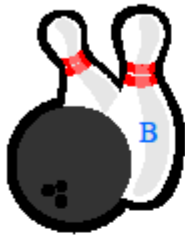
What can we do to insure our safety?

1. We ride responsibly, watching out for hazards and communicating their presence to the rest of the group, either by CB or by hand signals. Do you know the accepted hand signals?
2. We ride staggered formation, with the leader in the left track.
3. We follow the rider in front of us at a safe distance, but keeping the group together, not allowing too much room between bikes.
4. We wear the proper safety gear.
5. We watch weather conditions. Is there a storm approaching? Is it hot (hydrate)? Is it cold (wear warm clothing)?
6. We keep CB chatter to a minimum so the Leader and Tail gunner can communicate with each other and with the group.
7. We listen to instructions from the Leader and Tail gunner.
8. We communicate our desires to the leader (we are riding too fast, I need a break, I need gas).
9. We ride our own ride.

Submitted by **Vance Oaks**  
**Assistant Rider Educator**

**What?**

**GWRRA North Texas Chapter Bowling Challenge**



**Where?**

**CityView Lanes**  
6601 Oakmont Blvd  
Fort Worth, Texas

**When? Sunday February 20th 2011**



**Why? Have Fun, laugh, fellowship, win door prizes, raffle**  
**Rewards for highest game, series, most strikes**



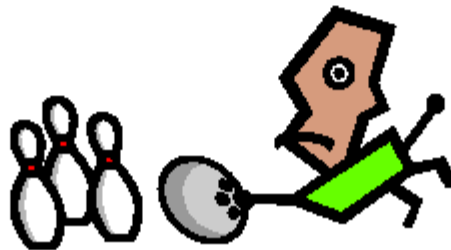
Play begins at 12:00 High Noon  
\$10.00 entry fee per bowler  
registration begins at 11:00am



**Who will win**



The Cup



Reigning Champs

**Come out and share in the fun!**

Submitted by J.D. Walker

Twelve things my motorcycle has taught me.  
I refuse to tip-toe through life, just to arrive at death safely!

1. The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rear view mirror.
2. Four wheels move the body, two wheels move the soul.
3. I'd rather be riding my motorcycle and thinking about God than sitting in Church and thinking about my motorcycle.
4. Life may begin at 30, but it doesn't get interesting until about 95 mph.
5. Midnight bugs taste just as bad as noontime bugs.
6. Sometimes it takes a whole tank of gas before you can think straight.
7. A bike on the road is worth two in the shed.
8. Young riders pick a destination and go, old riders pick a direction and go.
9. When you are riding lead, don't spit.
- 10.** Catching a yellow jacket in your shirt at 75 mph can double your vocabulary.
11. Only riders know why dogs stick their heads out car windows.
12. I've never seen a motorcycle parked outside a psychiatrist's office.



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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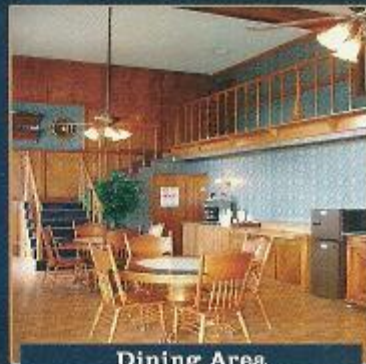
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And all the <b>Region H FUN</b> you can stand.	

Visit the Region H website for more information

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We hope to **see you** at an upcoming event!

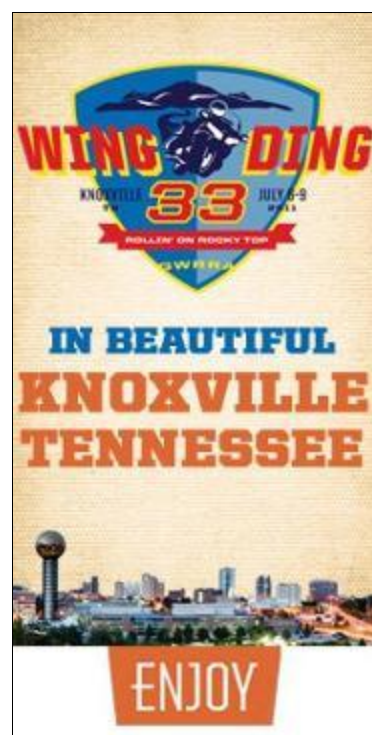


**North Texas Bowling Challenge**-Feb. 20th-CityView Lanes-Ft Worth

**Region H Convention** -Plano, Texas March 24 - 26,

**Texas District Convention**-Killeen-May 15-16

**Wing Ding 33** -Knoxville Tenn.- July 6-9



find more on these and other events on the Texas District website at [www.gwrra-tx.org](http://www.gwrra-tx.org)



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