



**Gold Wing Road Riders Association
Region H
The Hospitality Region
Texas District
Brownwood Chapter 02
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Let's Get To Know.....

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



Bud and CeCie McCoy
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Next Gathering

**September 10
9 a.m.**

breakfast at the
**Ranch House Motel
Restaurant**
301 South West Georgia Ave.
Sweetwater. TX

Directions to reach the
restaurant are on
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**DIRECTIONS TO THE
RANCH HOUSE MOTEL
RESTAURANT IN SWEETWATER**

Rupert Rodriguez has provided us with the following directions to get to the Ranch House Motel Restaurant in Sweetwater....thanks Rupert!

The Saturday, September 10th, gathering at 9 A.M. will be at the Ranch House Motel Restaurant located in Sweetwater, Tx, 301 South West Georgia Ave (325-236-6341). If entering Sweetwater from the south on Hwy. 70 turn left at first turn signal. That is Georgia Ave; do not go under I-20. If you are coming in from the east (Abilene) get off on the San Angelo / Hwy. 70 exit. At red light, turn left and go under I-20 onto right hand lane; at the next light, turn right. Ranch House is one block from Hwy. 70 running with I-20.

CAUTION WITH I-20 OFF RAMP JUST IN FRONT OF THE RANCH HOUSE.

Recruitment Records

According to a recent statistical report received from the Home Office in Phoenix, the following members participating in Chapter O2 are credited with recruiting new GWRRA members:

Tom Hart	8
Rick Dietly	2
Barent Gibson	6
Norma Oliver	2
Dave Simmons	12
Jean Simmons	10
David Graham	2
Derald Burns	1
William Lackey	3
Flip Flippin	8
John Thomas	4

**CONGRATULATIONS
THANK**

&

YOU!

Bud McCoy grew up in Oak Grove, Louisiana, and has been riding since before 1955. In 1989, they flew in from Los Angeles with their helmets and floorboards and bought a new GL1500 in Killeen, Texas. After installing the floorboards and putting the required mileage on the bike for the first inspection, they left Temple, Texas, and rode to their home in Woodland Hills, California. They traveled through Mesa Verde, Bryce and Zion Naional Parks on their trip home.

They have owned Indians, Harleys, Yamahas, and Hondas in the past. They currently own a 1999 Yamaha Royal Star Venture in addition to their 2009 GL 1800.

Bud joined GWRRA December 2010 and CeCie joined in March 2011. They say they joined to meet new people. They are also members of the Abilene Road Riders Assn.

Bud retired (the first time) in 1989 and they went full-time traveling in their RV and their GL1500 for approximately three years. Then, he retired permanently in 1996 from the Operating Engineers.

CeCie grew up in Kansas City, MO, and went to college at the University of MO in Columbia, MO. She has been riding since 1988. She retired, in 1989, as a Senior Project Office Manager for HCB Contractors out of Dallas, Texas. She worked in Houston and all over the state of California. Cecie became an Enrolled Agent for the IRS and worked part time until 2007.

Bud and CeCie met in Houston, Texas, while working on The Heritage Plaza (a 55 story high rise). Bud was the foreman for the Operating Engineers and Cecie was the Project Office Manager. They were married in 1987 in Yuma, Arizona.

They have three sons, seven grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Their favorite hobby (besides riding) is traveling in their RV.

Do you know this member????



This is the first in what we hope will be 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 actual identity of the member pictured will be divulged at next month's gathering. 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?

News from District, Region, and International

The theme for the 2012 Texas District Convention May 17 – 19 in New Braunfels, Texas has been selected as:

Texas Derby Days



So, gather up your derby hats, riding silks, and riding crops and join in the spirit of the event.

Region H Director, Harry Dollarhide has announced the following Region H members were honored at WingDing in Knoxville: Rider Educators John & Lydia Bourg were selected GWRRA Rider Educator of the Year; Region H Leadership Trainers, Steve and Carolyn Cotton were selected for the Leadership Training Division Excellence in Training Award; and Region H Motorist Awareness Coordinator, Bill McBride, was presented with the Motorist Awareness Merit Award.

GWRRA Retention Program

Growth of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association is one of GWRRA's primary objectives. While Membership Recruitment is important in contributing to a positive growth rate, retention of existing Members is equally important and if not given adequate emphasis at all levels of the Association, can significantly counteract an otherwise strong Recruitment Program resulting in a near zero or even negative growth rate.

Charter Member found.....



Tom and Gwen Hart with
Chapter O2 Charter Member
Pete Boutross

The Chapter was having breakfast at CJ's in Comanche during our August gathering when Tom and Gwen Hart (who have been with the Chapter longer than anyone else in attendance) recognized one of the other diners. They introduced Pete Boutross to the Chapter and explained that he had been a Charter Member of Chapter O2. He is the funeral director in Comanche.

Alyce Dietly Receives Level IV



Chapter Educator, David Graham, presented Alyce Dietly with her Level IV patch and certificate at our August Chapter gathering in Comanche.

We couldn't ride....but no one minded!

After weeks and weeks (months, maybe?) of no rain, it seems we got it all at one time just as we were all preparing to head to Comanche for breakfast. Even though we were coming from many different locations, it was the same story from everyone.....downpouring rain, winds, and water rushing down the streets. Of course, that did not keep most of us home....we had 21 wet and (119131) hungry members show up at CJ's in Comanche for breakfast in four-wheelers. Hey, a little (or even a lot) rain wasn't going to stop us!

Educator David Graham distributed some safety material entitled "Warm Weather Worries". Chapter Director Rick Dietly announced the dates of several rallies and reminded everyone they could find more information on the Texas District Website.

Arnold Barber was presented with a five dollar bill in reward for finding his member number in the August newsletter.

Betty Sellers drew Dave Simmons' lucky number in the Membership Enhancement Drawing and Sissy Flippin drew Tom Ridings' nametag for \$5 off his breakfast bill.

We are happy to report
that both
Tom Hart
and
Norma Oliver
are both doing well after their
recent surgical procedures

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)

CHRONICALS OF WING DING 2011

The beginning:

Every good story has a beginning. The hard part here is to determine the beginning. Perhaps one might start the day the temperature was around 107 degrees and I found myself crawling around on the hot driveway trying to change the oil and filter on the Goldwing. Change the oil, change the filter and grease the u-joints that I could get to (can't get to the front u-joint). Not sure that qualifies as the first day since all that is a part of the T-clock. Maybe it was the day I rode to Gatesville to have that front u-joint greased at Mitchell's. What brainiac designed it that way must have been thinking it would be good for the dealerships because most people will not attempt to do it themselves or not do it at all. I've learned the hard way that it must be done before any long trip and often just riding around town. That, too, is a part of the T-clock, I watched him do it in the shop and can now confidentially do it myself, I think. So, I guess our trip began on the morning of July 1, 2011. We have decided to leave Brownwood early and head on out on the adventure. Our riding partners are not going because Wayne has become ill so we are on our own. We have arranged for the dogs and cats to be cared for. We are not taking Gadget on this trip. I feel the temperature will be too hot on him and previous experiences at these functions has led to frustrations because many places do not allow pets inside and frankly, I don't want to put up with the BS. I have even taken the roxie ride off the trike. So, let's get started.

Day 1

July 2, 2011

Donna and I mount up on the trusty Goldwing heading East towards Dallas. It seems before we can really begin the long trip to Tennessee, we must find daughter Tinya somewhere called Coppell, or I mean, she and Donna have just returned from a trip to Colorado but you can't get within 100 miles of the kids without stopping by to see them. So anyway, thank God for the inventor of the GPS. After three and a half to four hours and riding around in 104 degree temperature in the metro traffic, we find Tinya. She's at a Pets mart store as an animal rescue/foster pet keeper type person. We had lunch, got to pet all the foster dogs and cats and do the parent thing. We finish up there and remount heading east. Problem! We are on the West side of Dallas, we have to get to IH 30 East and it's lunch time in Dallas. I get a brain storm, if we go to Denton, we can get on 380 which circles well above the metro traffic and we can link back to IH30 in Greenville. Brilliant right? Wrong. Would you believe that out on a rural road in the middle of nowhere there could be a traffic light every mile apart and that each of them would be red? The speed limit on this stretch of high way is 65mph and no warning of a red light around the next bend. Are you kidding me? One might think someone would be smart enough to maybe say synchronize the lights so the traffic would flow instead of screaming to a stop at each light. I can tell I'm not alone in my thinking. At each light, there is enough rubber on the road to make any number of tires. One has to wonder where TXDOT finds their road engineers. We finally arrive in Greenville later rather than sooner. There is IH30, gateway to the East, beckoning me to ride baby ride. However, by this time I can no longer feel my butt. I have a brother living in East Tawakoni about 30 miles away. Let's drop in and surprise him, maybe he will feed us and put us up for the night. Couldn't find his house for the surprise so I call him. He's not home; he's in Greenville but, no problem. His son, my nephew, lives nearby and he is home. He was in the final stages

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of assembling a new BBQ grill and couldn't wait to try it out. We had steaks, taters and the works. My brother arrives, we eat and yes, he put us up for the night. Aside from the temperature, having to ride around the metroplex and highway 380, day one ended okay.

(to be continued next month)

(The following article was submitted by Ron Miller)

Diane and I just returned from South Dakota, the weather was beautiful, 65 was the high temperature while we were there. We staged in Keystone, SD, and did day trips from that location. 3200 miles later we were back in good ole Abilene, Texas. We enjoyed all the friendly people that we met along the way. Our journey started out here in Abilene, then to Clayton NM, Denver, CO., Cheyenne, WY and then Keystone, SD. We actually took a full 2 days and about 4 hours the next day to do the ride.

Custer state park wild life ride was wonderful, then on to Needles Hwy, Iron Mountain Hwy and Sturgis. The Full Throttle Bar was open (big Sturgis bike rally bar) and had Emmitt the miniature jack ass walking around on the inside of the bar. We visited the Motorcycle Hall of Fame, Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse Monument, Dead Wood, and many other small towns in the local area. When it came time to depart we went west to WY and visited the Devils Tower Monument just north of Sundance WY. On our return back to Abilene it was a huge shock when we came back into 40 mph crosswinds and 100+ temps.

The trip was great, the Goldwing was better, nothing like fresh air and open road. Fuel was actually a little cheaper than here in the local area and my MPG increased by about 7 MPG even though I was pulling a trailer.



Ron & Diane Miller in South Dakota

(The following article was submitted by Kay MacMahon)

A Savory Way to Beat the Heat !

These hot, hot summer days make unpleasant riding days causing everyone to search for group indoor activities. David and Mary Graham, along with their very talented daughter, Karen, came up with a unique way to spend a few hours on a hot Saturday in July. Karen and her husband, Bobby, hosted, prepared and served a Mystery Dinner at their home in Coleman. The key word being "Mystery".

The guests gathered at David and Mary's home to finalize group plans for the Oklahoma Convention in McAlester, have some gab time and travel together to Karen's house. No one knew what to expect upon arrival, but knew it would be a treat with surprises. After warm greetings were extended, guidelines were established. The #1 rule was no whining, complaining or cursing. The #2 rule was to have FUN. It soon became apparent it was an occasion for everyone to be spontaneous.

Menu selections were puzzling with mystifying names. Each selection could be used only once and teamwork was not allowed. Inklings of real course names were "somewhat" deceptive making menu selections "somewhat" baffling. Everyone was to be served 4 courses. Each course

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contained 5 items served in the order selected. And, all utensils and food remnants were removed after each course.

The fun really surged when the first course selections were served and laughter continued throughout the dinner. Words like, inventive, creative and imaginative came into play around the large table. John fashioned a spoon from the aluminum foil from his baked potato (K.P.'s Agony) to eat his chicken soup (Old Remedy). Lucy pounced on her ice cream balls (Jersey's Best) with a toothpick (a little piece of - -) before her plate was placed level on the table. Flip superiorly demonstrated eating his spaghetti (Golden Rods) with a knife (The Rippers Choice). Mac stopped laughing and talking long enough to devour his chocolate fudge cake with nuts (Tall Dark & Handsome) - - - later requesting a second piece. Donna turned into a prissy taleteller and made sure all rules were followed. She made sure there was no sharing and all utensils were removed after each course. Sissy and Arnold maintained their dignity while throwing small smirks at the rest of the group. For me - - don't tell my mom - - - I just used my fingers. Luckily, my final selection item was a yellow napkin (A Sleepy Relative) that I thought would be after dinner coffee.

Even without proper etiquette only a few olives (Roly Poly's), croutons (Little Blocks) and meat balls (Rolling Stones) hit the floor. It truly was a savory way to beat the heat. David, Mary, Karen and Bobby successfully provided a fresh, enjoyable experience on a hot Saturday afternoon. Friends returned home full, relaxed and with smiling faces.

(The following article was submitted by Mary Graham)

Smoky Mountain Adventure

David & I along with Flip & Sissy, our partners in crime, on the 4th of July, left for

Knoxville, Tennessee. We had planned to eat lunch in Hope, Arkansas, with Bill & Hillary (LOL), but they were not home, so we ate without them. Their loss.....

Getting late in the day, we thought we would stay the night with Elvis in Memphis, but would you believe it, he was not home. Just our luck. Maybe next time we will make reservations...Thankya, Thankya very much. In the words of Johnny Cash, we're going to Jackson...

Arriving in Knoxville, we settle in, go to Wing Ding, and watch it rain. It rained every afternoon, it was wonderful!

While in Tennessee, we decide to check out the Smoky Mountains. On our way to the mountains, we went through Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg (too many people, too much traffic). As usual we are getting hungry, where are we going to eat? We stopped at little restaurant called O'Malleys, (Tennessee ?) Looking at the menu, Flip noticed it said North Carolina. So he asked the waitress, "Are we in North Carolina?" She replied, "No", "Do you not know where you are"? **We all laughed**, then she said "You are in North Carolina". We replied "We don't know how we got here"?? Where is David's GPS now!!! Having a fun and enjoyable day, we returned back to Knoxville for the evening.

The next morning we go back to North Carolina to ride the Tail of the Dragon...at Deals Gap. It is a famous motorcycle ride with 318 curves in 11 miles. Ride it if you dare... By the time we got to the other end, Flip said he was half way dizzy... It is something everyone should do at least once!

Leaving Knoxville, heading home, we just waved at Bill, Hillary and Elvis as we passed through saying "we would see them next trip."

David, Mary, Flip & Sissy have left the mountains.....



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.

September

10 Chapter O2 September gathering...Breakfast 9 a.m. Ranch House Motel Sweetwater...directions on Page 2

10 Chapter R Convention Keller, TX

October

1 Chapter T Convention Killeen, TX

8 Chapter O2 monthly gathering.....TBA

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


2012

March

29-31 Region H Convention Marshall, Texas

April

12 – 14 Louisiana District Convention Lafayette, LA




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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!)

Example of the word

“OPTIMISM”

Dave and Jean bought new rainsuits at Wing Ding to bring home to wear in Texas where we have been in drought conditions for several months.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 20 Toby Davis
- 20 Kay MacMahon
- 24 Sandee Shoaf
- 27 MacMahon



SEPTEMBER

- 14 Tom and Diane Ridings



GWRRR

September Anniversaries (date joined)

- Tom Hart 1992
- William Lackey 2007

Our Prayers
and
Sincere Thoughts
are extended to
John and Donna Thomas
as they mourn
the loss of John's
Brother-in Law

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



Hi Y'all

To start off with, Alyce and I would like to add our condolences to John & Donna Thomas on the passing of John's brother-in-law Wayne. Please keep John and his family in your prayers.

Our August gathering was a very unusual event. The gathering was normal but most, if not all, had to ride in the rain, "yes rain" to get there. No one rode their scooters and no one seemed to mind having to 4 wheel it. For most, it was the first we've seen rain in four to five months and the first time the advice "Drink plenty of water to survive" wasn't repeated several times.

Let me take this time to say congratulations to my riding partner on her achieving her Level IV Master Tour Rider/Co-Rider. I guess this means that she can now tell me how to drive. If that's true though, she has been a Level IV for many, many years.

With all the riding we've been doing in our 100 degree plus weather I have no more to talk about, so I'm going to get back to my job: feet propped up, keeping a close eye on the A/C.

Don't forget about that drinking [water]; keep it up... it's warm again so hydrate before and during any outside activity.

Ride Aware
Rick and Alyce

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

John and Donna Thomas



I reckon it's time for the September ACD report.

Donna and I have not abandoned the chapter. No, as you all know Wayne (brother in law) has passed away and Donna and I remain in Oklahoma trying to help Sandy (sister) get all her affairs in order. A sudden unexpected death is more difficult to settle than one that one has time to prepare for.

Wayne had just traded in his Harley trike for the 2007 1800 GL CSC trike. Sandy now wants (has) to sell it. She does not wish me to teach her to ride it so,,,,,, we have this beautiful 2007 Goldwing 1800 GL with California Sidecar trike for sale. We have to have \$32,000 for it. I myself would buy it but I don't need two trikes. If anyone is interested or knows of someone, e-mail me. I plan to bring it back home with me on a trailer to keep the mileage low. I believe its around 8000 now. He had also bought several accessories but we haven't unpacked everything yet.

It is quite a chore with all the farm equipment, vehicles, and his oil field equipment to sort through trying to decide what to sell, how to sell it, and what to keep. So if anyone is interested, let me know.

Now, on to more pleasant thoughts. Still planning on October fish fry, Oklahoma convention and other GWRRA stuff. Donna still plans to head up to New England for the fall foliage tour and I'm getting my guns ready for my annual killing spree. Life goes on for those of us left behind. If you enjoy reading, get the book God's war on terror. It is really good. We thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers and thank you all. God bless each of you.

John Thomas

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



Hello Boys and Girls

It was so good to see everyone that turned out at Comanche.

We had a pretty good turn out in spite of the heat and got a little rain along the way.

It was good to see Roger Sellers and Betty out and about. Roger will soon have a trike; welcome to the world of 3 wheels.

The temperature is still staying hot; it will cool down one day soon I sure hope so anyway. It would be nice to be able to get out and ride more than a couple of hours after 9 AM or so.

Hopefully it cools down a bit; we are planning on going to New Mexico mid September for their rally in Las Cruces N M. This is the New Mexico District Convention (9/22-24/2011). We are going the old folk's way; we will over-night in Carlsbad, N M and go the other half the next day. We will be leaving 9/21; if any one wants to come along, give me a call ...all is welcome.

Ride often stay cool and be safe, watch out for the other guy if you're out on the streets or Highways.

Hope to see all of you next month if not before.

If anyone is interested in the levels program please let me know; we will get you signed up and get patches if desired.

Be safe Keep it up right

David M. Graham

Mary A Graham

News From Our Membership Enhancement Coordinators

Dave & Jean Simmons



To ride or not to ride.....that is a question we all ask ourselves from time to time when we are getting ready to head out to a chapter gathering, a convention, or just a trip to our local ice cream shop.

There are many reasons to ride....just the pure pleasure of it; just because we love the freedom of “being out in the open” on the open road; after all, we think ‘everyone else’ will be on their bikes; and really, isn’t that why we bought the bike, after all?

But what are some of the reasons not to ride....if we are not feeling well we won’t “be at our best” when it comes to making decisions vital to safe riding; if we are distracted by events happening at home, school, or at work we won’t be able to give our full attention to the task at hand....safe operation of our bike; and perhaps the most “thought about” reason.....weather.

Bad riding weather can be lots of things....heat, cold, down-pouring rain, wind, or icy roads. Oh sure...we all have the proper riding gear and accessories. For heat, we have cool vests/ties which we can wet down and they will keep us cool for a while. For cold, we can put on insulated clothing which will keep us warm for a while. For rain, we can put on our rain suits which may keep us dry for a while....but what about the wet, slick roadways? For wind? We just have to determine whether we can hold the bike on the road. For icy roads....better stay home!

The bottom line, after donning all our proper riding gear and accessories is....will we be comfortable? And, we have to decide how safe we will be out there if we are not comfortable.

So, if any conditions are present that makes us ask ourselves “is riding today a good idea?”...is just may not be. But that does not mean we cannot participate in whatever activity we have on our schedule.....we may just have to rethink our mode of transportation....unless, of course, that condition is icy roads! In that case, pop some corn and stay indoors!