



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

September 2008

From your Chapter Director;

Inside This Issue

August just wasn't long enough for many of us. Where did the time go? As we were enjoying all the events and rides scheduled for each week, Theresa and I did steal some time and head north to Arkansas for some cooler temperatures and **GREAT RIDING & FUN!** What a break from the day in day out of everyday life. I encourage you to get-away from the everyday media overload. No computers, no televisions, no newspapers, no phones, and just reconnect with yourself and the open road. No worries and no concerns! When was the last time you forgot what day it was? It won't happen unless you make the time to do it. I highly recommend it!

With the turning of the calendar, September offers many opportunities to get out and hopefully enjoy cooler temperatures and good times with good friends.

Some of you have requested an overnight camping event! Well, here is your chance. Chapter Y2 of Tyler has secured a nice setting for their Rally and I have convinced Theresa to give up the Holiday Inn and pitch a tent for the night. Should be **fun!**

So too should be the result of Chapter R's Rally on Saturday the 6th. The Rally Cats have always shown support for Chapter P and I hope you will join us in doing the same! Don't forget the Chapter cook out on the 13th.

Whatever your preference, keep an eye on the calendar and please join us for the **fun!**

Keep It Shiny & Under Your Hiney!

Jeff Mew
GWRRA TX-Chapter P

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BY THE BOOK

The "By The Book" articles are intended to help familiarize Volunteer Leaders and GWRRA Members with the guidelines, policies, procedures, and information contained in the GWRRA Officer's Guidebook. Any quotes or references to topics contained in our OGB should not be taken "out of context". Please feel free to reprint these articles in Region, District and Chapter newsletters. The GWRRA WAY is found on pages B-3 and B-4 of the OGB. I hope this helps our members to know what the differences are between a Club and GWRRA.

HOW GWRRA DIFFERS FROM MOTORCYCLE "CLUBS"

"GWRRA is not a motorcycle club." We've all heard it, haven't we? But just what does it mean?

Simply put, it means that our Association and our chapters don't function in the same organizational and procedural format that

"clubs" do. That is, we don't elect anyone to any position by running candidates against each other and having the membership vote

on them. We don't choose our officers with popularity contests. We don't impose our wishes on others. We select, not elect. Clubs

usually are local in scope. Chapters are national or international and tied to a single organization. We don't have long and heated debates,

make motions, second motions, call for votes or go into long, detailed reports in our chapter meetings. We don't need uniforms,

people giving us rules to obey, or exorbitant fees or dues. We try not to do any "heavybreathing." In other words, a GWRRA chapter meeting is not presided over by a "president" and conducted according to Roberts' Rules of Order or the parliamentary procedure process. That is the format that many "clubs" use in their meetings. We don't say that we are better than clubs, we are just different. Some people like the club format of operation. This is all well and good. Those folks should be encouraged to attend and participate where they are the most comfortable. We think when they "try it" (our format!), "they'll like it." The GWRRA chapter format of operation is

more flexible than a club format. A GWRRA chapter is not a "club," either in its organizational structure or its operational format. It

is **PART** of something bigger than itself. **Sometimes, less-informed chapter participants will try to lead the chapter into the "club" format of operation. It's the responsibility of GWRRA officers to work together to retain the non-political, non-club environment in the chapter.**



Picture from sonic night in July



Picture from Marshall Rally





Miscellaneous Pictures from Member rides

Picture of Luke & Trubon taken on their vacation to Colorado.



Picture of Jeff & Theresa in WING, Arkansas from their vacation





EDUCATION WEEKEND

TEXAS DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Please plan on joining us in Marshall, Texas October 25th and 26th for Education Weekend.

We are excited about the change of venue as East Texas Baptist University has opened their doors and invited us in.

This beautiful quiet campus will house our classes, seminars and riding ranges. For the first time in Region H we will be offering the GWRRA ARC (Advanced Riders Course). We are told that this long awaited course is more challenging than the MSF ERC. Harry Dollarhide and Larry Penepent will be coming down to offer the course and train some instructors so that more courses can be offered in the future.

Rider Education will also be offering some different seminars this year with Team Riding and Motorcycle Crash Scene Response.

The PLP (Parking Lot Practice) has changed this year. No longer can you get together with your Chapter with the Cornering Practice

Guide and hold a PLP. The new PLP Facilitators guide is now online and the first PLP Facilitator certification class will be held in

Marshall. CPR/First Aid will be offered on both days as well.

Membership Enhancement will be holding their Couple of the Year seminar on Saturday morning. Leadership Training will be holding classes on Saturday and Sunday as well. Some rooms have been put aside at the Hampton Inn and the pet friendly LaQuinta. All this has happened at the newsletter deadline so look for more information from your Chapter Educator, Director, Webmaster or Newsletter Editor.

From your Newsletter Editors:

Mary and I have been thru some tough times lately. Very few of you know about them. But those of you who do, have been very supportive and helpful. We wish to keep this very short and simple.

Regretfully, we have decided to step down as newsletter editors. We just don't have the time. Not all of you will understand, but some of you will. It has been a great ride and we have enjoyed it all.

We are not leaving the Chapter, Simply stepping down as staff members. Hopefully one of you will step up and take over. Jeff & Theresa need your help. We are here to support whomever that may be and as charter members, as always support Chapter "P".

Thanks to all of you. But a special thanks to Jay & Sandi, Trubon & Judy, Jerry & Sally and of course the Chapter staff, both past and current.

Stay safe and healthy—Larry & Mary Henderson

Chocolate Bars

Find and circle all of the chocolate bars that are hidden in the grid.
The words may be hidden in any direction.

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GWRRA UPCOMING EVENTS

DFW Chapter "R" 11th Annual Rally	9/6
Chapter "P" Member Trip to New York	9/9
CHAPTER 'P' COOK OUT	9/13
Tyler Chapter "Y2" rally (RV Campout!)	9/19-9/20
Ride for Life	9/27
Chili Cook-off Rally-Chapter "E"-Wichita Falls	9/27
Killeen Chapter "T" rally	10/04
Oklahoma District Rally	10/10-10/11
San Antonio Chapter "U" Rally	10/18
Mississippi District rally-Biloxi	10/16-10/18
GWRRA Education Weekend-Marshall	10/25-10/26
Region "H" Rally	3/19-3/21/09

Don't forget to wear a Doo Rag to the monthly gathering on September 11th. A peoples Choice Award will be given for best Doo Rag.

Come join use for our next Sonic night social on Thursday, September 25th.



This Months Birthdays and Anniversary's

Birthdays

Yolanda Ortiz - 1st, **Greg Felts - 2,**
Dan Peralta - 5, Don Walker - 7,
 Mike Stark - 8, **Carla Kaufman - 9,**
Mary Reedy - 10, Monica Capps - 11,
 Maria Stark - 13, **Dick Reedy - 15,**
 Ray Ortiz - 17, Angie Molinari - 19,
Joe "PJ" Ardy - 27,
Lori Walker - 27, Nancy Dye -29.

Anniversary's

Larry & Mary Henderson - 15th

September Calendar of Events and Planned Rides

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
						Chapter R Rally :
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
				Monthly Gathering		Chapter Cook-out 5:30 pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
					Chapter Y2 Rally	Chapter Y2 Rally Breakfast Ride 8am Home Depot
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				Sonic Night 7:00 pm		Ride for Life. Breakfast Ride 8am Home Depot
28	29	30	31			
Ride for Life						Killeen Chapter "T" Rally

**NOTE: Scheduled Rides May be Postponed if Bad Weather is Forecast.
 Contact Jeff or Kevin if you have any questions.**



Month in Review

MONTH IN REVIEW:

8/09/08

Theresa and I did a solo ride to Marshall's Rally. We had a nice cool 200 mile ride and met up with others for an air conditioned exceptional good time. We took 1st in the Bike Show in 1800 Custom Class. We hooked up with Chapter R and tailed the group back to the Metroplex following the rally. Hope you will join us next year!

8/16/08

Five couples challenged the cloudy weather and the darkness to take part in Chapter M's Moonlight Ride. I hope you were able to make the early services this morning after a very late night (early morning). Thank you for supporting our neighboring chapter. Theresa and I thank you for representing Chapter P. Congratulations to all of those who won prizes and hope you enjoyed the fellowship as much as we did.

8/23/08

Saturday's ride was good one as the weather cooperated. 7 bikes and trike's with 9 people aboard went to the coffee cup in Hico. After breakfast we went almost to Granfill Gap and on to Iredall, Walnut Springs, Glen Rose and back to Granbury. Steve from Glen Rose led the way both times and he took us over some nice scenic roads. A wonderful time was had by all. Paul



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GWRRA Texas District Education Weekend



Courses Offered

Texas District is pleased to offer the following courses & seminars for Rider Education and Leadership Training

GWRRA Courses & Seminars

- * **ARC (Advanced Rider Course)**
- * **Trike Course**
- * **Co-Rider Seminar**
- * **Trailer Seminar**
- * **Crash Scene Response**
- * **Team Riding**
- * **Motorcycling for the Mature Rider**

Also

- * **First Aid/CPR Courses**
- * **Leadership Training Knowledge Enhancement Program**

- * You're An Officer, Now What?
- * Write Stuff
- * Chapter Finances
- * Newsletter
- * Motivating Volunteers
- * Problem Solving or How to eat an Elephant

NOTE: EARLY ENROLLMENT IS REQUIRED TO ENSURE YOUR PLACE

Date: October 25th & 26th 2008

Time: *See Schedule for times*

Hosted at:



Marshall, Texas

This event has been developed for the purpose of promoting Motorcycle riding safety, for GWRRA members. These courses are not only being offered for their safety aspect but to also provide the required training for those involved with /or interested in being involved with the GWRRA Rider Education Levels Program.

We want to offer this training opportunity to all GWRRA members, but space is limited, once a course is full we will have to close enrollment for that course. So register early.

Contact:
John and Lydia Bourg
District Educators
281-242-5125
TxEd@gwrra-tx.org

Note: Proper riding gear will be required for all on bike courses;

DOT approved helmet, full fingered gloves, eye protection, long sleeve shirt or jacket, long pants, over the ankle boots or shoes. There will be no exceptions.



Texas District Education Weekend – Registration form
 Saturday October 25th & Sunday October 26th, 2008
 East Texas Baptist University
 Marshall, Texas



Course	Location/Date Start Time	Cost per person	Num. taking	Total due
ARC Advanced Rider Course – 1 UP	ETBU / Sun – 26th 8:00 AM (apx 8 hours)	\$50.00*		
Trike Course**	ETBU / Sat – 25th 8:00 AM (apx 8 hours)	\$50.00*		
First Aid/CPR	ETBU / Sat – 25th 8:00 AM (apx 6 hours) <i>First Time</i>	\$20.00		
	ETBU / Sun – 26th 8:00 AM (apx 5 hours) <i>Refresher</i>	\$20.00		
Crash Scene Response	ETBU / Sat – 26th 1:00 PM (apx 2 hours)	Free		
Co-Rider Seminar	ETBU / Sat – 25th 3:30 PM (1 hour)	Free		
	ETBU / Sun – 26th 9:30 PM (1 hour)	Free		
Trailing Seminar	ETBU / Sun – 26 th 8:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Free		
Team Riding Seminar	ETBU / Sun – 26th 10:45 (1 hour)	Free		
Motorcycling for the Mature Rider	ETBU / Sun – 26th 1:00 PM (apx 2 hours)	Free		
Knowledge Enhancement- You're an Officer Now What?	ETBU / Sat – 25th 8:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Free		
Knowledge Enhancement- Write Stuff	ETBU / Sat – 25th 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Free		
	ETBU / Sat – 25th 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM	Free		
Knowledge Enhancement- Problem Solving – Or How to Eat an Elephant	ETBU / Sat – 25th 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM	Free		
Knowledge Enhancement- Motivating Volunteers	ETBU / Sat – 25th 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM	Free		
	ETBU / Sun – 26th 9:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Free		
Knowledge Enhancement- Chapter Finances	ETBU / Sat – 25th 2:30 PM – 3:45 PM	Free		
Knowledge Enhancement- Newsletters	ETBU / Sun – 26th 8:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Free		
Total due				

*\$25 refund upon completion of the course

**insta-trike, voyager and other kits of this type are not qualified for the trike course.

Mail completed form and payment to:

John & Lydia Bourg
 Texas District Educators
 935 Eldridge Road #355
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