



# TEXAS DISTRICT NEWS





**GWRRA Texas District**  
**MIDWINTER ROUNDUP**  
 January 15, 2011  
 Killeen, TX





**JANUARY 2011**



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Chapter U, San Antonio Texas added a special celebration to their annual Christmas Party this year. The party was held at Brick's by the River Restaurant in Bandera Texas on December 11th. After the normal Christmas festivities, approximately 40 Chapter U members joined another 20 family members of GWRRA members [Linda Brackeen](#) and [Jack Dowda](#) to witness their [marriage vows](#). To top it off, none other than Chapter U Chapter Director, (Rev) Dennis "Duke" Thompson officiated the ceremony. Duke is an ordained minister and elder in the United Methodist Church, where he was a pastor for 55 years. Ms. Dowda was given in marriage by her son, James Brackeen. Matron of Honor was Ms. Wilma Kirchner and Bridesmaid was Ms. Ydelta Martinez, both of Schertz. Mr. Tommy Dowda, brother of the groom served as Best Man. The newlyweds were Chapter U's Couple of the Year in 2010 and they continue to serve the Chapter and enjoy chapter activities. The event was truly a Chapter event with flowers arranged by Ms. Connie Jordan and Sharon and Archie Haley making the bride and groom's cakes.

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



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*Mid-Winter Roundup is for all current and new GWRRA chapter staff/team members; however, all members are welcome to attend.*

*In addition to dealing with annual business, there will be orientation classes for current and prospective team members.*

**Make plans to attend now!**

**See schedule on our website: [www.gwrra-tx.org](http://www.gwrra-tx.org)**



**Killeen Civic and Conference Center  
 3601 S. WS Young Drive - Killeen, Texas 76542**

**Host Hotel: Shilo Inn (Next door to the Civic and Conference Center)  
 3701 South W.S. Young Drive  
 Killeen, Texas 76542-2805  
 Phone: 254-247-3133 **Mention GWRRA****



**Sessions Offered at Texas District Mid-Winter Round Up****Operations**

**Director's Forum** - District Director Fred Mew will outline duties and expectations of Chapter Directors. *All Chapter Directors and Assistant Chapter Directors should attend.*

**2010 Chapter Financial Transactions** - District Treasurer Leona McDade will be available to accept Chapter Financial information and answer any questions. 2011 Chapter charter fees and 2010 annual financial statements are due to Leona by the end of MWRU.

**Chapter Finances made Easy Instantly** - District Treasurer Leona McDade will explain all required financial paperwork, including the new 990N requirements. Come to find out what the acronym C-F-E-I will help you to remember. *All Chapter Treasurers should attend.*

**Rider Education**

**Rider Education Breakout** - District Educators Chet Roby and Maria Collins will discuss the duties and expectations of Chapter Rider Educators. Instructions for completing monthly reports will be discussed. *All Chapter Rider Educators should attend.*

**Leadership Training**

**OCP Update** - District Leadership Trainers Lynn and Mark Heene will provide the annual update to the Officer's Certification Program. This update is for all officers who have already been certified in OCP. *All Certified Chapter Directors and Assistant Chapter Directors should attend.*

**Leadership Training Seminar** - Building High Performance Teams - Leadership Trainer Gail Carr will focus on understanding the concept of team work and building a core team. A successful core team equals a successful chapter.

**Membership Enhancement**

**Chapter of the Year Update** - Region H Team Member Ann Nahl will explain updates and requirements of the Chapter of the Year Program.

**Couple of the Year Seminar** - District Couple of the Year Dave and Jean Simmons will discuss the Couple of the Year Program. Facts will be discussed and prevalent myths will be debunked. *A representative from each Chapter should attend.*

**MEP - Chapter Competition Guidelines** - Membership Enhancement Coordinators Carolyn Barton and Donna Holley will explain Chapter Competition Guidelines. Chapter Competitions include Newsletter, Scrapbook, Mascot, Banner, Windshield Cover and all Dress Competitions. Scoring sheets for competitions will be available.

**MEP - Area Run Lists** - Membership Enhancement Coordinators Carolyn Barton and Donna Holley will discuss Recruiting and Retention of possible chapter participants via the monthly Area Run Lists. Monthly duties and expectations of Chapter Membership Enhancement Coordinators will be discussed. *All Chapter Membership Enhancement Coordinators should attend.*

**Newsletters** - District Newsletter Editor Mandy Mew will discuss the requirements for Chapter Newsletters. This session will also cover helpful hints and ideas for successful newsletters.

**Websites** - District Webmaster Mark Heene will highlight items that make a website successful. This is not a technical or programming session, but it will provide ideas for items that should and should not be included on a Chapter's website. The District Website competition will also be explained.



## From the District Director

**Fred Mew**

Happy New Year Everyone! I hope everyone had a great and safe Christmas! 2011 is suddenly upon us. With the start of the New Year, we reflect on the good times we had last year... the tough times we have endured ... the friends and family we may have lost. We embrace all that has happened so we may learn & live from our experiences... both good & bad. At the same time we should also look forward to the future... and I believe the future looks bright for Texas District. I foresee a lot of fun on the horizon for everyone!

Please join me in congratulating **David and Christina Vidrine, Assistant District Directors**, as our new addition to the Texas Team. David and Christina were former Chapter Directors for TX M2, and live in Spring Texas. They will help “fill a gap” and represent the Texas District Team in the Houston corner of our great district! You can meet them at MWRU.



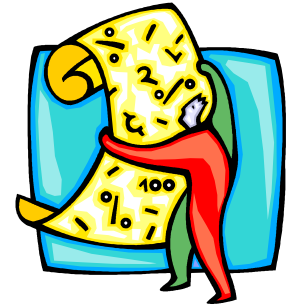
Talking about **Mid Winter Round-Up (MWRU)... I can't stress enough the importance of attending the one day session on January 15.** This isn't just “the paperwork meeting!” There have been MANY changes lately and there are many special break-out training sessions that will cover these changes in programs, structure and procedures. We will also swear in all new officers, issue *new* core team patches/ pins, distribute the chapter “Hero”, have the OCP update, present awards for Educators, and more! A few key Region H Team members will also be present to assist in seminars and help support the event. This will also be your first chance to pre-register for the 2011 Texas District Convention. One lucky person's registration will be drawn at closing and the winner will receive their registration free. Registration starts at 8am and Opening will be at 9am sharp! Check the Texas District Website at <http://gwrra-tx.org/>

In closing, I want to wish everyone a very Happy and Prosperous 2011. May your roads have many curves, your windshields remain free of bugs, and your gas tanks full of inexpensive gas!

Have fun, ride safe,

Fred

## End of Year Financial Paperwork



Your chapter year-end **financial report is due to me by December 31<sup>st</sup>** each year. When you send the completed report to me, you must also include:

**Chapter Financial Report (Forms I-14 and I-15)**

**Chapter Equipment List**

**12 Months of Bank Statements for that year**

Blank copies of the Financial Report and Equipment List are available on the Texas District website under **Member Resources**. You may also bring your financial report, equipment list, and bank statements to the Mid-Winter Round-Up in Killeen on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Be sure both the CD and Chapter Treasurer have signed the financial report. I will be sending out an e-mail to all CD's and Chapter Treasurers with additional information on how to complete these required forms. Feel free to e-mail me with any questions you may have.

If you are a CD, ACD, or Chapter Treasurer, especially if you will be new to your position as of January, please come to Mid-Winter Round-Up in Killeen on January 15<sup>th</sup>. I will be conducting a session on Chapter Finances Made Easy. It will be informative and painless! There will be other great training opportunities for you there, as well.

I look forward to seeing you in Killeen!

Leona McDade

Texas District Treasurer

Master Tour Rider 6076

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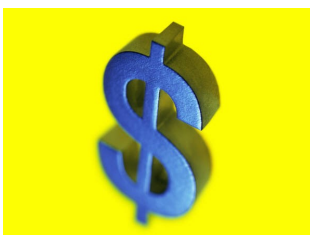
Send reports to:

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Texas District Treasurer

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## Rider Education

Chet Roby and Maria Collins

Dear GWRRRA family members:

I have chosen to keep this month's article short, sharing information from past requests, extending the right hand of friendship by Maria and myself, to our players in the field, coupled with sharing our holiday cheers. I will also provide some commentary on upcoming events and extend an open invitation for candidates interested in working with Maria and me as Assistant District Educators.

There were three communications forwarded over the past 30-days, requesting nominations for Chapter Educator's "Article of the Year" and "Chapter Educator of the Year."

The electronic communications for submission of articles to be considered as "Article of the Year" was sent to all Chapter Educators and e-mail communications for candidates to be considered as "Chapter Educator of the Year" was sent to all Chapter Directors. If you (Chapter Educators or Chapter Directors) did not receive any of the three communications, please forward your correct e-mail to Maria and me at [TxEd@gwrra-tx.org](mailto:TxEd@gwrra-tx.org). The information will be forwarded to Mark Heene and he will update the District's database. Remember, if you change your e-mail address it is imperative your District Educators are informed of the change, thus allowing the necessary updates to be entered.

Chapter Educators, please plan on attending the Mid-Winter Round-up, in Killeen, Texas, at the Killeen Civic and Conference Center/Convention and Visitors Bureau (same place as last year), on Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a very important day for all chapter staff personnel and critical in preparation for Rider Education's 2011 season of Fun, Safety, and Knowledge. Texas District Educators will be unveiling a fund raiser that is sure to get a great deal of attention. Looking forward to meeting the Chapter Educators, as collectively we seek to structure a program that will take Rider Education, for Texas, to the next level.

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## Rider Education, *continued*

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One way Maria and I plan on developing Texas' Rider Educator programs is by securing an Assistant District Educator. We are actively pursuing candidates interested in assisting with the duties and responsibilities of the DE, coupled with the duties of rider education. This is a very important position, as the couple or individual chosen must be willing to assume the position as District Educator, within the next three years.

Therefore the candidate must be actively pursuing certification as a Master Tour Rider, in GWRRA's Levels program.

If you have an interest in being considered as a candidate for the Assistant District Educator's position, please review the qualifications and requirements of the District Educator, and submit your name, with a personal BIO to Maria and me at [TxEd@gwr-ra-tx.org](mailto:TxEd@gwr-ra-tx.org).

The final piece of business is from Maria and me and that is to thank all Chapter Educators for their continued support of Rider Education and of Maria and me. We understand that the sum is only as good as the parts, and each Chapter Educator is truly an integral part of our collective success. Thank you.

Maria and I would also like to wish our GWRRA family a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year. See everyone at MWRR, in Killeen, Texas, on Saturday, 01-15-2011.



Kindest personal regards,  
Chet Roby and Maria Collins





## Texas District Couple of the Year



By the time you read this, Christmas will be just a memory...a happy one, we hope. The trees will have been disposed of or put away for another year, the furniture will be back in its normal resting place, and the gifts that didn't fit will have been returned.

But, at the time of this writing, Christmas has not yet arrived! (we have to submit copy early). So, we are still involved in the "hustle and bustle" that seems inevitable at this time of year; shopping, wrapping, cooking, and cleaning (ugh). But the most precious activities and times are the ones we spend with those near and dear to us. Christmas parties seem to be back to back this year, but we always make time to participate in our Chapter celebrations. And, at our Chapter, as with most of you, our Christmas party is when we announce our Chapter Couple of the Year for the coming year. This is a time when a deserving couple....one who has contributed to the good of the chapter in some way, has served as a Team member, worked at a rally, or one who participates in Chapter activities on a regular basis...is honored by their Chapter.

We have been in contact with most chapter CDs within the Texas District....some who will be stepping down and some who will be stepping up...to encourage their chapters to participate in the Couple of the Year program by selecting a Couple for 2011. We have heard from many of you.....and we want to say a big THANK YOU for participating. We are still waiting to hear from many of you. If you are new in the CD position and need more information about the program, please give us a call at 325-382-4469. We assume that some of you have not yet announced your selection to your chapter and want to tell them first. However, we do need the information so we can properly plan for our part at Mid Winter Roundup!

**MID WINTER ROUNDUP**....January 15 in Killeen. We, as Texas District Couple of the Year Coordinators will be presenting all the 2011 Chapter Couples with their COY ribbons and medallions. These are being provided by the Texas District. We will also be presenting a Couple of the Year Seminar....not only for the Couples, but for any interested member. Please plan to attend.

Dave & Jean Simmons  
2010 Texas District Couple of the Year  
Master Tour Riders 6571 & 6572





## TX Chapter V Valley Wings

### Chapter Information

Location: Rio Grande Valley, Texas

Serving McAllen, Harlingen, Brownsville, & all the Rio Grande Area of South Texas

Monthly Gatherings: 2nd Tuesday of each month at Garcia's Fiesta Restaurant - 615 W. Bus. 83, Weslaco, TX - 6:30 pm to eat; 7:00 to meet.

Chapter Directors: Carl and Sherry Macomb

Website: [www.valleywings.org](http://www.valleywings.org)





# Honor Our Heroes

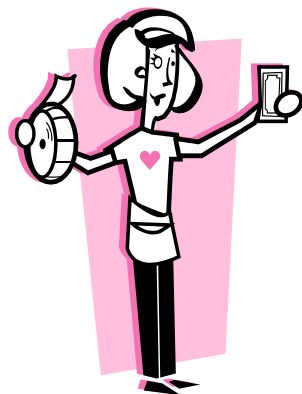


This month's Heroes are...

**All the  
GWRRA  
Members who  
volunteer to  
serve on a  
chapter team.**



In 2011, Texas will have 19 new Chapter Directors!! We look forward to introducing you and your staffs at Mid-Winter Round Up.



Thank you for volunteering your time so your chapters can continue the "Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge"!



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## Region H News



For the ON-LINE  
REGISTRATION FORM,  
refer to the  
Region H Newsletter at  
[www.gwrra-h.org/news](http://www.gwrra-h.org/news)



## Region H Team

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**Motorist Awareness Coordinator**

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## GWRRA National News



For this and other news, refer to the GWRRA Home Page at [www.gwrro.org](http://www.gwrro.org)

It was announced during the Regional Director conference call on December 9, 2010 that new positions of Deputy Director have been added to the International Team.

**Jere and Linda Goodman** will assume responsibility for Regions A, B, D, N. Cell: (347) 564-1161 [jeregood@aol.com](mailto:jeregood@aol.com)

**Dave and Gwen Carter** will assume responsibility for Regions E, F, H, I. Cell: (815) 260-2294 [foxwing1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:foxwing1@sbcglobal.net)

The Director of GWRRA will continue to directly work with the Canadian Region Directors of Region J, K, and L.

The Deputy Directors report to the Director of GWRRA and are empowered with full Director administrative responsibilities.

- For their assigned Regions, the Deputy Directors are responsible for the appointment paperwork and concurrence that would normally fall on the Director of GWRRA.
- They are to support their Region Directors giving them guidance and suggestions developing their skills as Region Directors.
- Be a member of the International Team broadening our scope and innovation as we continue to develop additional fun opportunities for the GWRRA Membership.

Both of these couples were outstanding Regional Directors and will be an excellent mentor and a knowledge resource for the current Region Directors.

Thank you,

Mike Stiger

Director of GWRRA



### Wing Ding 33

“Rollin on Rocky Top”

July 6 - 9, 2011

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

## National Team

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**2009-2010 International**

**Couple of the Year**  
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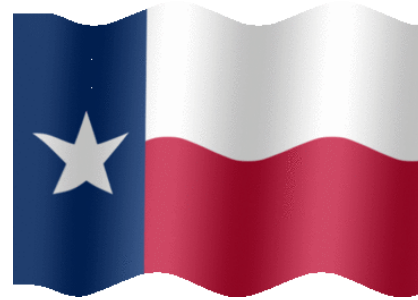
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If you have an article, news, or other item of interest that you would like to be included in this newsletter, please e-mail it to [NLE@gwrra-tx.org](mailto:NLE@gwrra-tx.org) by the 20th of the month



## Save the Date

TX Mid-Winter Round-Up	Killeen, TX	January 15, 2011
Officer Certification Program	Kerrville, TX	January 29-30, 2011
TX 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
Arkansas District Convention	Harrison, Ark	May 26 - 28, 2011
Wing Ding 33	Knoxville, TN	July 6 - 9, 2011
Kansas District Convention	Eldorado, KS	August 26 - 27, 2011
Oklahoma District Convention	McAlester, Ok	October 7 - 9, 2011