



The Touring B News

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GWRRRA, Region H
Texas, Chapter B
"The Fun Chapter"

- Chapter B meets the Second Saturday of every month at Steak Kountry, 7010 Hwy 78, Sachse. Eat at 11:00 AM, meet at 12:00 noon.
- Chapter B Scheduled Rides depart from multiple locations. The departure point will be announced for each ride. CB communications are on Channel 1.

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Chapter B News

George Augustas, Chapter Director

Two B's were slightly injured in accidents last month: **Kenneth** was involved in an accident in which an oncoming vehicle turning left cut across two lanes between two stopped vehicles and pulled in front of him. **Dude** had an accident in which a vehicle pulled out from a driveway into his path. Both Ken and Dude are doing okay. Ken now has a brand-new GL-1800 from *Al Lamb's Dallas Honda*. Ken, that's a tough way to get a new bike. I've been there and done that myself.

Terry McPherson went on the *Ride For Kids*®. I was not able to go, so I gave my donation to Terry to add to his. Terry raised \$500 for the *Ride For Kids*®—enough to earn the embroidered jacket. Congratulations, Terry!

Smokey regrets that he is unable to do the Carlsbad Caverns ride after all. If enough people are interested, we will try to do the ride next year, perhaps in the spring.

Rides and other events:

We will have a cookout and a **Mexican Train party** at the Keels on October 18. We will have hot dogs and more. Prizes

will be awarded for the winners of the games. Please let Smokey or me know if you plan to attend. *Puremco rules will be used for the train game.*

We have a dinner ride to **Hard 8 Barbecue** in Coppell on October 23. We will meet at the Wal-Mart Parking lot, IH-30 at Belt Line, Garland, at 3:00 PM. Smokey will lead.

The **District Education Weekend** takes place at East Texas Baptist College in Marshall on October 25. See the schedule on page 9 if you are interested.

On November 1, we have a lunch ride to **Mary's Café** in Strawn. We will meet at the Wal-Mart at I-30 and Belt Line Road in Garland at 9:00.

There will be a ride on Sunday, 9 November. The destination has not been finalised.

There is a visit to Chapter G2 in Greenville on November 18. Meet there at six o'clock to eat.

We are planning a progressive dinner ride on November 23. Sign up at the next Gathering.

We still need more suggestions for rides. Please let us know if there is some place that you would like to ride to or

something else that you would like to do as a group. Some suggestions we have received are: East Texas Hamburger Co. in Mineola, McGee's Catfish at Lake Texoma, Ginger Brown at Lake Worth, Ta-Molly's in Greenville, and the Original Fried Pie Co. at Turner Falls. Remember that ride suggestions are not limited to restaurants.

If you have not yet done so, please register on our **meet-up group** at <http://hondabikes.meetup.com/180/?gj=sj3>.

Reminder: **Daylight Saving Time** ends November 2. Set your clocks back one hour.

Happy Birthday wishes to **Gary Moore** and **Roberta Fletcher**. **Happy Anniversary** to **Ken and Celeste Lyons**. 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.

That is all I have for now. Until next time, ride safe, and keep the shiny side up and the rubber side down. ☺

George

Assistant Chapter Directors

Phil and Suzanne Polhemus

Member Enhancement

Do you ever go to write something and get a huge mental block? I did when I went to write this article. While we were at the Fair, I started reviewing the many exciting things we have experienced and enjoyed over the last few years. I began to think about all of the ways our Wing has enhanced our life over the last seven or so years.

Consider this:

The friends we have made over the years are friends that we may have never had the pleasure of knowing had it not been for GWRRA.

Those folks came from various jobs, from blue collar to professional. They come from all over the country and the world. Each of them shares stories of their life experiences and they are not limited to just motorcycle experiences. Would our paths have crossed had we not all enjoyed riding motorcycles?

When we gather for that Chapter ride, Rally, Poker run, Chapter meeting, Wing Ding, or just see each other out on the road, we are all GWRRA family.

Through GWRRA, we have a golden opportunity to gain an insight into life in general, the observations of people from other walks of life and a variety of backgrounds. How often have you heard comments made about the "GWRRA Family" or the term "Extended Family" when referring to GWRRA members? It seems that we develop a closeness that can often equal family, perhaps because we can choose our "relatives."

Throughout life we have many chances to touch and make a difference in the lives of others. You may never realize the effect the smile or wave or handshake has on another. Something as simple as wearing a helmet when you ride can affect others.

How will your actions and/or example enhance or affect the life of another?

The point I am trying to make in this article is this: Our membership in GWRRA and our life have been ENHANCED by meeting, associating with, and calling each of you our friend.

Membership Enhancement starts with YOU.

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain.

Also, have you hugged your co-rider today? They are a very important part of your team, so let them know it.

Until next time --- *Ride, like your life depends on it.* ☺

Phil & Suzanne

If you have any questions or would like to make any suggestions about the Chapter, let me know. This is not just my chapter or your chapter but belongs to all of us. Let's all work together to make it the BEST.

Ride Safe and "Bee" Involved ☺

Happy Halloween!

Rider Education

By Scott Polhemus

Rider Awareness

Hi gang... Looks like it's 'that' time of year again. Temperatures are dropping, Mother Nature washing the roads with brief showers, and of course holidays. I found some interesting stats from our friends 'down-under'. Of the 332 people killed on Victoria's roads, there were 45 motorcyclist deaths in 2007:

- 93% were male
- 47% occurred in single vehicle crashes
- 38% were in rural Victoria
- 56% took place between 10 AM and 6 PM
- 42% occurred on roads with a speed limit of 100 km/h or more.

An important feature of motorcycle crash trends is that while casualties involving younger age riders have decreased, they have risen significantly amongst riders aged 40 years and over. During the five years 2001 to 2005, deaths and serious injuries amongst the 18-25 year age group have declined by 8% (from 237 to 217). In sharp contrast, deaths and serious injuries amongst the 40 years plus age group have risen from 207 to 315, an increase of 52%. This trend is directly associated with an increase in this age group returning to riding or taking it up for the first time.

Skipping the age issue for a second, here is how the fatalities breakdown:

Accident type	Killed	Injured
Adjacent direction (intersection)	7	101
Head on (not overtaking)	5	33
Maneuvering/overtaking	4	83
Miscellaneous	2	7
Opposing direction (intersection)	3	101
Same direction	4	142
Single vehicle	21	531
Total	45	998

Adjacent direction is your typical intersection. Maneuvering/overtaking includes pulling into/out of a driveway

or parking spot AND Front/Rear end accidents from passing etc.

Opposing direction tends to be mostly turning accidents at intersections.

Miscellaneous crashes include crashes where a vehicle strikes a pedestrian, train or tram, or where an object or person falls from a vehicle.

Two stats from their list are scary to me...

1. Single Vehicle fatalities/injuries - Almost half of all the fatalities and over half of the injuries.

2. Same Direction fatalities/injuries - Are motorcycles zipping between cars, or are the cars encroaching into the rider's lane without looking? Even with loud pipes and bright yellow riding gear, it's happened to me more than I care to admit.

Those are two types that are the MOST preventable!!!!

SVA's (Single Vehicle Accidents) - Are the stat that is hardest to prevent as well. Was the rider being stupid, or did they slip on oil/debris? Were they distracted adjusting the radio, talking on the CB, or changing/looking at their Garmin? Was the rider trying to be safe and practice their skills, or were they pushing the limits on public roads? Had the rider taken a safety class?

Now don't get me wrong, we all will 'push the limits' a bit more when we are riding solo than we will with someone else on the back. We've all got one or two corners that we can think of where it's more fun over the posted limit. +10 or +20 anyone? Of course we have taken those corners numerous times before and we know where the limits of our bike, or courage, are in those areas... And stuff happens, sometimes it's nothing more than a gravel truck left a couple of rocks at the apex of the turn, we hit it and go down. IF we're wearing the proper gear and the bike just slides, we stand up,

dust ourselves off, and thank our stars that we only have a bill to replace plastic and chrome...

Same direction crashes - Include crashes where vehicles are changing lanes, rear end crashes, and side swipes. Same Direction accidents account for the second highest injuries. Personally I think these are 'lack-of-awareness' accidents. Not looking for those little telltale signs that someone's about to move over. Not realizing that as you come up alongside someone, you've entered their 'blind spot'. Looking elsewhere when the guy ahead of you slams on his brakes. Having almost been in this stat too often, I'm sure we all can picture the scenario.

AWARENESS! AWARENESS!!!
AWARENESS!!!!

I know it's fun to have radio or nav screens on the bike, but before you change the CD or station next. How about you take a second look around you? Just to be SURE you have the time to look down and change the station. And Garmins are great, but if you need to look at it for more than a glance, maybe it's best to pull off the road, plant your feet on the dirt, and take a more casual look to get your references.

We've heard the statistics that say texting and driving is more dangerous than drinking and driving. With all the bells and whistles on our modern Gold Wings, is changing a CD/Radio/Nav screen really that much different? Common sense says it's stupid to mess with that in stop-and-go traffic or when you are surrounded by traffic, but common sense has become less and less common. Take an extra second or two next time, so we can all get to our destination a bit safer.


Until next month.... ☺

Scott

Scott Polhemus
Chapter B Rider Educator

September Gathering

By George Augustas

ix Chapter B members met at **Steak Kountry** on August 9 for the monthly Gathering of Chapter B. Attending were Judy Furr, Smokey and Dana Keel, Terry McPherson, Debbie Minton, and myself.

We attributed the lack of attendance to concerns about the weather, since Hurricane Ike was passing through the general area at the time.

The Polhemuses were unable to attend due to their involvement in a radio course.

Since the attendance was light, we dispensed with the formalities and had an open forum session. We discussed various rides and other events. Later, we shared the cheesecake, which was a chocolate cheesecake to celebrate National Chocolate Day, September 11.

Due to the small attendance, we did not have a prize drawing, but we will have one next month.

If you want to be in on the fun, you will have to attend our

Gatherings.

If you have not yet done so, please visit our meet up page at hondabikes.meetup.com/180/?gj=sj3 and fill out a profile.

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	Garland/ Richardson	11:00AM (Eat) 12:00N (Meet)	Steak Kountry 7010 Hwy 78, Sachse	2nd Saturday
Chapter G2	Greenville	6:00 PM (Eat) 7:00 PM (Meet)	Dickey's Barbecue 3201 IH-30 West, Greenville	3rd Tuesday
Chapter M	Arlington	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)	Charlie's Restaurant Grapevine, Texas	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	8:00 AM (Eat) 9:00 AM (Meet)	Ryan's Steakhouse, 5602 South Broadway, Tyler	4th Saturday
Chapter Z2	McKinney	6:30 PM (Eat) 7:00 PM (Meet)	IHOP, 315 Central Expy N (between Allen and McDermott), Allen	4th Thursday

Birthstone:
Opal or
Tourmaline

October 2008

Flower:
Calendula

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<p>October Observances Book Month Country Music Month Crime/Fire Prevention Month Dessert Month Dinosaur Month Energy Awareness Month Pasta/Pizza Month</p>	<p>Happy Birthday Gary Moore5 Roberta Fletcher25</p> <p>Happy Anniversary Ken and Celeste Lyons25</p>	<p>1 Ford "Model T" introduced (1908)</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	
<p>5 D/FW Ride For Kids@ Grapevine Mills Mall Grapevine, Texas Registration opens at 8:AM</p>	<p>6 Child Health Day</p>	<p>7 ☽ First Quarter Honda Riders Club Dallas Honda</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 10 11 Oklahoma District Rally Muskogee, Oklahoma</p> <p>Chapter B Monthly Gathering at STEAK COUNTRY</p>		
<p>12</p>	<p>13 Columbus Day (observed)</p>	<p>14 ☺ Full Moon</p>	<p>15 <i>I Love Lucy</i> premiered (1951)</p>	<p>16 National Bosses Day</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Cookout and Mexican Train Game Party at the Keels Starts 2:00 PM R.S.V.P. requested</p>
<p>19 Chapter M2 Sundae In The Park Rally Montgomery Comm. Bldg. Montgomery, Texas</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 ☾ Last Quarter</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 District Education Weekend East Texas Baptist College Marshall, Texas See flyer, page 9</p>
<p>26 Dinner Ride to Hard 8 Barbecue Coppell, Texas Leave from Wal-Mart IH-30 @ Belt Line at 3:00 PM (Smoky)</p>	<p>27 Macy's Dept. Store opens in New York (1858)</p>	<p>28 ● New Moon</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Newsletter Articles Due!</p>	<p>31 Halloween </p>	

Birthstone:
Topaz or
Citrine

November 2008

Flower:
Chrysanthemum

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<p><i>November Observances</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption Awareness Month Apple Month Diabetes Month International Drum Month Epilepsy Month Native-American Heritage Month 	<p><i>Happy Birthday</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melodie Moore.....1 Trey Polhemus.....6 Suzanne Polhemus.....11 				<p>All Saints Day 1</p> <p>Lunch ride to Mary's Café Strawn, Texas Meet at Wal-Mart at I-30 and Belt Line Garland Leave 9:00 AM (Smokey)</p>	
<p>2</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time ends</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>Sandwich Day</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>Election Day</p> <p>Honda Riders Club Dallas Honda</p>	<p>5</p> <p>☾ First Quarter</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8</p> <p>Chapter B Monthly Gathering at STEAK COUNTRY Eat 11:00 AM Meet 12:00 N</p>	
<p>9</p> <p>Ride To Be Announced</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Veterans Day</p> 	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>☺ Full Moon World Kindness Day</p>	<p>14</p> <p>15</p> <p>America Recycles Day</p> <div data-bbox="1123 1157 1524 1314" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Cycle World International Motorcycle Show Dallas Convention Centre 14, 15,16 September</p> </div>	
<p>16</p> <p>Oklahoma admitted as state (1907)</p>  <p>International Motorcycle Show</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Visit-A-Chapter Chapter G2 Dickey's Barbecue 3201 IH-30 W Greenville (6:00 PM)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>☾ Last Quarter Gettysburg Address (1863) Pencil invented (1895)</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>Great American Smokeout</p> <p>Traffic Light patented (1923)</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>World Hello Day Anyone may participate by saying "hello" to 10 people.</p>	
<p>23</p> <p>Progressive Dinner Start at Wal-Mart 12:00 N</p> <p>30</p>	<p>24</p> <p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>● New Moon Thanksgiving Day</p>  <p>Newsletter Articles Due!</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	

Coming Events

Date	Chapter	Event	Location	Contact/E-Mail	Phone
October 9-11	★	Oklahoma District Rally	Muskogee Civic Centre Muskogee, Oklahoma	Rick and Robin Greninger rag101353@aol.com	918-272-9055
October 11	W	2008 Colorado River Rally	Smithville Riverbend Park Smithville, Texas	Bernard and Terry Schmitz bernardschmitz@comcast.net	281-859-9229
October 18	U	1st Annual Hallo-Wing Rally	Pickrell Park Pavilion Schertz, Texas	Brad and Jill Severe usedphoto@aol.com	210-403-9299
October 19	M2	Sundae In The Park Rally	Montgomery Comm. Bldg. Montgomery, Texas	Bart and Cheryl Harris manpawinger@suddenlink.net	936-539-1860
October 25-26	★	District Education Weekend	East Texas Baptist College Marshall, Texas	John and Lydia Bourg TxED@gwr-ra-tx.org	281-242-5125
2009 March 14	X2	X2 Birthday Party	Bear Creek Park Houston, Texas	David and Gail Nuñez rnunez6@comcast.net	281-213-3233
March 19-21	★	Region H Rally Be A Sport in Marshall	Marshall Civic Centre Marshall, Texas	Cliff and Donna Miller hdirector@gwr-ra-h.org	405-949-1748
April 4	J	23rd Annual Fools Run	Cowboy Honda Beaumont, Texas	David and Joann Parden pardendj@hotmail.com	409-994-3859
April 4	O	Bluebonnet Rally and Campout	Ladybird Johnson State Park Fredericksburg, Texas	Mark Heene director@goldwingaustin.org	512-288-4152
April 16-18	★	Louisiana District Rally Wings Over The Bayou	Holiday Inn Lafayette, Louisiana	Brent and Roxie Comeaux como102696@aol.com	337-993-8440
May 14-16	★	Texas District Rally	Amarillo, Texas	Ken and Barbie Peterson TexasDD@gwr-ra-tx.org	817-791-6685

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Texas "B" On The Road

by Smokey and Dana Keel

Chapter B Couple Of The Year

**A Day at the
State Fair of Texas
September 26, 2008**



Well, if you have not been to the great State Fair of Texas, you are missing a great time and lots of great food to eat. For Smokey, Judy, and myself, this is an annual event. Growing up in Texas I always got to go to the Fair. We got out of school each year and received a ticket to get in free. As an adult it is still our favorite day to go.

Smokey, Judy and myself arrived around 9:00 AM on Friday. We each took a 20-ounce coke for the food bank and got in for only \$4. Judy gets her cart to ride in so she does not have to do so much walking. We then head for the food pavilion to have our usual items that we like. Smokey gets chicken, Judy gets tamales or Frito pie, and I get nachos that the chips are in the shape of Texas.

After we eat, then we head for the automobile building to see the new cars and dream of

what we might like to drive. They usually have a tent with vendors, and we got Red a new dog tag. We don't want to leave him out. It is then time for us to have our Fletcher's Corny Dogs. There is nothing like getting them fresh and hot. We sit in the shade and enjoy them and people watch.

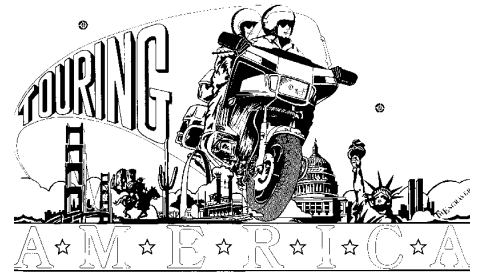
We watched the dog show this year. It was so much fun to watch them do their tricks.

Then we are off to the food vendors in front of the Cotton Bowl. You have to try Jack's Fries, the buttered corn on the cob, Texas tornado fries, and sausage on a stick, and we people watch some more.

The parade started at 7:15 PM and was over pretty quick, so we headed over to the where the light show was going to be held. It started at 8:00 PM, and we enjoyed it very much. After it was over with we headed back to drop off the cart that Judy used and left for home.

We will mark our calendars for next year and can't wait to have the great food that we can't get during the year. Don't forget to see Big Tex while you are there and here him say "HOWDY FOLKS, WELCOME TO THE STATE FAIR OF TEXAS" ☺

Smokey and Dana



Chicken Fried Bacon

1 lb. thick sliced bacon, cut in half

1 egg

½ cup milk or light cream

½ cup flour

Spices (optional)

Oil (for frying)

Heat oil in frying pan over medium heat.

Whisk egg and milk together in a bowl.

Place flour in another bowl. Season it if you'd like (garlic, pepper, salt, etc.)

Double dip: Dip bacon first into the egg mixture, then into the flour, then repeat.

Fry in oil until golden brown.

Serve with cream gravy.

Six servings.

To make cream gravy: Put 3 T drippings or butter in saucepan over medium heat. Whisk in 3 T flour until well blended. Cook for 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from heat; gradually add 2 cups milk, whisking constantly. Return to heat and cook until gravy thickens. Add 2 T heavy cream and salt and pepper to taste.

Serving size: 206 g (7¼ oz.)

Calories per serving: 493

Calories from fat: 365

Cholesterol: 107 mg

Sodium: 693 mg

From the Internet



GWRRA Texas District Education Weekend



Courses Offered

Texas District is pleased to offer the following courses & seminars for Rider Education and Leadership Training

GWRRA Courses & Seminars

- * ARC (*Advanced Rider Course*)
- * Trike Course
- * Co-Rider Seminar
- * Trailering Seminar
- * Crash Scene Response
- * Team Riding
- * Motorcycling for the Mature Rider

Also

- * First Aid/CPR Courses
- * Leadership Training Knowledge Enhancement Program
 - * You're An Officer, Now What?
 - * Write Stuff
 - * Chapter Finances
 - * Newsletter
 - * Motivating Volunteers
 - * Problem Solving or How to eat an Elephant

NOTE: EARLY ENROLLMENT IS REQUIRED TO ENSURE YOUR PLACE

Date: October 25th & 26th 2008

Time: *See Schedule for times*

Hosted at:



Marshall, Texas

This event has been developed for the purpose of promoting Motorcycle riding safety, for GWRRA members. These courses are not only being offered for their safety aspect but to also provide the required training for those involved with /or interested in being involved with the GWRRA Rider Education Levels Program.

We want to offer this training opportunity to all GWRRA members, but space is limited, once a course is full we will have to close enrollment for that course. So register early.

Contact:
John and Lydia Bourg
District Educators
281-242-5125
TxEd@gwrra-tx.org

***Note: Proper riding gear will be required for all on bike courses;
DOT approved helmet, full fingered gloves, eye protection, long sleeve shirt or jacket, long pants, over the ankle boots or shoes. There will be no exceptions.***



Texas District Education Weekend – Registration form
 Saturday October 25th & Sunday October 26th, 2008
 East Texas Baptist University
 Marshall, Texas



Course	Location/Date Start Time	Cost per person	Num. taking	Total due
ARC Advanced Rider Course – 1 UP – 2 wheel motorcycles only	ETBU / Sun – 26th 8:00 AM (apx 8 hours)	\$50.00*	FULL	
Trike Course**	ETBU / Sat – 25th 8:00 AM (apx 8 hours)	\$50.00*	FULL	
First Aid/CPR	ETBU / Sat – 25th 8:00 AM (apx 6 hours) <i>First Time</i>	\$20.00		
	ETBU / Sun – 26th 8:00 AM (apx 5 hours) <i>Refresher</i>	\$20.00		
Crash Scene Response	ETBU / Sun – 26th 1:00 PM (apx 2 hours)	Free		
Co-Rider Seminar	ETBU / Sat – 25th 3:30 PM (1 hour)	Free		
	ETBU / Sun – 26th 9:30 AM (1 hour)	Free		
Trailing Seminar	ETBU / Sun – 26 th 8:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Free		
Team Riding Seminar	ETBU / Sun – 26th 10:45 (1 hour)	Free		
Motorcycling for the Mature Rider	ETBU / Sun – 26th 1:00 PM (apx 2 hours)	Free		
Knowledge Enhancement- You're an Officer Now What?	ETBU / Sat – 25th 8:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Free		
Knowledge Enhancement- Write Stuff	ETBU / Sat – 25th 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Free		
	ETBU / Sun – 26th 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM	Free		
Knowledge Enhancement- Problem Solving – Or How to Eat an Elephant	ETBU / Sat – 25th 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM	Free		
Knowledge Enhancement- Motivating Volunteers	ETBU / Sat – 25th 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM	Free		
	ETBU / Sun – 26th 9:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Free		
Knowledge Enhancement- Chapter Finances	ETBU / Sat – 25th 2:30 PM – 3:45 PM	Free		
Knowledge Enhancement- Newsletters	ETBU / Sun – 26th 8:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Free		
Total due				

*\$25 refund upon completion of the course

**insta-trike, voyager and other kits of this type are not qualified for the trike course.


Mail completed form and payment to:

John & Lydia Bourg
 Texas District Educators
 935 Eldridge Road #355
 Sugar Land, Texas 77478

(make checks payable to GWRRA Texas District Rider Education)

Rally You Say?

By Carolyn Barton

 hat a great weekend Your Texas District Staff had over Labor Day in Amarillo planning the upcoming Rally in May among other events. We met at the Ashmore Inn and I highly recommend it for your stay in Amarillo when you book a room for the Rally. The staff is outstanding, the rooms comfortable and clean, free Continental Plus Breakfast, Happy Hour Monday - Thursday and the list goes on and on for amenities. Go ahead, check the District Website and book that room NOW while filling out your Registration Form to send to Pamela Meyer.

We started our meeting of the minds on Saturday after a wonderful breakfast at the hotel. After a brief meeting we went to the Convention Center to see the areas we will be using. All I can say is WOW, what a deal we are getting. I have never seen such a well thought out, organized facility. It is perfect for our use and I think you will LOVE it.

Lots of space, no cramped rooms for seminars, lots of vendor space, huge stage area for Opening, Closing and Dress Competition.

Speaking of Dress Competition, you ARE planning to be in that I hope. It should be lots of fun as always and I promise not to tell jokes or sing! Get those duds dusted off and pressed so you can represent your Chapter in all categories of the event. Be planning your outfits for the Theme Dress in the Western Style. It doesn't have to be elaborate, just in keeping with the "Ride into the Real Texas" theme of the Rally. You all have boots, hats, shirts and jeans or be creative and go further with your ideas and have some FUN with it. Just remember: PARTICIPATION is the KEY word and what makes the Rally more memorable for YOU.

Chapter Competitions will be interesting this year again. We will be handing out your 'special' items at Mid-Winter

Round-up for your chapter to decorate and embellish as originally as you choose. I am sure Barbie will fully explain that in the very near future. Just be thinking road kill and races. There will be prizes galore for various entries. Boots are also part of the Chapter Competition this year. Be gathering ideas for decorating a boot/boots to enter in this event. Start now and get all Chapter members involved, the more participation. The more ideas you have to share and use. Start looking for the Perfect Boot to create the most interesting, fun, far-out entry.

There are LOTS of great rallies coming up in the near future. Make plans to attend a few of them. I don't care how you participate, just DO IT! 😊

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