



The P'titioner



GWRRA Texas Chapter 'P'

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

In Granbury



MARCH 2011

Come Join us!

SADDLY, our beloved, and much cherished mascot for **Chapter P** was taken in a hostile attempt to tear at the heartstrings of our participants. Consideration for its safety and treatment are our primary concern. We are currently active in negotiations that will meet the demands of his captors, **Chapter R**.

KIDNAPPED!!

HELD FOR RANSOM



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ABDUCTED

Oh dear, say it isn't so!!

Our primary concern is that it does not fall into the hands of a small child or dog. That could cause un-repairable damage to its condition and life source. We also ask that it be treated with respect as we are prepared to comply with reasonable demands to secure its safe return. Please contact Gary if you are contacted by any participant of the "Rally Cats".

HAPPY ST. PATTY'S DAY

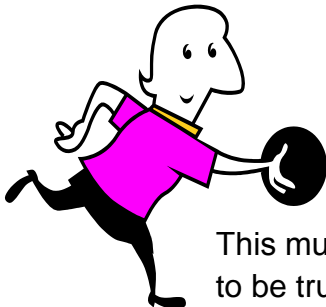


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North Texas Chapter Challenge



This much anticipated annual event proved our motto “friends for fun” to be true, as six chapters competed for bragging rights as the best north Texas bowling chapter.

Sixty two participants and countless spectators (because we didn't count) gathered at CityView Lanes in Fort Worth for the big event. Hosted by **Chapter P**, this annual event continues to provide a venue for participants to gather, fellowship and have fun!

This year **Chapter B** of Garland took home the coveted title and will host next years event. Awards were presented for the following categories.

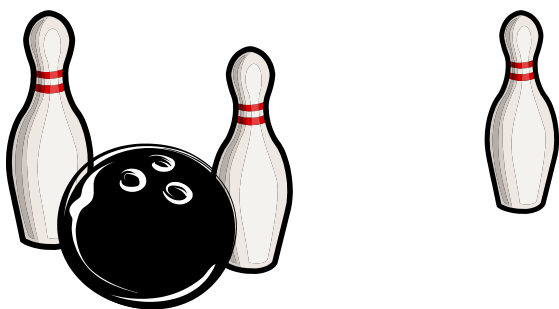
- Men's high series- 628 John Memeyer –**Chapter B**
- Women's high series-523 Shelia Walton-**Chapter R**
- Men's high game-233 Will Avon-**Chapter W2**
- Woman's high game-185 Charlene Watson-**Chapter M**
- Best Chapter Avg.-140 **Chapter B of Garland**

Thanks to all the chapters who participated, and for continuing to make this such a popular and successful event! See you next year!



Chapter P participants led with a slim lead till late in the third game of the challenge, when fatigue and bad breaks sealed their doom. Sadly, **Chapter P** finished second by an average of only 3 pins..

We will get'm next year!



PARTICIPATION IS THE KEY TO CHAPTER SUCCESS!



magically



delicious

Bob Whan General Manager

more photos

Moonlighters show up well practiced and ready to have fun!

Chapter P mascot was last seen here. It was abducted in full view. This story continues as participants of **Chapter R** claim responsibility.



Kidnapped!!



Barb, Gary, Becky and Connie give away awesome prizes

STRIKE!!



Moonlighter, Larry Jennings has good technique



Charlene with the "no look" delivery



"Friends for fun"

Above...Gary acknowledges and awards Will Avon for High Game of 233

Left....**Chapter B** of Garland claims the trophy as the "Best Chapter" and will host next year's annual event.

We will be prepared to reclaim the title!



Chapter P Couple of the Year 2011



Chapter P has the honor of acknowledging Ray Lusby and Barbara Russell as only the 2nd COY selection since the chapter was chartered in 2006.

Ray and Barbara are active participants in the chapter and can be seen on most rides and events. They each participate in the Riders Education Program and promote GWRRA.

You can show your support with a contribution to the **Chapter P** Couple of the Year Basket which will be auctioned off at the Texas District Convention in Killeen May 12-14.



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Do you want to ride?

Mmmmmm . . . that would mean K/U for us no later than 8:15. I suggested to Malcolm to call Paul and see which way they were going and maybe we can meet somewhere. Malcolm and Paul confirmed "Smokestack Café" in Thurber. OK - K/U for us at 9:00 a.m. also. YEAH!!!

Saturday morning was a beautiful, clear, crisp morning that promised higher temperatures later in the day, but required starting out with winter gear. We made it to Thurber in plenty of time to enjoy a cup of coffee outside and take a few pictures before the group from Granbury exited off I-20. 8 more bikes joined ours in front of the café.



We enjoyed hugs and visiting outside before going inside for more visiting, stories and good food. Once outside again, more visiting and soaking up the Texas sun. Most everyone had responsibilities and things to do therefore needed to head home - some going direct and others a little more leisurely.



Malcolm and I had plenty of time to take a few back roads so decide to go through Mingus and Strawn with destination Mineral Wells so I could get my "fix" at the wonderful scrapbook store there. Afterwards we headed toward Weatherford, then back on I-20 just long enough to get to the Brock exit and take more back roads through Brock, Dennis, Lipan and Morgan Mill and then Hwy 281 into Stephenville. We were both ready to get out of the winter gear, because as the early morning had promised, the temperature had climbed into the 80's.

Hope everyone enjoyed their Saturday, whether you had your early morning cup of coffee outside, rode, worked in the yard, cooked outside or was fortunate as we were and did all the above.

Ride safe.

Lavona Wilborn

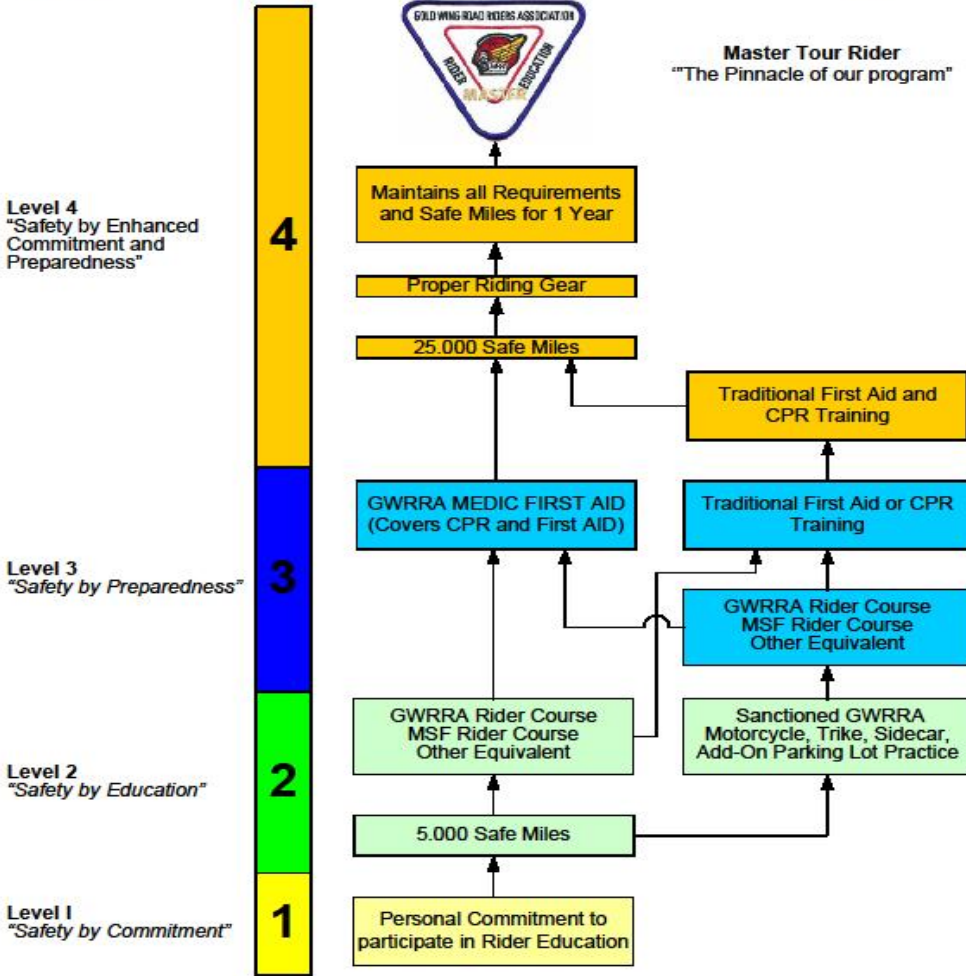


Gold Wing Road Riders Association Rider Education Levels Programs "The Building Blocks of Rider Education"



Looking for adventure?

Do it SAFLEY!



Before heading out on the motorcycle this spring, make sure your skills are up to speed. It is recommended that riders renew training at least every three years.

GWRRA offers many opportunities to sharpen your skills and riding ability. Attend your Region or District Conventions for classes that fit your needs. Ask your Chapter Educator for assistance or visit msf.org for rider course info.

Safe Riding!



DEFENSIVE DRIVING

We all know that we have to be defensive drivers to survive as motorcyclists.

It's drummed into us in monthly meetings, at Experienced Rider Courses and by real life.

I know that I have become a better driver, both of 4 wheels and 2, because of riding a motorcycle. But do we really know how much better we really have to be? Fern & I had an incident a couple days ago that brought the point home.

We had exited I-20 at Trail Lake and had to wait for the light. I had pulled into the rightmost of the 2 left turn lanes, and there was a pickup in the left lane that was stopped farther forward than it should have been, so when I stopped back by his right rear wheel, I'm not sure he saw us.

When the light changed, we both made the left turn, and halfway across the bridge, he came over into our lane. I had purposely held back a little, not accelerating as much as I normally would. I blew my horn but he still came all the way over. I had to brake and let him by. Thank goodness I was not right beside him, or he would have run us into the curb.

We were very upset, but not hurt at all. I realized that my training and defensive driving had paid off.

Submitted by **Vance Oaks**
Assistant Rider Educator

Split Payment Plan

GWRRA offers a Split Payment Plan. Simply stated, you can split the amount of your membership renewal into two payments, spread over two consecutive months.

The Split Payment Plan can be done over the phone with a credit card, or can be marked on the bottom of your renewal notice. (your renewal must be done with a credit card, and the split payment box must be checked)

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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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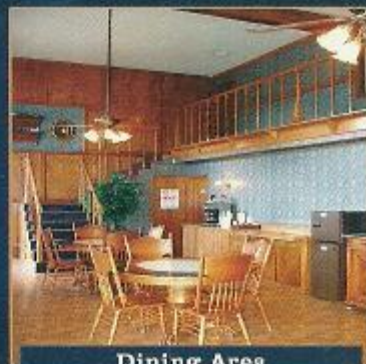
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Visit the Region H website for more information

www.gwrra-h.org

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

Next Chapter P Gathering-Thursday, March 10th
Region H Convention -Plano, Texas March 24

Chapter O –Bluebonnet Rally-Fredericksburg- April 2nd

Louisiana District Convention-April 7-9

02 Brownwood-Dinner/Duck Race-April 29 & 30

Texas District Convention-Killeen-May 12-14

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

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