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June 2018

Texas District
Chapter **M2**
Spring, Texas

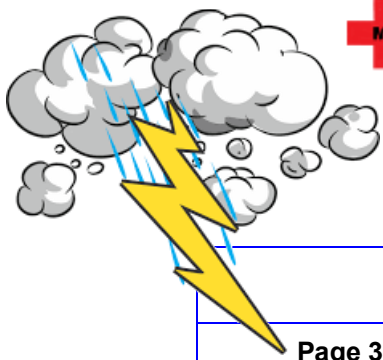
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PIZZA night with M2

What I originally thought would be an intimate dinner for three,

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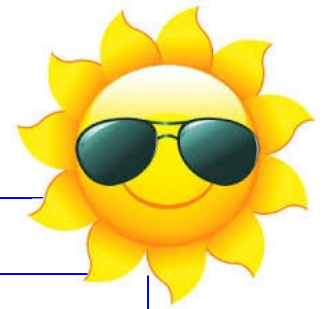


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much to my surprise ended up as a group of nine for dinner! YAY! The more the merrier!! We had a pretty good turnout for the MOD Pizza dinner Tuesday night. I have been going to MOD Pizza in Sterling Ridge for lunch with my office group for some time now. We really love it. When I saw MOD Pizza was opening up a new store in Portofino Shopping Center I thought it would be a perfect place to have a M2 dinner. The real test would be seeing if Debbie would like the pizza, as I know she is not a pizza lover like myself. I think by the end of the night, Debbie even said she liked it. Score! I describe MOD Pizza as kind of like a Subway Pizza style. Their website defines their pizza as artisan-style pizzas and salads from small personal sized to larger sizes for sharing. They have their classic pizza menu items featuring Maddy, Mad Dog, Tristan, Dominic, Lucy Sunshine, Jasper, Dillon James, Calexico, Caspian & Pizza Salad. Hummm not sure if I am into a Pizza Salad but it might be pretty good ... after all I like the Mexican Pizza at Taco Bell ...

I create my own pizza. After all it's one price no matter how many ingredients you put on top!

I say this is Subway style because you order your crust, pick out the amount of sauce you want, pick your fresh toppings and they pop it in the fire burning oven. In minutes, your name is called out and you are enjoying a fabulous pizza you created.



Thank you – Tim & Kathy, Bart & Cheryl, Ray & Lucy, Britt & Debbie – for joining me in my “pizza fix” for the week and making this an enjoyable evening.

I highly recommend trying it out if you haven't already.





Director's Corner

Bart & Cheryl Harris

Stu Oltman



As you surely know by now, Stu Oltman, *Wing World* Technical Editor has retired from the Workbench series after decades of service to the magazine. Stu actually stepped aside for a couple years once before and M2's own, Howard Halasz, capably served as editor of Workbench.

I assume Stu is stepping down for good now and it is our loss. If you are like me, Workbench is where you always go first upon receiving the latest copy of *Wing World*. Stu is the guy who seems to know everything there is to know about any year Goldwing. Sometimes his advice on trouble-shooting was a bit over my head - particularly when it came to electronics; but I always like to read everything he wrote about 1800's to file in my memory bank it case it ever happened to me.

I never had the need to write in directly, but I did pick up some good tips for maintenance of the bike over the years. So, you won't see this, but hats off to you Stu! Thank-you for your years of service.

So, June is upon us. Getting warm but not quite the dog days of summer yet. Our C.O.M.'s, Andy & Claudia, have some nice rides planned this month. The first one is a ride over to Nacogdoches on the 2nd with lunch at Clear Springs Restaurant, which is in the heart of town. Nacogdoches claims to be the oldest town in Texas (I will have to take their word for it). It is a nice place and a little bit of change in direction from our usual rides.

On the 23rd, Back Road Andy is leading us west to Winchester, Texas with lunch at Murphy's Steakhouse. I just love the name of this "town". Murphy's is cool place and the only place I can recall where the waitress got the best of Scott and his antics. I know Andy will find a road less traveled to get there and again, a nice change up from our usual fair.

Sandwiched in between, is a Sunday afternoon ride up to Fajita Jacks on Lake Conroe. Good food and a nice opportunity for bikini; ummmmm make that sailboat, watching.

Also, do not forget, the day before on Saturday the 9th, Brenda Dillion's kids are holding a benefit to help them with her medical expenses at Pappa's Ice House in Spring. The benefit starts at 11:00am and there will be a silent auction. If you have something you would like to donate, you can get with Chris, Brenda, Debbie or Linda.



Until next time,

Ride Smart, Ride Safe!

PLAN AHEAD!:

♦ Aug. 28th-Sep. 1st Wing Ding 40, Knoxville, TN





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Forthcoming in June

COM: Andy & Claudia Woodard

June 1st
Friday
6:30pm

Chapter Gathering at I-Hop in the Woodlands

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



June 2nd
Saturday
8:00am

Ride to Clear Springs Restaurant in Nacogdoches

Meet at Chevron Station, 8:00am



June 5th
Tuesday
7:15pm

M2 Team Meeting Conference Call

Contact Bart Harris for call in number.



June 9th
Saturday
11:00am

Beneft for Brenda Dillion

Pappa's Ice House
314 Pruitt Road, Spring, TX



June 10th
Sunday
2:00pm

Ride ending at Fajita Jacks on Lake Conroe

Meet at Stripes-Sunoco Station, 2:00pm



June 16th
Saturday
11:30am

Chapter W Cookout

Oak Thicket Park – Lake Fayette - See flyer in Newsletter
Reservations Required, Meet there



June 23rd
Saturday
8:30am

Ride to Murphy's Steakhouse in Winchester

Meet at Stripes-Sunoco Station, 8:30am



Looking Forward to July

July 4th
Wednesday

Independence Day Celebration / Game Afternoon

Harris Home, 2:00pm

July 6th
Friday

Chapter Gathering at I-Hop in the Woodlands

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

July 7th
Saturday

Ride to Hearts Veterans Museum in Huntsville

Meet at Chevron Station, 9:30am

July 10th
Tuesday

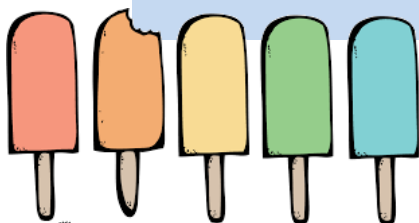
M2 Team Meeting Conference Call

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July 22nd
Sunday

Ride to Holder's Old Fashion Burgers in Dobbin

Meet at Stripes-Sunoco Station, 12:30pm



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The rally had a little different feel to it this year being in very familiar territory so close to home in Brenham. Originally, I had just planned on riding back and forth each day from the house but as the rally drew closer, Cheryl convinced me that perhaps a hotel room in Brenham was a wiser choice. I was really looking forward to riding this year as, for one reason or another, we have not actually ridden a motorcycle to the Texas District Motorcycle Rally in a number of years. Alas, it was not to be but that is another story.....

We had nine total from M2 attend the rally at some point - Dannie, Marty & Donna, Britt & Debbie, Scott & Linda and Bart & Cheryl. The opening ceremony at Washington on the Brazos was fun and a different event. Nathan's BBQ catered and I have to say that was some good BBQ.

They had great participation for the daily rides to Newman's Castle and it was a big hit with everyone I talked to who went. None of us from M2 joined them since we had been there before. We spent most of our time hanging around the Washington Fairgrounds spending money on vendors and searching out cuisine for lunch and dinner.

The Gresak's and Bryan's took the lead this year in making M2's entry into the covered wagon contest. They really out did themselves with their theme of stealing N2's honey and shooting the bee's with a Gatling gun. You have to really study the M2 covered wagon to understand and pick up on everything. I particularly liked the "bee hill" cemetery.

N2 must have guessed something like this was coming as their theme was a campfire scene with Scott tied-up and roasting Scott's trike over a pit. The broken down Harley in the back of the wagon was also a humorous touch.

I thought N2 might give us a run for our money with the entry, but no, M2 took 1st place for our wagon. This is the first time in well, forever, that we have taken first for this contest. Congrats Scott, Linda, Tim and Kathy and thanks for your hard work and creative minds!



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M2 also faired pretty well in the prize department this year as Scott won the 50/50 after the Light Show on Friday, Britt & Debbie won helmets and Bluetooth on Saturday at closing, and Bart & Cheryl won the grand prize cruise.

It was a nice little get-a-way although I wish we would have been on the Trike. The District is changing things up and promises to keep working on new things to do for the rallies.

Next year: Paris (Texas).





GWRRA TEXAS DISTRICT RALLY

The 3rd weekend of May brought the GWRRA Texas District Rally which was themed “Back in Time”, in Brenham. The rally kicked off at “Washington on the Brazos State Park” where we were treated to a BBQ dinner catered by Nathan’s BBQ while learning a little about the history of the area and meeting and dining with the county judge, new police chief and head of the parks and wildlife department who all welcomed us to Brenham. Before leaving, our fearless leader, Bart Harris, took part in the opening ceremony Wagon Games, although we failed to hit the winner’s platform (one of our minimal losses over the course of the Rally). Joining Linda and I on this opening night were the afore mentioned leaders Bart and Cheryl Harris and our adopted members for the weekend Jerry Parnell and Lisa White (Linda’s mother and sister).

Friday brought about more fun as we decorated our M2 Rally Table with our “wagon” (of which we had been working on together with Tim and Kathy’s imagination and hard work over the past 2 months), our Chapter T Shirts and our Chapter Jacket. Other chapters had included these same items along with their banners, scrapbooks and mascots to be judged as “best in the land”. For lunch, we hit a local downtown favorite of Smitty’s Café and Bakery. By this time our quartet had grown to the “Magnificent 7”, as we were joined by Marty and Donna Uphoff and Dannie McFadden. Good food was enjoyed by all from salads to sandwiches, burgers and chicken fried steak. The restaurant boasted about their favorite menu item of a “Peanut Butter and Jelly Hamburger”. Yes, that is right, a hamburger with peanut butter and jelly on the bun. None of us were brave enough to take the leap of faith. However, the next day Chapter N2 dined at Smitty’s and Steve Fleming ordered the “Peanut Butter & Jelly Burger” and his verdict was that it was d-e-l-i-c-i-o-u-s.

After lunch, we made the long awaited and often discussed trip to the Blue Bell Creamery. After watching for a bit through their observation deck, we made it to the true reason of our trip.....ice cream. With so many options to chose from (many more than you find in the stores), it was truly hard to make just one choice. This caused many to make multiple trips as Blue Bell just charged just a dollar donation for the gracious sized cup of ice cream of your choice.

From here, we returned to the rally and did our best to support the vendors before the evening vendor walk in downtown Brenham ending with the lightshow around the square. Before attending the evening events downtown, Dannie made the evening dinner choice of Los Cabos Mexican Restaurant and Steak House. For those that have been on one of our prior Polar Bear rides, this was at the original location of Purcell’s Buffett. As we all know, the chapter by this time is “Mexican Cuisine Aficionados”. The verdict was that this was really good food of which we will have to plan a future chapter ride. (Good Shot Dannie!)



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After we all returned to our hotel for a little rest and relaxation, we made our way downtown for the evening's events. After the judging for the lightshow was complete, all entries along with their "enlightened gold wing friends" created a light show parade around the downtown square, circling multiple times. Once all of the bikes were parked, we learned of the light show winners, while enjoying more Blue Bell Ice Cream. The final event of the night was the 50/25/25 drawing of which was won by a frequent winner in Robin Thacker (of neighboring Chapter N2) and a first-time winner of "yours truly" from the M*A*S*H Chapter. This was quickly gobbled up by Linda, who reminded me of the money I had borrowed from her earlier in the day (easy come, easy go).

Saturday brought Britt and Debbie Grieger to town to join our gang, bringing our rally total to 11. Many of the ladies enjoyed a morning game of Bingo, winning a couple of times. Later in the morning we attended a Sky Med presentation, before taking in lunch at "Must Be Heaven", leading us back to downtown Brenham for an enjoyable lunch. Before long, the closing ceremony was upon us, which was held at the restored "Simon Theater at The Barnhill Center". This historic theater dates back to 1925 and was restored in 2016 after a grass roots donation campaign to this historic treasure. After a brief and interesting film on the history of Brenham, it was on to the closing ceremony's announcements, awards and giveaways.



The 2019 District Rally will be held in Paris Texas the 3rd weekend of May. Paris, Texas is the home of the Eiffel Tower replica which has a Texan Cowboy hat resting atop the tower. During the awards portion of the closing ceremony, we learned that not only did Chapter M2 win the 1st Place for Chapter T-shirt but that we also outdueled



our neighbors from Humble, Chapter N2 in the Wagon Design Competition. Our wagon was themed on taking "N2's Hunny" (realizing they call themselves the Bees). Our wagon was on the run, with the N2 Bees chasing us. From the back of our wagon, the ensuing bees were being held off



by a Gatling gun spraying "OFF" in their vicinity. There were many decorations including our tribute to "Bee Hill Cemetery", along our trail.

Chapter N2 chose a personal attack, roasting a blue trike on a spicket while having a man tied up (in a camo jacket) with a Pomeranian in his lap. Supposedly, it was supposed to be a replica of me (tied up) as well as our trike on the spicket. However, Linda was quick to remind N2 reps that it couldn't be Scott as their replica had on pants. Anyone who knows Scott, knows that he wears shorts. (Victory here, again goes to Chapter M2. Thank you to Tim and Kathy Bryan for all their dedication to this award-winning wagon.)



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To the drawings of which Chapter M2 came away well represented. Britt and Debbie Grieger won (2) HJC Helmets and a Bluetooth headset, while Bart and Cheryl Harris won the Grand Prize Drawing of a 7 Day Royal Caribbean Cruise.

Thanks to all our M2 family who joined us in Brenham making this an entertaining and pleasurable experience.



Quote by Claudia

“Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you’ll start having positive results.”

Willie Nelson

June Anniversaries

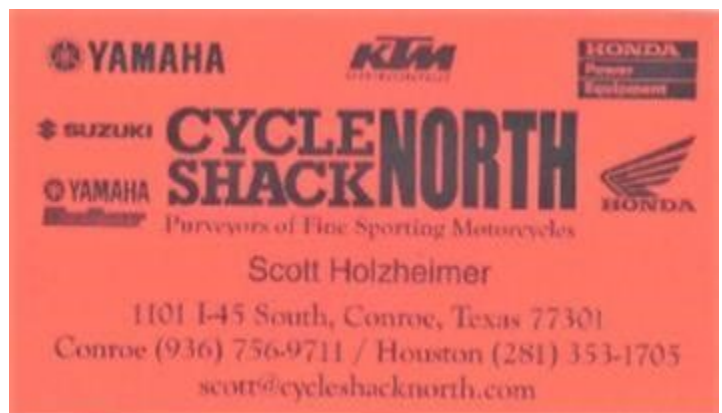
22nd Ray & Lucy Marler



June Birthdays

20th Linda Gresak

23rd Dannie McFadden



M * A * S * H SCAVENGER HUNT

On Saturday May 12th, we had our M*A*S*H Scavenger Hunt Ride that started at the Chevron (at Research Forest Dr and Interstate 45) and ended at The Whistle Stop Café, just (4) exits down the interstate (at Crighton Road and I-45).



In between was 70 miles of backroads intermingling no further South than Porter, no further East than Cleveland and no further North than Conroe, while keeping I45 as a barrier to the West. Along this route were sixteen “camo print strips” well placed, to be located by our riders and co-riders. Some were tied to signs, while others could be found on fence lines or bridge rails. To the victor, finding the most “camo strips” was a free lunch at our ride destination, The Whistle Stop Café.

Our contestants on this day were Howard and Carol Lightner, Britt and Debbie Grieger and Linda Gresak. Since Britt and I had run the route the prior day, placing out all of the camo strips, we excused ourselves from “the hunt”, leaving the search to our co-riders. Once the ride had concluded and all of the ballots were tallied, our winner was Debbie Grieger, who found (9) of the (16) clues. Carol and Linda were both very close, finding (8) apiece. Thank you to the Grieger’s and Lightner’s for coming out to make this a fun event. Additionally, thank you to Britt for giving up part of his day, on the prior Friday, placing all of our clues.

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CHAPTER "W" COOKOUT

**50/50
TICKETS**

Your Chapter is invited to join us for lunch. We will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, side dishes and desert.

\$7.00 per person and bring your own drinks. We will have water for sale.

June 16th - Lunch starting at 11:30 till ???. We have rented the pavilion and it is right on the lake.

**Oak Thicket Park – Lake Fayette
4819 TX-159
Fayetteville. TX 78940**

DOOR PRIZES

RSVP # coming charris8521@gmail.com

MYSTERY RIDE AND GAME NIGHT

Taking advantage of the three-day weekend, the M*A*S*H chapter used the extra time to plan a rare Sunday ride which led to a House Party / Game Night, graciously hosted by Tim and Kathy Bryan. It all started with a ride that originated from the Sunoco at Kuykendahl / Hufsmith.

Showing up for the journey on this day were: Bob Grossman, Howard Lightner, Tim Bryan, Britt Grieger, Ray & Lucy Marler, Andy & Claudia Woodard, and Charlie & Brenda Dower, who rode in from Livingston to join us in the fun.



The ride was proclaimed as a mystery ride which started with some of our frequent routes (Hufsmith, Dobbin-Hufsmith, FM149), before hitting some less frequent choices of Jackson Road, FM 1486, Mock Road, North Mt Mariah, Johnson Rd and Bailey Grove Road. This left us North of Montgomery on FM 149. From there, we cruised into Montgomery for an "Ice Cream Break" at McDonalds. After a short break for McFlurries, milkshakes, ice cream

cones and drinks we were back on our merry way towards FM 2854 and then a short jaunt down I-45 towards FM 1488 and our destination of the Bryan Party House. With less than 15 minutes away from the Bryan's House, the heaven's opened up and attempted to give us a proper baptism on this Sunday. As the heavy drops began to fall, a Chevron station appeared out of nowhere, like a shelter placed from heaven. So, we darted in to the provided sanctuary for cover to wait out the storm. After a short wait and checking our radars to insure the storms had passed over us, we

were on our way to meet up with the rest of the M2 family, waiting for our arrival. We almost met our goal of dodging the rain as we pulled up to the subdivision turn (off FM 1488), when the rain engulfed us. Luckily, we were just a short distance away from our destination of which we all made safely, however this didn't stop us from limping into the Bryan's garage quite soaked.

Meeting us at "The Party House" was our host Kathy Bryan, Debbie Grieger, Carol Lightner, Bart & Cheryl Harris, Allan & Jan Douglas, Dannie & Joanna McFadden, Marty & Donna Uphoff, Chris & Brenda Dillon and Linda Gresak. Burgers, Hot Dogs and Ribs were served for all to consume. The goal was for everyone who wanted to attend to have no obligation to bring any food. Of course, our M2 family being the "givers" that they are, wouldn't hear of this so we invited them (if so led) to bring desserts. Therefore, "OH MY" all of the delicious desserts that we were so lucky enough to enjoy. Many guests were seen with "dessert sampler platters" and who could blame them with all the many fantastic



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selections to choose from. To all of the M*A*S*H ladies, you truly out-did yourselves, as we are all officially counting calories after this event.

With all of the food and socialization, the game night never really had a chance to develop although we were able to get in a few games of Farkle, Pool, Ping-Pong and Cornhole. Kathy was holding court on Cornhole. Dannie had a nice hold on the pool table, while Marty was giving me lessons in Ping Pong. Linda had the early dominance in Farkle besting Andy and Tim before Debbie sat down and started rolling all combinations (known to man) to win the last (2) games.

Linda and I want to thank Tim and Kathy for opening up their beautiful home and making all of our plans become a reality, being gracious hosts all the while. Again, to all of those wonderful desserts, a round of applause goes out to our wonderful M2 bakers. Last but not least, a sincere THANK YOU to our extended friends and family who came on the ride or met us at the Bryan's who made this day so much fun.



GWRRA TX WINGERS-N-WAVES 2018



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

