



**Gold Wing Road Riders Association
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The Hospitality Region
Texas District
Brownwood Chapter 02
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**Chapter O2
participated in the
Memorial Day Ceremony
at the Veteran's Cemetery
in Abilene**

**Next Gathering
July 16**

**Breakfast at
L & L Country Cooking
700 W. Walker Street
Breckenridge**

9 a.m.

**NOTE: This is the third
Saturday of the month instead
of the second since so many will
be at Wing Ding on the second
Saturday**



New Braunfels, Texas

Last month, we reported the location of the 2012 Texas District Convention as New Braunfels. We simply stated it would be the weekend after Mother's Day. (We didn't have the actual date at that time) Well, we still have not located a 2012 calendar, but our illustrious leader (AKA CD Rick Dietly) sent us the information.....May 17, 18, & 19, 2012! Thanks, Rick.

Let's Get To Know.....

Chapter O2 is always happy to add new participants to our Chapter, and we'd like to get to know them better.



Tom Ridings

(We don't have Diane's picture because she has been working every time we have had a get-together)

Tom has been riding for 35 years. He bought his first Gold Wing in Bend, Oregon, in 1991. Tom joined GWRRA, after purchasing a new 2004 1800 in 2005, because he wanted to meet other Gold Wing owners.

He lived in upstate New York for 25 years and graduated from a small four-year college in Nebraska. His favorite hobbies, besides riding, are boating, working with wood, and participating with the Patriot Guards. He retired in January, 2008, but is considering part-time work.

Diane grew up in western Nebraska and completed 3 1/2 years of college there. She works part time at WalMart in Brownwood. Her favorite hobbies are gardening and jogging.

Tom and Diane met in college and married in 1969. They have two children and three grandchildren.

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The weather was....

HOT.....

HOTTER.....

and

HOTTEST!

Whoever thought that the temperature in the middle of June would reach 107 degrees? Surely, not Rick and Alyce (or anyone else) as they worked to plan a campout/cookout for Chapter O2!

Rick & Alyce, Bob & Toby, Rupert & Shari, and Dave & Jean loaded up their RVs and headed to Hords Creek on Thursday, June 16th, to spend a little time in the "out of doors" for a couple days before the rest of the Chapter arrived on Saturday for a cook-out. Friday morning, they took out the steaks and chicken from the freezer for the guys to bar-be-que for dinner that night. But when the temperature reached 107 degrees, they did the only sensible thing.....the meat went back in the freezer and plans were quickly made to drive in to Coleman and find a nice (translated "air-conditioned") restaurant!

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(Hords Creek continued)

On Saturday, Jim Cate & Gerry Brandon, David & Mary Graham, Bud & CeCe McCoy, Barent Gibson & Norma Oliver, William Lackey and son Will, Flip & Sissy Flippin, and John Thomas all braved the 3-digit heat to join the campers for a cookout.



Jim seems to be supervising Rick and Dave while they cook the hot dogs and hamburgers



Alyce set out the food



Flip found some shade

**Congratulations,
Kay McMahon**

Kay notified us that she found her membership number in the June newsletter. We had her \$5 ready to present to her at the cook-out at Hords Creek, but unfortunately Mac was not feeling well and she had to stay home to play nursemaid. Don't worry, Kay.....you'll still get your winnings the next time you get to one of our gatherings.

Thank you, Kay, for reading the newsletter

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Best Wishes For A Speedy Recovery

Arnold Barber and Mac McMahon had to miss the cook-out at Hords Creek because they were "under the weather". We sincerely hope they are "fit as a fiddle" by the time this newsletter is published.



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.

July

- 6 – 9 Wing Ding
Knoxville, TN
- 16 Chapter Gathering – Breakfast
L & L – Breckenridge 9 a.m.

August


- 13 Chapter M Convention
Mansfield, TX
- 20 Chapter I Convention
Jefferson, TX
- 20 Chapter X2 BBQ
Cypress, TX
- 26 – 27 Kansas District Convention
El Dorado, Kansas

September

- 10 Chapter R Convention
Keller, TX

October

- 1 Chapter T Convention
Killeen, TX
- 8 Chapter N2 Bee Blast
New Caney, TX
- 15 Chapter U Convention
San Antonio, TX
- 22 Chapter Z Birthday Party
Pasadena, TX
- 27 – 29 Oklahoma District Convention
McAlester, OK




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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!)

NOTICE!

Since so many of our members will be going to Wing Ding, our monthly gathering will be changed to the third Saturday instead of the second Saturday for the month of July

See details on Page one

JULY BIRTHDAYS



- 5 John Thomas
- 17 Sissy Flippin
- 25 Donna Thomas
- 28 Jim Cate
- 31 Lucy Barber



JULY

- 3 Bob & Toby Davis
- 21 Barent Gibson & Norma Oliver

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GWRRR July Anniversaries (date joined)

- Bob & Toby Davis 2004
- Arnold & Lucy Barber 2006
- John & Doe Bailey 2009
(rejoined)

We Want Your Picture!

We'd like to start a new project in this newsletter. But to do this, we need your help. Please send (either by e-mail or snail mail) a picture of you when you were a child. We will try to run a different picture each month (depending on how many pictures we receive). We'll ask, "Do You Know Who This Is?" Then, the following month we will publish the names of all (119131-01) who guessed right. This is just for fun...there won't be any prizes. If you snail mail the picture, we can copy it and return it to you.

News From Our Chapter Directors Rick & Alyce Dietly



Rick



Alyce

Hi Y'all

Well we all wanted it to warm-up a little so we could get some riding in. I think someone got a little carried away with the heat. I'm going to tell you something very few people will say, "Drink and Drive", water that is. Here are a few facts about water that might surprise you.

One glass of water shuts down midnight hunger pangs for almost 100% of the dieters studied in a University study: Lack of water is the #1 trigger of daytime fatigue. Preliminary research indicates that 8-10 glasses of water a day could significantly ease back and joint pain for up to 80% of sufferers. A mere 2% drop in body water can trigger fuzzy short-term memory, trouble with basic math, and difficulty focusing on the computer screen. Drinking 5 glasses of water daily decreases the risk of colon cancer by 45%, plus it can slash the risk of breast cancer by 79%, and one is 50% less likely to develop bladder cancer. Are you drinking the amount of water you should every day?

I don't think I'll get to pick our camping and picnic days anymore. We had a good turn out even if it was 30 degrees hotter than most would have liked. [50 degrees for Sherri & Toby] Everyone seemed to have a good time until they started melting and had to rush for the watermelon. A special thanks to all that brought all the extra goodies.

Wing Ding is just around the corner all you lucky people getting to go, check your machines out good, especially the tire pressure, because low pressure will build up heat and there is going to be plenty of that already and Drink.

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News from our Assistant Chapter Directors

And 2011 Chapter Couple of the Year

John and Donna Thomas



This I guess is for July's newsletter. For those of you who may not have noticed, it's been hot, dry and windy. Worse yet, the fishing have not been all that good. However, through extreme sacrifice, I have managed to gather enough fish for our September fish fry. By then, I hope we have received relief from this drought. All the lake levels are critically low and water is becoming a high priced commodity. But we will endeavor to preserve.

Riding has almost become out of the question as well with the heat and all. Donna and I will be leaving for Knoxville in just a couple of weeks so here's praying the weather cools down some. We plan to take our time and carry lots of Gatorade.

The picnic/camping at Hords Creek was good. A different setting than some dining place even though the heat was high the breeze made it tolerable. Thanks Rick!

I had just about made it back home as my pager went off. We had another large grass fire west of Bangs we had to fight. That was the third one this past week. Not fun fighting in the heat. But someones gotta do it, right?

Oh well; that's really all I can say right now. Pray for rain, protect yourself from the heat and be safe.

John



COOKOUT AT HORDS CREEK

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



Hello Boys and Girls

Is it hot enough for you???

We had a great time in South Dakota. It was a warm 74 degrees one day then it cooled down. It was great, the country was beautiful,

A great time was had by all, except the cool made some of us sick, but we managed to make it back, I do hope everyone is about to recover. The rally was a little different, NOT BAD.

We made it to the picnic, had a great time, it was just too hot. So we came down the hill to some cold air. Every thing was great even the cantaloupe.

Hopefully it won't be long, till it cools down a dab so we can get out and ride.

I hope every one going to Wing Ding has a safe trip there and back home; we are taking the car with cold air this time.

Be safe riding in the heat. Hopefully we will have cooler days ahead.

Stay cool, drink plenty of water, take lots of breaks and avoid the mid day sun. You can get over heated very quickly.

Be extra careful it is very HOT OUT.

BE SAFE OUT THERE

Keep the shinny side up. And the dirty side down

News from Our Membership Enhancement Coordinators

Dave & Jean Simmons



About the time this newsletter gets posted on our web site, we will be heading to Wing Ding. We had planned to enjoy a nice leisurely ride to Tennessee. However, we have decided to take our own advice and put safety first. Considering the three-digit heat degrees that we have endured the last couple of weeks (and, it is only June!), we have determined that we would arrive in Knoxville much healthier (and probably faster) if we rely on the air conditioning available in our four-wheeler. If we rode, we would probably have to stop at noon each day due to the heat.

We intend to arrive at WingDing on Tuesday so that we can attend the International Couple of the Year Selection and cheer for our Region H Couple, Steve and Faye Alexander. We'd like to encourage everyone going to Wing Ding to try to arrive in time for this event. After all, the outgoing International Couple of the Year came not only from our Region H, but also from our own Texas District!

We've said many times that you only get out of any organization or activity what you put into it. The fun and enjoyment you receive depends on how much you participate. If you choose to only participate in something once in a while, you will only benefit a little from it. However, if you participate a lot, you will receive a lot more fun and enjoyment.

This year, Region H has been assigned to work the bike show. This is a change from the several years we have been selling things in the Goodie Booth. We have both thoroughly enjoyed working in the Goodie Booth, but now are looking forward to a new experience working with the bike show. Dave is a Certified Bike Show Judge and Jean will just be helping out with whatever else needs to be done.

One thing is for sure....there will be plenty to do and see at Wing Ding this year. So, whatever your interests are.....we urge you to PARTICIPATE, PARTICIPATE, PARTICIPATE!