



**Gold Wing Road Riders Association
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The Hospitality Region
Texas District
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It's That Time Again!

It's time to start thinking about our 8th Annual Convention and Duckrace. Actually, it takes more than "thinking" to put on a successful event....and ours has been successful in the past and we want to make sure it is again this year.



**Friday Night Dinner Ride April 27th
Rally Events April 28th
Riverside Park in Brownwood**

Read All About It In March's Newsletter!

Next Gathering

February 11

JEAN'S FEED BARN

349 Hwy 36
Cross Plains
11:30 a.m.

(see page 2)

Do you know this member????



This is one in a series of pictures we publish in our newsletter of members when they were young(er).

If you think you know who this is (or, if you just want to make a guess), please e-mail or phone your editor no later than the 20th of this month. In next month's newsletter, we will publish the names of all (if any) who guessed right. The actual identity of the member pictured will be divulged in next month's newsletter. There is no prize to be awarded since this is not a contest. It is simply another way we can have fun....and remember our motto is friends for FUN, safety, and knowledge.



February Birthdays

- 14 Bud Shoaf
- 25 Don Kinkle
- 25 Tom Ridings

February Anniversary



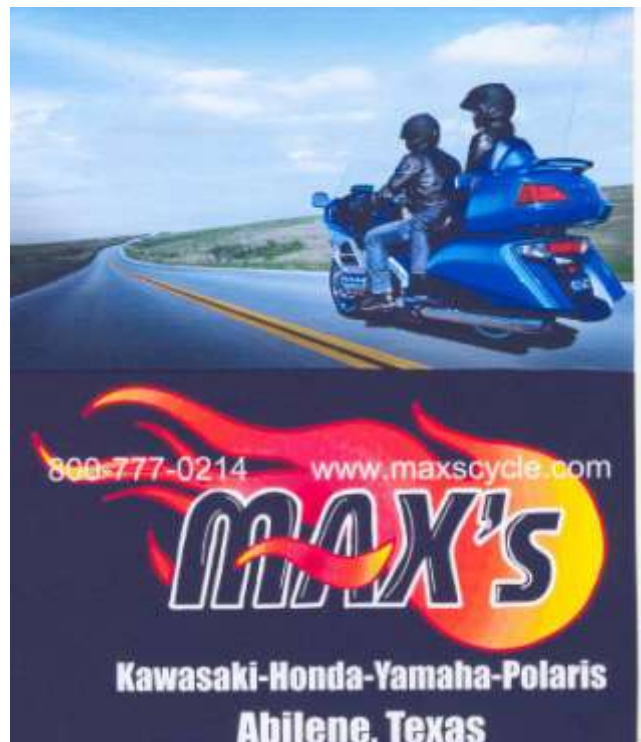
29th Rupert & Shari Rodriguez*

*Since they were married on the 29th day of February.....and this date only comes around every four years.....they really DO get an anniversary this year!

GWRRA ANNIVERSARIES

(date joined)

Jim Cate 2005
Ron & Diane Miller 2011



Do you see your membership number

in this newsletter? If so, call (325-382-4469) or e-mail (jensim@web-access.net) and identify yourself as the lucky member before the next regularly scheduled Chapter gathering (usually the second Saturday of the month...unless notified otherwise) to qualify for your \$5 winnings. Hey, it's not like winning the lottery, but you can always put it in your gas tank (not the money, but the gas you can buy with it!)

FEBRUARY GATHERING

**Come Find Out What Will Be
Happening At Our
8th Annual Duckrace**

At our "get-together" at Jean's Feed Barn in Cross Plains February 11th, we'll be discussing our rally. Everyone is encouraged to attend and find out what YOU can do to help. Remember, we need everyone's help to put on what has been a very successful rally for several years and we want to insure it will be successful again this year! (see page one for time & location)

Mid-Winter RoundUp

The annual business meeting for all Texas chapters was held January 14th in New Braunfels. Since this is the same location as our May Texas District Convention, everyone had an opportunity to view the facilities.

Rick & Alyce Dietly, Bob & Toby Davis, David & Mary Graham, John Thomas, and Dave & Jean Simmons attended the day-long session.

Texas Chapter Couples of the Year who attended were presented with their ribbons and medallions. A great bar-b-que lunch was prepared by Assistant District Educators Ricky & Karen Frazier and served by the Texas District Team. Each chapter was given a wooden horse to be decorated and taken to the Convention in May. And, of course, there was paperwork to be completed and break-out sessions for the various positions within GWRRA.

And, as always, one of the greatest things about a big GWRRA event is getting to see old friends and making new ones. This annual business meeting is open to all GWRRA members....not just officers. It will "come around" again next January....and we'd like to encourage members to attend.



Bob and Toby Davis received their Couple of the Year ribbons and medallions from Chapter Director Rick Dietly.

January Mystery Member Revealed!



Toby Davis

We want to thank everyone who turned in a "guess" as to who our January Mystery Member was. Unfortunately, no one guessed correctly! Thanks, Toby, for being such a good sport . and sharing your "Days Gone By" picture.

We also want to thank everyone who has turned in a picture to use. We'll run one a month, so don't get discouraged if yours is not run right away!....we'll get to them all!

We are also looking for more pictures....how about yours? We sincerely hope that all our members will join in the fun and send us (either by e-mail or snail mail) a picture to use for this project. If you snail mail the picture, we will be happy to copy it and return it to you. Hey...you don't want to miss this chance to stump your friends and keep them guessing, do you?

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Jean Simmons is wearing one of the "Texas Derby Hats" that were being worn by the District Team to promote our Convention in May. All ladies



are encouraged to "fancy up" a hat and bring it to New Braunfels. There will be a contest to determine whose hat is the "fanciest".

MEMBERS' CORNER

Editor's note: we love to receive articles from our members and will publish them on a space available basis. If an article is too long to fit in one issue, we may have to split it up for future issues or if we do not have space in the next issue, we'll be happy to hold it for a future issue. Articles may be edited for spelling, grammar and content.

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(The following article was submitted by Norma Oliver)

I am involved again in the American Heart Association's efforts to raise money for research and education. The plan is to wipe out heart disease totally!! So, I have T shirts for sale, All are \$10 except the 2X and 3X, they are \$13. Barent, my son David and I are so grateful to the AHA for the funding it provides for these research programs and the education it supports. Please consider buying a shirt, and buying some tickets to the gala which is to be on March 3. If anyone is interested, just give me a call.

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Biker Wisdom-One Liners

The following "witticisms" were found recently when clearing out a stack of old e-mails.....this one was dated November, 2000! The sender noted no credit was given to the original author because he didn't know who came up with the idea....so, we can't give credit either! We'll try to print a few from time to time. Some of them are more applicable to Gold Wings than others....you be the judge.

- Never be afraid to slow down
- Saddle bags never hold everything you want, but they CAN hold everything you need
- When you are riding lead – don't spit

More Pictures from Mid-Winter Roundup



We Extend Our
Sincere Sympathies
to
Jim Cate
in the loss of his son

News From Texas District.....

News From International.....

Do you know who your International Officers are? Do you know how to contact them if you have a question (or suggestion)?

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TEXAS DERBY DAYS is the theme for the Texas District Convention in New Braunfels May 17 – 19. There will be a lot of new activities on the agenda this year.

The ladies are all encouraged to make (and wear) fancy hats.(228102-01) There will be a contest...so don't be shy about adding LOTS of flowers, lace, trim....and "whatever else you can think of".

There will also be a photo display/contest. So, dig out your old photos....or, take some new ones. Check out the Texas District Newsletter for appropriate categories.

Many of you have enjoyed watching the pine car races at previous rallies. Have you thought about participating, but didn't know how to get started? Well, this year, we are going to show you! There will be a seminar titled "Pine Car 101" to teach you how to make one of these cars and offer some "tips for 'speeding up' (or maybe winning) your cars.

And what is a GRITS tea party? It started out to be a "girls raised in the south" party...but was quickly changed to "girls riding in the south". A tea party at a motorcycle event?...we told you there were going to be new activities this year!

News From Region H

REGION H CONVENTION MARCH 29-31 MARSHALL, TEXAS

THURSDAY NIGHT: Kroger Groceries will provide hot dogs and root beer floats

FRIDAY NIGHT: "Fabulous Fifties" Sock Hop....poodle skirts and slicked back hair?

What Did You Do On The First Day Of 2012?

Each year we ask our Chapter participants to share their activities on the first day of the new year. The following are the responses we received.

Derald and Sandra Burns

The first day of the year, we went to church, came home, and relaxed.



Flip and Sissy Flippin

Hey you all, we had a very quiet new year's eve. To bed early. Think it's due to the passage of time. But New Year day, Fay and Travis were here to have lunch with us. Sis cooked black-eyed peas, cabbage and bbq ribs, then it was football and nap time.



Barent Gibson and Norma Oliver

Don't fall off your chair when you read about what we did!! First of all, on New Year's Eve, we STAYED AT HOME!! The next day, Jan 1 2012, we slept late, went to lunch somewhere (I can't remember where). I washed a couple of loads of clothes and Barent worked on the bus! Exciting, right? Seriously we are looking forward to a great year of good health and good fun and good friends. What more could anyone want?



Bob and Toby Davis

We cooked and ate turkey and black-eyed peas, lazed all day, and accomplished nothing. We had a great day!



Bud and Sandy Shoaf

New Years Day Sandee and I spent most of the day (6 hours) in the emergency room at Regional Hosp. I had been sick for over a week with bronchitis and water around my heart and after being seen at the walk-in clinic a week earlier, I still didn't feel any better. There was only one doctor on duty and it took so long to find out (quote) "there's nothing wrong with you". The next day we went back to the walk-in clinic and they gave me stronger antibiotics and cleared it up.



Dave and Jean Simmons

We went to church, ate black-eyed peas, and watched the Cowboys lose!



Mac and Kay McMahon

New Year's Day was a day of leisure at our house. Two of our grandchildren, Becca (16) and Beau (15), were with us. After staying up to "Ring in the New Year" we all slept late, had a big breakfast and then, went to see the new Sherlock Homes movie. As tradition, that evening we had the customary meal of black-eyed peas with cornbread, watched football and gave thanks for all our blessings.



Rupert & Shari Rodriguez

We were unable to return to the Riviera this year to celebrate the new year due to our jet being out of commission. So we had a late Christmas with our son at Lake Frisco. Had some good family time and a lot of good grandkid time. Then back to the salt mines and back to work.



**CHILI
DAY
AT THE
LAKE**



The weather was chilly, but the chili was hot at Lake Coleman as we gathered at Dave and Jean's house at Lake Coleman for our get-together January 21st.

John & Donna Thomas, William Lackey, Flip & Sissy Flippin, Bud & Sandee Shoaf, Tom & Gwen Hart, Barent Gibson & Norma Oliver, Bob & Toby Davis, Rick & Alyce Dietly, David & Mary Graham, and Mac & Kay McMahon joined Dave & Jean for lunch. William was the only one brave enough to ride his Wing....the rest resorted to 4-wheelers, but we always say it's not important "how" you get there as long as you "do" get there!

Bud Shoaf drew the winning ticket for the Membership Enhancement drawing....and he drew his own ticket! Anyone think he'll be asked to draw again soon? Bob Davis drew Donna Thomas' nametag for \$5 off her lunch ticket....but, wait a minute....there were no lunch tickets. Wonder how Donna spent her money!



Kay, Sissy, Mary, and Sandee look over the Chapter photo albums while waiting for the chili to be served

Mark your calendar.....

for the following dates. More information on these events will be provided prior to the time of the event in our newsletter, on our web page, or by e-mails. We just want to give you a "heads up" on some of the dates we have planned Chapter activities occurring.

February

- 4 -5 Officer Certification Program
Georgetown, TX
- 11 **Chapter O2 monthly gathering... 11:30 a.m.**
Jean's Feed Barn
(address on page 1)

March

- 10 **Chapter O2 monthly gathering....TBA**
- 24 Texas Chapter J's
Convention...Beaumont
- 29-31 Region H Convention
Marshall, Texas

April

- 12 - 14 Louisiana District Convention
Lafayette, LA
- 14 Texas Chapter O Convention
Fredericksburg, Texas
- 27 **Pre-Convention Dinner Ride**
Riverside Park, Brownwood
- 28 **Texas Chapter O2 Convention**
and Duck Race, Riverside
Park, Brownwood, Texas

May

- 17 - 19 Texas District Convention
New Braunfels, Texas

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News From Our Chapter Directors Rick & Alyce Dietly



Hi Y'all

So far so good for the new year, for which I am surprised because it looks like Alyce and I are one of the few people who don't have black eye peas and corn bread New Years Day, but we did bring in the New Year the right way by sitting around watching TV and snacking on left over New Years Eve snacks. Not much riding so far but that will come shortly. [I hope]

There were four and 1/2 couples from 02 that went to Mid Winter Round Up in New Braunfels. Donna stayed home to visit with grandchildren. I just don't understand, grandchildren or fun meetings? Even with Shari absent I did not win anything, but I didn't get picked on either, so I guess I did win. Jean was busy with her District job, so she didn't have time either. No wonder it was so quiet at our table.

New Braunfels will be the site for our District Convention this May 17-19th. It would probably be a good idea to get reservations if you're thinking of going, cause New Braunfels is a fun town in the summer. The Region H Convention is coming up March 29-31st. Everyone should try to attend both these conventions. Our Chapter convention is Apr. 27 & 28th which is not too far away so our ducks are in training sessions. I know it will be a fun time for all attending.

Be sure to check our Web page and Texas District Web page to keep up with all the events coming up.

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**News From Our Assistant Chapter Directors
John and Donna Thomas**



Looks like riding season may be right around the corner. Heard rumors that some are trying to get a jump on it. For example: a brave group of trikers decided to leave Brownwood early on Friday morning, January 20th for a ride to Granbury for lunch. The temperature that morning was around 40 degrees give or take. The four couples were Flip and Sissy; David and Mary; Mac and Kay; and myself and Donna. We left from Whataburger all bundled up nice and cozy heading east. By the time we got to Granbury some of us were ready to get out of the coats, the temperature was getting close to 80. We were met there by Flip's niece and husband, Georgia and Richard (I think the names are right!) Georgia shared some pictures of Flip as a young lad. How could such a cute little boy It was an excellent dinner with left overs. We again saddled up for the ride home with shirt sleeves instead of coats. It was a good start to the season ahead, get the bikes cleaned and ready ya'll.

Saturday, we met at Dave and Jean's for a chili lunch and our monthly business meeting. Good meal (thanks Jean and Dave) and good fellowship.

There are some upcoming rallies that you may want to put on your to do calendars. These will be listed in this newsletter. One in particular though. The Chapter O's rally is the same weekend as the Louisiana rally. If you cannot get to Louisiana, please make an effort to go to Fredericksburg and support them. They are one of our best supporters for our rally. Ours will be in April and again, we will be looking for volunteers to help out. Let Rick know you can help.

Let's all see if we can each recruit one new member to the chapter this year. Growth is good. See you on the road.

**News from Our Chapter O2 Educators
David and Mary Graham**



Hello

I hope everyone had a great 2011 and an even better 2012.

We were sorry to hear about Jim's son; our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

We made it down to New Braunfels, TX; the place is really nice; parking might be a bit tight but they said there would be ample parking, hope every one can make it down in May.

Riders Ed is selling tickets this year for 5 night stay @ Koyote Ranch for 2 people plus \$200.00 cash. This is located south of Kerrville, TX . Tickets are available for \$10.00 each again this year. You do not have to be present to win. Anyone can buy a ticket.

Midwinter has come and gone so it will soon be spring time and time to ride a lot more, hopefully. We have had a few nice days to get out and ride .

Marshall is coming up soon I know some of us have made reservations already and are planning on going down there; it's a fun place and not that far.

I wish I had a really great safety tip for this month but I don't. Will try and do better next time.

Remember keep it straight and level; the shiny side up and always at least on 2 wheels or more.

Be safe out there. Keep a smile on your face and make others wonder what you have been up to.

Keep well, see you down the road.

**News from our 2012 Couple of the Year
Bob and Toby Davis**



Hi, all.

We have decided to go with WYSIWYG for our Couples basket theme. This means anything goes (within reason and legal limits.) Since there are no size constraints on the basket this year, we can be sure everything will fit!

New Braunfels was a delightful place. We had good German food for dinner, and a tasty barbecue lunch which was provided by District at the MWRU. We look forward to going back in May.

Jean and Dave's chili at our monthly gathering was awesome. Thanks for all the work that you did. We also enjoyed the company of our chapter participants.



Bob and Toby at Chili Day at the Lake

**News From Our Membership Enhancement Coordinators
Dave & Jean Simmons**



2012 Gold Wing

Have you seen the new 2012 Gold Wing? We haven't seen one "in person", but this picture sure makes it look awesome. This picture was provided to us by John Poor at Max's in Abilene. Max's is one of the advertisers in this newsletter and has always supported Chapter O2 by providing the grand prize each year for our Conventions (what used to be rallies). They are also featuring this Gold Wing in their current ad.

Not only does this picture feature the beautiful bike....but, just look at that magnificent scenery. It makes us want to "hop on and ride". It's hard to imagine while we are enduring this dreary February weather, but Spring will be here soon. While many of us are planning our trips to various conventionsand maybe, some long-distance over-nighters, let's not forget the pleasure of making shorter rides with fellow "Wingers" also. Anytime you "get the urge" to take a ride....why not get on the phone or e-mail and gather up some friends to make your ride more enjoyable? PIE ANYONE? OR ICE CREAM? OR, BETTER YET....BOTH!