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Shari Did It Again!



After several years' absence from the Texas District Convention, the Pine Car Races are back! Region H Director, Harry Dollarhide hauled the track down from Oklahoma and "the races were on"! Even though there were many participants, Shari Rodriguez walked away with the first place trophies for both the Traditional and the Open Classes.
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CONGRATULATIONS, SHARI

**Next Gathering
NOTICE!
A Change of Plans!**

**June 18
Hord's Creek Lake**

Picnic/Camp-out

**See article on
page 6 for
information**

Honor Our Heroes

was the Convention theme

Each chapter was given a wooden figure to decorate. Shari Rodriguez was the artist who created Chapter's O2's entry....it turned out to be Elvis standing behind a GoldWing. Rick Dietly joined the other Chapter Directors to "race" their chapter's entry. We didn't win the race, but it sure was nice to look at!



2012 Texas District Convention

New Braunfels, Texas

has been selected to host the 2012 Texas District Convention! At the closing ceremony in Killeen, District Director Fred Mew announced the location of our next District Convention. The date will be the weekend after Mother's Day....(as soon as we can locate a copy of next year's calendar, we will be happy to publish the date).

The area promises a lot of interesting side trips, so you might want to go early and stay late! The famous waterpark, Schlitterbahn, is located there; and, we hear there is an outlet mall nearby. New Braunfels is also near the historic village of Gruene. We also hear there is an ample supply of good German food to be found there

Texas District Convention

What a great turn-out Chapter O2 had for the District Convention in Killeen! Lucy & Arnold, David & Mary, Kay & Mac, Rupert & Shari, Rick & Alyce, Bob & Toby, Dave & Jean, Flip & Sissy, and John & Donna all made their way south to participate.



Shari took the top honors in the Pine Car Races, winning the trophies in both the Open and Traditional Classes. Of course, Rupert was not about to let her get ahead of him, so he won two (not one, but two) of the Couple of the Year baskets. One was so large that he had to haul it out on a wagon. His name was also drawn from the many volunteers to win the free registration to next year's convention. Oh, yes, Rupert also was awarded first place in the Valkrye Division in the Bike Show.

David Graham also took home one of the Couple of the Year Baskets.

**INTRODUCING
Your New Texas
District Couple of the Year
for 2011 – 2012**



John & Donna selling grand prize tickets to Arnold



Dale and Carleen Garrett

At the Texas District Couple of the Year Selection Process during the convention in Killeen, Dale & Carleen Garrett were selected to represent the Texas District as their Couple of the Year for the coming year. Dale and Carleen's home chapter is Chapter T, located in Killeen.

**Lucy and Kay
selling
quilt
tickets**



Outgoing District Couple of the Year, Dave and Jean Simmons, served as Masters of Ceremony during the selection process and announced the new Couple and presented them with their ribbons and medallions.



John Thomas with winner of O2's Couple of the Year Basket "Wings of Love"



Outgoing and incoming Texas District Couples of the Year

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.

June

18 Chapter Gathering...Hord's Creek Lake cookout/campout (see article on page 6)

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**
**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!)

We wish to extend
our sincere sympathy to
Flip Flippin
for the loss of his brother

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



11th Bernice Brassell
22nd Ellie Jordan
26th Ron Miller



JUNE

9th Ken & Bernice Brassell
13th Bud & Sandee Shoaf
24th Flip & Sissy Flippin
30th John & Donna Thomas



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GWRRR June Anniversaries (date joined)

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Gerry Brandon 2008



ARKANSAS DISTRICT CONVENTION

Mac & Kay McMahan, David & Mary Graham, Dave & Jean Simmons, and Flip & Sissy Flippin rode to Rogers, Arkansas, to attend the Arkansas District Convention.



June 18 Hord's Creek Lake

We are having a picnic....and the Chapter is providing the food. All you need to bring are your drinks and your lawn chairs!

If you have a motorhome, a travel trailer, a tent, a pop-up camper, or would just like to spread your sleeping bag out under the stars.....come join us for a camp-out. Some of us are going out Thursday (16th) and some of us are going out Friday (17th). But if you are not the adventurous type and you like your camping at a Holiday Inn with a chocolate on your pillow.....come on out on Saturday.

We plan to eat about two o'clock....but come out any time (after breakfast) for fun and fellowship. We will be set up in the Flat Rock Recreation Area. From Coleman, take HiWay 153 West for 8 miles to the main entrance of Hords Creek Lake and follow the signs into the campground.

We want to have enough food....but we don't want to buy too much.....so please let Rick and Alyce know if you plan to be there by June 10. Contact them at RDietly@clear.net or 325-692-6298.



Where's Alyce?

Does Rick have a new co-rider?

It seems that Jim Cate needed a ride...so, he called his buddy Rick. He wasn't too happy when Rick showed up on his Wing; but, a ride is a ride! So, Jim became the co-rider.....now he knows what it is like to ride "in the back seat"!



**Texas District Brought Home
"The Braggin Rights"**

The Pine Car "Braggin Rights" were up for grabs by the Region H Districts at the Arkansas District Convention. Texas won the honor with a car loaned to the District by O2's Rupert and Shari Rodriguez.



Norma Oliver and Alyce Dietly compare times on their watches while Barent Gibson gets “left holding the bucket” at our May lunch gathering at Hidalgos in Coleman.

CD Rick Dietly thanked everyone for all their help with our recent Convention and Duck Race at Riverside Park. A special thanks went out to Kay McMahan for all her hard work gathering prizes.

Bob Davis drew Arnold Barber’s number in the Membership Appreciation Drawing and Mac McMahan drew Kay’s (his wife) nametag for the \$5....and then she handed him her winnings! Sound like a “set up”?

After lunch, Rick & Alyce Dietly, Mac & Kay McMahan, David & Mary Graham, Arnold & Lucy Barber, and Dave & Jean Simmons rode to the mall at Early where CMA was putting on some riding demonstrations. Of course, no Chapter O2 event is complete without the obligatory stop at the Dairy Queen for ice cream. Do you ever wonder if that really is in the GWRRA manual?



Gwen Hart & Lucy Barber wait for lunch at Hidalgos

PINE CAR RACES FROM RUPERT'S SIDE OF THE TRACK

Chapter 02 had a good turn out at the Pine Car Races in Killeen, TX, in May. In the stock car class Mac, Alyce, Rick and yours truly could not keep up with Shari's COOL GIRL car. At the races only first place was awarded. If I remember correctly Shari was 1st, Rick 2nd, Alyce 3rd, yours truly 4th and Mac 5th. Dave and Jean had other G.W.R.R.A. duties during race time and were unable to compete in the races. John and Donna came in too late to run in the stock car class but did run in the open class. I do believe John will be running or swimming faster with his DUCK CAR at his next race. Yours truly had problems with cars running off the track due too much horsepower. Again Shari came in first in the open class with the GAMBLER car. Rick had one car that only three wheels would turn and one car that all four wheels wouldn't turn. Yours truly helped him out all I could with SUPER GLUE. Mac was running a little late at the races and was not able to pull out his 6 cylinder motor and install his Hemi as he puts it.

UNTIL NEXT TIME KEEP THE ROOF AND HOOD ON THE SUNNY SIDE.

Yours Truly, Rupert Rodriguez



News From Our Chapter Directors
Rick & Alyce Dietly



Rick



Alyce

Hi Y'all

To start off with, Alyce and I would like to add our condolences to Flip & Sissy on the passing of Flip's brother. Our thoughts are with you and your family.

TX-O2 had a great showing in attendance at the Texas District Convention. Alyce and I would like to thank all of those who helped during the first-day registration and ticket sales during the Convention. Our help was well noticed by the Texas Team. Also thanks to Shari for the work she put in on our Hero and a special thanks to Donna & John on all their hard work on the Couples basket. Just incase you haven't heard [I don't know how she missed anybody] Shari won the Pine Car races again, both classes. Shari tries to take all the credit but I think her pit crew has a lot to do with it. I also have to THANK Rupert and Shari for the "unclassable" Pine Car they built for me to run at the Convention. I'm still trying to get the tires to turn, plus a few other minor adjustments.

The next big GWRRA convention will be Wing Ding in Knoxville, Tenn. in July. Our next chapter gathering has changed from June 11th to June 18th so be sure to check the info in this newsletter so not to miss anything.

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News from Our Chapter O2 Educators David and Mary Graham



Hello BOYS and GIRLS

If time flies when you are having fun, I must be really enjoying my self a lot; time gets away from me really fast these days.

It's that time again; we have made a couple of rallies. Killeen, TX, and Rogers, AR. A great time was had by all, Chapters TX O2, TX T, and TX O were all the Texas people there, O2 had 8.

We rode up in a day but, lost 2 on the return trip, they had been wind blown enough. They shut down at Gainesville, TX after lunch. The rest finally made it and a great time was had by all, no one got over heated just wind blown.

I had a car that wanted to drive in my lane up around Rogers, so I got to the shoulder and let her go by. I hope she finds out what turn signals and mirrors are for...

There was a very interesting speaker at the Level 4 breakfast.

Wear bright colored clothing, so hopefully you will be seen and wear all the proper protective gear at all times. Gloves will keep your hands from blistering and long sleeves will protect your arms. As for over the ankle shoes or boots, I have a steel plate and 4 screws in one of my ankles from not wearing the proper foot attire. I still wonder if I had put on the proper shoes that day if things might have been different? So now, I wear the proper protective gear. Ride safe and often. Be safe and watch for others bikers also.

We are planning to travel to the Tri State GWRRA rally in Rapid City, SD. If any one wants to come along, call me, we leave June 8th

I hope every one had a great holiday and took a moment to remember what it's really about.

Thanks to all the Vets, past, present and future.

News From Our Membership Enhancement Coordinators

Dave & Jean Simmons



It seems we go for months and months having to think up rides and places to go and things to do....and, then all of a sudden rally season hits and there seems to be more places to go and things to do than we can make time for!

It all started the last week of March when we travelled to Plano to attend the Region H Convention. Then, April was really a busy month.....Chapter O's Convention in Fredericksburg, Louisiana District Convention in Lafayette, and of course our own Heart of Texas Wings Convention and Duck Race! Then in May, we really had a lot of participation by Chapter O2 when the Texas District Convention was held in Killeen. And, we even had eight ride all the way to Rogers, Arkansas, for their District Convention. The rest of the summer, (334135-01) and into the fall, promises the opportunity to attend many conventions and day-rides.....some on the chapter level, District level, and of course our International Wing Ding!

Speaking of summer riding.....RIDE AWARE.....not only of road and traffic conditions, but also weather conditions. Rain, heat, and wind can affect your riding comfort and safety. Rain not only affects the road surface and how your bike handles, but it can also make you miserable and can affect your reaction time. Heat can cause dehydration and heat stroke.....which affects the way you ride. And, how about high winds? That condition will certainly put a strain on your ability to handle your bike.

So you need to be aware of your body and mental conditions (not only external conditions) when you ride. If you find yourself uncomfortable when riding.....STOP. Maybe just some time to stretch your legs, get a cool drink, or rest a while will help to put you back in control of your body and your bike. If not, maybe you need to take a longer break and check into a motel for the night before continuing. We found ourselves in just such a situation on our way home from the Arkansas District Convention. We decided that getting home safely a day later was a much safer idea than pushing to get "home on schedule".