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**GWRRR, Region H
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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IT'S RALLY TIME!

George Augustas, Chapter Director

We attended the Z2 rally in April. Tom, Gary, and Terry each won first place, and Gary won Best of Show. Congratulations!

Phil Polhemus is recovering from lung cancer surgery. He is doing better, and we sincerely hope he will be back with us real soon. Get well, Phil!

The chapter projects are ready for Amarillo. Ken and Joan did a beautiful job on the armadillo and the boot. I have shipped the items ahead to Amarillo. They will arrive before we get there.

Mike has designed a new Chapter Banner. It really looks sharp. I expect him to enter it in the banner competition at the District Rally... and win!

If you did not receive a bandanna, see Celeste or Ken. Wear your bandanna at the District Rally and also at Wing Ding. Also, wear your chapter shirt at the rally. Our rally assignments are on page 10. I currently have six B's attending: Mike and Joan, Ken and Celeste, Tom, and myself. If your plans to attend the rally change, please notify me.

We visited Chapter G2's gathering in April and captured one of their flags. The rules have been modified to permit any chapter to capture a flag if they go on a ride; that

means we have to bring the flags on each chapter ride. I will give Ken and Celeste some of the flags to keep with them. We are allowed to mail the flags if we don't have them on the ride.

We held a planning meeting at Snuffer's in Rockwall on 17 April and planned several rides and other excursions.

Effective immediately: *Unless otherwise announced*, all Chapter B rides will depart from the Wal-Mart parking lot, IH-30 and Broadway (behind Wendy's), in Garland. Try to arrive thirty minutes before the scheduled leave time. We will leave at the announced time.

Rides and other events:

There will be a ride to the Sonic in Wylie on May 12 and a ride to the Dairy Queen in Garland on May 26. We expect to have one such ride each month on alternate Tuesdays. Check the calendar for details.

Ken has planned a ride to Bonham immediately following this Gathering.

Ken and Celeste are planning a ride to Arkansas on Memorial Day weekend. We would ride to Hot Springs on May 22 and stay the night, then tour the mountains and ride to Eureka Springs before returning home on Monday. Let Celeste know by May 18 if you would like to go.

There is a visit to Chapter Z2 on May 28. I will leave the Wal-Mart at five-thirty.

We have a ride to the Hard 8 Barbecue in Stephenville on May 30. We will meet at the Wal-Mart at 9:00 and depart at 9:30. We should return by 5:00.

There is a ride to Kerrville June 5-7 to ride the Twisted Sister. Let Celeste or Kenneth know if you plan to go.

There is an Iron Butt ride on June 13-14. This ride will be 1,000 miles. It will start at the Harley-Davidson store in Allen. Kenneth has details. For those not going, we will have the Gathering as usual. Gary will lead a ride to Kilgore afterwards.

Be sure to get your registration and hotel reservation for Wing Ding 31 in Tulsa. Do it soon and rest assured that your room is secure. *Tempus fugit.*

Happy May Birthday wishes to Lloyd Porter, Scott Polhemus, and Dana Keel. 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

We only have a few weeks left before our Texas District Rally. Being our first time to attend we are looking forward to having a great time. Kenneth and I want to say many THANKS to Mike and Joan Kaskavage for all their help and support getting the boot, armadillo, and Couple of the Year basket together. Without their help, we would have been trying to get it all together by ourselves. It is not too late for those of you who have not donated to the basket. We still need many gift cards to add to the basket. Please show your pride and support for Chapter B by donating. We want this to be one of the best baskets that Chapter B has presented at a District Rally. If you don't already know, this is one way we can bring money back into the chapter.

The Chapter shirts came in and were distributed to all members that attended last month's meeting or one of our rides. We wore our shirts to the Chapter G2 visit and to the Chapter Z2 Rally and received MANY compliments. We are still looking for better polo shirts and will be keeping you updated. We will try our best to have them before Wing Ding. If you want to order more shirts, the prices are now out on the website under the "Members" link button. Just send us e-mail with the size, description, and quantity, and we will get them ordered.

Kenneth and I created a flyer to hang in businesses like Rockwall Honda, Wal-Mart, Maxim Honda and Al Lamb's to invite all Gold Wing riders to participate in our meetings, rides and events. If you know of any other places to hang one, please let us know and we will get some flyers to you or go to that place of business ourselves.

We had a planning meeting in the month of April and have scheduled many rides for the next few months. We also included a Tuesday night ride to either a Sonic or Dairy Queen



throughout the next month. Please be sure and always check the website calendar for scheduled rides, updates on rides and events. Some of the rides we went on in the month of April were the Chapter O Rally, a ride to play miniature golf, Caldwell Zoo in Tyler, fried pies at Maw Maw's Fried Pies in Whitehouse, Chapter G2 visit and Chapter Z2 Rally. At the Z2 Rally, we had a great Chapter showing with 10 Bee's attending. Low and behold, there is a Dude! Dude showed up [at] the Z2 Rally and showed off his new wing. We hope he will be able to now go on some of the rides with us.

Congratulations to Terry, Gary, and Tom on winning awards in the bike show. Everyone seemed to have a great time. During all this fun, we did find out that Phil Polhemus became ill and had to have surgery. We understand he came through the surgery and is on his way to recovery. Please keep him in your prayers that he will be back on his feet soon.

We are still planning a ride to Arkansas Memorial Day weekend. If you would like to go, please let us know ASAP so that we can get information to you regarding hotels. Deadline is May 18.

Until next time, be safe! ☺

Celeste and Kenneth Lyons

T-CLOCKS AND LESSONS LEARNED

I only had 13,500 miles on my bike and thought I was keeping an eye on my tires. On 4/22/09, I stopped in at Rockwall Honda to ask about the 180X60 vs. 180X70 series tires on the speed difference. I had them get the 70 series tire in for my back, and they asked me to bring it in Thursday early. On the way to Rockwall Honda that morning, I stopped in to get a cup of coffee in Terrell, Texas. I backed into the parking spot took all my gear off and started into the What-a-Burger. I glanced back at the bike to make sure it was locked only to see a spot on my rear tire that looked like gum. Upon closer inspection, it turned out to be cords showing through. I babied the bike into Rockwall and was very glad that I had tires for both the front and back ready to be installed. Now that the tires have been changed, I will do the T-CLOCK every week just to make sure this doesn't happen again.

For everyone's safety, please make sure to do the T-CLOCK and all your maintenance at the time due. It may seem a high cost to keep the bike in great shape, but if you think about it, a great ride is a problem free ride. ☺

Kenneth Lyons

Rider Education

By Scott Polhemus

Well here we are again... It's finally getting comfortable outside, and Mother Nature has left the lawn sprinklers on ... AGAIN! I hope everyone has their rain suits in their saddlebags!

Nothing quite makes you so happy to get somewhere like riding in the rain... Sprinkles are refreshing, but when the frogs start crowding the road to avoid the flashflood in the ditch, it's a bit TOO much of a good thing!

Just a few quick ideas about wet weather riding:

- Give yourself a little extra room. Back off a bit further than you would normally when following cars, wet weather is one of the few times they can stop faster than we can... and the spray they kick up makes visibility even worse than the rain already makes it.
- Make moves a little slower. You're riding with less traction, so accelerate a bit slower and ease onto the brakes a bit slower than normal. While disk brakes don't have the 'brake fade' that drum brakes do, during the rain they take a bit of extra time to warm up and begin working like they should.

- Don't lean as much in the corners, and take them just a little slower. Remember, the harder you lean into a turn, the more heavily you are relying on what little traction you have.
- If it's possible, find a bit of cover and stop and wait for 15 minutes or so after rain begins. This gives the dirt and oils that have built up on the roads a chance to wash away. (Or at least get a bit more diluted!)
- Try to look a bit further down the road than you normally would. This will give you a bit more time to react if something happens ahead of you. It will also allow you to take a second or third look at any developing situation that could be potentially hazardous. (Plan for the worst, and hope for the best!)
- Keep an eye on the clouds. It will give you a little warning if heavy rains are headed your way, or if the weather is going to get REALLY bad in a few minutes. Taking a weekend storm spotter class would probably be a good thing as well; the things you will learn there can be applied to driving as well as riding. It might even help you to avoid getting caught

in a downpour, by noticing ugly weather BEFORE you get to it...

SEE:

Search for potential hazards

Evaluate the gathered information

Execute any necessary actions to avoid hazards

During bad weather, or less than ideal road conditions, it becomes even MORE important to practice SEE techniques! Remember the Boy Scout motto: BE PREPARED! It never hurts, and can help you to avoid an accident.

And just in case anyone was wondering... Riding in the rain will NOT make our waistlines shrink...

Until next month,



Scott

This month's safety article was reprinted from May 2007. -Editor.



April Gathering

By George Augustas

Twelve B's met at Soulman's Barbecue on April 11 for the monthly Gathering of Chapter B. Attending were Ken Brown, Tom Fletcher, Mike and Joan Kaskavage, Kenneth and Celeste Lyons, Mae Patterson, Phil, Suzanne, and Scott Polhemus, Lloyd Porter, and myself. No visitors attended.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Birthdays for April were Mike Leitch and Phil Polhemus.

The projects for the District Rally are in the final stages and will be ready before the next Gathering. Mike, Joan, Ken, and Celeste will prepare the basket. I will ship the projects via FedEx to the hotel before I go.

We planned to attend the Z2 rally on April 25. We would meet at Big Daddy's Barbecue at the corner of Hwy 78 at Hwy 205 at 9:00 AM.

The new shirts have arrived. Ken and Celeste distributed the shirts to all in attendance. The shirts look really nice.

Mike announced that Maxim Honda has a contest called Ride to Adventure on their web site. You have to sign up and do several rides, taking photos wherever you visit. It runs from April 4 to June 27 and July 11 to Sept. 26.

We planned a chapter visit to Chapter G2 to capture their flag. I announced that we would have at least one chapter per month this year.

Ken announced that there would be a ride to Tyler immediately following the Gathering.

On June 13, there will be an Iron Butt ride of a thousand miles. Kenneth has details if you are interested.

In the prize drawing, Lloyd won a Neiman-Marcus cookbook, a scented candle, a Honda oil filter, and a cargo

net; Phil won a cargo net; Mike won a Honda cap and Armour-all Protective Wipes; Suzanne won a bread serving basket; George won Armour-All wipes; Ken won an aluminium flashlight. Joan won the 50/50 drawing. Door prizes this month were donated by Ken, Tom, Phil, and George.

The cake auction for a homemade carrot cake was won by Phil for \$17. Phil shared the cake with everyone present.

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) 7:30 PM (Meet)	Ryan's Steak House 1400 Hwy 77 N, Waxahachie	3rd Thursday
Chapter Y2	Tyler	6:00 PM (Eat) 7:00 PM (Meet)*	Clear Springs Restaurant 6519 South Broadway, 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


*New Day, Location, and Time

Birthstone:
Emerald

May 2009

Flower:
Lily of the Valley

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<p>May Observances Motorcycle Safety Month National Barbecue Month National Hamburger Month National Military Appreciation Month National Physical Fitness Month Young Achievers Month</p>	<p>Happy Birthday Lloyd Porter 3 Scott Polhemus.....11 Dana Keel12</p>		<p>☾ First Quarter 1 May Day</p>	<p>2</p>		
<p>3 Motorcycle Mass Day</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Cinco de Mayo</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 VE Day</p>	<p>☾ Full Moon 9 Chapter B Monthly Gathering at Soulman's Barbecue Rockwall Eat 8:00 AM Meet 9:00 AM Ride to Bonham (following Gathering)</p>
<p>10 Mother's Day </p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Ride to Sonic Hwy 205 @ Hwy 78 Wylie Meet There (7:00 PM)</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 National Chocolate Chip Day</p>	<p>16 Armed Forces Day</p>
<p>☾ Last Quarter 17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Weekend ride to Eureka Springs. Overnight in Hot Springs. Return Sunday. Details to follow.</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>● New Moon 24 Ride to Lucy's Café Celina, Texas Meet at Wal-Mart Leave 2:30! 31</p>	<p>25 Memorial Day (observed)</p>	<p>26 Ride to Dairy Queen 6310 Broadway Garland, Texas Meet There (7:00 PM)</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Visit A Chapter Chapter Z2 I-HOP Allen, Texas Leave from Wal-Mart I-30 at Broadway at 5:30 PM (or meet there)</p>	<p>29 Newsletter Articles Due!</p>	<p>☾ First Quarter 30 Ride to Hard 8 Barbecue Stephenville, Texas</p>

Texas District Rally
 Amarillo Civic Center
 Amarillo, Texas

Arkansas District Rally
 Embassy Suites Northwest
 Rogers, Arkansas

Birthstone:
Pearl

June 2009

Flower:
Rose

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5 Twisted Sisters Ride to Kerrville (June 5-7)	6
☉ Full Moon 7 National Cancer Survivors Day	8	9	10	11	12	13 Iron Butt Ride Chapter L2 Blueberry Festival Nacogdoches Kilgore Museum Leave 8:00 AM
14 Flag Day	☾ Last Quarter 15 Ride Your Motorcycle To Work Today (Annual Ride To Work Day)	16 Ride to Sonic 2805 Horizon Rd. Rockwall Meet There (7:00 PM)	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	26	27 Visit the Fort Worth Zoo Stop at Kincaid's Hamburgers Meet at Wal-Mart 9:00 AM Leave 9:30 AM
28 ☽ First Quarter 29	30 Ride to Dairy Queen 8715 Hwy 34 S Quinlan, Texas Meet There (7:00 PM)	 <p><i>Happy Birthday</i></p> <p>Celeste Lyons..... 21 Mike Kaskavage..... 24</p>		 <p><i>June Observances</i></p> <p>Adopt a Cat Month National Dairy Month National Safety Month National Soul Food Month</p>		

Coming Events

Date	Chapter	Event	Location	Contact/E-Mail	Phone
May 14-16	★	Texas District Rally	Amarillo Civic Center Amarillo, Texas	Ken and Barbie Peterson TexasDD@gwrra-tx.org	817-791-6685
May 21-23	★	Arkansas District Rally	Embassy Suites Northwest Rogers, Arkansas	Dale and Carolyn Frieden director@argwrra.org	479-229-3370
June 13	L2	Annual Blueberry Festival	Nacogdoches, Texas	Wayne and Patty Heflin heflinw@nibco.com	936-564-2971
July 2-5	★	Wing Ding 31	Expo Centre Tulsa, Oklahoma	GWRRRA 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	To Be Announced	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

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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

IT'S RALLY TIME

Ken and Barbie Peterson

Well, it's our turn folks! The Texas District Rally is May 14- 16, 2009. Region H and Louisiana have already done their rallies and now it's our time in Amarillo, Texas.

By the time you read this we will have passed the deadline for pre-registration and the dinner ride to Palo Duro Canyon. We didn't have a cut off number like last year, but only a cut off date so our caterers can complete their planning.

Being we are going all the way to Amarillo, there are numerous extended rides on in to Colorado, New Mexico and places beyond; like it isn't enough to go just to Amarillo. We have heard of so many different plans. We are envious that we can't go on all of them with you.

Let me tell you - that Amarillo is getting excited to have us in their town. I say that to make you aware that there will be many things to do and see in Amarillo and in surrounding areas. We tried to keep the training seminars to a minimum for those that want some training. Rider Education has a full schedule for all the riding training and levels requirements so all should be well covered there. Hopefully this will allow you enough time to get in a few local rides to see some of the neat stuff in the Panhandle.

Amarillo has two Honda dealers, Sharp's Honda and Brown's Honda Fun Center. Both are helping to support the Rally and will be available for tires and service if needed.

The tentative Rally Schedule



and Chapter Rally Assignment are included in this newsletter. In case you've forgotten, please refer to the schedule to see what your chapter will be helping with.

We hope to make this a fun filled and relaxing rally - come prepared to do just that. ☺

Ken & Barbie Peterson
District Directors
Senior Master Tour Riders
2352 & 2353

We hope you are as excited as the Texas District Staff and the City of Amarillo. I know those boots, jeans and hats are ready to go. I hope you are going to be lucky enough to have some extra time to do extra riding and sight seeing. I'm sure your GPS is loaded and ready, if not, then your Texas Map and Trusty Travel Guide are bound to be packed. To help make things a little simpler I am including a check list to help you remember - now if someone will just help me!

*Chapter Boot - This will be a judged item - then used for decoration. Turn into us Thursday or by 9:00 Friday morning. Chapter Directors have the guidelines.

*Armadillo - Ready to roll after opening ceremonies and will be judged after races. Then used as decorations Chapter Directors have guidelines.

*Brands - We still need those sent as soon as possible. They will be fun to figure out which chapter they belong to.

*Bandanas - these are just for fun and chapter identification.

*Spray can paint is absolutely essential for the Cadillac Ranch. Amarillo needs to know we visited them.

*If you plan to enter dress competition, there have been a few changes in the shirt category but you should be fine.

*Windshield Covers - New category in chapter competitions.

*This year we will have an area for a book exchange so toss in a couple of paper backs and get some new reading material.

*Thursday night 6 PM is our Opening Ceremony - We'll be doing a few drawings - coupons, dinners, who only knows??

Sarsaparilla (Coke & Root beer floats) will be served to kick things off. A saloon girl or two might even be around to cheer you up after your long ride West.

The Drag Races will begin after this or at least while your sipping your suds. So get there early!

The most important item of all - CAMERA

Have a Great Ride - See you out West. ☺

Barbie

2009 Texas District Rally Schedule (Tentative)

Thursday

4:00 to 6:00	Registration.....	Heritage Room Lobby
6:00	Opening Ceremonies	Grand Palace Ballroom
6:00 to 7:30	Early Bird Social	Grand Palace Ballroom
	Armadillo Drag Races on Route 66.....	Grand Palace Ballroom
7:30 to 8:30	Light Show & Awards for Light Show.....	West Parking Area

Friday

8:00 to 3:00	Registration.....	Heritage Room Lobby
8:00 to 3:00	Rider Education Table.....	Heritage Room Lobby
8:00	Medallion Hunt - until found	
8:00 to 5:00	Vendor Show	South Exhibit Area
8:00 to 3:00	Fun Run - on your own - prizes awarded	
8:00 to 3:00	Book Exchange	Heritage Room
8:00 to 3:00	Couple Of the Year - Theme Basket /Fundraiser	Heritage Room
8:00 to 3:00	First Aid/ CPR -New (1st time) participants.....	Heritage Room
	<i>This is an all day class with a break for lunch</i>	
8:30 to 9:30	Co-Rider Seminar.....	Heritage Room
8:30 to 11:00	PLP Facilitator Classroom.....	Heritage Room
10:30 to 11:30	Road Captain Seminar	Heritage Room
11:00 to 12:00	LTD - Leadership.....	Heritage Room
11:00 to 12:30	COY Reception (by invitation only)	Grand Palace Ballroom
12:00 to 4:00	PLP Range.....	West Parking Lot
1:00 to 2:00	LTD - Problem Solving (How to Eat an Elephant)	Heritage Room
1:00 to 2:30	Chapter Games.....	Heritage Room
1:30 to 3:00	Crafts.....	Heritage Room
5:00 to 9:00	Ride into Palo Duro Canyon	Dinner at 7:00
	Dark.....Presentation of "TEXAS"	

Saturday

7:00 to 8:00	Level IV Breakfast	Golden Corral
8:00 to 2:00	Registration.....	Heritage Room Lobby
8:00 to 2:00	Rider Education Table.....	Heritage Room Lobby
8:00	Medallion Hunt - until found	
8:00 to 5:00	Vendor Show	South Exhibit Area
8:00 to 2:00	Fun Run - on your own - prizes awarded	
8:00 to 2:00	Book Exchange	Heritage Room
8:00 to 2:00	Couple Of the Year Theme Basket/ Fundraiser.....	Heritage Room
8:00 to 9:30	Bike Show Classification & Staging	West Parking Area
8:30 to 12:30	First Aid/CPR Refresher Course.....	Heritage Room
8:30 to 9:30	Chapter Competition Drop Off	Heritage Room
	(Newsletter, Scrapbook, Mascot, Banner)	
8:30 to 11:00	Trike Course Classroom	Heritage Room
9:00 to 10:00	LTD- How can I Participate in GWRRA.....	Heritage Room
9:30 to 11:30	Bike Show Judging.....	West Parking Lot
10:00 to 11:00	Co Rider Seminar	Heritage Room
11:00 to 12:00	LTD -Delegating (Key to Successful Leadership)	Heritage Room
11:30 to 12:30	Chapter Competitions Pick-Up	Heritage Room
	(Newsletter, Scrapbook, Mascot, Banner)	
12:00 to 4:00	Trike Course	West Parking Lot
1:00 to 2:00	Classic Wing Special Interest Group.....	Heritage Room
1:00 to 3:00	Dress Competition.....	Grand Palace Ballroom
2:00 to 3:00	Road Captain Seminar	Heritage Room
5:00	Closing Ceremonies	Grand Palace Ballroom

2009 Rally Vendors

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Krazy Beanz Designs
Trike Shop of Amarillo Inc.
T. J. and the Boss
Wing Bling

Texas District Rally Site

Amarillo Civic Center
401 S. Buchanan Street
Amarillo, Texas 79101
806-378-4297
www.amarilociviccenter.com

Directions to Rally:

From Amarillo I-40 East:

On I-40 westbound, take Exit #70 (Downtown/North US 287/87). Bear right and continue onto Buchanan St. Continue on Buchanan to 401 S. Buchanan.

From Amarillo I-40 West:

On I-40 eastbound, take Exit #70 (Downtown/North US 287/87). Bear left and merge onto northbound US 287/87. Bear right and merge onto Buchanan St. Continue on Buchanan to 401 S. Buchanan.

From Amarillo US 287 North:

On US 87/287 southbound, proceed south to Downtown interchange. Bear left and merge onto Pierce Street. Continue on Pierce to South 4th Street. Turn left (east) on 4th Street. 4th Street ends at The Amarillo Civic Center.

From Amarillo I-27 South:

On I-27 northbound, proceed north to Downtown interchange. Bear right and merge onto Buchanan Street. Continue on Buchanan to 401 S. Buchanan.

Chapter B Rally Assignments

Off-Bike Games Friday 1:00 to 2:30

Registration Saturday 12:00 to 2:00

Try to arrive about ten minutes early for your assignments.

Heritage Room
Heritage Room Lobby

First Rally For This District Educator

By Michael and Suzanne Elrod

Hello everyone. Can you believe it is already time for our Texas District Rally in Amarillo. As this will be Suzanne's and my first Rally behind the Education Table, please make a point to come by and let us meet you.

Your Rider Education Team has worked hard to bring you education opportunities. We hope you take advantage of them. Suzanne and I will be manning the Education Table and assisting where needed.

John and Lydia will be conducting the Parking Lot Practice Facilitator Course for those wishing to become certified to conduct PLP's for their Chapters. While the PLP's do not count towards the Levels Program in most cases it is an excellent tool to hone your Chapter's riding skills and have fun.

Collen and Chet will be conducting the Trike Course. This Course does count for the Rider Education Levels Program. The classroom portion will be Saturday morning and then the range portion will be after lunch.

A Road Captain Seminar is an excellent presentation on what happens on a group ride. I recommend everyone taking this seminar at some time even if you don't wish to be a Road Captain. This seminar will help you understand what the ride leaders are doing to keep you safe.

Two Co-Rider Seminars will also be presented. While these Seminars count towards the Levels for the Co-Riders, I highly recommend them for the Riders as well. It teaches both people how to work together with effective communication to enhance safety.

This year we are trying something new for our Level IV Breakfast. This Breakfast is open for all Level IV's and a guest. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Unless you are a current Texas District Level IV. If you are current in the Database as of May 1, the Texas District Rider Education is going to buy your breakfast. That's right. If you are current your breakfast will be free so sign up and come have breakfast with us.

There will be a CPR/First Aid class for first time participants starting at 8:00 A.M. Friday. This class runs until about 3:00 P.M. and is for members that have either never taken CPR/ First Aid or have allowed theirs to expire. There will also be a CPR/First Aid Refresher Course for renewals on Saturday starting at 8:30 A.M. and running until about 12:30 P.M.

We hope to see you in Amarillo participating in some of these classes. We also hope you are contacting your Chapter Educators for Database Updates and to purchase Raffle Tickets for the GPS Package. The tickets are \$10.00 each. There will be one winner and you do not have to be present at Closing Ceremony to win. Ride Safe and we will see you there. ☺

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Miniature Golf

By Ken Brown

Going on Saturday, April 19, a group rode to North Richland Hills to play a round of miniature golf at Montasia. The group consisted of Kenneth and Celeste, Joan and Mike, their son Thomas on his VTX1800, George and myself.

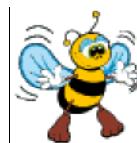
It was supposed to be a great day with only a 5-10mph wind and temperatures in the 70's. The temperature did hit 72 on the return trip but we had sustained 30 mph winds from the northwest. Surprisingly, the winds affect the golf balls more than my ride. I suppose it was because the winds were steady and not gusting.

Celeste managed the only hole-in-one after a carom shot off Joan's golf ball. Celeste also managed the low score of 53 with the next 3 tied at 57 (p.s. – Celeste was also the scorekeeper). Still she should not have ended up with the low score because I was the one who totaled up most of the scores.

After golf we rode to The Feed Store for BBQ in Southlake. The BBQ was excellent and very inexpensive considering the surrounding neighborhood.

As near as I could tell everybody had a great time. ☺

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