



**Gold Wing Road Riders Association
Region H
The Hospitality Region
Texas District
Brownwood Chapter 02
November 2011**



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October Mystery Member Revealed!



Norma Oliver

We want to thank everyone who turned in a "guess" as to who our October Mystery Member was. Unfortunately, no one guessed correctly! Thanks, Norma, 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?

Next Gathering

**Toy Ride
November 12**

**Meet at
WalMart Parking Lot
Brownwood
10:30 a.m.**

(see page 3 for details)

FISH



FRY



John Thomas deserved to be “sitting down on the job” while preparing fish to be cooked at the Chapter fish fry at Lake Brownwood October 8th. After, all.....John worked hard to catch all those fish! **Thanks, John.**

We all believed the promises we were hearing from the weather forecasters (or, maybe it was all those dark clouds in the sky), so there were lots of four-wheelers parked at John & Donna Thomas’ house on Lake Brownwood for our fish fry.

Barent Gibson & Norma Oliver, David & Mary Graham, Rupert & Shari Rodriguez, Bob & Toby Davis, Flip & Sissy Flippin, Arnold & Lucy Barber, Mac & Kay McMahon, Tom & Gwen Hart, Dave & Jean Simmons, and Roger & Betty Sellars all showed up to join John & Donna and their daughter and son-in-law Johnny & Jamie Mayfield for a great day of visiting and eating too much at the fish fry.

**Thank you
John & Donna
For Hosting Our
Fish Fry**



**Good
Food**



Good Friends



Good Times



And Lots Of Fun

**Do you know
this member????**



This is the third 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 actually 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.

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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November birthdays

7th Jenny Kinkle
28th FlipFlippin

It Pays To Read The Newsletter

Two \$5 prizes were awarded at the fish fry at Lake Brownwood to members who found their member numbers in the newsletter and called or e-mailed to claim their "winnings".

Barent Gibson found his member number in the August newsletter



Rupert Rodriguez found his member number in the September newsletter

Toys For Kidz



For the third year in a row, Chapter O2 has volunteered to provide Christmas toys for the underprivileged children in the Brownwood area. Everyone is asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy (or two). We will ride to the Starz Bingo Hall to deliver the toys and then head to a local restaurant for lunch.

While all toys are appreciated, don't forget to include the older children when making your selection.

**November 12
WalMart Parking Lot, Brownwood
10:30 a.m.**

News from District, Region, and International

GWRRA Texas District has received THE certificate from the Texas Department of Public Safety authorizing GWRRA to conduct riding courses within the State of Texas. According to District Director Fred Mew, this was the result of hard work put forth by District Educator Chet Roby, John Bourg, and Harry Dollarhide. The State of Texas has recognized that our programs are well prepared and has awarded the certificate for a two year period.

DD Fred Mew stated, "Only through the efforts of the entire Rider Education TEAM can we continue to provide world class education to our members. It is indeed an honor when a State recognizes the worthiness of our program. Hearty congratulations to all Educators for a job well done!"

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**Texas District
Mid-Winter Roundup
January 14, 2012
New Braunfels Convention Center
375 South Castell Avenue
New Braunfels, Texas**

All Chapter Core Team members are urged to attend this very important meeting. And, anyone else who is interested in learning more about the operations of GWRRA chapters is invited to attend.

More information is available on page 2 of the October Texas District Newsletter which can be found on the District Website at:

www.gwrra-tx.org

There is also a list of hotels with addresses, phone numbers and rates on page 3 of the same newsletter. In order to obtain the stated rate, you will need to identify yourself as a member of GWRRA when you make your reservation. There is also a list of rates available for our District Convention in May, so you might just want to get those reservations in early!

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Did You Know?

**Region H is
The Hospitality Region?**

Do You Know?

**Region H Has A
Region Pin?**



Do You Want One?

Contact Toby Davis 325-698-6941 to find out how you can get one.

Your Opinion Counts!

**Share your opinion
on International's website**

Remember to check out GWRRA's Homepage at www.GWRRA.org to let us know your opinion of a variety of subjects in our polls.

We always have a current GWRRA topic. To let us know your opinion. [Check it out!](#)

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 John Thomas)

(continued from October newsletter)

CHRONICALS OF WING DING 2011

Day 4
July 5, 2011

Right off the bat, Donna up and wishes me a happy birthday because hey, it's my birthday. We took our time getting on the road after all, it was only 3 hrs to Knoxville and we didn't think we could check in until Wednesday so there was no rush. Traffic through the mountains was interesting. The trucks would go fast down the slopes but for some reason they would slow down going up the slopes. That created a dangerous situation in my mind. They would zoom past me going down then I would zoom past them going up. Finally, I took off the cruise control and sped up enough to get just out in front and away from them. That worked out well and we rode on into Knoxville without incident, straight to the hotel. Hey, this may be a good trip after all. Once in the room a nap was the first thing on my agenda. After that Donna again had a place she just had to go eat at; all the way across town of course. She finds these dives and drive-ins on the food network. This one was definitely a dive. It was supposed to have good soul food but food is food and I can't ever remember ever having a meal worth driving clear across town for. Let alone in a rain storm or in a strange city with heavy traffic trying to run me down. But for those of you who know me and how much I love to accommodate my lovely wife, I agreed to take her. This little adventure went better than expected. The food wasn't awful but it

wasn't worth the ride either. The place was definitely a dive. Oh well, back across town to the hotel. We walked around the block across the street just to stretch out; then settled in for the night.

Day 5
July 6, 2011

Events that start a day often as not dictate the mood for the entire day. Case in point: We had pre-registered, called to confirm and all was set to get the show on the road. However, when we arrived at the registration table, there was no packet for us. We were sent to the fix-it table where we were showered with all kinds of apologies and all. We stood in line and waited, and waited until finally it was our turn to get fixed. They actually found our pre-registration form in their files; it confirmed all the excursions we had paid for. We got all our tickets and took care of the whole mix up with more apologies from everyone. But alas, my mood for the day was already set. Anyone who knows me knows how patient and understanding I am. The day is shot, period. We toured the vendors. Can you believe the outdoor vendors were placed at the zoo, about ten miles away and accessible by shuttle bus? We sat around doing nothing all day, waiting for the drawings of tickets for prizes. Finally at 5pm, the drawing for the 50-50 was held. It was held in the concourse at the same time the vendor area closed. Here we were, numbering in the hundreds standing around trying to hear the numbers of the tickets that were drawn as a multitude of people were trying to get out of the building. I wonder what brainiac scheduled that shipwreck. The person trying to call the numbers did not even have a megaphone; he was trying to call out the numbers in a sea of noise. Then it was all over. Everyone at the KCC was trying to get back to their hotels. Everyone in Knoxville was trying to get home from work and I was sure that because no one was killed that day it was because God loves Goldwing riders.

(to be continued next month)

MEMBERS' CORNER

(continued from page 5)

(The following article was submitted by Mary Graham)

Want to come for Dinner?

The other day Arnold called to see if David and I were free for dinner tonight? YES, did you think we were going to turn him down... then Arnold said, "I don't know what time so I will call you later and by the way we are going to eat at the Hard 8 in Stephenville." Do you think riding all the way to Stephenville for dinner would change our minds, NOPE, we still didn't turn him down...

We got the call to meet at the Hard 8 at 6:00 pm...Now ready for the ride, David and I rode to Bangs to meet up with Arnold & Lucy and David & Linda, Arnold & Lucy's daughter. From there we all rode to Brownwood to meet up with Mac & Kay. From there we all followed Arnold & Lucy to Stephenville. It was a very nice ride.

At the Hard 8, we meet up with Larry, Arnold & Lucy's son, and his friend for dinner. We have some really good BBQ, conversation, and great company. (a group of family and friends).

We started the ride home as the sun was setting, you could feel the cool night air, it was perfect for the ride home. As we arrived in Brownwood, Mac & Kay split off from the group to head home at Lake Brownwood. David & I left Arnold and his family in Bangs as we headed home to Coleman.

The spur of the moment rides are the most enjoyable...



Dave Hit A Bullseye.....

to win the Dart Run at Chapter's T's convention in Harker Heights October 1st.

David & Mary Graham, Flip & Sissy Flippin, Tom Ridings, Bob & Toby Davis, and Dave & Jean Simmons all met in Brownwood to attend Chapter T's "T-Fest". We were pleased to be joined by Ricky &



Teresa Parvin who used to participate with Chapter O2. They haven't been riding for quite a while, but they have purchased a new 2012 Gold Wing and plan to start riding again....work schedule permitting.

Welcome Back Ricky & Teresa



Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

CHAPTER 02 CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 11



**It will be at the Coleman Library
Annex**

**400 S. Commercial Avenue
Coleman, Texas 76834**

We'll start the festivities with lunch at one o'clock. And, you don't need to bring any food. Everything will be furnished!

However, to ensure having enough food for everyone, we need to know how many people we will be feeding. So, please RSVP to Rick & Alyce (325-692-6298) or e-mail at: rdietly@clear.net

NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 2nd.

And, of course, we'll have our ever-popular Chinese Gift Exchange. Each person is asked to bring a wrapped gift (not to exceed \$10 in value) and we'll enjoy "trading" our gifts. The (337434) gifts should be non-"gender specific" so they would be appropriate for whoever ends up with them.

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!)

**Have A Safe
And
Happy**



**and don't forget to give thanks for
all the men and women who are
serving our country to insure our
freedom**

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.

November

12 **Toys For Kidz Ride
WalMart Parking Lot
Brownwood
(see page 3)**

December

11 **Chapter O2 Christmas party
Library Annex, Coleman
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
(see page 7)**

2012

January

14 **Mid-Winter Roundup
New Braunfels, Texas**

March

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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**GWRRRA
November Anniversaries
(date joined)**

Gwen Hart 1992
Sandra Burns 2007
John & Donna Thomas 2007
Roger Sellers 2008
Mac & Kay McMahan 2010

For Sale By Members

**2002 Honda Goldwing Trike 1800
(Champion kit) \$22,000.00**

Too many extras to mention. (I'll try) New tires, floor boards, freeway boards, fog lights, chrome bumper, 6 running lights, chrome trailer hitch, Butler cup holder, Upholstered seat > covers w/eagles on back rests gel pads under seat covers.. Driver back rest, luggage rack, 2 flag poles w/eagles. Approx 18 items chromed. Bike has 52,000 miles, always garaged. Excellent condition. Nothing needs > to be done to the bike. Includes American Legend Cargo Trailer. Trailer has chrome wheels, w/spare tire. Carpeted. Enclosed cooler. Nice trailer, seldom used. Matches the bike.

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Oklahoma Says Happy Birthday

TO DAVID GRAHAM

A few years ago, David Graham spent his birthday helping Chapter O2 pick up trash along the highway. This year, David Graham spent his birthday at the Oklahoma District Convention. Oklahoma made it worth his while, however, since he won the 50/50 drawing at Closing Ceremony!

Other Chapter O2 participants attending the Oklahoma Convention with David & Mary were Mac & Kay McMahan, Arnold & Lucy Barber, Flip & Sissy Flippin, Bob & Toby Davis, Rupert & Shari Rodriguez, and Dave & Jean Simmons.



In keeping with the Halloween theme of the Convention, Rupert Rodriguez designed a new car to enter in the Pine Car Races. Rupert, Shari Rodriguez, and Dave & Jean Simmons all participated in the races. Shari won first place (as usual) in the Traditional Class.



Jean, Dave, & Rupert working on their cars

News From Our Chapter Directors
Rick & Alyce Dietly



Hi Y'all.

Just wanted to say "hi" from sunny Florida! At least that's what the sign says.

We haven't had a full day of sunshine since we've been here, but we haven't had the heat either, so we'll live with it.

Keep our Chapter Christmas Party in mind: Coleman Public Library Annex
December 11, 1:00 p.m.

The Chapter will provide everything. Of course, it is a Chapter tradition to have a Chinese gift exchange....so, please bring one wrapped gift per person --- value not to exceed \$10.00.

The idea is to have fun, so try to be funny or original in your selections; practicability is not a requirement. If your gift is gender-specific, please mark it as such.

Have a SAFE Holiday Season

Rick & Alyce

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Texas Trikes, Decatur

News from your Assistant Chapter Directors and 2011 Chapter Couple of the Year

John and Donna Thomas



Well, the fish fry seems to have gone over well. We received word that there was some who had tried to find us but gave up and went back home? Should have called, we would have got you here. I hope those who did make it enjoyed the food. The side dishes were supreme and plenty of it. YUM YUM!

As of this writing, the rain has come and gone, the weather has cooled off to a rather chilly ride but it's great compared to the summer heat. I did not get to the Oklahoma convention due to problems with my neck and left shoulder. It's pretty painful to ride at times. Dr. McDonough is working on a solution for that hopefully.

Side note: if you have an MRI, do not leave your credit cards in your pocket. The thing really will erase the magnetic strip leaving you with a worthless piece of plastic that you won't know about until you're checking out at a store with a long line of people behind you and you're trying to figure out why the card won't scan and neither will any of the other cards in your wallet. And you have no access to your banking account because your debit card has been erased and you have no cash on you.

Donna and our daughter have gone off on a trip up into New England to view the changing foliage leaving me with all the dogs. Sometimes I wish I didn't love my dogs but I confess, I love my pekes. I really am a mean old softy I guess.

Anyway, the year is quickly winding down and Christmas will soon be upon us. Rick has arranged an outstanding party for us. Everyone should mark their calendars for this. We have a good time every year.

There seems like there should be more to say but I've run out of thoughts. I am preparing for my annual trip to the panhandle with my sons to kill as many deer as we legally can and process them. How many of you knew that the sausages in the beans at the fish fry were processed venison and pork from the hunt last year? So if I don't see you at the November meeting, I will be doing more of that.

Ride often and ride safe. Helmets DO save lives, I KNOW. John Thomas ACD

News from Our Chapter O2 Educators David and Mary Graham



Hello Boys and Girls

It is that time again; hopefully some of you have been doing a bit of riding since the weather has gotten a bit cooler.

There was a group of 8 that made a trip out west to New Mexico's rally we had a great time. I managed to get bumped in to; no one was hurt. It only takes a second of not looking for this to happen. We came out of the motel parking lot and stopped at a red light and was rear ended lightly... he looked off for a second. We went to a Honda dealer and they got us in and checked things out; they said it was safe,

So we went to the chili capital of the world; Hatch, New Mexico, and ate lunch and bought 40 pounds of chili peppers and returned.

There was a bike blessing that was put on by the C M A. Flip and Sissy got their trike blessed. Afterwards, we rode over to Ruidoso, had lunch, and saw a really beautiful church before returning in time to win a basket ... a great time was had by most

We departed New Mexico, crossed Texas, and we went across the Guadalupe highest mountains range in Texas then back in to New Mexico and over to Hobbs NM for the night. Home safely the next day.

The fish fry at John and Donna's was wonderful and a big thanks to them again.

Was sitting at the house when the phone rang and was invited out to Bert and Ellie's daughter's café for coffee and breakfast there were 16 people out of O2 there The café is called JORDANS on hwy 279 close to lake Brownwood bridge ... great time was had by all. Phones get results.

O2 had 16, counting guests, showed up in Oklahoma. It was a great ride for the ones that had bikes and trikes..... the rest just went along in their 4 wheelers. Everyone made it safely.

The weather is getting a lot nicer. Hopefully we can get a few people interested in riding some where? I hope to have some wheels in the next 2 weeks. Be safe what ever you do or how ever you go Look twice every time. RIDE SAFE KEEP; IT UP RIGHT

News From Our Membership Enhancement Coordinators

Dave & Jean Simmons



Fourteen members from Chapter O2 travelled to McAllister, Oklahoma, to attend their "Oklahoma Spooktacular" District Convention. Our numbers earned us the certificate for "Most PreRegistered Chapter Outside Oklahoma. (see related article on page 9)

The event started off with a costume party on Thursday night and continued all day Friday and Saturday, ending Saturday night with a fabulous BBQ dinner.



"Sheriff" Bob Davis tried to keep prisoners Toby, Dave, Rupert, and Shari in line



David & Mary Graham, Flip & Sissy Flippin
Dave Simmons & Toby Davis



Black Cat
Jean Simmons



Kay McMahon, Lucy Barber, Mary Graham