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Texas District
Chapter **M2**
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Gold Wing Road Riders Association
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Director's Corner

Bart & Cheryl Harris



NEWS from the DISTRICT



Cheryl and I attended the annual Midwinter Round-up for the Texas District mid-January at Washington on the Brazos State Park. It certainly was nice to be able to attend this meeting with a day trip this year!

As everyone knows, we are in the midst of major structure reorganization at GWRRA with the elimination of Regions, reorganization of Riders Ed, etc.; all which became effective January 1st. Let's just say things are still a little bit fluid at this point but they are on it and I am sure we will work through everything in due course.



SLOW TURNING



The District Education Weekend has been moved from early February to March 10th & 11th and will still be in Killeen. They are talking about putting on a Trike Course, Advanced Rider's Course, First-Aid/CPR Courses and some Knowledge Modules. I have not seen a mail-out with full details yet but hopefully will get something soon to forward. Tim has advised that due to changes with the MSF requirements for the Experienced Rider's Course, it may be some time before the MTC facility in Magnolia can offer this course. The District Education Weekend may be your best bet to take this course.

Now, on to the District Rally. As you know, the rally is May 17-19th and will be held at the Washington County Fair Grounds which is on Blue Bell Road. Opening ceremonies will be at Washington on the Brazos State Park. They are still working on the rally schedule and events but here are some tidbits I picked up:

◆ Opening Ceremony at Washington on the Brazos will offer a BBQ dinner catered by Nathan's for a cost of \$10 per person. However, you must pre-register and pay for the dinner. Apparently, it is against state law to collect any money at the state park.

◆ The Level IV event will be a dinner at Must Be Heaven in downtown Brenham before the light show on Friday night.

◆ They will also have a stroll through downtown Brenham Friday evening similar to what has been done at the Region Rally's in Marshall. There will be an Ice Cream Social catered by; you guessed it, Blue Bell.

◆ The rally is going to focus more on activities and rides to various areas rather than Knowledge Modules/Rider's Ed courses. They mentioned tours of Newman's Castle and a ride up to Independence.



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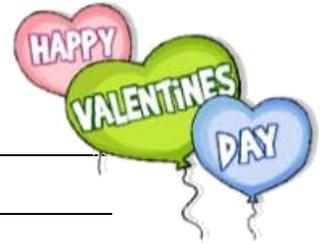


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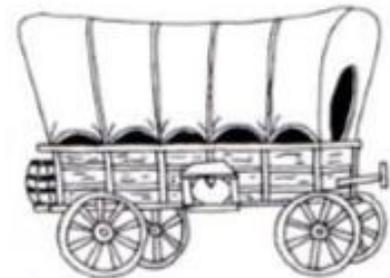
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◆ This year's chapter project is a wagon. They furnished a tiny one to put together. We can either build a bigger one, incorporate the tiny one in a scene of some sort or just do the tiny one. I have the rules and am looking for a volunteer to head this up.

We have included a registration form in this newsletter for your convenience and we will provide more information as it comes together. Given the proximity, hope to see a nice turnout from M2 this year.

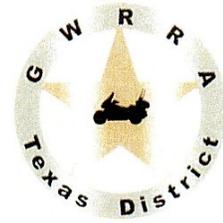
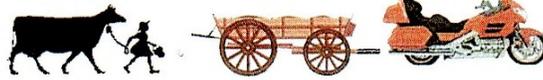
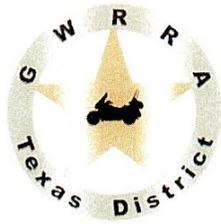
Until next time, ride smart, ride safe!



PLAN AHEAD!:

- ◆ March 10-11 District Education Weekend in Killeen
- ◆ April 5-7 Chapter O Bluebonnet Rally & Campout in Fredericksburg
- ◆ April 29th Ride for Kids
- ◆ May 17-19 District Rally in Brenham
- ◆ Aug. 28th-Sep. 1st Wing Ding 40, Knoxville, TN

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Host Hotel</u> Best Western Inn of Brenham 1503 Hwy 290E Brenham, TX 77833 979-251-7791 Rally Rate: \$89.99 Pet Friendly Reservation Code Gold Wing Road Riders</p>	<p>Texas District Rally “Winging Back in History” May 17-19, 2018 Washington County Fair Grounds 1305 E. Blue Bell Road Brenham TX</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>*Opening Ceremonies*</u> Washington on the Brazos State Park 23400 Park Road 12 Washington, TX 77880 *Visit Blue Bell Creamery *Check out the living history day on Sat. at Washington on the Brazos</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	_____
NON-MEMBERS		_____	\$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



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February Events

COM: Britt & Debbie Grieger

Feb. 2nd
Friday

Chapter Gathering at I-Hop in the Woodlands

Come early and visit/Meeting starts at 7:15pm



Feb. 4th
Sunday

Shankz Black Light Miniature Golf

Meet at Shankz on FM242, 1:00pm
We will be done before the Superbowl - Promise!



Feb. 7th

Wednesday

M2 Team Meeting Conference Call

7:15pm

Feb. 17th

Saturday

Valentines Party

Meet at HARC in The Woodlands, 4:00pm (8801 Gosling)
Dinner catered by Buca di Beppo. \$15/person payable in advance



Feb. 25th

Sunday

Ride to Holders's Old Fashion Burgers in Dobbin

Meet at Stripes-Sunoco Station, 11:30am.



Forthcoming in March

COM: Tim & Kathy Bryan

Mar. 2nd

Friday

Chapter Gathering at I-Hop in the Woodlands

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

Mar. 7th

Wednesday

M2 Team Meeting Conference Call

7:15pm

Mar. 10th

Saturday

Ride to Tejas Chocolate Craftery in Tomball

Meet at Stripes-Sunoco Station, 10:30am



March 14th

Wednesday

Midweek Dinner at Goode Company

Meet at restaurant, 6:30pm

March 24th

Saturday

Ride to Museum of the American G.I. in College Station

Meet at Stripes-Sunoco Station, 8:30am



January Ride Summary

Our first ride of the month was our annual Polar Bear ride with this year's destination the Burton Road House. The Road House is a fairly new establishment next to the Burton Café (which appears to be closed down) in a historic bank building across the street from the historic rail depot. Not really much left to Burton but history but it is a cool little place just the same.

Unfortunately, our ride coordinator came down with the flu but we soldiered on and had a nice ride and good time. Apparently Saturday is the better day to visit this establishment as their menu was limited on Sunday but nobody went away hungry.

We had 15 for this ride including Tim & Kathy, Chase and McKenna, Chris & Brenda, Britt & Debbie, Howard, Andy, Ray & Lucy, Sergio and Mariela and Bart.

Our second ride of the month was the Hay's Leisure Ride. Don was over the flu for this one but unfortunately wet weather and torn-up roads prevented us

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for going to their Montgomery property and we instead made a change in plans with Ransom's Steakhouse in Montgomery as our final destination. The weather was not too cooperative with a misty fog that morning and only four of us hardy souls chose to actually ride. Don led us on a nice ride up FM362 than on FM1774 and back down FM149. Despite the dampness, it was a nice little ride and we stayed dry and warm. That is our bodies anyway—the bikes were a mess!

The rest of the troops came on out and met us at Ransoms with a few choosing to do a little shopping in Montgomery beforehand. We had 16 total. Don, Andy, Claudia and Bart rode. Cynthia, Scott & Linda, Howard & Carol, Jan & Allan, Chris & Brenda, Debbie and Ray & Lucy joined us at the restaurant.



**Bart & Cheryl
at Mid Winter**





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That Motorcycle Vision Thing



A “visionary” is someone who has the ability to evaluate current information, use it to project likely developments in the future, and take effective action today to manage future events and avoid having those events manage them. Former President George H.W. Bush famously referred to this ability as the “Vision Thing.” And the Vision Thing also can apply to riding a motorcycle.

Anyone who has taken the Basic Rider Course knows a motorcycle goes where you look, and effective cornering depends on a rider “looking through” the curve. But in many ways, that only scratches the surface of the “Motorcycle Vision Thing” for riders.



Focusing your sight on the proper “primary” and “secondary” targets is important both to achieving a smooth and effective riding technique and mitigating the dangers incumbent in riding a motorcycle on the street. Primary targets are those of the highest priority, and they demand a rider’s immediate, primary focus. Secondary targets, on the other hand, should be monitored by a rider’s secondary focus, or peripheral vision. For example, when a rider suddenly detects a pothole or other road hazard in his or her peripheral vision, that hazard should, immediately, become a primary target. But instead of fixating on that hazard, the rider should visualize and focus on the best path to avoid it. After the danger has passed, riders should then refocus their attention to the new primary target (i.e., the one with the highest priority).

In the absence of an immediate threat, riders generally should focus as far down the road as their sightline allows, but also keep their eyes roving 360 degrees (by using their mirrors) to detect potential dangers. The farther ahead you focus, the easier it is for your brain to process what you are seeing. It’s as if your bike’s forward motion is progressing at a slower pace. Focusing closer to the front wheel makes the activity being processed by the brain seem to be happening much faster. This often results in jerky rider inputs through the handlebars, brakes, and throttle and less time to detect and avoid hazards.

Let’s consider another example of how this riding technique should work. When riding in a group, particularly if it’s tightly packed, there’s a tendency for riders to focus on the motorcycle directly in front of them, making it their primary target. Because the following rider is not focusing on the road ahead, he or she is constantly braking, accelerating, and erratically executing corners. If, instead, the road becomes the following rider’s primary focus, and the other riders ahead are placed in peripheral vision, the following rider will be smoother and safer.

A rider can practice sharpening up their peripheral vision even when they’re not riding. For example, while walking down a sidewalk, try to pick out details in your surroundings without looking at them directly. With a little practice, riders can master the Motorcycle Vision Thing and improve their riding technique and safety.



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February Birthdays
 5th Bob MacBird
 14th Dennis Kwiecien
 15th Claudia Woodard
 28th Brenda Dillon



Quote by Claudia
 “Don’t be afraid of the space between your dreams and reality. If you can dream it, you can make it so.”
Belva David

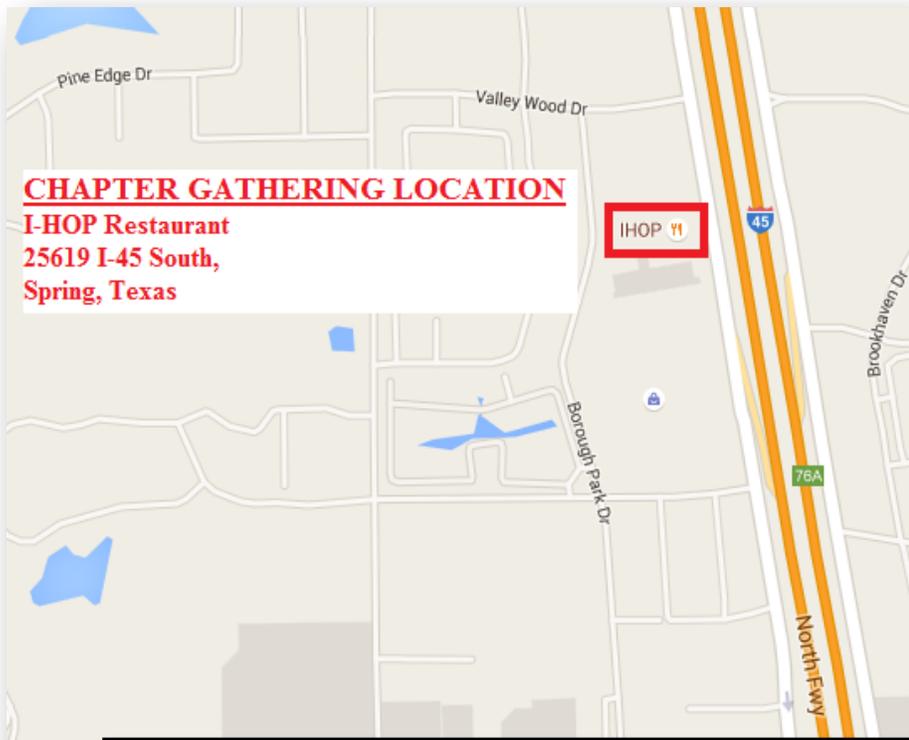
February Anniversaries
 13th Chris & Brenda Dillon



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**Come have some fun with your friends and neighbors,
Join us on a ride or at our Monthly Chapter Gathering**



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chapters:*

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