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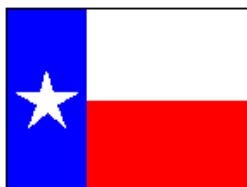
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**GWRR, Region H
Texas, Chapter B/N
"The Brand-New Chapter"**

- Chapter B/N meets the First Tuesday of every month at Raymond's Barbecue, 10920 Garland Road, Dallas. Eat at 6:30 PM, meet at 7:30 PM.
- All Chapter B/N Scheduled Rides depart from Renegade Cycles, 4633 Gus Thomasson (1 block north of Oates) in Mesquite, unless announced otherwise. CB Communications are on Channel 1.

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Chapter B News George Augustas, CD

BITS AND PIECES

The big event in July was **Wing Ding 28**. Six B's made it to Nashville, Tennessee. Phil and Scott, Vince and Paulette Griffin, Eric Flynn, and I attended.

I rode to Nashville on Sunday, July 1. I left early in the morning and arrived Sunday afternoon. I thought I had a room reserved for that day, but they said my reservation wasn't until Monday. They got me a room at another hotel nearby. The next day, I moved my things from that hotel to the Opryland.

Gaylord Opryland Hotel is one huge place! It took me two days to learn my way about. There were a few problems, but nothing severe. Considering the size of the place, I think the hotel staff do an admirable job of accommodating everyone. My room was very nice. The facilities were excellent for the rally. If we go back there, they say they will try to change it so we won't be so spread out.

I checked in at the Cascades lobby. They give you a map of the hotel when you check in. You

need the map to learn your way about until you get to know it better. Unfortunately, my room was almost as far away from the lobby as one could get. After awhile, I learned that they have two lobbies. I used the Magnolia lobby afterwards, and it was not nearly so far. I still had a long walk, though.

One nice thing about Opryland is that you can stay there and not need to ride anywhere. They have plenty of fine restaurants right inside the hotel. There is a courtesy bus that will take you to a nearby mall or to several nearby restaurants, and you can take the Nashville Metro bus to go elsewhere in Nashville. The only time I had to leave the area was to go on the parade.

My brother and his wife came down for a day, and we had a delicious lunch at Rachel's buffet in the hotel. Then we walked all over the place looking about.

There were many good vendors at the rally, as usual. I bought a new headset for my helmet, so now I have no excuse for not being able to commu-

nicate on the rides.

We had a record number of bikes in the Grand Parade: 1,246. I understand that the parade will be listed in the Guinness Book of World Records.

In Tennessee, the law requires a skill contest to win a prize. Accordingly, they varied the Grand Prize drawing procedure a bit. They drew three "winners," who had to throw darts to determine the final winner. But the "losers" ended up winners also, for they gave the second place \$250, and the third place won a free registration to Wing Ding next year. Personally, I think that made the drawing more fun.

Next year, Wing Ding will return to Billings, Montana. My last time there was in 1997, the year of "the accident." If you are thinking of going next year, be sure to get your reservation in early, as the hotels tend to fill up *fast*.

August Birthdays: Happy Birthday to David Weiland, Paul Mehne, Rochelle Pierce, and Mike Thompson. Happy

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Anniversary to Phil and Suzanne Polhemus.

The Chapter B Web page is working again. Don Pierce has graciously agreed to continue serving as Webmaster. Thanks, Don.

The weather is turning a little bit cooler lately, so it should be nicer for going on rides. We have several events coming up. We want everyone to join us on these rides.

August events: There is a lunch ride to the Ranch House in Gun Barrel City on August 5. We shall leave at ten o'clock. We need a ride leader for this ride. If you can lead the ride, please let one of the staff know at the Gathering.

The following Saturday, August 12, Chapter M is holding their annual Moonlight Fun Run at the Home Depot on Highway 287 in Mansfield. The rally gets under way at 8:30 PM, but we will have a group ride leaving from Renegade Cycles at 7:30.

The following weekend, Chapter I will have their 3rd Annual Spirit Fest in Marshall. There is an ice cream

social on Friday evening. The rally opens at 8:00 AM on Saturday. This is an open weekend, but if you would like to ride to Marshall as a group, please e-mail or telephone me by August 14. I plan on going to Marshall on Friday August 18.

On Saturday, August 26, we have a casino ride to Winstar, Oklahoma. Phil Polhemus may lead this ride.

On Tuesday, August 29, we will have an ice cream ride at 6:30 PM. We need a volunteer to lead this ride. We hope to make this a permanent bi-weekly or monthly event, depending on interest.

The following weekend is Labour Day. This is an open weekend. Our next Gathering will be held on September 5 at Raymond's Barbecue.

The newsletter deadline date is August 25. I want to take a moment to encourage everyone to submit articles, photos, or what-have-you for *your* newsletter. If you go on an interesting ride, please share it with other Chapter B members. I will accept articles for inclusion in the

newsletter at any time. Articles received after the deadline may be printed in the next newsletter. Articles will be accepted in any format, as long as I can read it. I will accept Microsoft Word, e-mail, typewritten, or even handwritten on a napkin. All submissions will be considered. This is your newsletter. Please contribute. The editor reserves the right to edit all submissions for conciseness, clarity, grammar, or other non-intentional errors. And no profanity, please.

If I have forgot anyone or anything, please bring it to my attention, and please accept my apologies.

That is about all I have for now. So, ride safely, and keep the shiny side up and the rubber side down. ☺

George

From Your Former District Directors Breeze and Carolyn Hoadley

What a great Holiday weekend, Carolyn and I spent some much needed time just doing nothing at the lake sitting in the ole lawn chairs. The weather was not bad with the wind blowing keeping the temp down some. We finally got our RV out of moth balls. We even had time for a ride on the bike. Now it is back to work and get ready for the next camping trip.

Now that we have stepped up to 'Member' after 9 years on District Staff the adventures are already looking to be most

challenging. We plan to be just as active as we can and eager to participate in the many rallies and such in GWRRA.

Carolyn and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff that volunteered to join us over the years to keep supporting the Texas membership and the other Districts in Region 'H'.

Now as it is time for us to move up and make welcome to the new Texas District Staff, please join us in wishing them all well. The Texas membership made us proud in the support that was

given the Staff and would like to encourage all of the Texas membership to rally around the up coming staff as they mount their own ladder and make the climb up.


We will never forget the memories that came along with this fantastic ride, for the friendships that was made during our tenure will be close to our hearts.

Thanks & Love to All,

Breeze & Carolyn Hoadley

Rider Education

To be or Not To Be... with your helmet

 In our continuing effort to encourage a progressive motorcycle safety program, we hereby announce a unique policy that will hopefully benefit all riders. It is a motorcycle helmet exemption program. If you are one of those "hard headed individuals" that wants to let your hair blow in the breeze, who feels a helmet shortens his/her neck, and that in general it is just a pain in the "you-know-what", this program is for you.

Every rider is "suggested" to wear a helmet while riding. But, if you earn a Certificate of Exemption, you will be excused from this requirement. The program works like this: Basically, if your head meets the standards for head protection, you don't need a helmet. Contact the chapter educator to be tested at the earliest possible date. Upon success for completion of testing, you will receive a beautiful embossed certificate, suitable for framing, identifying your head as conforming to American National Standards Institute (ANSI Z89 and Z89.2, Classes A, B, C, and D) and

Department of Transportation (DOT). You will also receive a wallet-sized card that you must carry on the motorcycle. The test includes the following:

1. You will undergo a 24-hour water immersion test. The maximum permitted absorption is 0.5% by weight. The chapter, at no charge, will furnish air.
2. Passing that, an impact test will be conducted. While lying horizontally, with your head resting on a steel plate, an 8-pound steel ball will be dropped on it several times from a height of five feet without damaging your hair.
3. Next, your head will be subjected to the application of a variety of acids, solvents, oils and road surfaces. It must pass without damage or deficiencies.
4. Then, a propane torch will be used to determine if your head is fire resistant. If only slow burning, you may achieve a Class A or B rating. If there are any holes in your head, it will restrict you from Class A rating.

5. On the final test, you must sustain 2,200 volts AC, 60 Hz, for three minutes with leakage currents not to exceed 9 milliamperes. Breakdown has been established at 30,000 volts.

6. All tests must be conducted at a variety of temperatures ranging from -20 degrees to 140 degrees Fahrenheit.

If you don't feel you can qualify, don't despair. Although not as pretty as your hairdo, your motorcycle helmet does provide protection for your head from all the above.

Remember, unless you can receive an Exemption Certificate, you should continue wearing your motorcycle helmet. Not wearing one is a privilege that will be granted only to those who are properly certified and designated as a genuine HARD HEAD! ☺

Sam & Anita Belinoski
Former District Educators

June Gathering

By George Augustas

Five B's met at Raymond's Barbecue on June 6 for the Monthly Gathering of Chapter B/N. Attending were Tom Fletcher, Scott Polhemus, Robbie and Nancy Veatch, and myself.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

I requested ride suggestions from everyone to be used in planning rides.

We discussed Wing Ding and who would be attending. I reminded everyone about the combined Chapter B lunch in Nashville.

Owing to the small number present, we did not have a raffle drawing. In the door prize drawing, Tom won a multi-bit screwdriver set, Robbie won a 2-piece screwdriver set, Nancy won a scented candle, and Scott won a Bonanza DVD.

The cake auction has proven to be a big hit, so it continued in June. Each bid is \$1, and anyone can bid or rebid. There is a set time limit, which is not revealed to the bidders. The last bidder when time is called wins the item, and all bids are donated to the chapter treasury. Tom won a

homemade cheesecake, which brought in \$10. I think it was one of the best ones I ever made. I intend to have a cake each time. It may not be the same kind each time, but if you would like to be in on it, you have to be here.

Thanks to everyone who attended. Please come again. If you missed it, please try to attend the next one. We want to see *you* there. ☺

—George

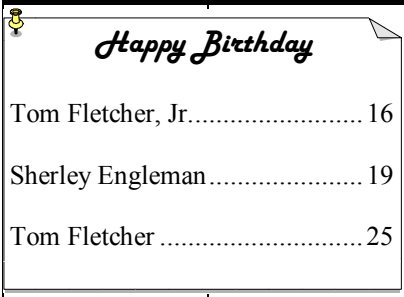
Area Chapter Meetings

Chapter	Location	Meeting Time	Meeting Location	Meeting Day
Chapter B/N	Garland/ Richardson	6:30/7:30 PM	Raymond's Barbecue 10920 Garland Rd., Dallas	1st Tuesday
Chapter F2	Fort Worth	6:30/7:30 PM	Luby's Cafeteria 251 University Dr., Fort Worth	1st Tuesday
Chapter G2	Greenville	6:00/7:00 PM	Ryan's Steak House IH-30 & Hwy 34, Greenville	3rd Tuesday
Chapter M	Arlington	6:00/7:00 PM	Spring Creek Barbecue 1724 Hwy 287 at Debbie Lane, Mansfield	1st Thursday
Chapter P	Granbury	6:00/7:00 PM	Golden Corral 1300 S Morgan (Hwy 144) Granbury	2nd Thursday
Chapter R	D-FW	6:00/7:00 PM	Fuddruckers 2001 SR-121, Grapevine, Texas	4th Tuesday
Chapter U2	Keller	8:30/9:00 AM	Charlie's Restaurant Grapevine, Texas	3rd Saturday
Chapter W2	Waxahachie	6:30/7:30 PM	Fire Mountain Restaurant 1400 Hwy 77 N, Waxahachie	3rd Thursday
Chapter Y2	Tyler	6:00/7:00 PM	Sweet Sue's, Kermit Hwy. 3350 S. S.W. Loop 323, Tyler	1st Tuesday
Chapter Z2	McKinney	6:30/7:00 PM	Steak Kountry, 153 Westgate Shopping Center, McKinney	4th Thursday

August 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>David Weiland.....7 Paul Mehne.....8 Rochelle Pierce.....24 Mike Thompson.....30</p> <p>Happy Anniversary</p> <p>Phil and Suzanne Polhemus.....27</p>		<p>1 ☽ First Quarter 2</p> <p>Chapter B Monthly Gathering at Raymond's Barbecue Eat 6:30 pm Meet 7:30 pm</p>		3	4	<p>5 Lunch Ride to Ranch on Gun Range City</p> <p><i>Cancelled</i></p>
6	7	8	9 ☽ Full Moon	10	11 Dog Days End	12 Chapter M Moonlight Fun Run Home Depot Hwy 287 Mansfield Starts 8:30 PM Leave 7:30 PM
13	14	15 ☾ Last Quarter	16	17	18	19 Chapter I 3rd Annual Spirit Fest Marshall Civic Centre Marshall, Texas Friday Ice Cream Social 6 till 8 PM Doors open 8 AM on Saturday.
20	21	22	23 ● New Moon	24	25	26 Casino Ride to Winstar, OK (TBA)
					Newsletter Articles Due!	
27	28	29 Ice Cream Ride 6:30 PM	30	31 ☽ First Quarter		

September 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><i>Happy Birthday</i></p> <p>Tom Fletcher, Jr..... 16</p> <p>Sherley Engleman..... 19</p> <p>Tom Fletcher..... 25</p>					1	2
3	4 Labour Day	5 Chapter B Monthly Gathering at <i>Raymond's Barbecue</i> Eat 6:30 pm Meet 7:30 pm	6 ☺ Full Moon	7	8	9 Chapter R Rally Knights of Columbus Hall 2104 Willis Lane Keller Starts 9:00 AM Leave 8:00 AM
10 Grandparents Day	11	12	13 ☾ Last Quarter	14	15	16 Chapter Y2 8th Annual Rally and Fun Run Trade Centers I and II Canton, Texas
17	18	19	20	21	22 ● New Moon Autumn Begins Newsletter Articles Due!	23 Chapter X Mardi Gras Rally Guth Park Corpus Christi Ride to Justin, Texas Leave 10:00 AM (Phil)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 ☽ First Quarter

Coming Events

Date	Chapter	Event	Location	Contact/E-Mail	Phone
August 12	M	Moonlight Fun Run	Home Depot Parking Lot Hwy 287, Mansfield, Texas	Gary and Beverly Lewis garydlew@aol.com	817-279-9804
August 18, 19	I	3rd Annual Spirit Fest Ice Cream Friday 6 to 8 PM Rally opens 8 AM Saturday	Marshall Civic Centre Marshall, Texas	Ruby Seale rubyseale@cox-internet.com	903-856-5153
September 9	R	Chapter R Rally	Knights Of Columbus Hall 2104 Willis Lane Keller, Texas 76248	Gary & Alice Meyer thebikersmeyer@charter.net	940-497-4818
September 16	Y2	8th Annual Rally and Fun Run	Trade Centers I and II Canton, Texas	Allen Carter www.texasy2.org	903-570-3917 or 903-566-9235
September 23	X	Mardi Gras Rally	Guth Park Corpus Christi, Texas	Ron and Magaly Griffis rgriffis@charter.net	361-777-3670
October 14	H	Wings In The Park Rally	San Antonio, Texas	Charles Fleming cfleming1@satx.rr.com	210-682-1446
October 21	T	T-Fest Rally	Killeen, Texas	director@centexwings.org	
October 22	M2	Chapter M2 Rally Sundae In The Park	Montgomery Community Ctr Montgomery, Texas	Dennis and Nancy Kwiecien dkwiecien@houston.rr.com	936-273-4182
November 11	Z	17th Annual Birthday	Pasadena, Texas	Kadie Shipley shipley633@aol.com	281-479-1018
2007 March 3	S	4th Annual Armadillo Roundup	Montgomery Community Ctr Montgomery, Texas	Eric & Toppo Swaim ejswaim@yahoo.com	979-826-9463
March 17	V2	Rally By The Lake	Brackenridge Plantation Lake Texoma	Alyce Hartman dearwing@cox-internet.com	361-573-6529
March 17	X2	X2 Birthday Party	Bear Creek Park		
March 22-24	★	Region H Rally	Civic Center Complex Marshall, Texas	Cliff Miller hdirector@region-h.org	405-949-1748
March 24	X2	8th Annual Birthday Party	Bear Creek Park Houston, Texas	Jim & Fran Rigell jrigell@sbcglobal.net	713-983-0696
March 31	J	21st Annual Fools Run	Winnie Community Center Winnie, Texas	Gary & Glenda Wagner gwagner@gt.rr.com	409-769-4328
April 13, 14	O	Bluebonnet Campout & Rally	Lady Bird Johnson Park Fredericksburg, Texas	Richard Seay bseay@austin.rr.com	512-894-3139
April 12-14	★	Louisiana District Rally	Holiday Inn Holidrome Lafayette, Louisiana	Jere and Maurine Pyburn goldwing98@jam.rr.com	318-387-1741
April 28	O2	Heart of Texas Rally	Riverside Park Brownwood, Texas	Dave and Jean Simmons jensim@web-access.net	325-382-4469
April 28	V2	Rally By The Lake	Lake Texana, Texas	Alyce Hartman	
May 10-12	★	Arkansas District Rally	Hot Springs, Arkansas		
May 17-19	★	Texas District Rally Riding With The Stars	MPEC Wichita Falls, Texas	John Simonick TexasDD@gwrra-tx.org	210-497-0447

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From Your New District Directors

John and Bonnie Simonick

First and foremost, we would like to personally thank Cliff and Donna Miller for the confidence they have displayed in us, and the many people inside and outside of Texas that have supported us either subtly or openly.

Secondly and of equal importance, we would like to thank the individuals that have accepted to share our commitment to the Texas District, and join what we would like to call the “Horizons Dream Team.”

We are truly excited about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead of us. We are grateful for all the pledges of support from various Chapter Directors, Chapter staff members, and GWRRA members at large. We will definitely rely on that support as we journey through the next three years.

The District Staff’s Goals and Objectives are included in this newsletter, and we would like to summarize our thoughts on the approach we will take. We believe the most challenging role in GWRRA is the role of Chapter Director. It is the Chapter Directors’ responsibility to serve the membership in the areas of Fun, Safety, and Knowledge. We believe it is our role to support the

Chapter Directors and their staffs in those efforts. Some of the ways we plan to do this are outlined in the Objectives. We will also work diligently with the Chapters to identify specific needs and meet those needs. We will find ways to increase the availability of training in both the Rider Education and Leadership Training arenas. Finally, we will focus our efforts where the greatest needs are, which will preclude us from generating one-size-fits-all solutions.

In closing, we would like to share our plan to cross train the entire District Staff in the various disciplines of GWRRA so that any one of us may be contacted with questions, for guidance, or as a sounding board. Until we accomplish this cross training (targeted to be complete by year end), we may have to defer to each others area of expertise, but rest assured, we will accommodate your needs.

Sincerely and regards,

John & Bonnie Simonick

Your Texas District Directors

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Protect What You Want To Keep

By John and Lydia Bourg, District Educators

Protect what you want to keep is a phrase we hear often. We hear this when the discussion on where and when to wear protective gear comes up. The Texas summer heat is upon us and we don't really want to wear much of anything. So what do we do?

Let's start at the top. What do you want to keep? Eyesight and hearing come to mind. You want to keep your skin. So what do you do? Sunscreen is a protective device. If you wear a helmet that comes down over your ears you are helping to protect your hearing. If the helmet has a face shield you are protecting your eyes from foreign objects. Sunglasses help protect your eyesight as well.

Long sleeve shirt or jacket. Covering your arms and torso helps you protect your skin from

sun and wind burn. It also helps to keep you hydrated by slowing down the moisture loss from the wind. Many people will also tell you that they are cooler with a long sleeved shirt or jacket than they are bare arm. It is up to you to decide the level of protection you want - long sleeve t-shirt, mesh jacket or something else.

Gloves. Gloves keep your hands protected from sun and wind burn. They also help you keep a grasp on the grips so that sweaty hands don't slip.

Long pants do for your legs what a long sleeve jacket does for arms. Pants protect you from sun and wind. They also protect you from street debris.

Over the ankle boots protect ankles, feet and toes from street debris, heat from the bike and heat from the street.

Don't forget to drink lots of water. If you drink enough water you will remain hydrated and therefore keep your ability to perform. Sports drinks are great but can be high in sugar. If you feel the need for these specialty drinks try alternating them with water. Not soda, coffee or tea. It is best to stay away from caffeinated drinks in the heat.

Protect what you want to keep. Not only will you keep away from pain or discomfort but you will be around for the next ride with friends and family.

Keep the Shiny Side Up!
John & Lydia Bourg
District Educators

Great Idea

By Paul Mehne

Next time you come home for the night and you go to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation.

Start keeping your car keys next to your bed on the nightstand when you go to bed at night.

If you think someone is trying to get into your house, or if you hear a noise outside your house, just press the panic alarm on your car key chain. Test it! It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your

driveway or garage!

If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break in your house, odds are the burglar or rapist won't stick around... after a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that.

Try yours to make sure it works before you rely on it. Just know that you must press the Alarm button again to turn it off.

And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there...

This is something that should really be shared with everyone.

Maybe it could save a life or a crime.

—*Paul Mehne*

Via e-mail

Note: Some car alarms stop automatically after several seconds, so if you still think someone is about, you have to press it again. You may want to tell your neighbours what you are doing before you decide to try it to avoid creating animosity. You might also consider keeping your extra car key fob near the bed instead. Make sure it works, though. —Editor

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