

June 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**

**“Amarillo By Morning”**

**You know the song right? Well it got stuck in my head like all classics do, and in an effort to beat the predicted morning storms, six of us mounted up and got out of town a day earlier, to shorten our ride and beat the weather for the Texas District Rally in Amarillo . It worked! We got there in plenty of time to get checked in and to get over to the rally for opening ceremonies.**

**It was great to see all our friends from throughout the state and most all of the chapters were well represented. I was awed by the many unique and creative designs cut out of a piece of wood! I am talking about the armadillo. And the boots! All were amazing, with the Moonlighters taking 1<sup>st</sup> prize, but Chapter ‘P’ proudly placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. Way to go Paul! Thanks!**

**One highlight was the Couples Baskets. They were just “awesome”. Many commented that Chapter ‘P’s was the best and I agreed. It was amazing! This was the first year Chapter P participated and I am very proud that Paul & Joyce represented us and the community.**

**Storms did threaten the dinner and show in Palo Duro Canyon, but the District staff must have made a deal with mother nature as well! They pulled it off! Congrats on another fine rally.**

**Next years rally will be in Killeen . Our hometown! Can’t wait to see why? Hope you will join us for the fun!**

**Ride Cool!**

**Jeff Mew  
Chapter Director  
GWRRA TX-P**

**Chapter Director**



**Jeff & Theresa Mew**

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### Upcoming Events

June 5 - 8:15 am Register Johnson Co. can run Honda West at Cleburne, TX

July 2-5 – Wing Ding – Tulsa Oklahoma



July 9 - Monthly meeting at Spring Creek



July 23 Sonic Drive-In in Cresson.



Every Saturday morning at Home Depot a good gathering place for breakfast or lunch rides.

### Chapter Treasurer



Robert & Donna Adair

### Assistant Chapter Director



Gary & Nancy Murphy

**Scrabble Word Game** This progressive style word game can be played by attending Chapter Gatherings, Sonic Socials, and other GWRRA events. Collect letters at specified when the letters are gone. Good Luck!



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## Chapter Educator Ride Coordinators



**Kevin and Kerry Kaldenbach**

### Motorcycle Safety:

**It doesn't matter whether you are a new, returning, or experienced rider—if you have never had motorcycle training, you probably lack the critical skills you need to ride safely. Most riders do not realize what they are missing until it is too late. Consider these questions:**

- **Do corners sometimes tighten up on you?**
- **Do you ever lock up your brakes trying to stop quickly?**
- **Do other drivers often pull out in front of you?**
- **Do you steer the motorcycle by leaning your body?**

**If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, it is time for you to sign up for a [Basic Rider Course \(BRC\)](#) or the advanced [ERC Skills Plus Course](#). All of the problems mentioned above can be solved by the rider with training, knowledge, and skill:**

- **Corners do not suddenly tighten up. They only seem to because you are not ready.**
- **Locking up your brakes can actually *increase* your stopping distance.**
- **Other drivers may not see you because you are poorly positioned in traffic.**
- **And motorcycles are steered by the handlebars, not your body.**

**Proper attitude, focused strategy, and good riding skills will help you ride more safely. These critical points are taught and practiced in the BRC and ERC Skills Plus.**

**If you have never had motorcycle training, take the BRC and relearn motorcycling from the ground up. If you have had training or have been riding awhile, the ERC may better suit your needs. Whatever you do, do not fall into the trap of thinking there is nothing left to learn about motorcycling.**

## **Mental Skills**

**Safe riding requires good mental skills. Experts say that riding is 90 percent mental and only 10 percent physical. A smart rider is mentally prepared to ride. The BRC is a great introduction to the mental aspects of motorcycling.**

**Attitude plays a large part in your mental strategy. A good attitude means knowing the limits of your self, your environment, and your motorcycle, and riding within those limits. Riding beyond any of those limits can lead to a crash.**

**Smart riders think ahead. You need a good plan to anticipate and avoid hazards before they cause you to crash. Smart planning and preparation can help you avoid situations and places where crashes are likely.**

**Prepare for the worst: wear brightly colored protective gear, position yourself in traffic for maximum visibility, and avoid riding in other drivers' blind spots. Remember, it is your life at stake if you crash.**

## **Physical Skills**

**Your mental skills will not protect you from everything, so your physical skills need to be razor sharp:**

- **The BRC and ERC Skills Plus offer intense instruction and plenty of practice in both basic and advanced riding skills.**
- **Learn to master emergency braking—both in a straight line and in a curve—before you need it to avoid a crash.**
- **“Countersteering” is the best way to control a motorcycle’s direction and lean angle.**
- **Skillful cornering and swerving involve very different techniques that are not easy to pick up on your own.**

**Learning and practicing these skills will not only make you a safer rider, it will make riding more enjoyable.**



**Newsletter Editor  
Ron & Mary Johnson**



**Ride Coordinators  
Paul & Joyce Lustenhouwer**

Summer is right around the corner and many Chapter P members have already gotten out on some great rides. The Saturday morning rides are now at 10 AM, unless Jeff and the staff have come up with a different time. Meeting for the ride will be at Home Depot in Granbury, as always.

Have you checked your tire pressure lately? That's a check that you don't want to forget. Also have you checked your brake fluid and oil levels? There's many checks that should be made and you can look in Honda Owners Manual for everything that should be done before setting off for the riding season. **Please be safe and always give yourself 2 to 3 seconds distance between yourself and any other vehicle that's going down the same highway and in the same direction you are going.**

I am going to echo Jeff about the Wing Ding in Tulsa, Ok in July, and that's to get fellow attendee's to go together if possible. For one thing the safety factor about riding in groups is always an important thing to keep in mind. Another is that it's just plain more fun.

Sonic Night Socials are back! Join us on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month in Cresson at 6:45pm. Pick up your next scrabble game piece.



The Chapter 'P' Couples Basket was a big hit at the Texas District Rally.

Paul's contribution of talent and effort was greatly appreciated and recognized by many.

The Granbury business community really came through with their generosity, kindness and support. Here are just a few!

Dutch & Brenda Wilkinson owners *Plantation Inn on the Lake*

Sister McRae-Director of Marketing-*Granbury Live*

Wes Carson-*Carson Pest Management*

Eric Wilks of *D'Vine Wine*

Barbara Russell-*GWRRA Chapter TX-P*

And Others!!

Thank You for your support of GWRRA TX-P



Jeff Mew retrieving the Chapter P banner from Chapter M

Chapter M meeting (A lot of green showed up)



Guess which on in the picture is a Chapter P member



Jeff, Theresa and the Chapter P raiders



**Palo Duro dinner ride in the canyon**



**Paul's winning 3rd place entry**



**Sonic night with Chapter P members**



**More Sonic night members**



**Patriotic trike**



## Wing Ding Tulsa Oklahoma July 2 - 5 2009

What should a person do first, if they have never been to a Wing Ding?

- Preregister with Home Office (Purchase tickets, Rider Ed courses, T-shirts, etc.)
- Choose/book hotel
- See if others from your Chapter are going
- Read Program (July Issue of Wing World)
  - Decide what seminars are of most interest to you (before you arrive)
  - Decide if you want Rider Ed. courses/classes & get registered (before you arrive)
  - Make a plan for each day
    - See the area
    - Take Poker Run(s)
    - Take ERC (for example)
    - Day for shopping trade show
    - Entertainment, which nights (Talent Show, 4th of July Fireworks, Welcome Party, etc.)
- Travel to Wing Ding (Enjoy the ride)
- Couple of the Year selection (Day before)
- Talent Show & Pre-Entertainment Event (Night before)
- Eat a good breakfast before going to the facility
- Pick up registration packet & T-shirts, if ordered
- Attend Opening Ceremonies
- Visit GWRRA Information Booth (Wing Ding information)
- Visit CVB Booth (Local information)
- Visit trade show
- Follow plan
- Register for next year's Wing Ding
- Attend Closing Ceremonies
- Ride home safely

## Featured Couple of the Month



**Robin and John Ginn**

**Robin and John live in Weatherford and have been married for 6 years. John is a driver for Nabors Trucking and Robin is an employee for 1st Common Bank. Both ride motorcycles, John's is a 2005 Black Cherry Gold Wing and Robin has a 1997 Gold Wing trike. Robin mentioned she start riding on a 2007 Honda VTX.**

**They both have grown siblings PLUS 12 grandchildren 3 GREAT grandchildren.**

**Robin and John were a delightful couple to chat with plus John and I both had something besides Goldwings in common and that was we are both retired military.**

WANT TO RIDE! 23 riders turned out for the Sonic Social in May. It was great to hear of all the rides & trips people are taking! But the chapter ride calendar needs help! **We need some rides!** As of this writing only two rides are planned. If you have a ride planned and think others would enjoy, let us know and we will get it posted! Sharing a good ride and a good road is half the fun and is much appreciated. After all *this is a riding organization!* It should not be the responsibility of one or two people to organize rides. Anyone can do it! There is nothing special or different you have to do. Set a destination, communicate your plan and pursue a safe outcome and most of all, have fun!

Wing Ding is just a few short weeks away and some riders are hooking up with others to make the trip. Many of us are going and returning at different times. If you are riding alone or with someone, have fun and ride safe!

Jeff



Jeff and Theresa arrive at sonic

**Birthday****Paul Schmidt - 15****Anniversary****Lanny & JoAnn Lacy - 28****Honda Trivia**

**Soichiro Honda, founder, was born in 1906**

**Honda Motor Co was founded in 1948**

**Honda made the first motorcycle in 1949**

**Honda set a speed record in 1939 in a **Ford****

**Honda Super Cub have sold over 30,000,000 worldwide**

**American Honda established in 1959 in Los Angeles, California**

**You Meet the Nicest People on a Honda** was a popular slogan from the 1960's  
(I think the slogan from the 60's is still alive in 2009, Don't You?)

**There you have a little history of the company that started the Honda Goldwing, which by the way started life as Honda Goldwing 1000 in 1975. My how things have changed.**

**1975 Goldwing 1000****2009 Goldwing 1800**

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**June 2009**

Sunday	Monday 1 Pat Boone	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Saturday 6 Johnson Co can run@ Honda West in Cleburne, TX
7	8 Barbara Bush	9	10	11 Chapter P meeting 	12 George HW Bush	13
14	15 Paul Schmidt  Waylon Jennings	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Sonic Night 	26	24
28 JoAnn & Lanny Lacy  Mel Brooks	29	30 Susan Hayward				

