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Texas, Chapter B
“The Fun Chapter”**

- Chapter B meets the Second Saturday of every month at Soulman’s Barbecue, 691 E. IH-30, Rockwall. Eat at 8:00 AM, meet at 9:00 AM.
- Unless otherwise noted, Chapter B Rides depart from the Wal-Mart, IH-30 at Broadway, Garland. CB communications are on Channel 1.

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WING DING 31!

George Augustas, Chapter Director

We had a great time at the District Rally, even though we didn’t win anything. Oh well, better luck next time.

I really enjoyed the ride to Palo Duro Canyon. The rain cooperated and held off until we had returned.

The Chapter Basket was very successful. Our thanks to Ken, Celeste, Mike, and Joan who prepared the basket.

I did not get to go on the Arkansas and Kerrville rides. I did go on the ride to Stephenville. It was fun, although hot. We stopped on the way back to cool off and rest awhile.

Coming Rides and other events:

There is a lunch ride to Muenster immediately following the Gathering today.

On June 27, we are riding to Fort Worth to visit the zoo. We will stop at Kincaid’s Hamburgers for lunch. The departure time is 9:30 AM from the Wal-Mart parking lot at I-30 and Belt Line Road.

There will be a ride to the Dairy Queen in Quinlan on June 30. Meet there at 7:00 PM.

The **Big Event** is almost here: **Wing Ding 31 in Tulsa**. Be there or be square. If you will arrive on Wednesday, try to attend the Couple Of The Year selection. It begins at 1:30 PM in the Pavilion.

In July, we will be entertaining some very special visitors: 27 Gold Wing riders from France and Belgium. They are making a tour of five states in one month (talk about your iron butt ride). They will begin in California and ride east across Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, and Louisiana. They expect to arrive in Dallas on July 11. They plan to visit Southfork Ranch that day. On Sunday, 12 July, Texas District is having a luncheon for them at the Corner Pocket Sandwich Shoppe in Garland. **Everyone is invited.** Please try to attend. Let’s show them some real Texas hospitality. Most of these folks have

never been to the United States. Their impressions of Texas are based mainly on the program *Dallas* (n’avez-vous jamais entendu J.R. Ewing parler français?). I admire their fortitude for riding halfway across a strange country—where almost no one speaks their language—in the dead of summer, too.

Watch the calendar for further details about upcoming rides.

Happy June Birthday wishes to Celeste Lyons and Mike Kaskavage. If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please accept my apologies. Please enter the correct information on the sign-in sheet or e-mail me with the correct dates so I can correct my records.

Until next time, ride safely, and keep the shiny side up and the rubber side down. ☺

George

Assistant Chapter Directors

Kenneth and Celeste Lyons

Well, the District Rally is over and we had a great time! On Thursday, Kenneth raced our Armadillo in the Armadillo race. In the beginning it looked like he was going to win, but close to the finish line, the dice would just not fall his way. Joan and I attended the Co-Rider seminar (we are now official!), and then Kenneth, Mike, Joan, George, and I attended the Road Captain's seminar on Friday. We rode to Palo Duro Canyon with Chapter G2 on Friday evening even though there was a hint of a storm in the area. On Saturday, we sold tickets to our basket and worked the Off-Bike games. It rained all day. We had a lot of fun and the people playing the games seemed to have fun also. Be sure and check out all the pictures on our website. We met a lot of people from other chapters and had a good time sharing ideas and getting to know them we also had a great time "hanging out" with Chapter G2.

On Friday, May 22, Mike, Joan, Kenneth, and I rode to Arkansas for the Memorial Day weekend and had a wonderful time. We stayed in Hot Springs, Harrison, Arkansas (no rooms in Eureka Springs but we ate breakfast there), and Poteau Oklahoma. We rode Hwy 7 from Hot Springs to Russellville and stopped by Russellville Honda. We then went to Mt. Petit Jean and Mt. Nebo. We didn't make it



to Mt. Magazine, but we can plan for that the next trip we take to Arkansas. We seemed to get wet everyday but the scenery and ride was well worth it.

We met for our first Tuesday night ride on May 12 at the Sonic in Lavon. Mike, Joan, Ken, Kenneth, and I were in attendance. Our second Tuesday was May 26 at the Dairy Queen in Garland. Mike, Joan, George, Terry, Lloyd, Kenneth, and I were in attendance. We are meeting every other Tuesday, so check the calendar on the website to see where the next one will be.

We have several rides coming up and hope to see more participation from everyone.

Until next time, be safe! ☺

Celeste and Kenneth Lyons

Visiteurs de la France

Il y aura 27 coureurs à Gold Wings de la France et de la Belgique à Dallas en juillet. Ils vont faire une grande tournée de cinq états: Californie, Arizona, Nouvelle Mexique, Texas, et Louisiane.

Ils vont arriver à Dallas le 11 juillet. Ils ont envie de visiter à Southfork Ranch. Le 12 juillet, GWRRA Texas auront un déjeuner-causerie dans leur honneur. L'endroit sera La Pêche au Coin (The Corner Pocket) en Garland, 601 Main, sur la place de ville.

Venez à rencontrer avec eux et montrez à eux le vrai hospitalité de Texas! **Tout le monde est bienvenu.** ☺

Visitors from France

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They will arrive in Dallas on July 11. They plan to visit Southfork Ranch. On July 12, GWRRA Texas will host a luncheon in their honour at the Corner Pocket in Garland, 601 Main, on the town square.

Come and meet them and show them true Texas hospitality! **Everyone is Welcome!** ☺

George

Rider Education

Balancing and Steering

by David Hough

Counter-steering—the technique we use to balance and steer our two-wheelers—is a subject of controversy among motorcyclists. There are riders around who don't believe counter-steering works at all. Others agree that it works, and we're willing to attempt to explain how it works. Some of us know it works but prefer to not get embroiled in heated discussions. Yet others are so frustrated by years of confusion that they wish the term had never been created. Let's see if we can unravel some of the mystery.

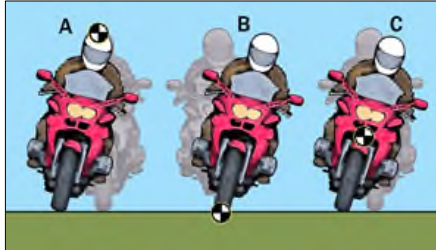
In its simplest terms, counter-steering is steering the front wheel opposite to the direction you want the motorcycle to lean. But that's not the complete story. To get a better grasp of how two-wheelers are balanced and steered, we'll need to wade through some additional concepts.

I've had some riders deny that counter-steering can work. They realize that if you steer the front wheel toward the left and hold it, the bike will quickly roll over to the right until it hits the ground. Furthermore, with the bike leaned into a curve, most of the time the front wheel is pointed toward the curve, not away from it. So, how can you counter-steer and still control lean angle? What you do is momentarily steer away from the curve to cause the bike to lean. Then, when the bike has leaned over to the angle at which it will make the desired radius of turn, you ease up on the grip to allow the front wheel to re-enter and then turn slightly toward the direction you want to go. The important point here is that the counter-steering push is very brief, perhaps just a half second.

It might help to redefine lean as "roll", using airplane terminology. After all, you can roll the bike *up* as well as *down*, or roll from right to left. So, how does counter-steering cause the bike to roll down or up? Imagine a bike from a front view. Does a bike roll around its tire contact patches, or around the rider's head, or around its center of mass? And why should we care?

The reason we should care about how it works is that we don't have any reasonable way to control roll other than steering the front wheel. If you think about it, a motorcycle can roll around any center. If a strong wind blast hits you from one side, the bike will roll downwind, around the tire contact patches (as in bike B). To counter a

wind blast you could steer the front wheel downwind, and the bike would roll around the rider's head (as in bike A). Normally the bike will roll more-or-less around its Center



of Mass (as in bike C). The point is; the only powerful technique you have to control roll is steering the front wheel.

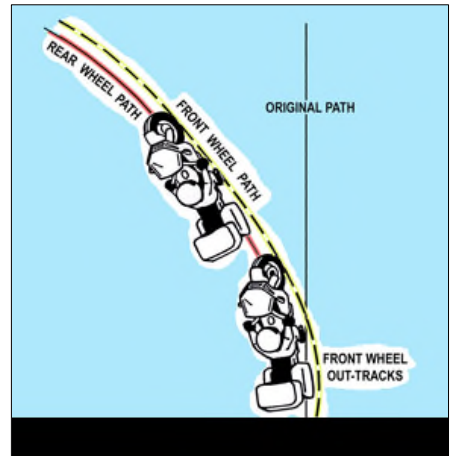
The reason this works is that the bike has inertia that resists the mass moving off center from the direction it's headed. The wheels have less mass, so when the front wheel is steered in one direction, the top of the motorcycle reacts by rolling in the opposite direction. It's not just a matter of waiting for gravity to pull more on one side, but that front tire traction actually forces the bike to roll around its Center of Mass (COM.)

A good demonstration of this is to balance a stick vertically on the palm of one hand. A broomstick will work fine—with the bristles up. Notice that to keep the stick balanced, you have to move your palm opposite to the direction you want the stick to lean. For instance, if the stick wants to fall over to the right, you must move the bottom of the stick even farther to the right to get it rebalanced. You'll find that a broomstick with the bristles on top will roll more around the top (like bike A). In other words, you move the bottom of the stick and the top stays in almost the same place. That's because the bristle end of a broom is heavier, so the COM is closer to that end. With a motorcycle, the COM is lower—approximately between the rider's knees.

Steering (Unbalancing)

Steering a bike involves unbalancing it, to cause it to roll toward the direction you want to go. For instance, if you want to go left, you must roll the bike left. You can do that by momentarily steering the front wheel toward the right, until it rolls over to an angle you predict is about right for your speed and radius of turn. Then you ease up on the steering pressure to allow the front wheel to point slightly toward the curve. With the bike leaned and turning, gravity and centrifugal force are balanced.

Let's observe that as you counter-steer, the front tire tracks out away from center. Then as the bike rolls toward the curve and you allow the front wheel to re-center, the front tire describes an arc similar to the rear tire, but somewhat toward the outside. We describe this as the front tire "out-tracking." This is nothing new; it was observed a few years ago by Orville Wright, a bicycle manufacturer (before he and his brother Wilbur built the first airplane.)



You can test this for yourself by riding your bike through a puddle of water and then making a turn. Park the bike and walk back to observe the tire tracks. You'll see that the front tire made a quick swerve, and then tracked an arc outside that of the rear tire. Another important part of this experiment is to note that the initial counter-steering swerve is very short. Most of the time while turning, the front wheel is pointed toward the curve. That's one reason why many motorcyclists have difficulty understanding counter-steering.

David L. Hough is one of the few moto-journalists who focus on riding skills. He has been writing about skills for more than 30 years, notably as a contributing editor to *Motorcycle Consumer News*. Dave has written several books about motorcycling, including *Proficient Motorcycling*, *More Proficient Motorcycling*, and *Street Strategies*. ☺

Reprinted from *Road Gear*

May Gathering

By George Augustas

Twelve B's met at Soulman's Barbecue on May 9 for the monthly Gathering of Chapter B. Attending were Ken Brown, Tom Fletcher, Dude Kahn, Mike and Joan Kaskavage, Mike Leitch, Kenneth and Celeste Lyons, Gary Moore, Lloyd Porter, Scott Whisler, and myself. No visitors attended.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Birthdays for May were Lloyd Porter, Scott Polhemus, and Dana Keel.

I announced that the projects for the District Rally had been shipped to the hotel.

I gave an update on Phil Pohemus's recovery. He continues to improve after his surgery.

Mike Kaskavage presented the new Chapter Banner. It looks

beautiful. I accepted the banner to send to the District Rally.

Other announcements:

Gary Moore will take over the Ways and Means duties.

The departure point for all rides will be the Wal-Mart at I-30 and Belt Line Road, unless otherwise noted.

We have modified the prize drawing rules: you must be present in your chapter shirt to receive a free ticket for prizes. We will sell tickets for the 50/50 drawing. This is similar to the way Chapter R has their drawings.

In the prize drawing, Kenneth won a set of glasses, Mike Leitch won a tool bag with pockets, Gary won an armadillo, Celeste won a scented candle, Dude won a digital camera, Mike Kaskavage and Ken Brown each won a motorcycle pin,

Joan won Wet Ones®, Tom won an Instant Shoe Shine, Lloyd won some thread lock, George won a cookbook, and Scott won a set of three tote bags.

Tom and Gary divided the 50/50 drawing.

The cake auction for a homemade cheesecake was won by Celeste. The auction raised \$19.

Thanks to everyone who contributed prizes for the drawing. Gary Moore will be responsible for the drawing next month. He is planning some new things.

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

Local Area Chapter Gatherings

Chapter	Location	Meeting Time	Meeting Location	Meeting Day
Chapter B	Garland	8:00AM (Eat) 9:00AM (Meet)	Soulman's Barbecue 691 E. IH-30, Rockwall	2nd Saturday
Chapter G2	Greenville	6:00 PM (Eat) 7:00 PM (Meet)	Steak Angus 6417 Wesley St., Greenville	3rd Tuesday
Chapter M	Arlington/ Mansfield	6:00 PM (Eat) 7:00 PM (Meet)	Spring Creek Barbecue 1724 Hwy 287 at Debbie Lane, Mansfield	1st Thursday
Chapter P	Granbury	6:30 PM (Eat) 7:00 PM (Meet)	Spring Creek Barbecue 317 Hwy 377 E (at Overstreet), Granbury	2nd Thursday
Chapter R	D-FW	6:30 PM (Eat) 7:30 PM (Meet)	Fuddruckers 2001 SR-121, Grapevine, Texas	4th Tuesday
Chapter U2	Keller	8:30 AM (Eat) 9:00 AM (Meet)	Golden Corral 7660 Grapevine Hwy, North Richland Hills	3rd Saturday
Chapter W2	Waxahachie	6:30 PM (Eat) 7:00 PM (Meet)①	Ryan's Steak House 1400 Hwy 77 N, Waxahachie	3rd Thursday
Chapter Y2	Tyler	6:00 PM (Eat) 7:00 PM (Meet)	Bruno's Pizza② 15770 FM 2493, Tyler	1st Tuesday
Chapter Z2	McKinney	6:00 PM (Eat) 7:00 PM (Meet)	I-HOP, 315 Central Expy N (between Allen and McDermott), Allen	4th Thursday

①New Meeting Time ②New Location

Birthstone:
Pearl

June 2009

Flower:
Rose

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

	1	2	3	4	5	6
☺ Full Moon 7 National Cancer Survivors Day	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Flag Day	☾ Last Quarter 15 Ride Your Motorcycle To Work Today (Annual Ride To Work Day)	16	17	18 Visit A Chapter Chapter W2 Ryan's Waxahachie Leave from Wal-Mart I-30 at Broadway at 5:30 PM (or meet there)	19 Juneteenth	20 Chapter B Monthly Gathering at Soulman's Barbecue Rockwall Eat 8:00 AM Meet 9:00 AM Ride to Muenster (following Gathering)
21 Fathers Day Summer Begins 	● New Moon 22	23	24	25 Newsletter Articles Due!	26	27 Visit the Fort Worth Zoo Stop at Kincaid's Hamburgers Meet at Wal-Mart 9:00 AM Leave 9:30 AM
28	29	30 Ride to Dairy Queen 8715 Hwy 34 S Quinlan, Texas Meet There (7:00 PM)	📅 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Celeste Lyons..... 21 Mike Kaskavage..... 24		📅 <i>June Observances</i> Adopt a Cat Month National Dairy Month National Safety Month National Soul Food Month	

Birthstone:
Ruby

July 2009

Flower:
Sunflower

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Scott Whisler7</p>		<p>July Observances</p> <p>Blueberries Month Grilling Month Ice Cream Month Hot Dog Month Women's Motorcycle Month</p>		<p>1 Canada Day</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Dog Days Begin</p>	<p>4 Independence Day</p>
<p>Wing Ding 31 Tulsa, Oklahoma</p>							
<p>5</p> <p>Wing Ding 31 Tulsa, Okla.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 ☺ Full Moon Lunar Eclipse Chocolate Day</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Chapter B Monthly Gathering at Soulman's Barbecue Rockwall Eat 8:00 AM Meet 9:00 AM Ride around Lake Tawakoni follows</p>	
<p>12 Lunch with the Gold Wing riders from France. Everyone Welcome! The Corner Pocket 601 W. State St. Garland, TX Starts at 10:00</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Ride to Sonic 6601 Dalrock Rd. Rowlett Meet There (7:00 PM)</p>	<p>15 ☾ Last Quarter</p>	<p>16 Visit A Chapter Chapter W2 Ryan's Waxahachie Leave from Wal-Mart I-30 at Broadway at 5:00 PM (or meet there)</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 National Hot Dog Day Hot Dog Ride (To Be Announced)</p>	
<p>19 National Ice Cream Day Ride to Edgewood Mkt. Leave Wal-Mart @ 4:00 PM Ride to Terrell Depart 4:45 PM</p>	<p>20 Hug Your Kid Day</p>	<p>21 ● New Moon Solar Eclipse (Not visible N.A.) Planning Meeting Every 3rd Tuesday Soulman's BBQ Rockwall 7:00 PM</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Cow Appreciation Day</p>	
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 ☽ First Quarter Ride to Dairy Queen 6310 Broadway Garland, Texas Meet There (7:00 PM)</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>		

Coming Events

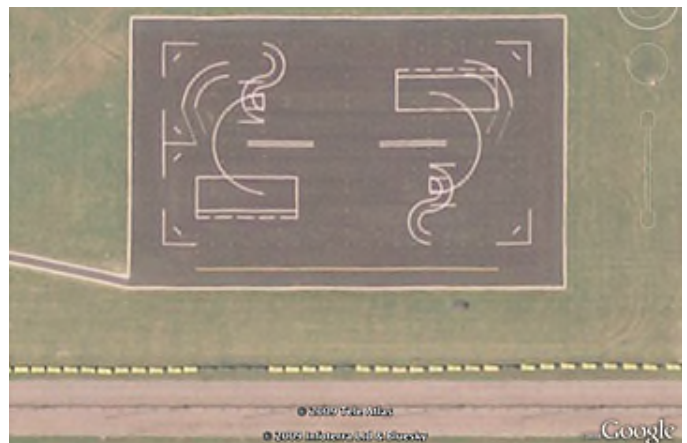
Date	Chapter	Event	Location	Contact/E-Mail	Phone
July 2-5	★	Wing Ding 31	Expo Center Tulsa, Oklahoma	GWRRA http://www.wing-ding.org/	800-843-9460
August 28-29	★	Kansas District Rally	Central Kansas Fairgrounds Abilene, Kansas	Gary and Susan Drake minuteofglory@yahoo.com	785-828-4801
September 12	R	12th Annual Rally and Scavenger Hunt	Knights of Columbus Hall 1907 Whitley Road, Keller	Brian Neal icemantx721@yahoo.com	817-721-1014
October 3	T	T-Fest Rally	Carl Levin Park Harker Heights	Dale and Carleen Garrett director@centexwings.org	254-554-4123
October 10	W	Colorado River Rally	Smithville Riverbend Park Smithville, Texas	Steve and Kathy Wilkening swilkening@consolidated.net	281-391-1488
October 17	U	Annual Rally	To Be Announced	Steven and Susan Ochs sosunshine6@hotmail.com	361-571-0384
October 18	M2	M2 Rally	Montgomery Comm. Center Montgomery, Texas	Bart and Cheryl Harris manpawingers@suddenlink.net	936-539-1860
October 22-24	★	Oklahoma District Rally	Muskogee Civic Centre Muskogee, Oklahoma	Rick and Robin Greninger rag101353@aol.com	918-272-9055
2010 April 3	J	24th Annual Fools Run	Cowboy Honda Beaumont, Texas	Richard and Eva Nadeau ourwing@att.net	409-755-0936

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UFO Landing Pad?

Here's a true Google Earth mystery. These odd formations can be found on air bases in the U.S. and Britain — this one comes from a base outside of Norwich, England. The U.K. Ministry of Defense called it a motorcycle range, but other [sic] speculate it may be some sort of calibration tool for satellites. No one really knows — and the military isn't saying anything more.

Source: "Ten Google Earth Mysteries" (Time/CNN)



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Members' For Sale:
Mike Leitch has the following chrome motorcycle items:
One pair of Helmet lock extensions
One pair of Drag Specialties Wingleaders Mini Drivers
Floorboards
One Front Fender rail
These items are from a GL-1800 (2006).
Cost is free.
If interested, call Mike at 214-366-0410

DISTRICT RALLY IN REVIEW

Ken and Barbie Peterson

Even though it's been a few weeks since Amarillo, we're still in a bit of a fog. The full year of preparation and it being over in a fast and furious three days is one thing, but the response and help from all of the Texas Chapters is what made it happen. Initially our target was for around 400 in attendance due to the distance and time requirements for travel. The final count was 600 with representatives from 10 different Districts. We can't thank you all enough for the fantastic turn out.

The question now comes up (over a hundred times already) what are we going to do to top Amarillo. Well, your District Staff is already hard at work tossing ideas around and making plans. To start with we will be going to Killeen, Texas. We've gone from as far South as we can go to as far North as we can go with outstanding results from both areas. Next year we will give the Wings a bit of a rest and land in the very middle of the state. Killeen is located just outside of Ft Hood, the Army's premier military installation. A city of 112,000 offers just about every hotel/motel there is as well as over 164 eating establishments. You name it, they've got it. We will be in a brand new (5 yrs. old) facility that is one of the most beautiful convention centers we've encountered. Please go to www.killeen-cvb.com and take a tour of the whole place.

Our Host Hotel is the Shilo Inn, located virtually on the premises (maybe 100 yards) from the center. This is a 4 star hotel with 2 star pricing. Our GWRRA rate is \$85.00. This is an un-heard of rate for this hotel as all rooms are suites, very nice. For a tour please go to



www.shiloinns.com

As soon as we get the information we will be posting (in this newsletter) all the hotels that will be giving us a special room rate. Barbie will again be your tour guide with all the local flavors and interesting routes to and from. So please stay tuned.

Again, we would like to thank all the Chapters that helped out with the Rally as well as all of those in attendance. Next year we will return to a little more of a traditional rally but there will be enough twist and turns to make it very special.

Thank you all, ☺

Ken & Barbie Peterson
District Directors
Senior Master Tour Riders
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FUN 101

To simplify Fun 101, just let me say the Texas District Rally in Amarillo, Texas. I know it was quite a distance to travel and with the economy in a quandary many of you could not make it. I'm just sorry because it was another great experience for Wingers. I know many of you took extra days to experience the beautiful country out west and North West. We'd love to see some of those pictures you took.

There was so much going on from start to finish and you guys just made it happen. Thank you, thank you, thank you. I never ceased to be amazed at your creativity and ingenuity. I think we need a patent on the armadillos and boots. Absolutely fantastic!! The baskets were unreal as usual you outdid yourselves. To the Chapters doing our games—the participation was great and just watching was a hoot.

Palo Duro Canyon was so much fun but watching everyone leave and going back up the wall was truly a sight to behold.

Saturday brought another round of fun—should I mention Risky Business—maybe not! What a great participation we had on Chapter Competitions, particularly our newest—Windshield Covers. Be sure to plan on being at Mid-Winter because another new addition to chapter competitions will be introduced; plus as usual some changeups.

With all this said I must add I hope everyone had a safe ride home. We hope you enjoyed the variety of weather we were able to provide. Once again—you guys were so much fun and next time some one asks you “Amarillo - what's in Amarillo” I hope you will fill them in with—you've got to be kidding—great place, wonderful people and just plain FUN.

See you guys at Wing Ding Friday July 3rd - Texas Red Shirt Day. We'll be watching for you. Drop by the Goodie Booth on Friday, Texas will be working so come say Howdy!

See Ya in the Funnies ☺

Barbie

Rider Education Update: Texas District Rally

By Michael and Suzanne Elrod

I would like to bring everyone up to date on our Texas District Rally from the Rider Education Division. If you attended the Rally in Amarillo, then you know what a success it was. If you did not attend, wow, you missed a really good time and some interesting weather. About the only thing we missed out on was snow. I have not been made aware of any riding incidents and that's a good thing. Your Rider Educators and Seminar Presenters were kept busy. And for that we thank you.

We presented two Road Captain Seminars for a total attendance of 29 members. We had a Seminar Presenter applicant, Marty Uphoff present these two Seminars and I thank him for his time. If you took one of these Seminars I would like your feedback.

We presented two Co-Rider Seminars for a total attendance of 25 members. I know everyone enjoyed these Seminars as they were brought to you by our Region H Staff. Region H Director Harry Dollarhide and Region H Educator Lydia Bourg were our Presenters. Thanks very much to the two of you; I really appreciated your help.

We also presented a Trike Course presented by Chapter T Educator Chet Roby and Assistant District Educator Collen Campbell. We had 3 riders take advantage of this opportunity. Thank you Chet and Collen for your time and efforts.

We also presented two CPR/First Aid Renewal Classes

presented by Chapter R's Greg and Cassima Dean. We had 12 members take advantage of these classes. Thank you Greg and Cassima.

Last, but not least, our Region H Educators John and Lydia Bourg presented and qualified six new Parking Lot Practice Facilitators. This is a new and very important tool for Chapter Educators to use within their Chapters to keep rider skills sharp. I believe it will also spark interest among the riders to participate in the Rider Education Program.

As you can see, our Educators and Presenters were kept busy. We also appointed two new Chapter Educators. Greg and Cassima Dean were appointed and approved as Chapter R Educators. Congratulations.

There were 71 folks who attended the Level IV Breakfast. We tried something new this year. Members that were current Texas Level IV's as of May 1st had the \$5.00 fee waived. Because of this very few people actually paid anything for their breakfast. I apologize for not being able to speak over the music to welcome everyone. But, I was glad to see everyone that braved the rain to come to our Breakfast.

Now, for the goodies. The GPS Rider Education Raffle Package. The winning ticket was sold by the Chapter N-2 Educator Jim Hartley. Thanks Jim. He will be awarded a check for \$100.00 at their Chapter Gathering May 30th. The winner of the GPS was also a member of Chapter N-2. Darla Ingram is the big Raffle winner

for 2009. If you were at the Rally you know we also had a consolation prize donated by Texas Cycle Chrome of Houston. The winner of this lighted, chrome radiator grille was also a member of Chapter N-2. He is also the husband of our Grand Prize Winner. He is Jeff Ingram. These prizes will also be presented at Chapter N-2's May Gathering. Congratulations to these folks.

I would like to thank everyone that bought or sold Raffle Tickets for our Rider Education Program. It is this money that funds our programs and enables us to present Rider Education functions such as our upcoming Education Weekend in Marshall. The dates have not been finalized, but we are looking at October 17-18. We will keep you informed as the date draws near.

In closing, let me say that as Suzanne's and my first Texas District Rally behind the Rider Education Table it was quite a learning curve. As members, we don't realize the work both mental and physical that goes into putting on a District Rally. I hope you will join us in giving our Texas Directors, Ken and Barbie Peterson, and their entire District Staff and Volunteers a resounding round of applause and a hearty Thank You. Until next we meet: Ride Safe-Ride Aware- Ride Respectfully. ☺

Michael and Suzanne Elrod
District Educators
Master Tour Riders
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