



GWRRA TX-P meets the 2nd Thursday of each month @ 7:00pm at the Spring Creek BBQ in Granbury

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From your Chapter Director;

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Chapter Participants:

While on a short ride, running an errand (at least that's what I called it to justify a quick ride on the 1800) I recently crossed paths with another GoldWinger. We exchanged pleasantries and complimented each others **good taste** of bikes and I discovered he was also a current member of **GWRRA**, and had been for many years. Me too! What do you know? Commonality in bikes, good taste, and **friends!**

Upon asking a few more questions he told me that he was a jam (just a member) and not active with any chapter, due to an unfavorable group riding experience years ago in another area of the state. This opened the door of more discovery questions as you can imagine.

He explained to me he was not comfortable with being forced to ride a certain way, in a certain formation, at a certain speed, with people learning to ride and (or) lacking riding experience of their own. He had such a bad experience that he decided he would not participate after that. Was he just set in his own ways? Or was it his lack of group riding experience?

I expressed my apologies for his unfortunate riding experience and explained the truths about group riding and the benefits of getting involved with **GWRRA** as a member, and not just for the magazine. **I have been there!**

I remember my first group ride! A very foreign experience and I felt like an outsider. I was new to riding a Gold Wing and had never ridden in a group. Why was it so foreign? I had been riding for years! The reason? I wasn't riding my own ride. I was forced to ride at a level that I was not comfortable with and not confident of the others in the group. Not all of us have the same riding skills and level of comfort! That level of comfort comes from doing more group rides and learning how others ride, which builds confidence and trust which makes for an enjoyable group riding experience! That's when the **fun** starts!

Many of us have had these same issues, and may still do! Sharing his concerns upfront could have made a difference in his situation. After all, **safe riding comes from not over riding ones skills and abilities. If anyone is uncomfortable group riding, don't do it! You're not required to do so.** We choose to, because it is safe. That doesn't mean you can't ride with us! Imagine all the rides, friendships and good times he missed out on.

GWRRA offers free instruction and classes on how to group ride, improve riding skills, trailering, and more! **GWRRA TX Chapter P** is fortunate to have qualified Educators in Kevin & Kerry Kaldenbaugh and resources available to teach(if we are willing to learn) for our **knowledge** and **safety**. If you have any questions on classes or instruction please ask.

Keep It Shiny & Under Your Hiney!

Jeff Mew

GWRRA TX-Chapter P

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Prevent OverHeating!!

Here are a few tips to make riding more bearable in the Texas summer heat!

First, don't leave your safety gear at home. There are many air flow/ mesh jackets on the market that allow air flow and provide good protection. As long as your wheels are rolling you won't get hot!

I also recommend air flow safety pants. So much more comfortable and cooler than jeans!

Invest in a comfortable, moisture wicking long sleeve shirt. Keeping your arms covered not only prevents sunburn, but keeps your arms from exposure to the sun!

Try a cooling vest! They really work! Not much to look at but we're talking comfort!

Carry a spray bottle of water and freeze it the night before!

Use a cool wrap (found in most sporting goods stores). They are inexpensive and they really help you feel cooler.

Wear polarized sunglasses to shade and protect your eyes from the glare of the sun!



Stay hydrated. Drink even if you're not thirsty!

If you don't have to use the facilities at each rest stop, you're probably not drinking enough fluids. Avoid sodas with caffeine – stick with sports drinks or water.

Take care of your Wing's fluids too. If you haven't already, now is a good time to check the coolant level before the weather gets any hotter.

Finally, if you can, do your riding during the coolest times of the day. I prefer the sunrise shining on my chrome the most!

The Sonic Ice Cream Socials have been a big hit this summer! We hope to see you at the next Sonic Night August 28th at 7:00pm in Cresson.



From our Chapter Educators

I found this information on tires from the National Highway and Transportation Administration web site. It is matter of fact and cuts to the point. I hope it is useful to you.

Know Your Pressure Level and Load Limits

Become familiar with your motorcycle manufacturer's inflation guidelines. Look in your motorcycle owner's manual to find the right PSI (pounds per square inch) of air pressure for your tires. Some bike manufacturers also list this formation on the bike itself. Common locations include the swing arm, front fork tubes, inside the trunk, and under the seat.

Keep in mind that these recommendations are usually dependent upon the weight of you and your passenger, as well as any cargo. For instance, some manufacturers advise adding 3 or 4 PSI when carrying a heavy load. Know your vehicle weight and load, and follow the PSI recommendations specific to your motorcycle. Failure to do so can result in adverse motorcycle handling (wobble and weave) or tire failure, or both.

Check your tire pressure often and adjust as necessary, using an accurate tire gauge. Motorcycle tire manufacturers recommend checking pressure at least once a week. However, many motorcycle safety experts recommend checking tire pressure and tread wear every time you take your bike out. After all, you ask more of your motorcycle tires than you do your car tires. So it's wise to ensure they're roadworthy each time you ride.

Tire Wear and Care, and When to Buy Replacements

Take the time to frequently inspect your tires for sidewall and tread groove cracking, punctures, blisters, knots, cuts, excessive or irregular wear. As with tire pressure, it only takes a few minutes — every time you ride is not too often. If you do find any of these tread wear conditions, immediately replace the damaged tire. In addition, most tire safety experts recommend replacing rather than attempting to permanently patch a tire.

When your tread is worn down to the level of the built-in tread wear bars on your tires, the tread won't provide good traction. This is yet another indication it's time for new tires.

Check your tires for signs of aging, including dry rot and cracking. Even barely used tires become hard with time or exposure to the sun. When tire rubber gets hard and stiff, it tends to crack and cannot grip the road to provide proper traction. So it's wise to replace old or dried-out tires even if they still have plenty of tread on them.

If you store your motorcycle during winter months, be sure to store it in a cool, dry place, out of direct sunlight — and away from ozone-producing appliances (anything with an electric motor, such as a refrigerator). Additionally, your tires should not come into sustained contact with gasoline or oil. Improper storage will rapidly accelerate the normal aging process, making your tires unsafe.



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What to Consider Before You Tire-Shop

Make sure you get a matching set of front and rear tires. Unlike car tires, you need to make sure that your motorcycle tires are a "matched" set. At a minimum, they should have complementary tread patterns, should both be either radial or bias ply, and ideally be the same make and model. Size matters. It's best to choose replacement tires of the same size as the motorcycle's original equipment tires.

Remember that front and rear motorcycle tires are not designed to perform exactly the same functions — and are not interchangeable. You'll need one front tire and one back tire of a complementary make, model and size.

Tire Safety on the Road

Avoid riding on the shoulder or near medians where sharp objects and other tire-damaging debris tend to accumulate.

Constantly monitor the way your motorcycle rides so you can detect any rapid air loss — and respond appropriately without delay.

Carry a cell phone whenever you ride, in case of emergencies.

Thanks,

Kevin and Kerry

As a result of the workshop from the July gathering, 8 riders and 7 co-riders enrolled in the safety levels program. We **Thank you for your commitment!** If you have not enrolled and are interested in participating please let us know!

Brian Handleson
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How do I forward photos by e-mail to Wing World?

E-mail attachments are limited in size to 9 mb; so please place your document on our FTP server at **ftp://files.gwrra.org**. Log on to the FTP site with User Name: "gwrra" and Password: "gwclients". After you have placed the document on the FTP site, **e-mail editor@gwrra.org** and reference the file name. Note: Pictures placed on the FTP server should be 300 pixels per inch, no greater than 8.125" x 10.875" maximum size and in a JPEG (JPG) format.

Submit photo's of your favorite ride to Wing World and represent Region H.

The Golden Girls

Find and circle all of the words and names from *The Golden Girls* TV show.

The remaining letters spell the name of a spinoff of *The Golden Girls*.

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GWRRA UPCOMING EVENTS

Marshall Chapter "I" "Dogs Days of Summer"	8/08-8/09/08
Arlington Chapter "M" The Moonlighters Fun Run	8/16/08
Sonic Night	8/28/08
DFW Chapter "R" 11th Annual Rally	9/06/08
Chapter "P" Member Trip to New York	9/09/08-??
CHAPTER 'P' COOK OUT	9/13/08
Tyler Chapter "Y2" rally (RV Campout!)	9/19-9/20/08
Corpus Chapter X Rally	9/27/08
Kansas district rally-Abilene, Kansas	9/26-9/28/08
Ride for Life	9/27-9/28/08
Killeen Chapter "T" rally	10/11/08
Oklahoma District Rally	10/10-10/11
San Antonio Chapter "U" Rally	10/18/08
Mississippi District rally-Biloxi	10/16-10/18/08
GWRRA Education Weekend-Lukin	11/01-11/02/08
Region "H" Rally	3/19-3/21/09

Top Ten Reasons Why Sport bike Riders Don't Wave Back

10. They have not been riding long enough to know they're supposed to.
9. They're going too fast to have time enough to register the movement and respond.
8. You weren't wearing bright enough gear.
7. If they stick their arm out going that fast they'll rip it out of the socket.
6. They're too occupied with trying to get rid of their chicken strips.
5. They look way too cool with both hands on the bars or they don't want to unbalance themselves while standing on the tank.
4. Their skin tight-Kevlar-ballistic-nylon-kangaroo-leather suits prevent any position other than fetal.
3. Raising an arm allows bugs into the armholes of their tank tops.
2. It's too hard to do one-handed stoppies.

And the #1 Reason Why Sport bike Riders Don't Wave Back

1. They were too busy slipping their flip-flop back on.



This Months Birthdays and Anniversary's

Birthdays

Ed Butler - 9th
 Kay Neeley - 10th
 Joyce Lustenhouwer - 13th
 Nathan Caps - 16th
 Billy Peacock - 19th, Mamie Stephens—23rd
 Judy Wheeler - 28th, Dana Price - 28th
 Jimmy Greene - 28th, James Lummus - 28th

Anniversary's

Kevin & Kerry Kaldenbach - 1st
 John Alan & Dianna Gronemeyer - 1st
 Dick & Mary Reedy - 4th
 Tom & Laura Garrett - 12th
 Jay & Sandi Pietsch - 23rd
 Dan & Michaelle Crocker - ?????

August Calendar of Events and Planned Rides

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
						Breakfast Ride 8am Home Depot
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
						Breakfast Ride 8am Home Depot Marshall Rally
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
				Monthly Gathering		Breakfast Ride 8am Home Depot Chapter M Ride
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
						Breakfast Ride 8am Home Depot
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				Sonic Night 7:00 pm		Thunder Over Texas Breakfast Ride 8am Home Depot

**NOTE: Scheduled Rides May be Postponed if Bad Weather is Forecast.
 Contact Jeff or Kevin if you have any questions.**



Month in Review

MONTH IN REVIEW:

7/04/08

4th of July fireworks show! Special thanks to JoAnn and Lanny Lacy for opening their home on Lake Granbury. Seven couples and many friends had an awesome time!

7/05/08

5 trikes and 2 bikes for breakfast ride to Chisholm Trail Restaurant In Godley.

7/12/08

Doo rags' off to those who braved the heat on the hottest day of the year! Salute!

Thank You to all who showed up for a very nice ride and lunch led by Robert Adair.

The two wheelers made a good showing this weekend outnumbering the trikes 4 to 1.

17 riders endured the lunch crowd & didn't mind the cold air conditioning of the "**Horny Toad**" in Cranfills Gap. With stops at the Fossil Rim lookout and Cody's Leather along the way! Our appetite for a good ride and good food were greatly satisfied!

8 bikes, 2 trikes and a 4 wheeler! (Brian and Carol had a comfortable, cool ride in their air conditioned vehicle).

I didn't hear any complaints about the heat, as our ride window for comfort was maximized, but I did manage to drink like a fish the rest of the day!

Good fellowship, good **FUN** and a good safe day of group riding!

7/19/08

2 trikes and 5 bikes go for breakfast in Godley, with short ride to beat the heat.

7/26/08

Paul & Joyce led 4 other wings through the local back roads for breakfast at Neisters. Those who beat the heat and participated were Ron & Mary, Steve & Susan, Leon and his co-rider visiting from Columbia, and Jeff. Thanks for riding!



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