



## Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Fun, Safety, Knowledge



Wichita Falls, Texas-E Chapter,  
Texas District, Region H

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Texas E- Meets: Second Monday at 6:30 P.M.  
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**All bikers and enthusiasts are welcome to join in our activities:**

**April 4** Texas Chapter O Rally in Fredericksburg

**Bluebonnet Rally and Campout:**

By Jimmy J and Winona Atkinson

The first part of April, we had an opportunity to travel down to Fredericksburg, TX to attend Chapter O's Bluebonnet Rally and Campout. Camping was available at the "Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park". We took the motor home and pulled the bike. It is a lovely park and we met a lot of really nice campers. There was a group of campers who got together and entertained us with some really good picking and grinning.

That Friday we explored the area and even found Lukenbach, TX. If you have never been there check it out. Take the walking bridge across the creek and over the hill a little ways, there is the biggest cypress tree I have ever seen. From there we rode West on Hwy 290 thru Fredericksburg. Jimmy slowed down going thru town so I could window shop from the back seat of the bike. When we got to Hwy 783 we turned south to Kerrville, TX and then back north to our camp. We really enjoyed the ride.



On Saturday at the Rally we won the prize for traveling the longest distance. They had a guided tour of the Willow City loop which was really beautiful. We would never have found it without a guide. Everyone at the rally was very friendly and made us feel at home. Also the catered lunch was outstanding and lots of it.

We really had a great time and hope to make the trip again next year.

**April 11 Breakfast Ride (Second Saturday Morning)** The Chapter Breakfast ride will meet at the **old Burkburnett** Wal Mart parking lot just off I-44 North. We will depart at 0745 hours (7:45 am) taking the back road up to the Cracker Barrel in Lawton, OK. With the rider course being held that same morning at the MPEC in Wichita Falls, those wanting to attend will be able to make it back in time to attend. **Jimmy J. and Winona Atkinson - a cold and blustery ride was attended by four lone riders—Mirl, Larry, Wayne and Jimmy J. who went to the Wichita Falls location Cracker Barrel. Good choice!**

**April 13 Monthly Chapter Meeting at 6:30 PM**

It is a well attended meeting at Luby's. Richard shared pictures of his award winning Mustang motorcycle; an article will give more details later in this newsletter. Easter egg candy was the prize in the red cookie tin won by Karen who also won the gift card. Jimmy J will decide on the breakfast and dinner rides for May. Todd gave a safety lesson for riding with kids. The big thing is to make adjustments for helmet sizes and foot rests and bungee cords for sleepy times. Discussions as to day trip locations garnered many great ideas. A phenomenal boot "E" table centerpiece is displayed by Bill and Joyce Hardman for the Amarillo District Canyon rally in May. Saw a new face, welcome Sue Kelly!

**April 16-18 Louisiana District Rally, Lafayette, LA**

**April 25 Chapter O-2 Annual Rally and Duck Race,**  
Riverside Park, Brownwood, Texas- Texas Chapter E.

is well represented by Chapter Director Larry Brown. He loves to ride. He left Wichita Falls for a morning and lunch rendezvous meeting with Mandy and Fred from RRRR Texas Chapter.



**Hardman's Phenomenal  
TXE Boot for Amarillo**

### **How Lucky We Are** Larry and Karen Brown Chapter TX-E Directors

As I was riding early last Saturday morning down Route 16 headed to Brownwood, Texas for the O2 Rally I was thinking of just how lucky we are to be able to have the freedom to take off and go most anyplace we want when we want. In many countries it is hard for people to even know the freedom we have here. The idea of taking off on a venture early in the morning, going someplace you have never been and taking routes that you have never traveled is exciting. Not knowing what will happen along the way and especially on a motorcycle with the stereo turned up to where it will just overcome the wind in the helmet. Very few travelers were on the road and I had long stretches of road that were all mine without a car in sight. Of course I could not get too caught up in the moment since the idea of an animal darting out in front of me was always on my mind. But, none the less it was a great ride down through the slow rolling hills of Texas as I headed to the place that they say "Feels like home".

The O2 rally was in the Brownwood Riverside Park at a large picnic pavilion and was well attended by many of the area chapters. There were several games I had not seen at other rallies. Tire throw was one of them. Trying to throw a motorcycle tire on to a pin on a stand seemed to challenge most that tried it without making the tire stay on the stand. Another game was for couples where one member of the couple was blindfolded and was timed as to how long it took them to find and remove 20 clothes pins that were attached to their partner in various locations. There were also duck races with small plastic ducks much like the Regional Hospital

does here annually in Wichita Falls as a fund raiser. They had mystery rides and the usual 50/50. Vegetable beef soup with fresh cornbread was for lunch and it was great.

Well Eagles, it is only a few weeks till the Texas District Rally and I hope you all are looking forward to it as much as Karen and I. We will see you all there. We are ready to go Cruzin in the Canyon.



**April 25 Dinner Ride (Fourth Saturday Evening) to depart 4:30 PM at the old Burkburnett Wal-Mart lead by the Hardman team going to Wichita Mountains area for dinner. 165 reasons Gold Wingers in Texas stay and live in Texas. Aply lead by Bill and Joyce, excellent road captains, by the way, took the country side tour past Oklahoma wheat fields on a windy but pleasant 84 degree Saturday afternoon**

**ride to the famous Wichita Mountains, north of Lawton, Oklahoma. 165 mile round trip from south Wichita Falls. Riding into the parking lot at the Riverside Café by the Medicine Park waterway and bridge, we were seated promptly, all 23 of us. Wind beaten and somewhat dry, were delighted to be seated and politely served iced cold beverages and appetizers as we waited a short while for a meal from the green board. A choice of catfish, the all too well known chicken fried steak, hamburger with or sans cheese gave the appetites of all a hasty farewell. No room for desserts, after much catching up, a trip across the bridge and over the roads, past the big buffalo males and really close and personal long horn steers, the Hardmans lead the trail through Cache, Oklahoma, in time for a wonderful pink and blue sunset. A really good time is had by all, only in Texas with wheat fields, animals and good food and friends. Loved it, five forks minus half a fork for the gusty breezes, is the rating by an amateur (not paid to say so) Wing Co-rider.**

**GWRRA Membership Cards Will Be Checked.**



**May 10 Mother's Day**

**May 15-16 Texas District (State) Rally, Amarillo, TX Remember, don't leave home without your Gold Wing Association Membership Card, they will be checked and demerits for those forgetting.**

**May 21--23 Arkansas District Rally Rogers, Arkansas this Memorial Day**

Weekend (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)  
**June 15th Annual Ride to Work Day**

## Bike Tips: the **Night** Rider! From

Todd Kinsey, Texas E Chapter Rider Educator

By: [Greg J Hudson](#)

Out of the darkness he rode, blacker than sin but dumber than a bag of hammers. Riding a motorcycle at night brings a new twist to the riding game so take in a few tips on reflective gear; braking, night blindness and other related topics...



**Reflective Tape** Get the pants and jacket with the reflective stripes already built in. This serves to enlighten other road users to your presence. Also, try and find a reflective tape to line the side of your wheel rims.

**Braking at night** you'll notice that braking with the front brakes causes the patch of light from your headlights to dip towards you. The solution is to opt for rear braking and engine braking to maximize the view of the road ahead of you.

**Visual Purple** ever noticed that looking into a bright light at night cause temporary blindness? This is because a substance in your eyes called visual purple becomes temporarily disturbed. Avoid looking directly into headlights.

**Your Visor** Due to the nature of light, small scratches on your visor can diffract the beam causing a starburst effect. This is similar to a car's windscreen when covered with drops of water. Make sure your visor is clean and polished before riding.

**Through the looking glass** Perception is drastically reduced at night. Parts of a road you're familiar with during the day will be altered in darkness. Tune into the clues on the road that you can work with namely cat's eyes, white lines, reflective road signs and the patches of road illuminated by street lamps.

**Oncoming traffic** is easier to spot, but don't take this for granted. Cars parked on the side of the road can be rendered invisible under certain light conditions. Not to mention that some gangs drive around without lights as a part of their initiations. Go Figure!

**Road Kill** -ever heard of large busses being felled by deer jumping into the road? Imagine it was you! Try your best to detect animals by looking for the reflection in their eyes. Everyone knows the expression "like a deer caught in headlights". Dip your lights, slow down and steer around the animal. They're unpredictable so go on the side of caution.

**Do you have your confirmation yet?**

**2009 Texas District Rally Registration Form**



**Amarillo, TX - May 14, 15 & 16**  
**At the Beautiful Amarillo Civic Center**  
 Rally Pins Limited to the first 700 pre-registered  
**All pre-registrations must be postmarked by April 27, 2009 - After April 27 - Register at Rally**  
 No refunds of registration fees or Dinner Ride fees after Apr 27th

GWRRA Member (before Apr 27, 2009)	\$25 each X #	Total -
GWRRA Member (On Site)	\$30 each X #	Total -
GWRRA Life Member	\$18 each X #	Total -
Non Member (before Apr 27, 2009)	\$30 each X #	Total -
Non Member ( On Site)	\$35 each X #	Total -
Palo Duro Canyon Dinner Ride (No On Site Purchase)	\$22 each X # <b>Must Pre-Register</b>	Total -
Child (15 or under)	free registration only, with registered adult	Grand Total -

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Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ GWRRA # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date (mm/dd/yr) \_\_\_\_\_  
 for award consideration (most Sr/Jr)

Co Rider/Second Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ GWRRA # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date (mm/dd/yr) \_\_\_\_\_  
 for award consideration (most Sr/Jr)

Additional Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: (mm/dd/yr) \_\_\_\_\_  
 for award consideration (most Sr/Jr)

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Region: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Direct Miles: \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Registered ONLY will be available to win prizes for Longest Distance Male Rider, Longest Distance Female Rider, 2 UP, Oldest & Youngest Male and Female Riders, Largest Pre-Registered Texas Chapter, Largest Pre-Registered out of State Chapter, Largest TX Chapter % and 1st pre-registered.

For planning purposes, please indicate below if you will be attending the Level IV Breakfast  
 Master Tour Riders - # attending \_\_\_\_\_ Level IV # \_\_\_\_\_ Level IV # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Master Tour Co-Rider - # attending \_\_\_\_\_ Level IV # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pick up Breakfast tickets at the Rider Education Table at the Rally. \$5.00 per person - must be Level IV to attend

Waiver: I/we agree to hold harmless the GWRRA, the Co-sponsoring Organizations, City of Amarillo, Hotels and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved by reason of participation in this event.

Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CO-Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**This form cannot be transmitted on line - must be downloaded as follows:**  
**Print and Sign Form - Make checks payable to GWRRA TEXAS - Mail Payment & Registration Form to**  
**Pamela Meyer, Texas District Treasurer**  
**20906 Auburn Trace Ct.**  
**Katy, TX 77450**



## **GWRRA**

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Wing Ding 31 is in Region H in 2009!  
Join us “Cruising to the Pow Wow” in Tulsa,  
Oklahoma July 2—5, 2009.  
We welcome Gold Wingers from all over and want to  
show them why we *are* the Hospitality Region.



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**GWRRA REGION H**  
**The South Central Region**  
The Hospitality Region

*Louisiana District Rally 2009*

**April 16, 17, & 18, 2009**

**Rally Flyer & Registration Form**

**Lodging in Lafayette**

*You Do Not Want To Miss This Rally*

*Mail Your Pre-Registration Today!!*

**GWRRA Arkansas District Rally (Memorial Day  
Weekend)**



## Scooters to Goldwings

From Richard Jeter

Like most boys, riding bicycles around town was a major part of growing up. I always had “used” bicycles until the age of 10, when I got my first new Schwinn 3-speed bicycle. It was a great bike, but it left me wanting more! I rode it around town, until I could convince my Dad into looking at buying me a scooter. I talked him into going down to the local Cushman dealer, Hoover Motor Scooter Sales & Service. My good friend Kenneth Kimberlin, who lived just 3 blocks north of me, had a Cushman step through scooter. My Dad had watched Kenneth ride that scooter up and down the streets, and figured if he was old enough, so was I.

Dad took notice that on the Cushman Eagles, the gas tank was up front. If I hit some bumps in the road, by clamping my knees against the tank, it would be easier for me to hold on. This suited me just fine, because if the truth were known, the Eagle had the transmission, which would outrun the smaller Cushman. I’m sure this never crossed my dad’s mind. Ha-Ha! So at the age of 12, he ended up buying the Eagle for me to ride. This was my only transportation to the picture shows and the malt shops.





In 1955, at the age of 14, I talked my Dad into trading up for a bigger and faster scooter. This was the 1955 Mustang Special. It wasn't until 1991, when I was introduced to the Mustang Motorcycle Club that I became an avid enthusiast and collector. I started by restoring my original '55 Pony Special which I later showed for the first time in 1992. Since then I have managed to find and restore the following Mustang motorcycles: '46 Colt, '48 Model 2, '59 Model 8, '60 Thoroughbred, '61 Stallion, '62 Bronco, '63 Thoroughbred, '64 Trail Machine and a couple of Cushman bikes: '53 Cushman Eagle and '57 Cushman Truckster. I've also added a '51 Schwinn Phantom Whizzer bicycle to my collection.



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- MAY 1 Anniversary Cis and Russ Detwiller
- 7 Birthday Terry Fristoe
- 10 Birthday (Jerry Spicer - don't know if he is still "active" in the club, however I will send a card anyway.
- 28 Birthday Jimmy Atkinson



NEW MEMBERS:

Elizabeth and John Hawley

Ron Bryant and Sue Kelly

That was a great ride Saturday, wasn't it? It would have been even greater had the wind not been so strong.

See ya at the meeting next Monday evening. We are soooooo looking forward to the Amarillo trip!

Marjorie

P.S. Has anyone ever thought of doing a little "blurb" on our new members? Just simple stuff like Ron works as a long distance truck driver for PPG. And he has been biking how many years? Is this his first Gold Wing? We ask for nothing too personal, just a little something to help our other members know him a little better. Hey Ron, pretty please? First one to send the information to Marjorie gets a "free" ticket.

Just a thought....

The coffee and cake experiment was a success. I put on a pot of coffee, added the ingredients, while it was cooking in the microwave, the mess was cleaned up. Three minutes of cooking and it was heaven on earth. Yummy! I added cinnamon to the recipe and cherry and a bit of whipped cream...you can guess what happened next.



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### **The most dangerous cake recipe**

Submitted by Winona Atkinson- she has not tried it yet, so this may be a good idea for a safety article, let us know if you try it and how it does.

You know how we all get those little cravings for chocolate once in awhile (okay, a lot...)? Just when we do not think we have chocolate in the house, well here is a recipe to help with those cravings!!!

#### 5 MINUTE CHOCOLATE MUG CAKE

4 tablespoons flour  
4 tablespoons sugar  
2 tablespoons cocoa  
1 egg  
3 tablespoons milk  
3 tablespoons oil  
3 tablespoons chocolate chips (optional)  
1 small splash of vanilla extract  
1 large coffee mug



Add dry ingredients to mug, and mix well. Add the egg and mix Thoroughly; Pour in the milk and oil and mix well. Add the chocolate chips (if using) and vanilla extract, and mix again.

Put your mug in the microwave and cook for 3 minutes at 1000 watts (high). The cake will rise over the top of the mug, but don't be alarmed!  
Allow to cool a little, and tip out onto a plate if desired.

EAT! (This can serve 2 if you want to feel slightly more virtuous).

And this is why you now have the most dangerous cake recipe in the world; now we are all only 5 minutes away from chocolate cake at any time of the day or night!

You are going to print this out straight away, aren't you?



**Thanks, Winona, from Jackie and Wayne.**