



TEXAS DISTRICT NEWS



Texas Chapter Y from Odessa spends a day with "FIFI".

See their article on page 3.

Texas District Education Weekend coming in October

Saturday, October 16th & Sunday, October 17th, 2010
Killeen Civic and Conference Center
Killeen, Texas



For more information, see District Rider Education article by Chet Roby and Maria Collins on page 4. Also refer to the registration form on pages 14-15.

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If you have pictures of your Texas chapter events, send them to NLE@gwrra-tx.org.
You may see yourself on the cover of the *Texas District News*!



From the District Director

Fred Mew

FINALLY!!! I thought it would never get here!!!! I'm talking about cooler weather... YES!!!... its finally down in the 90's!!!!... and I feel like a kid again... looking for ANY opportunity to get on my bike and do anything ...for any reason!!! "Ya need me to go to Wally World?????" "Sure I can.. but it might take 3 trips to get all of the stuff you want... but that's OK... because it's cool enough and I can get front row parking... No Baby Doll...absolutely...I don't mind..."

Well... that may sound a little extreme, but that's the way I feel when this time of the year comes around... and I'm pretty sure I'm not the only one who feels that way! You can see it in the scheduling of other chapter events... you can see it in the number of motorcycles on the road..., not just Goldwings, but every other size/type/brand we have come to recognize in our hobby and passion.

It's funny thinking about the Texas riding season when you compare it to our friends in other areas of our great country. Mandy and I were fortunate enough to visit other GWRRA events recently for the Region D and North Carolina District Conventions. Making friends with folks from all over the country is pretty easy to do when you have something in common like Goldwings... and riding... and having fun kissing pigs (you had to be there)... and GWRRA. We seem to compare and take mental notes of the differences of our environments, rides and gatherings!

While it may be a great time of the year to ride, don't forget to check your bike. Make sure it's serviced properly and do your T-Clock every time you start a new day of riding. At the same time, it's also a good idea to check ourselves! It's the perfect time for us to get our recurrent training to ensure we are "on top of our game" and polish our riding abilities. We just don't owe it to ourselves, but also our family and loved ones. Riders Ed Weekend is October 16th and 17th and conveniently located in Central Texas so everyone in the state can take advantage of the great location, facilities and many rider education opportunities. Take a look at the schedule and registration located on pages 12-13. There are a ton of free classes and just a few available at a ridiculously low cost!

Whatever your plans are... wherever you end up... be careful out there and please use good judgment relating to your environment. We hope to see you at a GWRRA event soon.

CONGRATULATIONS...to Kathy Cox of Texas Chapter J. Kathy won the award for Longest Distance Rider to the North Carolina District Convention "Wings Over the Smokies". She rode 942 miles. Way to go Kathy!

Have fun, ride safe

Fred Mew



A Day with "FIFI"

I would like to share an exciting and **FUN** activity that Chapter Y recently did on August 21st. After numerous emails and phone calls to the CAF (Commemorative Air Force), Chapter Y was granted the opportunity to get up close and personal with "FIFI". As you can see "FIFI" is the only flying B29 Superfortress Bomber in the world and has just received 4 brand new updated engines to keep her flying. I don't think that I could afford the gas that "FIFI" uses because her engines use about 100 gallons of gas per hour per engine. As most of you know, the B29 was the aircraft that eventually ended World War II, so this aircraft means a lot to the CAF. Chapter Y was given a short history lesson about this aircraft by Dave Miller, who is the Crew Leader for "FIFI", and eventually he opened the aircraft for tours of the rear section and also the cockpit area. This activity required a lot of **TEAMWORK** from our Team members, but also from the membership as well because really, they made this activity happen with their participation. As you can see from one of the members of Chapter Y, he is "like a kid in a playground" and just having **FUN!!** After everyone finished taking pictures and tours, Chapter Y members presented "FIFI" with a cash donation to keep her flying!! Chapter Y presents Dave Miller and the rest of the B29 Squadron with a hand-



made wooden plaque made by our very own member, Mark McLean. **WOW....**What a day!!! In closing, I would like to thank the men and women who have given so much for our **FREEDOM** so that we can enjoy days like today!!!



Rory & Carol Brito

Chapter Director

Chapter Y-Odessa



Rider Education

Chet Roby and Maria Collins

Education Weekend:

“Education Weekend” is just around the corner (October 16th and 17th) and the excitement is growing. There is still time to sign-up for the various activities, including the TRC, ARC, TC; there is also a First Aid/CPR Refresher, and the Seminar Presenter Development Program. (Registration

forms are located on the District’s website.) Additionally Maria and I will be holding our own “Town Hall” meeting with all Chapter Educators to discuss topics of interest from the membership and review the backdoor reporting process.

Rather than re-create the wheel, please extend to me the professional courtesy of utilizing some creative journalistic structure and extract some information from the August article. Therefore the following previously appeared in the August newsletter, but is germane and important for Education Weekend.

Thank you for the opportunity of continuing to promote Education Weekend.

Now, let’s take a look at Education Weekend.

What is Education Weekend?

When is Education Weekend?

Where is Education Weekend?

Who can attend Education Weekend?

How do I sign up for Education Weekend?

Does Education Weekend cost anything?

Where can I stay?

Education Weekend is devoted to exposing riders and co-riders on ways of riding safer through the development of mental and physical skills required for safe riding, plus creating an understanding of risk awareness and risk taking, and developing a strategy in managing risk.

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Rider Education, *continued*

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Texas District will be holding Education Weekend Saturday and Sunday, October 16th and 17th, in Killeen, Texas, at...

Killeen Civic and Conference Center

3601 S. WS Young Drive

Killeen, Texas 76542

Phone: 254-501-3888



Classroom activities start at 8:00 A.M. each day and continue until 4:30 P.M. on Saturday and about 3:30 P.M. on Sunday. Note: Education Weekend's complete schedule is posted on the District website and also attached to this month's newsletter.

Education weekend can be attended by any active GWRRA member and/or friend of an active GWRRA member, with registration information posted on the District website, including the necessary forms.

Pre-registration is mandatory for all courses involving a cost, plus the SPDP (Seminar Presenters Development Program), thus ensuring the proper supplies are available at class time.

Texas District is offering two very special events at Education Weekend, which includes Region H's Rider Education Directors holding a Seminar Presenters Development Program (SPDP), for GWRRA members interested in becoming Seminar Presenters.

The second special event is Region H's Director, Harry Dollarhide, a Master Instructor, has offered to conduct an Instructor Course Program to certify Trailering Instructors. This will require some pre-course assignments, which can be secured from National's RE website, under RC Certification.

The Texas District also needs qualified RiderCoach Instructors for the Trike Course, Trailering Course, ARC, Road Captain Course, Crash Scene Response, Motorcycling for Mature Riders, and Trailering Seminar. We are also in need of persons to assist in the Trike Course, Trailering Course, and ARC, setting cones, etc. These persons do not need to be certified RC Instructors.

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Rider Education, *continued*



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Room accommodations have been secured from Shilo Inn Suites Hotel, which is a first class hotel next to the Killeen Civic and Conference Center, at a daily rate of \$85.00, plus tax. This price is for double occupancy and also includes a full breakfast. GWRRA has also been able to secure the San Antonio room, which is the hospitality room on the third floor of the hotel Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Information to secure reservations for the Shilo Inn Suites Hotel is below.

Note: Be sure to mention Goldwing Road Riders group to ensure the correct daily charge.

Phone Number is 254-699-0999

Director of Sales = Donna Fischbach

3701 South W.S. Young Drive

Killeen, Texas 76542-2805

Phone: 254-247-3133

Maria and I would like to thank the Texas District membership for their continued support and assistance.

Kindest personal regards,

Chet Roby

Texas District Educator

Master Tour Rider 6226



Leadership Training

Lynn Heene

GWRRA RECIPE



Ingredients:

FRIEND

1. Someone whom one knows and likes. 2. A supporter or patron of a cause or group. **Fellow GWRRA Members**

FUN

1. Enjoyment or amusement, pleasure. 2. Playful, often-noisy activity. **What we do best, have FUN.**

SAFETY

1. The state of being safe. 2. A device designed to prevent accidents. **What GWRRA promotes for its Membership.**

KNOWLEDGE

1. The fact or state of knowing. 2. Understanding acquired through experience. 3. The total or range of what has been perceived or learned. **What Leadership Training and Rider Education Programs bring to the Membership.**

Combine the above ingredients and stir well.

Yield: Friends for Fun Safety and Knowledge

Come join us for Education Weekend October 16 & 17. We look forward to seeing you there. Registration form and class listing at www.gwr-ra-tx.org

Lynn Heene
District Trainer





Chapter Spotlight

TX Chapter U



Chapter Information

Location: Eastern San Antonio, Texas

Including Bracken, Bulverde, Canyon Lake, Cibolo, Converse, Floresville, Garden Ridge, Kirby, Live Oak, McQueeny, New Braunfels, Pleasanton, Poth, Sattler, Schertz, Spring Branch, Seguin & Universal City

Monthly Gatherings: 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Longhorn Café; 2501 Pat Booker Road, Universal City. Eat at 6:00 pm; Gathering at 7:00 pm

Chapter Directors: Duke and Chela Thompson

United Wings

Website: www.texaschapteru.org

Convention: Hallowings (3rd Annual!)

October 9, 2010

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Pickrell Park, Schertz, TX

(Just 3 miles south of IH-35 on FM 1518 or 6.3 miles north of IH-10 on FM 1518)

Lots of great vendors! Grand Prize drawings, off bike games, silent auction, Super BBQ lunch and lots of contingency prizes! Awards for the best costume, best decorated bike, most chapter members present, oldest rider and person who cam the furthest!!





Honor Our Heroes

Chapter Educators

Motto - "Safety is for life."

Mission - "To save lives through quality, world class education."

The GWRRA Rider Education Program (REP) is intended to make the motorcycle riding environment safer by reducing injuries and fatalities and increasing motorcyclist skills and awareness.

Listed below are several benefits of a fully implemented GWRRA Rider Education Program at the District and Chapter level:

- Increased rider knowledge and safety skills
- Prevention of accidents
- Reduced injuries and fatalities
- Improved general public image of motorcyclists
- Enhanced enjoyment of motorcycle riding
- Enhanced motorcycle safety through Motorist Awareness public presentations

Both the motorcycle and motorist community are already realizing many benefits from the GWRRA Rider Education Program. Through the efforts of the Rider Education Officers and volunteers, we will reach our goal of establishing the safest motorcycle environment possible.



**To all our
Chapter
Educators!!**



Honor Our Heroes

All Members in the Rider Education Levels Program

Level I - Safety by Commitment;

The first big step to success

Level II - Safety by Education

Level III - Safety by Preparedness

**Level IV - Safety by Enhanced Commitment and
Preparedness**

To sign up or receive more information,
contact any Rider Education Officer.



Honor Our Heroes

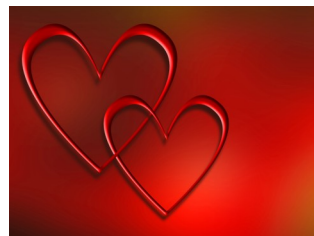
Hank and Marolyn Hetrick

This is an open invitation to our GWRRA friends, whom we've known for some time, to attend the celebration of our **50th wedding anniversary**. Our anniversary is actually on the 30th of October but we were unable to secure the celebration site on that date – so it will occur on **October 23, 2010** from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM at the Cedar Hill Recreation Center, 310 E. Parkerville Road, Cedar Hill, TX 75104 (East of S. Clark Rd.; South from Cedar Hill, TX).

Please RSVP via snail mail or e-mail to either of our children, Brian Hetrick or Brenda Fager as indicated below:

Brenda Fager
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 Pasadena, TX 77503
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 1075 N. FM 549
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Course	Location/Date Start Time	Cost per pers	Num. taking	Total due
Trike Course**	Sat – 16th (~8 Hrs) 8AM -11:30AM Rm On Range in the afternoon	\$60.00*		
Trailer Course*	Sun – 17th (~8 Hrs) 8AM -12PM Rm On Range in afternoon	\$60.00*		
ARC*	Classroom Sat – 16 th 1:00 – 4:30 PM Range Sun – 17 th 8:00AM – 12:00PM	\$60.00*		
First Aid/CPR <i>Refresher</i>	Rm/ Sat – 16th 1-5PM	\$20.00		
Co-Rider Seminar	Rm/ Sat – 16th 8:00-9:00 AM	Free		
	Rm/ Sun – 17th 9:45-10:45 AM	Free		
Team Rider	Rm/ Sat – 9:15–10:15AM	Free		
Road Captain Course	Rm/ Sat – 10:30–11:30AM Road/ Sat – 1:00-2:30 PM	Free		
Crash Scene Response	Rm/ Sat – 16th 1:00-2:30 PM	Free		
Seminar Presenter Development Program	Rm/ Sun – 17th 8:00 AM-5:00 PM	Free		
Motorcycling for Mature Rider	Rm/ Sun – 17th 8:00-9:30 AM	Free		
Chapter Educators time with the District Educators	Rm/ Sat – 9:15 AM	Free		
Trailer Seminar	Rm/ Sun – 17th 1:00-2:30 PM	Free		
- Advanced Leadership High Impact Leadership Skills	Rm/ Sat – 16th 9:00–9:45 AM	Free		
- Life Skills Program - Time Management	Rm/ Sat – 16th 10:00-10:45 AM	Free		
- Life Skills Program - Self Esteem, Key to Success	Rm/ Sat – 16th 11:00 AM – 11:45 PM	Free		
- Advanced Leadership - True Colors	Rm/ Sat – 16th 1:00-1:45 PM	Free		
- Advanced Leadership - Coaching & Mentoring	Rm/ Sat – 16th 2:00–2:45 PM	Free		
- Life Skills Program - Stress Management	Rm/ Sat – 17th 3:00–4:30 PM	Free		
- Chapter Life Program - What is the Rider Ed Program?	Rm/ Sun – 17th 9:00–9:45 AM	Free		
- Chapter Life Program - What is a CD?	Rm/ Sun – 17th 10:00-10:45 AM	Free		
- Leadership – General Question/Answer Session?	Rm/ Sun – 17th 11:00-12:00 PM	Free		
Total due				

*\$30 refund upon completion of the course

**insta-trike, voyager, stallion and other kits of this type are not qualified for the trike course.



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Name: _____ GWRRRA Number: _____

Second Name: _____ GWRRRA Number: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

District: _____ Chapter: _____

Waiver: I/we agree to hold harmless the GWRRRA, the Co-sponsoring Organizations, City of Killeen, and any other 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/Second Rider Signature: _____ Date _____

All events, rain or shine. No refunds.

Helmets, Safety Glasses, Long Sleeve Shirt/Jacket, Full Finger Gloves, Long Pants, Over The Ankle Boots required for all riding events. A license with Motorcycle endorsement for all range courses.

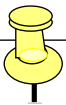
Texas District reserves the right to cancel any posted rider course or seminar due to lack of instructor or presenter

Mail completed form and payment to:
(Checks payable to GWRRRA Texas District)

Chet Roby/Maria Collins
2705 Fishpond Ln.
Killeen, TX 76542



Attention All Texas GWRRA members!



Texas Mid-Winter Roundup

Mid-Winter Roundup is for all Texas GWRRA members, especially current staff/team members. In addition to dealing with annual business, there will be orientation classes for current and prospective team members. Make plans to attend now!

Saturday, January 15, 2011

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Phone: 254-501-3888

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Region H News

(Excerpts from the September, 2010 Region H Newsletter)

Featured Program

Each month we will feature a program within GWRRA, this month we will discuss:

Communications

Communication is not an “official” program as is Rider Education or Leadership Training, but you see it all the time. We use the newsletter and website as our tools for communicating with our members.

Newsletters:

Let’s start with the newsletter. The Officer’s Handbook says “Newsletters inform Members and Officers of what’s going on. No matter how plain or fancy, the central purpose of its existence is to be a communications medium for and to the Members.”

A monthly newsletter is required to be produced as a way to share information.

The newsletter should be a resource for the member.

The newsletter should be positive.

Websites:

Since the newsletter is compiled once a month, it cannot have “late breaking news”. That is what you can find on most websites.

It is more and more likely that your group will be discovered on the internet.

The website can also be used to post breaking news.

Putting together a newsletter or website is not difficult but it can be time consuming. Ultimately it is a rewarding way to serve the members of GWRRA.

For this article and other news, refer to the Region H Newsletter at www.gwrra-h.org/news

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GWRRA National News

For this and other news, refer to the GWRRA Home Page at www.gwrra.org



Wing Ding 33
“Rollin on Rocky Top”
July 6 - 9, 2011

<http://www.wing-ding.org/>

Excerpts from October, 2010 Insight:

Directors, the Representatives of GWRRA

The Director’s position at any level in GWRRA is both a challenging a rewarding experience. Having an attitude of service towards the Membership is the key to a Director's success.

Director of GWRRA,
Mike Stiger

It’s That Time Again... Time to update the Gold Book Service Directory. The deadline to register or make changes is October 31, 2010. The 2011 Gold Book will be delivered with the March 2011 issue of *Wing World* magazine.

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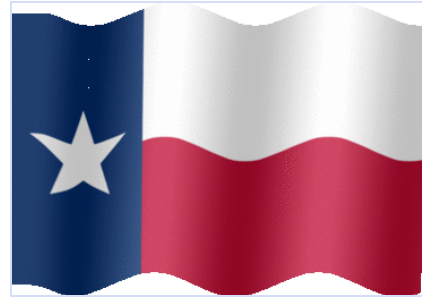
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If you have an article, news, or other item of interest that you would like to be included in this newsletter, please e-mail it to NLE@gwrrra-tx.org by the 20th of the month



Save the Date

Texas Chapter T Convention	Killeen, TX	October 2, 2010
Oklahoma District Convention	Muskogee, Oklahoma	October 7 - 9, 2010
Texas Chapter U Convention	San Antonio, TX	October 9, 2010
Texas Rider Education Weekend	Killeen, TX	October 16 - 17, 2010
TX Mid-Winter Round-Up	Killeen, TX	January 15, 2011
Texas Chapter C Convention	Baytown, TX	March 12, 2011
Region H Convention	Plano, Texas	March 24 - 26, 2011
Texas Chapter O Convention	Fredericksburg, TX	April 2, 2011
Louisiana District Convention	Lafayette, La	April 7 - 9, 2011
Texas Chapter O2 Convention	Brownwood, TX	April 29 - 30, 2011
Texas District Convention	Killeen, Texas	May 12 - 14, 2011
Kansas District Convention	Eldorado, KS	August 26 - 27, 2011