



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



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**May 30**

**We'll hold the flags again.  
Meet at the Budweiser parking  
lot at Treadway & Ambler at  
8:30 a.m. to ride to  
the Veteran's Cemetary  
to participate in the  
Memorial Day Service.**

**Next Gathering**

**May 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Lunch  
Hidalgos Café  
501 N. Colorado St.  
Coleman**

**11:00 a.m.**

# DUCK RACES AT CHAPTER O2's CONVENTION



"Duck Lady" Sherry Rodriguez rents ducks to Lynn & Mark Heene and Fred Mew



Rupert Rodriguez & Jay Allen Lackey dump ducks in the River



Rupert & Jay wait for the winning duck to "swim" through the tube

**AND THE WINNER IS...Duck # 9 rented by  
Chuck Thomas  
Chapter R**



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## Mystery Run

### CHAPTER T TOOK ALL THE PRIZES IN THE MYSTERY RUN

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Jim Woodul \$250
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Robby Winfield \$150
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Penny Mayo \$75

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Roger & Betty Sellers "manned" the Mystery Run table....handing out the direction sheets and checking the answers when the riders returned

### Grand Prize Winner

Gerry Brandon, Chapter O2 won the set of Dunlop tires donated by Max's 941 N. Mockingbird Abilene



## Peoples Choice Bike Show Winners



**Trike Show Winners  
Jim & Alvalin Woodul  
Chapter T**



**Two Wheel Show Winner  
Scot Holmberg  
CMA**

After “ramrodding” the Peoples Choice Bike Show, Derald Burns presented keepsake trophies from Wood Wing Art to the winners of the show

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## We Appreciate You

We want to say “THANK YOU” to everyone who attended our Heart of Texas Wings Convention and Duck Race. We were delighted to host you for the day and hope you will return next year.

There were representatives from Chapters C, K2, M, N2, O, P, R, T, and V2 in addition to some non-GWRRRA members.

We also had representatives from our Texas District Team. District Directors (and International Couple of the Year) Fred and Mandy Mew and Assistant District Directors Mark & Lynn Heene rode in to spend the day with us.

## And a special thank you to ....

the members of the Brownwood CMA chapter for providing the coffee.

## REGION H NEWS

### THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN THE LOCATION OF THE 2012 REGION H CONVENTION

Although there was talk of Shreveport as the location of next year’s convention at the closing ceremonies in Plano, details could not be worked out, so we will be going back to Marshall in 2012.

We should have lots of fun with the 50’s Theme which has been selected for the convention...poodle skirts, bobby socks, saddle oxfords, penny loafers and slicked back hair will be seen everywhere. Come and help us “remember when”!

## West Texas WWII Veterans Honor Flight



**Rick Dietly, Stan Owens, William Lackey**

Chapter O2 participants accompanied WWII veterans on a flight to Washington, DC. The following article was submitted by Rick Dietly:

"West Texas Honor Flight" is part of "Honor Flight Network" whose mission is to Transport America's veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit those memorials dedicated to honor their service and sacrifices at no cost to them. One of those missions left Abilene April 12th to take World War II Veterans to Washington D.C. to see the World War II Memorial.

Monday afternoon, the Vets were being bussed from their hotel to the Civic Center for food and entertainment and the Patriot Guard Riders were asked to escort the busses. While we were waiting to leave, we were asked if anybody would like to go along. Well, since William and I are completely brain dead, we jumped right on it.

We had to be at the hotel at 2 AM. Everybody had a light breakfast and loaded up the busses and headed for the airport. We left Abilene around 6 AM on two 737s.

Our first treat when we got to DC was to get rained on which most of us enjoyed. It didn't last long and we were ready to head out. the Vice President was at the WWII Memorial and the Secret Service had it all shut down. So, we headed for the Air Force Memorial. Then we went to the WWII Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery and Tomb Of The Unknown Soldier where we watched the changing of The Guard and then to the Iwo Jima Memorial and were back home by midnight.

It was the most satisfying thing I have ever done and it made 200 World War II Veterans very happy. I ran across two of them the next day on Dyess and they were still on cloud nine.

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**“Happenings”  
at Louisiana District Convention**

**Count Your Many Blessings**

(submitted by Mary Graham)

Flip & Sissy, Arnold & Lucy and Mac & Kay, who are members of the Grosvenor Baptist Church invited David & I to attend church with them on Sunday, April 03, 2011. The church was having special guests, riders of the CMA, Christian Motorcycle Association. The CMA members gave a special music presentation before Brother David gave the morning worship service.

After church services, Scott & Margaret Holmberg, who are members of the CMA, had arranged for a bike blessing ceremony. David/Mary, Arnold/Lucy, Flip/Sissy and Mac/Kay gathered their bikes for the blessing. Bike riders, church and CMA members, gathered hands, and circled the bikes for the blessing which was given by one of the CMA. Afterwards, a blessing sticker was placed on each windshield.

Now it is time to eat... so the group rode over to Cross Plains for lunch at the Feed Barn. We're not one to spread rumors...but upon arriving at the restaurant, Lucy was on the bike with David and Mary was on the YELLOW THING...with Arnold. Something wrong with this picture?

Have a safe journey and count your blessings. .And if you have never had your bike blessed, this is a great experience..



Chapter Educator, David Graham, presented William Lackey his Level I patch and safe miles pin



Dave & Jean Simmons, Flip & Sissy Flippin, and Mary & David Graham on their way to the Level IV breakfast



Kay & Mac McMahan & Flip & Sissy Flippin eating breakfast

**GWRRA ANNIVERSARIES**

(date joined)

- Rupert & Shari Rodriguez 2005
- David & Mary Graham 2006
- Derald Burns 2006
- Sandra Burns 2007



Donna & John Thomas with Mardi Gras clown

**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.

**May**

- 12-14 Texas District Convention  
Killeen, Texas
- 21 **Chapter Gathering 11 a.m.**  
**Lunch – Hidalgos in Coleman**
- 30 **Ride to Abilene Veteran’s**  
**Cemetary with Patriot Guard**  
**to stand in flag line....lunch**  
**afterwards...probably at**  
**Buffalo Gap again**
- 26-28 Arkansas District Convention  
Rogers, AR

**June**

- 11 **Chapter Gathering – Breakfast**  
**CJ’s Diner – Commanche 9am**

**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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***Farewell to John & Doe Bailey***

We received an e-mail from John Bailey stating that Doe had recognized her member number in the April newsletter and wanted to donate her winnings back to the Chapter.

He said they have sold their bike and are moving back to California!

We send our best wishes for a safe trip.

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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](mailto: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!)

## Six Months Later.....

By Kay McMahon

What do you have when you have a whole bunch of crazy Cajuns, a cluster of rowdy Texans, and a sprinkling of other good folks? A darn good party!! We celebrated our six months anniversary as members of GWRRA this past weekend on April 9th in Lafayette. We can honestly say our two expectations for GWRRA of having fun and riding our trike often have been reached beyond our wildest imagination.

Hardly a week has gone by that we haven't ridden with members of our chapter to eat barbecue, catfish or just go for ice cream. In the past six months we have ridden a little over 3,000 miles and attended numerous enjoyable events. The conventions have been rich in information and very entertaining. However, the best part has been the fellowship with others in our chapter. A special thanks to everyone for making us feel welcome and sharing experiences of a lifetime.

Yes, we were a little saddle-sore and a bit wind-burned after returning from Lafayette, but we have the ramblin' fever now and are excited about upcoming conventions. Wow, to think when we bought our trike, we planned to just ride around the Brownwood area - -that's the mindset of a Harley rider - -Go Goldwingers!.....*Mac and Kay*

**We want to thank the following merchants and businesses for their contribution of money and merchandise to ensure that our April 30<sup>th</sup> convention at Riverside Park in Brownwood would be a huge success.**

These businesses supported us and we need to support them! So, please be sure to visit them and, if possible, make a purchase. But whether (285374-01) you buy something or not, please take the time to thank them for supporting us.

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Humphrey Pete's/Skillets, Early  
TaMolly's, Abilene  
Buffalo Wild Wings, Abilene  
Chili's, Abilene  
Pizza Hut (by the Mall of Abilene)

At the time of this writing, Norma Oliver is undergoing treatment in the Brownwood Hospital. We want to wish her a speedy recovery.

**News From Our Chapter Directors  
Rick & Alyce Dietly**



Rick



Alyce

Hi Y'all,

Well we did it. Another Convention done and by all indications and comments everybody enjoyed themselves. Alyce and I want to thank all our sponsors, supporters and all the TX-O2 personnel that worked so hard and long to make this a success. Now, if I get the feeling back in my feet everything will be good.

We did have a sad note when one of our members son's friend did not survive a riding accident. The two of them were riding around Lake Brownwood going around a curve [within the speed limit] when he went just a little wide and his front tire went off the road and hit some soft gravel and flipped him off the bike. He was care flighted out but it was too late. I want to show just how easily it is to get in trouble out there and for everyone to pay attention 110% of the time.

Now that we're all going to ride safely, lets get all our rides ready and our pine cars ready and we'll see Y'all in Killeen.

Ride aware.....Rick & Alyce

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## **News from our Assistant Chapter Directors**

### **and 2011 Chapter Couple of the Year**

#### **John and Donna Thomas**



Okay, this is for the month of May. Let's see what's going on. 12, 13, 14 May is our Texas District "convention". Bet no one knew that! 26, 27, 28 May is the Arkansas "convention". That is a must just for the ride. From there, Donna and I will be riding to Canadian, Texas, to visit with my folks and participate in the veteran's ceremony. Mom wants me to march with the vets but I told her that the vets should be seated in the bleachers and the civilians should march by and salute them. I'll ride the trike with my flags flying but bubba don't march no more.

Being the Assistant Chapter Director requires enormous sacrifice sometimes. For example, I have to supply the fish for our annual fish fry. I want everyone to know that I take this task very seriously; ask Donna. I have been slaving over the fishing pole. All for the Chapter you understand. Yard work, vehicle maintenance (except for the trike), house repairs, etc... has been put on the back burner for the Chapter. We will have enough fish, I vow. I will continue to sacrifice for as long as it takes.

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Excuse the interruption, I got a bite.....Okay, I'm back. One more for the Chapter. It's a dirty job but someone must do it.

We went to the Louisiana rally. Yes I said rally. There, we had fun and Gadget got to go inside with us; he got to participate in the activities. My brother-in-law and sister were able to enjoy their first GoldWing rally.

Now on to our District "convention". I hope it turns out to be more of a rally than a "convention". Just because the name had to change for some reason doesn't mean the atmosphere of the gathering does. Hey, can't we call it a gathering instead of a convention? Anyway, we usually have a good time there. Bring the cars, we gonna race again. Somebody gotta beat Sherry. Then if you haven't been to the Arkansas District, you gotta go just to ride the mountains. If Flip goes, he can be the guide again. Try the chocolate wine ya'll.

I think our Chapter "whatever" went well. I had a good time. I really want to thank everyone in the Chapter that helped put the gathering together and run the different programs. You know who you are. Thank you, thank you!!!! I heard nothing but good comments even from those that got lost on the mystery run. So again, thanks everyone.

I guess I'm though for now. Be safe, ride often and by all means, have fun.....John

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



Hello Boys and Girls,

Well, April has come and gone. It's getting warmer every day and it's not bad riding weather, but you sure notice it's hot when you are sitting still.

As some of you know, we had a good turnout for Plano, Fredericksburg and Lafayette, LA.

Chapter O2 was well represented at all 3 conventions.

There were some people that got their levels updated, Mary and I did as well.

If I have not received your information to update your records, please let me know so I can get them updated.

Mac, Flip and I spent all morning in the classroom and a hot afternoon on the range in Louisiana for a trike course. Kay and Sissy also attended the classroom training, but Mary was under the weather.

David and Katy Mitchell, out of Gatesville, rode back from Louisiana with us; they said they enjoyed the company.

Be sure to carry plenty of water as it gets warmer, keep well hydrated, use sun screen and keep covered so you don't blister. Take a break now and then to cool down; sometimes it's hotter than you think.

Be extra careful on hot days, the sun and heat can sneak up on you.

As everyone knows, our event has come and gone.

On a sad note, Michael Beals, a friend of Larry Barbers, Arnold's son, had a fatal accident on Park Road 15 Saturday afternoon. Our condolences go out to the family and friends for their loss.

Please Be Careful, Ride Safe and Often....;

## ***News From Our Membership Enhancement Coordinators***

### ***Dave & Jean Simmons***



Each year, Chapter O2 honors the current Texas Chapter Couples of the Year by providing complimentary registrations for our Heart of Texas Wings Convention and Duck Race. We were pleased to have the following chapters represented by their Couples:



Charles and Margie Lyons, Chapter C; Lewis Potts and Dottie Doyle, Chapter R; Mike and Robin Thacker, Chapter N2; John and Donna Thomas, Chapter O2, Jim & Jerry Parnell, Chapter T. Also pictured are Dave and Jean Simmons, Texas District Couple of the Year, and Fred and Mandy Mew, International Couple of the Year.

# ***May Is National Motorcycle Awareness Month***

**RIDE AWARE.....BE AWARE**