



The P'titioner

GWRRRA Texas Chapter 'P'

Meet the 2nd Thursday of each month @ Spring Creek BBQ

Come join us!



September MMX



From your Director



Just Wing'in It onboard the Battleship Lexington

Can you believe it? September already! Awe, alas, cooler temperatures are only weeks away! At least I hope so! Schools are back in session, baseball season is winding down and *football is here again!* O Happy Day!

That means summer is almost out of here! See you, goodbye, adios, can you tell, *I am ready for it to end!*

Now all we need to do is **make time** to enjoy riding the wing! Yep, I need a road trip! And I know my co-rider does! Nothing clears the mind and relieves stress better than a vacation. Wouldn't you agree? Its about time for another!

Well then, I better get those tires I've been considering for too long now, and I am sure I can find some more safety chrome. **And** maybe new lights like that *Ring of Fire* I've been wanting for so long...! better go buy a lottery ticket!

So much to do, and so little time! Sound familiar?

We hope you will make the time to join us!

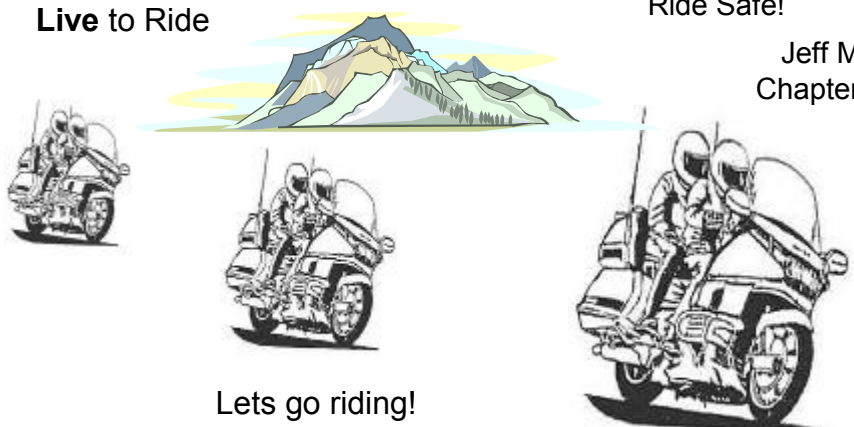
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Live to Ride

Ride Safe!

Jeff Mew
Chapter Director





Chapter Life

Moonlight Madness



Salutations and high fives all around for your showing and support for **Chapter M's** Moonlight Fun Run.

Chapter P had 18 represented and almost was the largest participating chapter. Awesome!

Congratulations to Bob Whan for winning the big prize with four of a kind, four sixes. Bob was so excited he bought everybody all they could eat breakfast. Not really, but it did cross his mind. Not really. Gotcha!

We did have a few prize winners and the evening was a lot of fun sharing time with others.



Matradee Bob Whan



We all arrived together!



Under the moonlight, riders line up for the poker run



Gary, Becky and Bob getting instructions again.



It was a great, bug free summer evening!

Thanks for your support!

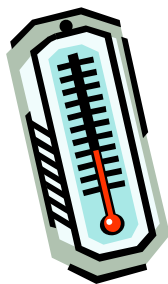


Pie Run

Last weeks unseasonably cooler break in the weather allowed us the opportunity to enjoy an early morning ride to the Koffee Kup in Hico. The leave out temperature was a much anticipated and appreciated 59 degrees! How sweet it was!

However, patience had to suppress our growing appetites as some of us had to wait a bit longer than usual for our breakfast order to be filled. No harm since the ride and the company was well enjoyed.

The 150 mile ride allowed me to get a short fix to the lack of riding due to the prolonged summer heat. Our ride had concluded before the temperature broke 90 degrees.



Bring it on!

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TUFF LOVE FROM YOUR DIRECTOR:

Many of you are aware that my term as Chapter Director is winding down. I have committed to continue to serve you, the membership, through the end of the year, or December 31st. What happens then? Only time will tell.

As your Chapter Director my goal has always been to keep **Chapter P** viable. We have been blessed to be a part of your riding community and we have experienced many successes. We have made many new friends and we ***thank you for all of your continued support!***

However, the status of the Chapters future depends on the strength of the TEAM. Without you, there will be no team and no **Chapter P!** I urge you to get involved, that is the only way the Chapter moves forward.

Theresa and I plan on many more months of fun! I hope you will participate and join us in being part of that fun! Get involved.



National Leadership Directive

As you are aware come the beginning of 2011 you will need another Chapter Director. This individual will need to complete **The Officer Certification Program** within 6 months of his (her) appointment. This applies to *all current and future* officers. **All current Directors and Assistant Directors must complete the Officer Certification Program.** The Officer Certification Program is open to any Member or Associate Member of GWRRA who wishes to learn more about the Association.

If you are interested in a leadership position you will be required to be certified. Chapter P may help defer the cost of this class. This seminar and certification is required for leading a **GWRRA** chapter. Please see Jeff if you have any questions and are interested.

Crosswinds: Tips on how to deal with them

Sooner or later you are going to wonder about how to handle severe crosswinds - probably while fighting them. Surprise, surprise - you don't have to do anything and the motorcycle will handle most crosswinds just fine - with only normal responses from you.

There are a couple of things that you can do to make the experience less stressful, however. For example, you can quit white-knuckling your grips. When you hold on tight you also tend to stiff arm your controls. That merely allows front-end instability to propagate into the rest of the motorcycle. Relax your grips and droop your elbows. Allow your bike to be a bit unstable. Drive in the CENTER OF YOUR LANE. Lean forward and down to reduce your profile, and snug up your jacket.

What about traction? You neither gain nor lose any significant traction when the wind blows from your side unless you are in a curve. While you are leaned into the wind all of the weight of the bike remains on your tires (fancy that) and there is very little lateral force scrubbing that traction away.

How much lean do you need? Whatever the bike dials in for you. Should you anticipate those gusts? Should you just respond quickly to a gust in order to remain in control and traveling in a straight line? No, and no. Your bike will NOT travel in a straight line. That is, as long as you allow it to do its thing, your bike will be modestly blown off course with a gust and the result of that movement is EXACTLY the same as any other minor course change - you will need modest counter-steer input to correct it - the CG of your bike will then be on the side the wind came from and the result is that it will lean towards the wind.

[Anticipating wind-shear IS important under a couple of scenarios: the approach of an oncoming large vehicle suggests that severe buffeting will occur when you pass it, and entering or exiting stretches protected from the wind such as tunnels or bridges with relatively high retaining walls. In these cases you will certainly want to position the bike away from the source of the wind-shear and insure you maintain a firm grip.]

Is a heavier bike less likely to be blown around than a lighter bike? Not necessarily. What is primarily determinant of how great the effect of a crosswind is on your bike is its profile. A GoldWing will typically be more harshly affected by crosswinds than a lighter low profile bike.

Your side profile area is what determines how your motorcycle reacts to crosswinds. Just as there is a Center of Gravity, there is also a Center of wind resistance. If that center of wind resistance is in front of your Center of Gravity then crosswinds will tend to push you off course while if it is behind your Center of Gravity the motorcycle will try to steer INTO the wind. Thus, mounting a high profile LIGHT object (a stuffed animal, for example) onto your trunk lid or your pillion can have a dramatically corrective effect rather than worsen the bike's steering reaction to those crosswinds.

Crosswinds can be murder if you are leaned way over in a curve. Don't, if you can avoid it. As a result of a crosswind your bike will move off course and normal modest counter-steer will lean it into the wind. A strong gust will blow you out of track. So, correct your steering, gently, and keep going.

Note ... there are TWO times when a gusty crosswind changes your bike's direction of travel: when it hits, and when it stops. Both require that you allow the bike to respond and use normal modest counter-steering. (When it quits you will be leaned over and, as a result, your bike will move towards where the wind WAS coming from until you straighten it up.

If crosswinds involve huge short gusts, go park the bike. If the crosswinds are more sustained, pucker up and keep going.

RIDE CAPTAINS NEEDED

Want to contribute to your chapter? Lead a ride! Do you have a destination you would like to share with the group? Let us know and we will post it on the calendar for you!

Friends for Fun

Range Skills Practice

Safety and Knowledge



Vance Oaks instructing the group how to navigate the obstacle and the desired outcome.

Here are a few photos from our parking lot range skills practice.

It was a lot of fun and a beneficial exercise appreciated by those who participated. Thanks to all who attended.



Everybody watches as Mitch goes 1st!



Ray Lusby did not hit Vance in this photo



Jeff and Theresa try a few obstacles two up



Paul watching to see if Ray runs down Vance



Any chocolate donuts left??



Steve Lynch keeping head up and focused



Everybody enjoying registration and donuts



Nice picture

PARTICIPANTS PHOTOS

Bob, Connie, and Bobby Whan enjoyed a cool trip to South Dakota during the Dog Days of summer here in Texas. Average highs in South Dakota were 80 to 85, with lows around 65. We went a little early to avoid the crowd of 700,000 people who attended the 70th anniversary of Sturgis. We were able to ride about 10 hours per day through scenic highways and beautiful breath taking views of the Black Hills, the Bad Lands of South Dakota, Custer State Park, Spearfish Canyon, the historic town of Deadwood, Needles Highway, Wyoming and Devil's Tower National Monument, Mount Rushmore, and many other interesting places. As you can see by some of the pics..... we all had a great time and also made some friends while we were there.



I had always heard that the Sturgis rally kinda had a real dark side with biker gangs on harley's and that Wings and other metrics were not really welcome.....DOLT!!! It has come a long ways.... All are made to feel very welcome, and the Gold Wings were everywhere.... yes there were a lot of them.....

If you haven't been there yet.... put Sturgis on the Bucket List. Go the week before the official bike week starts..... much less crowded and all the riding is much more enjoyable... all of the vendors set up a week before anyway..... also the hotels are less expensive before the actual start of the bike week.

We'll be headed up north around the 1st week of August next year.....anyone else want to go?????



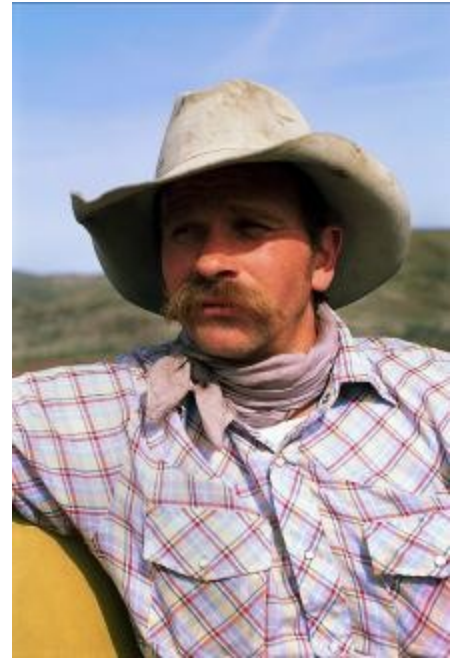
How about free dental care?

A cowboy appeared before St. Peter at the Pearly Gates. 'Have you ever done anything of particular merit?' St. Peter asked. 'Well, I can think of one thing,' the cowboy offered.

'On a trip to the Black Hills out in South Dakota, I came upon a gang of bikers who were threatening a young woman. I directed them to leave her alone, but they wouldn't listen. So, I approached the largest and most tattooed biker and smacked him in the face, kicked his bike over, ripped out his nose ring, and threw it on the ground.

I yelled, 'Now, back off or I'll kick the s#! out of all of you!' St. Peter was impressed, 'When did this happen?' The cowboy responded "Couple of minutes ago.'

Submitted by Ed Frady



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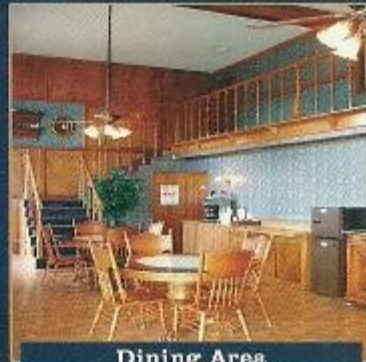
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Thank You! To you, the members who continue to make contributions of gifts to give away at the monthly gatherings each month. You know who you are and we appreciate you!

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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Texas District Education Weekend in Killeen Oct 16-17

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 Saturday, October 16th & Sunday, October 17th, 2010
 Killeen Civic and Conference Center
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Course	Location/Date Start Time	Cost per pers	Num. taking	Total due
Trike Course**	Sat – 16th (~8 Hrs) 8AM -11:30AM Rm On Range in the afternoon	\$80.00*		
Trailing Course*	Sun – 17th (~8 Hrs) 8AM -12PM Rm On Range in afternoon	\$80.00*		
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First Aid/CPR <i>Refresher</i>	Rm/ Sat – 16th 1-5PM	\$20.00		
Co-Rider Seminar	Rm/ Sat – 16th 8:00-9:00 AM	Free		
	Rm/ Sun – 17th 9:45-10:45 AM	Free		
Team Rider	Rm/ Sat – 9:15–10:15AM	Free		
Road Captain Course	Rm/ Sat – 10:30–11:30AM Road/ Sat – 1:00-2:30 PM	Free		
Crash Scene Response	Rm/ Sat – 16th 1:00-2:30 PM	Free		
Seminar Presenter Development Program	Rm/ Sun – 17th 8:00 AM-5:00 PM	Free		
Motorcycling for Mature Rider	Rm/ Sun – 17th 8:00-9:30 AM	Free		
Chapter Educators time with the District Educators	Rm/ Sat – 9:15 AM	Free		
Trailing Seminar	Rm/ Sun – 17th 1:00-2:30 PM	Free		
- Advanced Leadership High Impact Leadership Skills	Rm/ Sat – 16th 9:00–9:45 AM	Free		
- Life Skills Program - Time Management	Rm/ Sat – 16th 10:00-10:45 AM	Free		
- Life Skills Program - Self Esteem, Key to Success	Rm/ Sat – 16th 11:00 AM – 11:45 PM	Free		
- Advanced Leadership - True Colors	Rm/ Sat – 16th 1:00-1:45 PM	Free		
- Advanced Leadership - Coaching & Mentoring	Rm/ Sat – 16th 2:00–2:45 PM	Free		
- Life Skills Program - Stress Management	Rm/ Sat – 17th 3:00–4:30 PM	Free		
- Chapter Life Program - What is the Rider Ed Program?	Rm/ Sun – 17th 9:00–9:45 AM	Free		
- Chapter Life Program - What is a CD?	Rm/ Sun – 17th 10:00-10:45 AM	Free		
- Leadership – General Question/Answer Session?	Rm/ Sun – 17th 11:00-12:00 PM	Free		
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