



The P'titioner

GWRRA Texas Chapter 'P'



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

In Granbury



May 2011

From your Director



Gary and Becky Wheatley

Becky & I met Chapter R in Lipan on 4/30/11 and rode to Brownwood to the Chapter 02 Convention. There were 6 bikes and we had a great ride on the back roads. You missed a great ride! We met Bob & Dennis there and had some great stew, cornbread, desserts and fellowship! I won second place in the tire toss and, of course, Becky found some things to buy from the vendors!

We had a Sunday breakfast ride led by Paul Schmidt on 4/10/11. We met at Starbucks for coffee and rode to Fort Worth to the Rise & Shine. There were 4 riders, Paul Schmidt, Don Walker, Becky & I, but several others met us at Starbucks for coffee prior to the ride, Bob, Connie, their son, Bobby, and Paul L. We had a good time and some good food.

Donna Adair passed on information about an upcoming ride for next weekend (Saturday May 7th). The registration fees are \$35 rider/\$20 co-rider and that will get free Starbucks coffee, donuts, a t-shirt, BBQ meal (from Risky's BBQ), live music, and drawings for various prizes. The meeting place will be at the Stone Water Church on 377 (old Walmart Bldg) with registration beginning at 8:00 am. The ride will be on your own, with the first stop at the Overlook at Fossil Rim - going to Cody's Leather in Hico and ending up at the Glen Rose Baptist Church in Glen Rose for lunch. Music and a bike show for whoever wants to enter it. The cause is a really great one, the money goes to the Brazos Pregnancy Center which is a Christian based alternative to abortion. Several Chapter P riders rode in it last year and seemed to have a good time so come on out!

Don't forget, the Texas District Rally is May 12-14 in Killeen. We're going and hope to see you there!

If you have an idea for a ride, we'd love your input. Anyone can plan a ride !!

Let's Keep Those Wheels Rolling!!!



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MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH

May is designated motorcycle awareness month! Many communities around the country have acknowledged the need for educating the public the need to "look twice", for safety sake.


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Ride Safe!



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These photos were taken at the O2 rally (or should I say convention) in Brownwood.

What started out as another windy morning actually turned into a warm pleasant day of good fun!!

Hope you will join us for a fun ride very soon!



Gary was left holding the bag!



Gary and Mandy Mew participate in some off bike games.

Gary placed second in the tire toss and will advance to the regional finals later this year!

Not really....

But they did have a good day of fun and riding!



Gary told Becky not to wander off to far and if she got lost to return to meet back at the motorcycle.....not really.



Looks like Dennis has parking duty! Here's a good spot!



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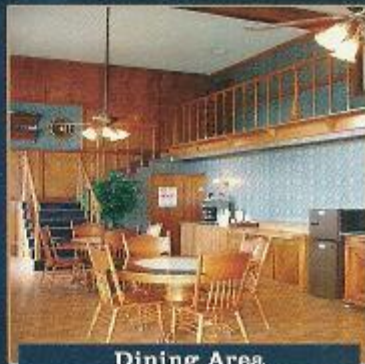
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From your Chapter Educator

Co Riders

Most of us have a co-rider at one time or another. Some of us, especially the married riders, have one quite frequently.

When is the last time you have gone over the co-rider's "duties" and "need-to-know's" with her? What do I mean by this?

Your co-rider needs to know that you are a team, and she is supposed to be helping you to look for hazardous situations which you as the pilot may not be aware of, and to alert you to their presence. She also needs to know what to do in case of an emergency situation. What does she do if you simply drop the bike? (Keep her feet on the foot rests and hang on). What if you have to make a quick stop? What if you have a heart attack while riding? Does she know to stay upright while in a turn? This is especially important for those who only have occasional passengers who may have never even been on a motorcycle before.

Think about what your co-rider needs to know for the safety of both of you and of the group.

RIDE SAFE



Brian
Handleson

For those that have not heard about the west TX fires, there will be a benefit motorcycle run on Sat. May 7th leaving from the city of Weatherford for those that would care to join.

This is a benefit run with 100% of the proceeds going to the local Volunteer Fire Departments who have been actively fighting the fires in North West Texas, and for the Victims of the Fires.

This is a benefit run, there will be no prizes given. We are not setting a price per rider, instead we are asking that every rider make a donation based on what they are able and willing to give for these brave men and the families that lost... everything.

We will leave Westwood Christian Fellowship at 10:30 sharp. We know this is early and we want riders from all over Texas and we simply ask that if you can be here, please be here. After the run, the Westwood Christian Fellowship family will have a meal ready for us. It will not be a big complicated feast, but instead will be simple fare, hot dogs, hamburgers and such. We believe this will be fine and thank them for their generosity.

This run is sponsored by the Patriot Riders Motorcycle Association, New Covenant Ink Tattoo and Body Piercing Studio, and Westwood Christian Fellowship in Weatherford.

Riders TIP

Have you noticed the wind lately? Is it just me or has it been windy forever? I suppose we can blame it on global warming right? Maybe the earth is spinning faster? Who can say for sure, but one thing for certain, it sure is a lot of work to ride in!

Riding in windy weather really blows!

BEWARE OF CROSS WINDS

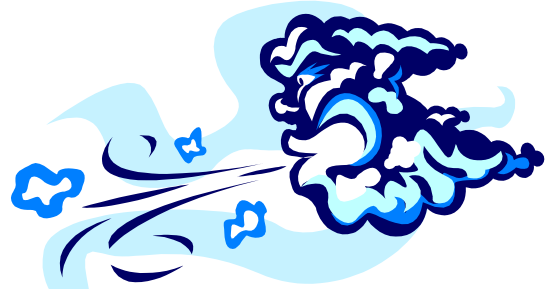


Try to Ride early



Check for tire wear

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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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Arkansas District Convention-Rogers-May 26-28

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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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GWRRA Texas District Convention HONOR OUR HEROES



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