



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



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CONGRATULATIONS



**Wendell & Marie Vince
2011 – 2012
Region H Couple of the Year
(2010 Louisiana District COY)**

Next Gathering

**April 2nd
Chapter O
Convention**

Fredericksburg

**Meet at
McDonald's
in Brady**

**Be ready to leave
at 9 a.m.!**

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!

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 (171712-01) 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

Let's get to know.....

Chapter O2 is always happy to welcome new participants to our Chapter.



Ron and Diane Miller

Ron said, "we like to have fun, but we are not into the 'adult rated rally' scene". We both enjoy having a good time and enjoy life and are looking for a good group to do just that. It is currently our plan to ride to Knoxville for Wing Ding, but you know how the best laid plans change.

We were married August 24, 1974, so we have been together for a while. Served in the military proudly and most of time in Vietnam. I have worked for the Federal government since 1982 as a contracting officer. I am currently the Chief of Infrastructure Flight at Dyess.

On a side note, I just got back from Las Vegas where there was a large Air Force Black Tie event and I was named Civilian of the Year for 12th Air Force. I am not bragging on myself; I am just giving some information on who I am and about my background. Diane worked for the Abilene State School for over 30 years and retired from Vocational Services. She now has a full time job just trying to keep me in line and making sure I stay out of trouble. So, in a nutshell, we are good people and we want to hang out with other good people. We look forward to building many long lasting friendships

At Our March Gathering

By Mary Graham

ICE CREAM OR NOT TO ICE CREAM?

On Saturday March 12, 2011, David & Mary Graham, Arnold & Lucy Barber, Flip & Sissy Flippin, Bert & Ellie Jordan, Mac & Kay McMahon met at our regular meeting place, Allsups on the north side around 9:30am. We rode to Abilene by way of HW84 to Golden Corral. Of course, you know we are going to meet where we can eat....

Upon arriving, we visited with a nice couple from Cross Plains who were interested in checking out this Biker Gang. (They are nice now, but that is just because they have not been corrupted by us or gained weight yet, but give us time).LOL

Everybody else showed up, the rest of the Gang, we ate lunch, all we can eat, visited and had a visual picture show of Grandma Alyce's new grandbaby.

The meeting adjourned outside under the shade trees, where it was cooler and quieter. You know it was not us making all the noise, we were using our inside voices...

We had a drawing for the Membership Enhancement Drawing, and our new member from Cross Plains (Bud McCoy) was the winner, talk about beginners luck... William won the \$5.00 off meal ticket drawing.

Getting ready to leave, our fearless leader, misplaced his key, he searched and (cover your ears) WHAT DID HE SAY?? But finally, Guess what, it wasn't lost, it was right there....

The Gang mounted up for the ride home, by way of Lawn. Upon arriving in Lawn, the group split up, some riding through Oplin to Baird,... you know why they had to go to Baird?? ICE CREAM AT DQ....then on to Abilene. Wait a minute...didn't they just leave Abilene??? They don't have ICE CREAM in Abilene?

Three bikes rode on route to Coleman, Bangs, Lake Brownwood; you guessed it, ICE CREAM AT DQ. QUESTION? Did the Bangs and Lake Brownwood riders stop in Santa Anna, ICE CREAM AT DQ? We will never know.... (Good thing there is not a DQ in Bangs, or the Lake Brownwood riders would never make it home).



See you next month...ICE CREAM ANYONE????

We Want To Say "WELCOME"

There were three new couples attending our gathering for the first time. They are:

Bud and CeCie McCoy
Cross Plains

Ron & Diane Miller
Abilene

Jim & Katherine Jennings
Tye

A word from Phoenix

The following is a clarification of the GWRRA alcohol policy from Director Mike Stiger:

“Our policy is very simple. Our policy doesn’t infringe on the personal freedom of choice that an individual has. Due to liability, Officers of GWRRA are not to sell, give as a gift, advertise the use of, or personally provide alcoholic beverages at any GWRRA event. However, this doesn’t prevent a member from bringing adult beverages to the event or purchasing them at the facility where the event is being held if the facility sells alcohol.

The only exception I can think of is if the facility where the event is being held prohibits alcohol or if it is being held at a private residence and the owner doesn’t want alcohol on their property. They have the right to request of those attending not to bring any alcohol. They are the owners of their property and they, too, have the personal freedom of choice to request that.

When attending GWRRA events, members are to drink responsibly . If a member becomes intoxicated and becomes belligerent, they should be provided a safe mode of transportation home and be asked to leave. It is all of our responsibility to help insure that they don’t drink and drive.”

Director Mike Stiger



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The following information was provided by GWRRA Director, Mike Stiger:

The passport can be utilized at any scheduled event that any GWRRA Chapter, District, Region, or National conducts.

The preferred mode of transportation used for the passport is a Motorcycle or Trike. However, during inclement weather where a safer mode of transportation should be used, or for health reasons, or having to haul materials or supplies to the event, or any other reasonable reason, arriving in a car is fine.

A Director, or their designated representative, needs to sign the book. **The deadline for the program has been extended to 7/31/12.**

GWRRA has a website devoted to the Passport Program. Check it out at: www.gwrri.org.

We suggest you bring your Passport 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”.

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

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***FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER RIDE**

April 29, 2011

Meet at Riverside Park 6 p.m.*

Grand Prize

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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 6

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
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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.

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

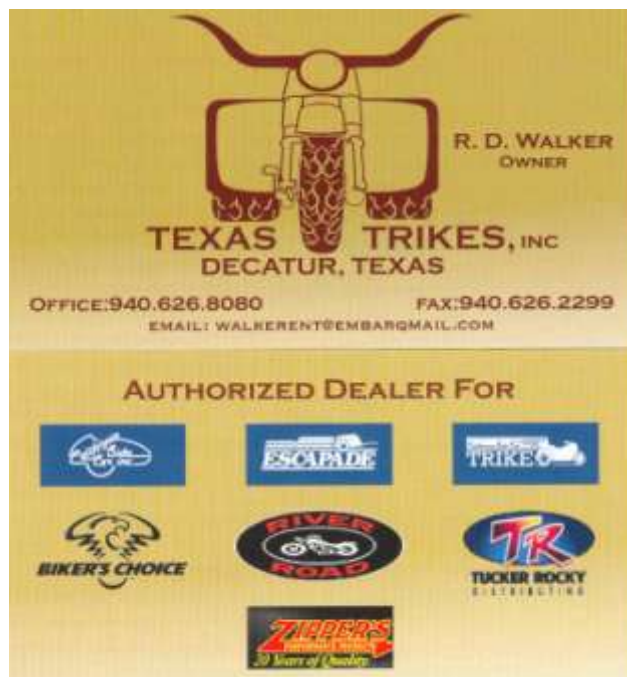
- 12-14 Texas District Convention
Killeen, Texas
- 26-28 Arkansas District Convention
Rogers, AR

July

- 6 – 9 Wing Ding
Knoxville, TN

August

- 12 Chapter I Convention
Marshall, TX
- 13 Chapter M Convention
Mansfield, TX
- 20 Chapter X2 BBQ
Cypress, TX
- 26 – 27 Kansas District Convention
El Dorado, Kansas



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**BE CAREFUL OUT THERE
WHILE YOU ARE ENJOYING
RIDING ON THESE SPRING DAYS!**

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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Birthdays

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 14th Roger Sellers

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April Anniversaries
 (date joined)

Dave & Jean Simmons 2000

News From Our Chapter Directors Rick and Alyce Dietly



Rick



Alyce

Hi Y'all,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to us. TX-O2 is 29 years old the 28th of March. Shortly, it will be older than we are.

Well the season is finally here and we can start to get some miles under our belts. Just make sure everything is ready for the road, both machines and operators. Both have been sitting around a little more than usual. One needs to have some loving maintenance [oil change and etc] and the other needs to take a few short rides before heading out cross country.

We had our March gathering in Abilene at the Golden Corral. It was a good place to eat, but not a very good place for a meeting. So after we finished with the food, we headed outside and gathered under a tree and took care of business. After that it, was time for a little ride and if somebody [me] could have found their keys, things would have gotten under way faster. We finally got going and had a nice little ride through the country side.

Another Region H Convention has passed and Chapter O2 had a real good turn out. Rick & Alyce, Arnold & Lucy, Bob & Toby, David & Mary, Flip & Sissy, Tom & Gwen, Jay, William, Mac & Kay, Rupert & Shari, and Dave and Jean tried to represent O2 the best we could. There were a couple that had to be put in time out, but I've been told I can't mention SHARI or MAC's names.

Shari did redeem herself some when she out drove everybody there in both classes at the pinewood car races. Dave and Jean participated in the Region H Couple of the Year selection. They did O2 and Texas very proud. Thanks Dave and Jean from all of us. Tom & Gwen took 2nd place in the Couples Theme Dress competition and John and Donna had to withdraw due to technical problems. Thanks to everyone for their participation.

Chapter O Convention in Fredericksburg is April 2 and don't forget ours April 30th.

A little Safety Info: Most of the motorists would turn on HIGH or FASTEST SPEED of the wipers during heavy downpour, yet the visibility in front of the windshield is still bad..... In the event you face such a situation, just try your SUN GLASSES. (any model will do). All of a sudden, your visibility in front of your windshield is perfectly clear, as if there is no rain. Make sure you always have a pair of SUN GLASSES in your car, as you are not only helping yourself to drive safely with good vision, but also might save your friend's life by giving him this idea. Try it yourself and share it with your friends! Amazing, you still see the drops on the windshield, but not the sheet of rain falling.

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PICTURES FROM PLANO



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



We have officially kicked off the riding and convention season. Our chapter represented ourselves extremely well in Plano at the Region Convention. If I counted correctly we had 22 in attendances give us a big WHOW!!!! Next is Fredericksburg, Louisiana, and then Chapter TX-O2 (that is us). Then will be going to Texas District in May location Killeen. This will be where the COY Basket will be given away. Several of you have given me more items for the basket and I really appreciate it. It is beginning to take shape but we can always use more neat stuff. Time is approaching fast for all these events so be sure and get your silent auction items out and did I mention we still need more items for our COY basket.

Ride be safe and have FUN!!!!

Donna

- BOB**
- TOBY**
- JEAN**
- DAVE**
- FLIP**
- SISSY**



- ALYCE**
- RICK**
- DAVID**

Level IV Breakfast at Plano

News from Our Chapter O2 Educators David and Mary Graham



Hello Boys and Girls

Here it is that time again; it was great to see such a nice turn out in Abilene for our meeting. We had some new people; a couple I did meet and there was a couple I did not. Sorry, I will try and catch up with you next time.

We have 5 new level 1`s. That is great! John and Donna and Mac and Kay have their patches. William`s are on their way, hopefully. If I don`t receive them I will pick them up in Plano .

It sounds like we are going to have a pretty good turn out going to Plano this is great. Some of us are going to try and get some classes in to stay current in the levels program or advance, the co riders can take co riders course and the rider can take a bike or a trike course, for level 2 with 5 K miles. A CPR and First Aid course for level s 3 and 4.

The weather is getting nicer by the day there are lots of people out on 2 and 3 wheels, the 4 wheelers do not look for us so be careful and keep an eye out for them.

I know there are some people planning on going to Louisiana and Knoxville, Arkansas, and Fredericksburg. Or, they have reservations any way.

As everyone knows, it has been very dry. A little mist or dew can make the roads really slick in spots so be careful. This dry weather has created a lot of pot holes or it seems like there are a lot more to me, so be careful.

We hope everyone had a great time and returned home safely and had a great time

We have tickets for Riders Ed Cruise 4 days Plus \$100.00. They are \$10.00 each chance. If interested, give me a call. The drawing will be @ Killeen.

If we can be of service, please give us a call. We will do our best to locate an answer if we don`t know.

BE SAFE OUT THERE HAVE FUN