



MOTORCYCLISTS AGAINST STAYING HOME



Next Gathering
May 4th 7:15pm
at IHOP
The Woodlands



May 2018

Texas District
Chapter **M2**
Spring, Texas

Gold Wing Road Riders Association
Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge
South Central Region H



Houston Ride for Kids 2018

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Remember -
our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.



The M * A * S * H Chapter





Director's Corner

Bart & Cheryl Harris



Summer Get-a-ways?

Ah, summer is almost here; time to get away from the daily grind and go explore and relax a bit. We already had a little taste of that in April at Chapter O's Bluebonnet Rally, which was a lot of fun. This month brings the Texas District Rally - another opportunity to break the chains and get some riding in as well as spend some time with your friends.

In June, Cheryl & I are heading up to the Colorado Springs area for a little longer vacation. We are really looking forward to it as we have not spent any time in that particular region of Colorado in a long time. Do you have plans, big or small this summer to get out on a bike trip or otherwise? If so, how about taking a few pictures and submitting a short little article to the newsletter sharing your adventure? I am sure everyone would be interested in getting a little taste of your fun.

Until next time,
ride smart, ride safe!

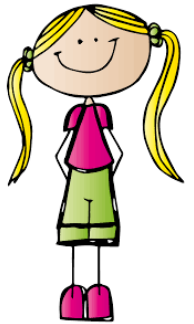
PLAN AHEAD!:

- ♦ May 17-19 District Rally in Brenham
- ♦ Aug. 28th-Sep. 1st Wing Ding 40, Knoxville, TN





Kelly Dooley announces the
Top Individual Fundraisers



Claudia wins the raffle... again, and again...





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Forthcoming in May

COM: Scott & Linda Gresak

**May 4th
Friday
6:30pm**

Chapter Gathering at I-Hop in the Woodlands

Come early to eat and visit; meeting starts at 7:15pm.



**May 8th
Tuesday
7:15pm**

M2 Team Meeting Conference Call

Contact Bart Harris for call in number.



**May 12th
Saturday
10:45am**

Scavenger Hunt Ride (followed by lunch at Whistle Stop Café)

Meet at Chevron.



May 17-19th

Texas District Rally Brenham

Scott & Linda have lots of fun side ventures planned!



**May 22nd
Tuesday
6:30pm**

Midweek Dinner - MOD Pizza in Portofino Shopping Center

Meet at restaurant.



**May 26th
Saturday
5:00pm**

Bike Night at the Drive-In

Meet at Stripes-Sunoco Station.



**May 27th
Sunday
1:00pm**

Scott's Mystery Ride / Game Night

Meet at Stripes-Sunoco Station.



Looking Forward to June

COM: Andy & Claudia Woodard

**June 1st
Friday**

Chapter Gathering at I-Hop in the Woodlands

Come early and visit; meeting starts at 7:15pm

**June 2nd
Saturday**

Ride to Clear Springs Restaurant in Nacogdoches

Meet at Chevron Station, 8:00am

**June 5th
Tuesday**

M2 Team Meeting Conference Call

Contact Bart Harris for call in number.

**June 10th
Sunday**

Ride ending at Fajita Jacks on Lake Conroe

Meet at Stripes-Sunoco Station, 2:00pm

**June 23rd
Saturday**

Ride to Murphy's Steakhouse in Winchester

Meet at Stripes-Sunoco Station, 8:30am





RIDE TO LAKE LIVINGSTON / FARMHOUSE CAFE

What was planned as a Saturday ride ended up getting postponed until Sunday afternoon due to a stubborn rain that, while suppose to clear early on Saturday, just would not give it up.

Sunday was a much better day - brilliant sunshine but a bit windy and chilly. We had 5 bikes and one car make the trip—wondering thru the piney woods before crossing Lake Livingston into Onalaska and the café.

We were met there by Donna & Marty who could not get down early enough for the ride. Scott brought his bike back down from Okie land and, with Linda, rode with us for the first time in awhile. We also had Bill Miller join us for the first time in a long time. Bill is recovering from a serious accident (not motorcycle related) and it was really good to have him with us. Hope to see you often Bill!





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Chapter O Rally Weekend in Fredericksburg

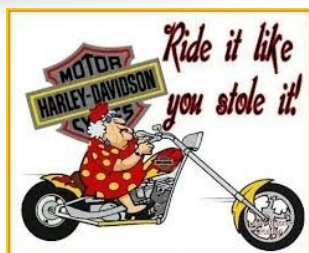
Four couples from M2 headed over to Fredericksburg for a four day weekend in the Hill Country and to attend Chapter O's Rally the first weekend of April. The Grieger's and Harris's stayed at Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park (Rally Site). The Bryan's stayed west of Kerrville so they could ride the 3-Sisters on Friday. Linda and her mother, Jerry came down from Belton on Saturday for the Rally.



We had a nice warm but very windy day on Friday. The Harris's and Grieger's took a ride down to Marble Falls for lunch while the Bryan's wore themselves out on the 3-Sisters.

Saturday was an entirely different story: a cold front come thru and we had gale force winds from the North with the temperatures dropping into the 30's. The Bryan's rode up from Kerrville on Saturday morning to the rally and were pretty much ice cubes by the time they arrived. The rally was good—usual fair but we had a nice time visiting with the other chapters. After the rally, we had a little cookout with Brauts. We ended up staying indoors as a bit chilly still, but fun.

It was a nice little getaway and I am looking forward to more of them soon.



Britt Flirts with the Dark Side

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May Anniversaries

- 4th Dannie & Joanna McFadden
- 18th David & Kim Lamb
- 24th Rex & Michele West



Quote by Claudia

"What seems to us as bitter trials are often blessings in disguise."

Oscar Wilde



May Birthdays

- 3rd Lloyd Porter
- 9th Chris Dillon
- 13th Rex West
- 13th Jeff Terrell
- 16th Catherine Whitfield
- 28th Andy Woodard
- 31st Tina Terrell

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40 to Phoenix: Motorist Awareness Opportunities at Every Stop

For my motorist awareness article this month I'd like to share with you our "40 to Phoenix" adventure and close with how these rides are motorist awareness opportunities. 40 to Phoenix is a GWRRA sponsored activity that involves riders from all over North America riding Interstate 40 to visit our international headquarters in Phoenix, Arizona. This year about 125 riders registered for the event. Six of those were from central Texas: Randy and Kathy Reese and Steven Thomas from Chapter O and John Hall along with Judy and me from Chapter T2. John took his toy hauler and met the group in Phoenix. The rest of us rode up from Austin to Amarillo to meet the main group of riders.

The trip began on an interesting note; it's not supposed to be in the high 40s with strong north winds on April 14th in Texas. That's cold for April. But the wind really made the riding tough. We made it to Lubbock on the first night and even had time to stop by a Tour of Honor location in Bronte, Texas along the way. The next day, we had an easy day with light winds up to Amarillo where Texas District Chapter A treated us to burgers and hotdogs in Palo Duro Canyon. Palo Duro is not the Grand Canyon, but it is spectacular nonetheless.

This is where the journey got interesting. On Monday, April 16th the Reese's stayed in Amarillo with a brake issue on Randy's trike. (There's enough for another article about their adventure home but I'll let them tell it.) So our central Texas group was now down to 3. We had a pleasant day riding to Moriarty, New Mexico. Along the way we stopped at the Russell Truck Stop and Museum just on the New Mexico side of the border. Everyone enjoyed breakfast and looking at the classic cars and bikes. The neat thing about this day was the bike parade. State troopers met us 10 miles outside of Moriarty, shut down the interstate for a few minutes and lead our 125+ bikes into town where the GWRRA chapter catered a great dinner for us. I have to say, I was a little nervous riding with that many bikes, but it was a great site to see.

On Tuesday, we rode to Springerville, Arizona with a brief stop in Pie Town, New Mexico for burgers and pie. Yes, there really is place named Pie Town and it is well worth the stop. As we were heading into Springerville, the winds began to pick up again but nothing we couldn't handle.

It is in Springerville our journey west ended. We were in the hotel lobby eating breakfast when I receive the email that K2 was going to reschedule their weekend event because of the threat of severe weather. About the same time the Phoenix news comes on and says enjoy today because tomorrow the winds will be back up and Interstate 10 maybe closed due to blowing dust. At this point, we were 850 miles from home but only 200 from Phoenix. What do you do? We opted to enjoy the light wind day and head home. We rode 570 miles on Wednesday and ended up in Snyder. We made it home on Thursday, only to see the severe weather go north of us. Overall, it was a great ride of about 2000 miles. I got a good shake down of the new Wing and now I'm ready for the big summer ride to Newfoundland.

In regard to motorist awareness, this trip reinforced to me that every ride is a motorist awareness opportunity. We hadn't ridden 150 miles from home when at a stop we had folks taking pictures of our bikes as we gassed up. They were more than happy to chat with us and were even more delighted when Randy said, "hop on and I'll take your picture." The parade in Moriarty was a grand event but just having 5 or 6 bikes on a ride to lunch will attract attention. If we are mindful of these opportunities, we can really increase the non-riding public's awareness that bikers are out there. The more motorist think about us, the less likely they are to look through us as we ride down the road.

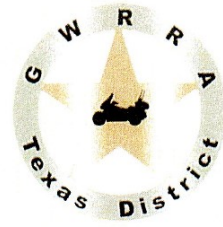
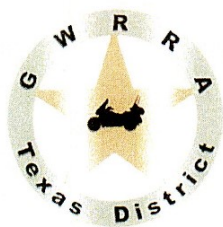
Spring is riding time in Texas. Be sure it is also motorist awareness time as well.

Be safe.

Scott and Judy Finnell



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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Host Hotel</u></p> <p><u>Best Western Inn of Brenham</u> 1503 Hwy 290E Brenham, TX 77833 979-251-7791 Rally Rate: \$89.99 Pet Friendly Reservation Code Gold Wing Road Riders</p>	<p><u>Texas District Rally</u></p> <p>“Winging Back in History”</p> <p>May 17-19, 2018</p> <p>Washington County Fair Grounds</p> <p>1305 E. Blue Bell Road</p> <p>Brenham TX</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>*Opening Ceremonies*</u></p> <p><u>Washington on the Brazos State Park</u> 23400 Park Road 12 Washington, TX 77880 <u>*Visit Blue Bell Creamery</u> <u>*Check out the living history day on Sat. at Washington on the Brazos</u></p>
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Rally Pins to the first 200 registered
 All Pre-Registrations must be postmarked by **May 10th 2018**
No refunds of registration postmarked after May 11th 2018
No animals or pets allowed inside except for Service Animals

<u>District</u>	<u>Registration form</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Miles Traveled</u>
Rider	GWRRA#	Exp:Date	DOB:
2 nd Rider/Co Rider	GWRRA#	Exp:Date	DOB:
City	State	Zip Code	Phone #()
Rider's e-mail	2 nd Rider's e-mail		

DESCRIPTION	(All On Site Registrations will be an additional \$5)	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
<u>GWRRA Pre-Registered Member</u>			\$25 ea	
<u>GWRRA Life Member</u>			\$18 ea	
<u>NON-MEMBERS</u>			\$35 ea	
<u>Child 15 years or younger is FREE with registered Adult</u>				
<u>PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED</u>				
<u>Level IV Meal</u>			\$10 ea	
<u>Level IV Meal-Non-Current/Spouse</u>			\$15 ea	
<u>Opening Ceremony BBQ Dinner</u>			\$10 ea	
<u>Castle Tour/Ride Includes Lunch – Choose one</u>	Fri _____ or Sat _____		\$20 ea	
GRAND TOTAL				

Waiver: I/We agree to hold harmless GWRRA, the Co-Sponsoring Organization, and any Property owners for any loss or injuries to self or property in which I/we may become involved by reason of participation in this event. I/We also agree to assume responsibility for any property I/We knowingly damage.

Rider Signature: _____ Date: _____

2nd Rider/Co-Rider Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sign form and Mail with payment (payable to GWRRA-Texas) to Texas District, PO Box 10438, Killeen, TX 76547-0438

GWRRA TX WINGERS-N-WAVES 2018



Mark your calendar and come sail away with us on October 21, 2018 for 7 nights of WOW! Departs from Galveston, Texas to Honduras, Belize & Cozumel!

Wingers and friends are invited to join the FUN from all over the country! You do not need a Passport if you're a US citizen (original Birth Certificate with state ID).



The sale rates include ALL port taxes, based on double occupancy as of 1/19/18. The rates are subject to change until booked. Please book your cabin with **WINGERS-N-WAVES** to ensure you're included into the special functions and group dinners!

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Window cabin - \$603.50 per person

Inside Cabin - \$519.50 per person



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For full event details WWW.WINGERSNWAVES.COM

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Join us on a ride or at our Monthly Chapter Gathering**



*Traveling around Texas?
Pay a visit to some of our
friends.*

*Go to the Texas District Website for
links to other GWRRA local
chapters:*

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chapters.php](http://www.gwr-ra-tx.org/chapters/chapters.php)

