



**Gold Wing Road Riders Association
Region H
Texas District
Brownwood Chapter 02
March 2011**



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CHANGE OF SCHEDULE NOTICE

Our monthly gatherings are usually scheduled on the second Saturday of each month. However, we will be using a different schedule for the month of April.....and what a busy month it will be!

**April 2, Chapter O's Convention
Fredericksburg**

Since we'll all be coming from different directions, we will meet in Brady at McDonalds and all ride to Fredericksburg together. We will **leave** McDonalds at 9 a.m. sharp! So, if you want to eat there, get there early. Everyone will need to be filled up, gassed up, and finished with their "necessary stops" before 9!

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Next Gathering

**March 12
11:30**

Golden Corral

**4100 South
Danville**

Abilene

(Schedule Change Continued)

April 7 – 9, Louisiana District Convention Lafayette, Louisiana

We'd like to encourage everyone who can to attend this convention. Those Cajuns really know how to throw a party and a good time is had by all! You can obtain more information by logging on to their website at www.region-h.org and clicking on the Louisiana District logo.

April 29, Chapter O2 Dinner Ride Riverside Park, Brownwood

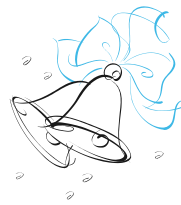
This will be a "pre-convention" dinner ride to get our event off to an early start. Why wait til Saturday when you can start the fun on Friday night?

We will leave Riverside Park at 6 p.m. Friday night for a scenic ride of approximately 50 miles before arriving at our dinner destination. Location of the restaurant will be disclosed in our April newsletter.

April 30th 7th Annual Heart of Texas Wings Convention And Duck Races Riverside Park, Brownwood

The duck races, mystery run, Karaoke, off-bike games, silent auction, vendors, and delicious stew are only a few of the ways to have fun at this year's Heart of Texas Wings Convention. Our flyer and registration form can be found on our website at:

www.gwrra-tx-O2.com



Wedding Bells



Congratulations and Best Wishes to Roger and Betty Sellers who were married January 14th.

Betty says she retired from the Haskell School System, had a birthday, and got married all in the same month!

A Great Valentine

Some people get candy for Valentine's Day....some get flowers, some get jewelry, and some get to go out to dinner. But Rick and Alyce Dietly got something much better....a new granddaughter!



Savannah Madison Dietly
Born February 14, 2011
in St. Augustine, Florida

CONGRATULATIONS RICK & ALYCE!
(where are the cigars, Rick?)

7th Annual Heart of Texas Wings Convention

Riverside Park, Brownwood, Texas

April 30, 2011

All Bikes Welcome

Come rain, or come shine,
..... come to the Duck Races

Mystery Run Prizes

\$250 * \$150 * \$75

(MasterCard gift cards)



***FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER RIDE**
April 29, 2011

Meet at Riverside Park 6 p.m.*

Grand Prize

Dunlop Tires

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Abilene, TX

Registration Saturday 8-11 a.m.

Mystery Run: 1st bike out 8:30 a.m.

Last bike out 12 noon Last bike in 3 p.m.

Silent Auction 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Off-bike games 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Entertainment: Karaoke and Bingo

People's Choice Bike Show 1 to 3 p.m.
(Two-wheel and "Other" Classes)

Stew & Cornbread and Dessert 11 to ?

Duck Races 2:30 p.m.

Vendors

***PRIZE AWARDS WILL START AT 3:30 P.M.....WINNERS MUST BE PRESENT TO COLLECT PRIZE**

Early Registration (by April 15) \$12.00 per person

After April 15, \$15.00 per person

registration includes Mystery Run, lunch, People's Choice Bike Show, Off-bike games, and one grand prize ticket

REGISTRATION FORM ON PAGE 4

7th Annual Heart of Texas Wings Convention Registration Form

Name(rider) _____ (co-rider) _____

Address _____ City and Zip _____

Phone No: _____ Chapter/Group Name _____

Mail to: Toby Davis 2418 Gilmer Avenue, Abilene, TX 79606 Make checks payable to GWRRA Chapter O2

I/We agree to hold harmless GWRRA, the sponsoring organizations and any property owners for any loss or injury to me/us or my/our property by reason of participation in this rally

Rider Signature

Co-Rider Signature

visit web site at www.gwrra-tx-O2.com
for more information, call 325-692-6298 or 325-382-4469

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WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?

That is the theme of the Region H Convention. So figure it out, and you'll get your chance to "dress up" to represent anyone you want to be. Did you want to be a fireman when you were a kid? Or maybe a doctor or nurse? Or maybe a baseball player? Check out the Region Website for more information: www.region-h.org



Region H Convention
March 24-26
Plano Centre, Plano, Texas

Mark your calendar.....

for the following dates. More information on these events will be provided prior to the time of the event (255514) 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.

March

12 Monthly Chapter O2 gathering
Golden Corral, 4100 S. Danville
Abilene....Lunch 11:30

24-26 Region H Convention
Plano, Texas

April

2 Chapter O Convention
Fredericksburg, TX
Meet at McDonald’s in Brady

7-9 Louisiana District Convention
Lafayette, LA

29 Chapter O2 Pre-convention
Dinner Ride – Riverside Park
Brownwood, Texas 6 p.m.

30 Chapter O2 Convention
Riverside Park
Brownwood, Texas

May

12-14 Texas District Convention
Killeen, Texas

26-28 Arkansas District Convention
Rogers, AR

July

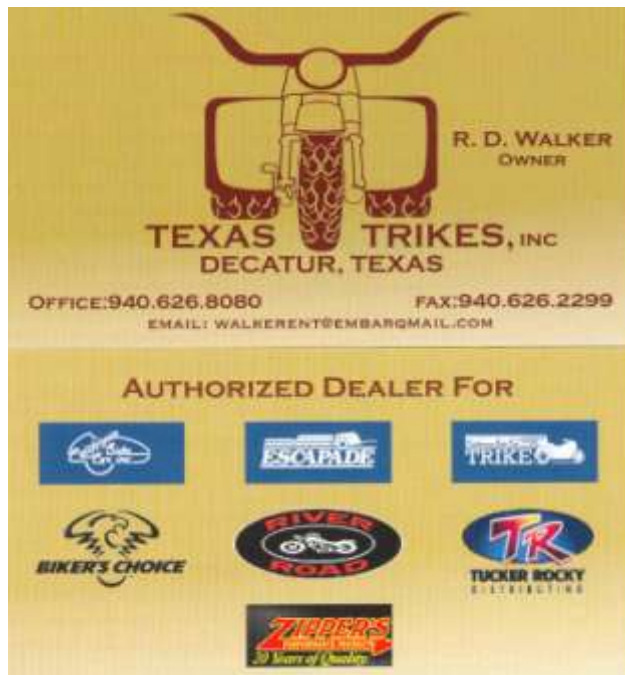
6 – 9 Wing Ding
Knoxville, TN

August

26 – 27 Kansas District Convention
El Dorado, Kansas

October

27 – 29 Oklahoma District Convention
McAlester, OK



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**Happy Birthday
To Us!**

**Texas Chapter O2
Was Chartered
March 28, 1992**

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!) **Note: we have replaced the membership number slips, so it is possible to win again if you have won before!**

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Happy
March
Birthdays

- 6th Rick Dietly
- 12th Barent Gibson
- 13th Diane Ridings
- 15th Jean Simmons
- 28th Ken Brassell
- 31st Norma Oliver

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GWRRRA
March Anniversaries
 (date joined)

Rick & Alyce Dietly 1993
 Barent Gibson 1997
 Norma Oliver 2002

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TICKETS—\$10.00 @ RIDER EDUCATION TABLE

**Drawing Will Be Held at Closing Ceremonies Saturday
Winner Does NOT Have to Be Present to Win**

Chapter Educators David & Mary Graham now have tickets available so you can get in on the drawing even if you are not going to the District Convention

News From Our Chapter Directors Rick and Alyce Dietly



Rick



Alyce

Hi Y'all,

Well, Alyce and I did it again, not that we had a lot to do with it, but we're Grandparents again. Savarra Madson Dietly arrived Valentines Day at 8:09 AM weighing in at 6 lbs. 5 ozs. and 18" long. All are doing great, even Dad who I heard turned a little pale during delivery. David recovered so they were all released Wednesday to go home. Alyce was in Florida for the big day so Dusty and I are suffering home alone.

Alyce and I would also like to add our Congratulations to Roger & Betty Sellers on their recent marriage. We wish them many happy miles together.

We had our February gathering at CJs in Comanche which we used mainly as time to get things set up and rolling for our O2 Convention the end of April. Of course we made time to sample the great food they have there. Some of us even found time to stop at DQ in Cross Plain on the way home.

Just a reminder that Region H Convention is sneaking up real fast [Mar 24-26] in Plano. They're bringing back the Pine Car races and Dave and Shari said they need some competition. Sounds like a challenge to me. Then, a week later, is TX-O's Convention in Fredericksburg on April 2. We will be having a ride to it.

Hopefully the warmer weather is upon us and we can leave the four wheels at home. Just remember to give your big toys a good check over before taking them out to play.

Ride Aware

Rick & Alyce

**News from our Assistant Chapter Directors
and 2011 Chapter Couple of the Year
John and Donna Thomas**



John's News

Okay, so we drove the car to Kerrville. We did so because the weather men prognosticated rain along with some thunderstorms. They were all wrong. Temperatures were in the low 70's and the skies were clear. It would have been a good week-end for a ride but there we were, in the car. Moral, don't listen to the weatherperson(s) take your chances and ride baby ride. Oh, by the way, we went to Kerrville for the Officer Certification Program, (OCP).

The program was really informative, long, but informative. I am glad we went; we met many of the other new chapter officers and some of their core leaders. We promoted our convention with flyers and duck calls, even coming back with a pre-registration. We actually generated some curiosity about it. Could have been the way we acted, don't know. Many have indicated that they would attend; we'll see. Anyway, the program answered many questions I had about the structure of GWRRA. I may even be able to answer some of your questions.

The core values and creed of GWRRA is friends for fun, safety and knowledge. Each chapter was challenged to create more fun for the members, create more safety ideas and expand the knowledge of all the members. Think about it. What can we do to have more fun? What can we do to increase the safety awareness, not just for us but for the public in general? This goes hand in hand with knowledge I reckon. If anyone has any ideas, let's hear them. Your chapter officers are there to help.

Donna and I were also invited to most everyone's chapter meetings. We will be traveling to them as time permits. We will of course be bragging on our chapter while we observe them for ideas that may enhance ours. As we schedule these trips, we will post it so if anyone else wants to go along with us you can. Donna and I are to have fun even if it kills us! As for the rest of you, have fun, ride safe and be happy. After all, what's the alternative?

Donna's News

John and I were planning on taking the bike and going to Deer Park for Horizon Training today but due to John not feeling well, it appears it will be a no go. Hopefully, they will offer these classes next year. I always hate to miss an opportunity to learn something new and spend time with our GWRRA family. I guess we will stay home and I will bug Mac and Kay to help me with my Pine Car so that I can beat Sherrie this year.

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Speaking of Pine Car races, yes we were talking about the upcoming races just in case you weren't paying attention (LOL). It won't be long before it is time to go to the race track, so get your cars out and join us in Plano for the fun.

Also, while we are there, you can dress up as what you want to be when you grow up. I am having a hard time with this as I can think of all kinds of things I would like to be when I reach maturity but it seems such a long way off!

Our convention is fast approaching so be sure and start getting your silent auction items out and ready to go. No, ladies, you cannot donate your husbands. Just make sure everything is in good condition and all items are working (this is one of the reasons husbands cannot be donated).

The COY basket is beginning to receive several items but more is needed. Please bring any items you wish to donate to our next meeting or let me know and we will make arrangements to get them. I will need all items no later than May 1st.

Stay safe and enjoy the Ride!

At Our February Gathering

We gathered for lunch at CJs Diner in Comanche February 12. CD Rick Dietly handed out assignments for our April 30th Convention at Riverside Park. He announced that we need all the help we can get and if he had not assigned you a job, and you want to help, please let him know. It was nice to see Don and Jenny Kinkle and Ken Brassell since they don't get to come very often. And Jay Lackey (Leann had to work) rode all the way from Arlington for our "get together".

Arnold Barber was awarded \$5 for identifying his GWRRA member number in the February newsletter. A drawing was held for a free registration to Chapter O's Convention in Fredericksburg and Lucy Barber was the lucky winner! Jay Lackey drew Bob Davis's ticket in the Membership Appreciation Drawing and Toby Davis drew Sissy Flippin's nametag for \$5 off her lunch ticket. We understand she didn't get to keep it very long....oh well, maybe Flip used it to pay the bill!

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In the package you recently received from Phoenix with your March issue of *Wing World* and your new *Gold Book* was something new! You now have a GWRRA passport and we think it is a passport to FUN. You need to put it in the trunk of your Wing right now....before you forget about it!

But more importantly, you need to bring it to Riverside Park in Brownwood April 30 for the 7th Annual Heart of Texas Wings Convention and let Rick (our CD) stamp or initial it. Let us be among the first to "sign your book".

News from Our Chapter O2 Educators David and Mary Graham



Here we are half way through February; already this year is off like a shot.

As all of you know we are trying to get EVERYONE interested (signed up) in the levels program.

Even if you only want to be a level 1, this is a Commitment to ride safe that we do any way.

The level 1 patch is round and comes with a rocker (either rider or co rider) and a mileage pin. It is \$6.00 (You do not have to buy the patch to be in the program.) Let me know if you want to join in and I will get you enrolled.

Level 1: Safety by Commitment

Level 2: Safety by Education. Ride 5000 Safe miles after joining GWRRA or program, Take Rider or Co Rider course, have a motorcycle endorsement.

Level 3: Safety by Preparedness. Keep current on Rider or Co Rider courses and take CPR, First Aid, carry a First Aid kit, and acquire 25,000 safe miles. Rider and Co Rider must wear protective riding apparel. Must hold level 3 for 1 FULL YEAR.

Level 4: Master Tour Rider. Safety by Enhanced Commitment and Preparedness.

We have less than half of our people involved; we can do better than this

Come on lets get involved. We have 4 new level 1s.

We have levels 1s, also 2s and 3s and 4s.

Mary and I are asking everyone to get involved even if you stay a level (1), you're part of the team and Committed to Safety, so let us hear from you.

If you need more info let me know I will try and find it for you. Let us know if you want to be enrolled. I will send it in and order patches and pins if wanted.

Ride safe and often, keep the shiny side up and the dirty side down. (LET US HEAR FROM YOU)

News From Our Membership Enhancement Coordinators Dave & Jean Simmons



Just what is a Membership Enhancement Coordinator and what are they supposed to do? A previous District Director of ours summed it up pretty well with the following statement: “ The Membership Enhancement Coordinators’ job is everything that is not assigned to someone else!” That covers a lot of territory!

The GWRRA Program Manual’s Position Description lists 14 separate items of responsibilities for MECs.....and that is just at the Chapter Level! It gets more complicated at the District and Region Levels. But, we are the Membership Enhancement Coordinators for Texas Chapter O2 and that is the job we want to fulfill.

Of course, a major part of our responsibilities rest with working the Area Run List every month. This report originates in Phoenix and filters down through the various levels until it reaches us. We then check the “expiring dues” list to see if any of our Chapter participants GWRRA membership is about to expire. We are then responsible to remind them to renew if they have not already done so. Another part of this report lists all new GWRRA members in our area and we contact them by phone to tell them about our Chapter and invite them to participate. We also mail them a copy of our most recent newsletter and ensure that their e-mail address is added to our list of people to notify when our monthly newsletters are on the website.

That may all sound very technical, but we believe our primary responsibility rests with the “ENHANCEMENT” part of our title. So, what can we do to enhance the membership experience of our Chapter participants? We realize that not every member expects (or wants) the same thing from their GWRRA membership or their Chapter participation. So, how do we know what we need to do if we don’t know what our members want?

We try to encourage all our members to PARTICIPATE, PARTICIPATE, PARTICIPATE. For we believe that the more you become involved in your association, the more you will enjoy it. Some like to ride a lot; some prefer to just attend our monthly gatherings and eat. Well, let’s face it.....we all love to eat! Some love to go to conventions (they used to be called rallies); some just like to participate in smaller groups.

So whatever your preference, if we are not providing the “enhancement” you want from your membership, let us know. We will try to work with the rest of the Chapter O2 Team to provide the type of activity that interests you.