

February 1st 2009

WINGS OF GRANBURY



**GWRRA TX-P meets the 2nd Thursday of each month @ 7:00pm at the Spring Creek BBQ
Granbury, Texas**

From the Chapter Director

WOW'nd up about the Round Up

The District staff did it again! Way to go! We salute you!

The **Mid Winter Round Up** was a huge weekend, and the folks at *The Inn of the Hills* always satisfy. Theresa and I were the only reps from **Chapter P** to attend, but we were not alone for long. Along the way we ran into a group of *Rally Cats* (Rrrrr) from **Chapter R**. They were enjoying the ride through the hill country and were looking forward to the night's seafood buffet, just as we were! Upon arriving we were immediately among **friends** and **GWRRA** family. We hung the Chapter banner on the balcony of our room and joined **friends** for the buffet. It was awesome! (Again).

Afterwards, we shared a beverage, laughs and **fun** with other **GWRRA** members. Morning came too quickly as it greeted me with a headache, but nothing 6 cups of coffee and breakfast wouldn't cure! The day of instruction and information was highlighted with the announcement of **Chapter P's** educators and Master Tour Riders, **Kevin & Kerry Kaldenbach** selected as "**Texas Chapter Educators of the Year for 2008**". Congratulations & Thanks for all you do!

Also announced were Texas *Chapter of the Year*, which went to **Chapter O** (Austin) again, and Texas *Couple of the Year* Don and Linda Holley of **Chapter R**. Well deserving and good luck!

It was great to see our **friends** in Kerrville and we look forward to sharing good times together again at rallies and events in the coming year. I urge you to get involved and participate. Make **friends** and share in the **fun**.

Jeff Mew

Chapter Director

GWRRA TX-P



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Upcoming Events

Feb. 14- Valentines Day Lunch Ride

Feb 21-22 – Horizon Seminar- Fort Worth

Feb 22 - Chapter Bowling Challenge

Mar. 19-21/09 – Region H Rally – Marshall

May 14- 16/09 – Texas Dist. Rally – Amarillo

July 2-5 – Wing Ding – Tulsa Oklahoma



For Your Information: aka FYI

In the magazine publication “Ride Texas”, page 66, there is a section called Readers Choice Awards. In the Prairies and Lakes part of the magazine there’s Favorite Small Town section. Hico was 1 and our own Granbury was in 4th position for places to visit.

“This **Valentines Day** consider **Gold**.... but buy **Chrome**

She will love you for it.



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In this newsletter we would like to clear up some confusion about requirements for the Levels Program.

Level One, is a simple commitment of the rider or co-rider to strive for and practice safe riding. Our chapter has done well at this and we appreciate the overwhelming commitment from our members.

Level Two seems to be a level that members are not as interested in achieving. Level Two requires taking an approved motorcycle course. There are several choices from(MSF) Motorcycle Safety Foundation to GWRRA approved courses. Except for the Co-Riders Course these are not courses that Kerry and I can give.

In the past 12 months I can think of three people with Chapter P who have had accidents. 13 months ago we lost a friend in a fatality. Of the three recent accidents there was one near fatality, one oopsie daisy, and one that I do not know all of the details yet. Out of these three, two have expressed that they will not ride again and two were seasoned riders with many years and miles under their belts. They all made it a point to wear safety gear. At least one of the riders has taken MSF course's throughout his forty plus years of riding. As he once put it to me, "You need to take an MSF course, to break the bad habits you picked up since your last course."

If it's a fear of being embarrassed that is keeping you from attending a MSF course don't be. I am not the kind of person who likes to show others what I don't know, but when I took my MSF course I went into it with the mindset that I spent the money so I was going to get everything I could out of the course. One thing I had a problem with on my wing was slow speed maneuvering. When I gave it a little throttle in a slow speed corner I would zip out of my track. The instructor showed me how to fix that problem and my 800 plus pound touring bike put the others on their shadows and VTX's to shame for the rest of the day.

Riding a motorcycle properly requires training the rider to react in ways that are not natural. An example of this would be; the natural instinct for someone who has realized that he has entered a curve too fast would be to slow down when actually it might require leaning harder. A weekend attending an approved course will leave you feeling more in control of your motorcycle. The Region H Rally is coming up on March 19 thru the 21st and is a good place to take approved classes.

Level Three, is a commitment thru being prepared by having CPR or first aid training along with a first aid kit on the bike. This has been another level that our chapter members have done well at. We set up a CPR and First Aid class last year and several members of the chapter attended. If there are people interested in taking a class this year let us know.

Level Four is not for everyone, but is a worthy goal and requires the accumulation of 25,000 safe miles since joining the GWRRA. Level Four also requires a commitment to always wear safety gear. You must wait one year after becoming a level three before applying for Level Four.

In a nut shell the Levels program is a way for us to kept reminding ourselves to ride safely. Though three members had accidents in the last 12 months, there is no doubt in my mind that their commitment to safe riding contributed to the accidents not being any worse then they were.



From the Editor:

Just a reminder for all the husbands in Chapter P that at times we will forget important events, let this be a friendly reminder that Valentines day in on the 14th. I can assure you your wife, girlfriend or significant other WILL NOT forget. LOL

February also brings birthdays of two very important presidents in US history. George Washington on the 22nd and Abraham Lincoln on the 12th. When politics in the present doesn't look anything like the days when these two men were in office, I think we can all be proud Americans of a nation that was partly formed by these great Presidents.

You will notice that Chapter P, after many months, of not having an Assistant Chapter Director, we now have that position filled with Gary and Nancy Murphy. They have been married for over 28 years and are currently riding an 1800 Goldwing. We're extremely happy they have joined the staff and fill a much-needed position for Chapter P.



Kevin and Kerry Kaldenbach
Chapter Educators of the Year
GWRRA-P
Chapter Educators of the Year
2008
CONGRATULATIONS



The Staff and Members of GWRRA-P want to welcome Gary and Nancy Murphy as the new Assistant Chapter Directors.





Leadership Training Division

Horizons

Program is coming to North Texas (Ft. Worth) Feb21st &22nd.

*The **Horizons Program** is open to any and **all members** who would like to learn more about being involved in GWRRA. The modules and exercises are designed to give the attendee a realistic and honest picture of what being an officer is really like. The intent is to help members make an informed decision about volunteering to help lead this organization.*

Please contact Lynn Heene, TX District Trainer to sign up for this class ASAP to **secure a seat** as the class size will be somewhat limited. Contact Lynn for all the details. 512-694-3064 - lynnheene@yahoo.com. *Be involved & have Fun*

Featured Couple of the Month

This month we're putting the spotlight on Paul and Rhonda Schmidt of Joshua, TX. Paul and Rhonda have been married for 18 years and they're main providers for two German shepherds. Paul works for the city of Fort Worth as a buyer of city equipment. Rhonda works for a bank in Arlington. Together they ride a 2004 Honda Goldwing. Thanks Paul and Rhonda for being part of the Chapter P family.



Bikes & Strikes

Five couples took to the comfort of their cars for the bowling fun Saturday the 24th at CityView Lanes. Ray, Barbara, Gary & Ronda, Roy & Cathy, Brian, Carol, Jeff & Theresa all had a great time. Ray demonstrated his bowling skills and hook delivery with the high game of 202, but **everyone hit strikes** and *hurt* many pins! By the time we finished we were hurting too! But the pain was diminished by all the **fun** and laughs we shared. We look forward to the Chapter Challenge in Greenville on February 22nd. Hope you will join us!

Thank you Colleen & CityView Lanes for your gracious hospitality!



Chapter P All Star Bowlers



Candid photo



Candid photo



Candid photo



Candid photo

**Photos from Chapter Meeting
on Jan 8th 2009**



Kevin and Kerry receiving Level 4 Master tour Rider award



Jeff and Theresa w/ new Assistant Chapter Directors Gary and Nancy Murphy



Gary & Nancy Murphy Assist Chap Directors



Jeff & Theresa receiving a token of appreciation from Chapter P members and staff

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First Ride of 2009

Jan 2nd 2009. We left the home depot parking lot and headed east down Rt 4 to Cleburne and on through Venus, Alvarado, May Pearl ending up in Waxahachie. What a ride. Jerry Nelson led the group of 8 bikes and trikes through some of the back roads we have not been on a long time. Upon arriving we found that all but 1 restaurant was closed. As we were walking the downtown square looking for a place to eat lunch we all kept looking up at the courthouse as they have one of the best looking that I have seen. We finally found one open and lunch was very good with Jerry acting as our waiter .He does a good job of handing out silverware and napkins and we did not have to leave him a tip. The waitress just got overcome to see us 10 come in on a slow day. After lunch with our friends and fellow motorcyclist we headed for home on another set of back roads all the way to Granbury. We are going to do this long riding at least once a month if most of us are interested. It turned out a beautiful day as we left the temperature was in the 60's and got home in the upper 70's.

Paul Lustenhouwer

Not bad Paul for the first days of January. Editor



Birthday

Ricky Tribble – 7
William Dye 12
Jeff Mew – 17
Fred Scaggs – 26
Joann Lacy 28



Anniversary

Bill and Evely Peacock – 4
Paul and Carla Kaufman – 20
Luke and Angie Molinari - 24



Valentine's Day

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a popular Valentine's Day item.

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North Texas GWRRA 3rd Annual

BOWLING TOURNAMENT



Come join the Road Runners for 3 hours of bowling, fun and fellowship on Sunday February 22, 2009. Sign-in starts at 10:30 AM with bowling starting at 11:00 AM. For \$14.75 per person, you get 3 lanes of bowling and shoe rental.

Who will take home the Bragging Rights as best bowlers in North Texas,,, You will just have to come and see!

Trophies Awarded at 2:00 PM

- Team
- Individual






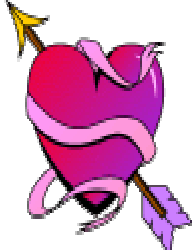


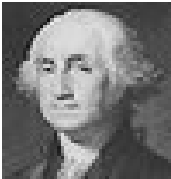


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February 2009

<p>Sunday 1</p>	<p>Monday 2</p>	<p>Tuesday 3</p>	<p>Wednesday 4 Bill & Evelyn Peacock</p> 	<p>Thursday 5</p>	<p>Friday 6</p>	<p>Saturday 7 Ricky Tribble</p> 
<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Chap P meeting at Spring Creek Wm Dye President bd</p> 	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Valentine's day Lunch Ride</p> 
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Jeff Mew</p> 	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Paul & Carla Kaufman</p> 	<p>21 Horizon Seminar</p>
<p>22 Horizon Seminar Chap. Bowling Challenge 1st President BD</p> 	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Luke & Angie Molinari</p> 	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Fred Scaggs</p> 	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Joann Lacy</p> 