

Chapter C
Baytown,
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C's Stars & Stripes

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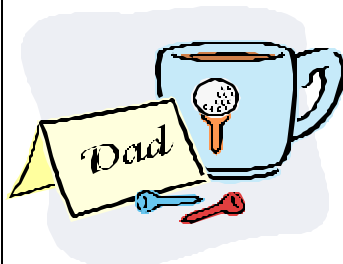
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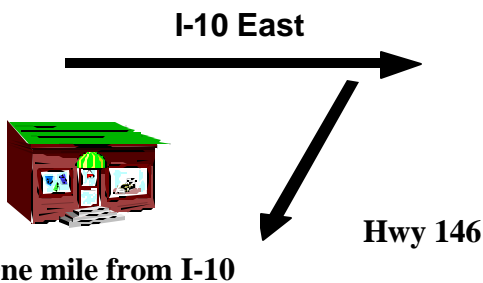
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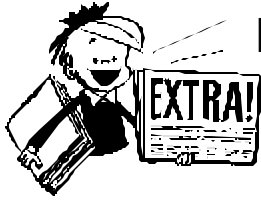
Chapter C's Planning Meeting is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at Luby's on Garth Rd in Baytown, Texas
See calendar for date and time.



ALL RIDES LEAVE FROM THE CRACKER BARREL PARKING LOT ON I-10 EAST AT GARTH ROAD (Northeast sector, behind)

**VISIT CHAPTER "C's" WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST ON RIDES AND EVENTS AT:
www.txchapterc.org**

Newsletter articles are due by the 15th of each month.
Please email your articles to Peggy Browning...pbrowning4@houston.rr.com



Editor's Notes

Peggy Browning
Newsletter Editor

May was a very busy month.

Buzz and I led a dinner ride on May 4th to Yanni's Greek Restaurant on Normandy St. There were 25 hungry people that really enjoyed the meal.

We had special visitors at our May 6th meeting from **The Lindsay Foundation, Larry & Helen McMillan.** They are the Grandparents of Lindsay McMillan. Lindsay was handicapped and had several medical problems, which put a tremendous burden on her family. After Lindsay passed away, her family saw the need to form an organization that would help future families in need. We will be sending more information about this wonderful foundation in the future, so stay tuned.

Our Texas District Rally was such fun. Even though our talent show skit did not place, it was hilarious to watch. Are we NUTS? Or what!

See excerpt inside for more details about the Texas District Rally 2004.

GWRRA Lady Riders SIG



Peggy Browning
Texas District Rep.

Unfortunately the Worst Does Happen.....

Lady Rider Down (TX-R)
By Alice Meyer

Returning to DFW from the Texas District Rally in Austin, we had a chapter member, a lady rider, go down. She was the 2nd bike in a group of 4, when a truck turned into her lane from the right. She low sided and separated from the bike. Her bike flipped several times before landing in the median.

The good news: No internal injuries or broken bones. Lots of witnesses. She works for an auto insurance company (so she knows the ropes).

The bad news: She's got road rash down one arm, and lots of bumps and bruises. It looks like the bike may be a total loss.

Alice Meyer, GWRRA Lady Riders Region H Rep. led several of us SIG riders on a ride to 290 Café in Manor, Texas, which was about 15 miles from the District Rally. This was a fun lunch and a great opportunity to meet other SIG Riders.

We still want to encourage all ladies that ride, or are interested in riding to visit our web site and check us out:

<http://msn.groups.com/GWRRALadyRiders>

You can also contact me at pbrowning4@houston.rr.com or

(281) 426-6307 if you have any questions, or would just like to say "Hi".



CD Chatter

Buddy & Shirley Ward
2004 Chapter Directors



The minutes turn into hours and the hours turn into days and the days turn into weeks and the weeks turn into months and THE YEAR IS HALF OVER!! Can you believe that it is already June? May was a busy month with several rides, a rally and 2 meetings. We also had a Co-Riders Course and Mother's Day, and now we're looking forward to a long Memorial Day weekend.

On Tuesday, May 4th, we had a dinner ride to Yanni's Italian and Greek Restaurant. Showing up with hungry appetites was Jim and Marietta McCormick, Robert and Angela Cherry, Bill and Deanna Moore, Steve and Sharon Walker, Donnie and Sheila Lewis, Buzz and Peggy Browning, Randy and Brenda Beshears, Connie and Gary Williams and son Jeremy, Mike and Wanda Nelson, Mac and Ima McDaniel, Harold and Dianne DeLoach, Shirley and myself. Some of us were adventuresome and had something new and different, and some of us played it safe and had what we knew we liked. But all had a good time even if some of us didn't leave with full bellies.

On Saturday May 8, we met at the Cracker Barrel for a ride to wherever the road would take us. Riding the back roads to Livingston was Jim and Yvonne Benton, Gary and Connie Williams, Bill and Deanna Moore, Pat and Berta Burgess, Jim Wycoff and friend Joan Jones, Jim McCormack, Wayne Howser, Larry Carouthers, myself and Shirley, with Harold and Diane DeLoach following on 4 wheels. We stopped at the Texas Pepper for lunch and found our way back to the Dairy Queen in Cleveland for desert. The ride was awesome and the food was good, the fellowship and camaraderie was fun.

On Friday we left for the Rally in Austin. We arrived about 3:30 pm, just in time to register and get into our room and change for the Talent Show. We had a brief meeting in the "Williams Suite" that Gary and Connie so graciously offered up for practice. We had a lot of "Talent" to share with "so little time". In fact, rumor has it that the skit was so long that we had so many points deducted that we couldn't even place with an honorable mention! Oh well, it was fun and I bet everyone there had a new appreciation for "Incredible Edibles". We did have an earth-shaking event when our own Ken DeFoor, aka "Elvis", entertained us with his great performance that had women and men both swooning and rushing the stage. You should have seen it. Ken came away with 3rd place in the Musical division. That night we all were going to dinner, but some of us didn't know where we were going, so we ended up at two different places. The next morning after breakfast, we had about 12 people show up for registration from 8am till 10am. Thanks to everyone who showed up to help. It was greatly appreciated by the staff and I was proud to have had Chapter C represented so well. Later in the day, the chapter again was represented well with Bill and Deanna Moore placing 3rd in Couples Riding Wear. Shirley and I, along with Pat and Bert, placed 3rd in Chapter Dress. We learned that our Scrap Book placed 1st place, thanks to Pepper Taylor, and Peggy's' efforts with the newsletter got us 2nd place. Chapter C got a nice plaque for having the most pre-registered members present. At this time we want to thank all of the District Staff for all of their hard work and efforts that came together to give us this great rally. It was great to see all the other chapters and to participate in the events that were planned for us. After the closing ceremonies Saturday night we had 28 people pile into several cars and off we rode in search for the "Salt Lick". Driving about a 30-minute ride we came upon this place where there was so many cars it looked like a huge flea market, but it was just a bunch of hungry people gathering in one place to wet their appetites. We were told there might be an hour wait, but after 15 minutes we were seated at three big picnic tables in the courtyard and ordering our dinner. Folks, we ate and ate and ate some more. Our meals were served family style with all you could eat meats, potatoes, beans, coleslaw, and bread. Then some of us topped it off with a desert of either blackberry cobbler with ice cream or pie. I think Charles Taylor just had another platter of meat for desert. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves and will want to go back some time at a later date on a dinner ride. We miserably rolled back to the hotel for some rest so we could get up the next morning to return to normal life. Well, some of us came back to normal life, as we know it. A lot of members took off in different directions for vacation. Wish we could of went with them. Oh well, another time to ride will come. So until we meet again,

Your friends for fun, safety and knowledge. Buddy and Shirley



Chapter Rider Education

Tommy VanVactor
2004 Chapter Educator



By the Pint

Dennis Cude
2004 Blood Bank Coordinator

Tips for Riders and Co-riders

1. Carry and drink plenty of water. Start drinking before you ride, keep drinking as you ride. If you do not need to void liquid every few hours, you're dehydrating. Sip, sip, sip, all day long.
2. Avoid diuretics (caffeine drinks like coffee, and Cokes hasten water loss) If your mouth is already dry, you're already dehydrated.
3. Wear vented, full coverage clothing. (Exposed skin wicks away vital moisture).
4. When possible, use evaporative cooling (Damp collars, spray bottles, etc)
5. Wear light reflective clothing.
6. Time your riding. When possible, avoid riding during the hottest hours.
7. Enter air-conditioned places to give yourself breaks.
8. Wear a well-ventilated helmet.
9. When possible, ride more back roads (more agriculture, more shade).

Avoid Heat Trauma

Dehydration: Your body is losing water and salts faster than you're replenishing them.

Symptoms: Thirst, flushed face, dry and warm skin, dizziness, weakness, cramping extremities, headache, dry mouth

Treatment: Stop riding and seek shade or air conditioning. Drink additional water or specialized sport drinks with body salts.

Note: Persons with heart problems or those on a low sodium diet must be cautious about the intake of sport drinks. Always dilute them 50/50 with water. Rest until you feel restored. If possible, reduce you planned distance and quit early.

Heat Exhaustion: Caused by the loss of large amounts of fluid through sweating, sometimes with excessive loss of salt. Your body can no longer dissipate heat adequately. Symptoms may resemble early warnings of Heat Stroke.

Danger: Heat exhaustion can progress to heat stroke quickly!

Symptoms: sweating, clammy and moist skin, pale or flushed complexion, extreme weakness or fatigue, giddiness, nausea, or headache, irritability. When extreme, vomiting or loss of consciousness. Body temperature normal or slightly elevated.

Treatment: Call EMS (911). Apply all treatment as for heat exhaustion, including restoration of body salts with sport drinks. Apply cool compresses or ice packs to the neck, groin and armpits.

This article was submitted by Dennis Cude with inserts from the latest Wing World magazine.

Ride Smart....Ride Safe

The Chatter Room

Candle Power

- Jun 6 - Steve Ferguson
- 10 - Wanda Nelson
- 10 - Steve Walker
- 11 - Andy Strokos
- 12 - Judy Ferguson
- 20 - Mike Nelson
- 23 - Mac McDaniel

Wedding Bells

- Jun 8 - Mac & Ima McDaniel
- 26 - Jim & Yvonne Benton

If you don't find your birthday or anniversary here, please contact Peggy Browning at (281) 426-6307 or pbrowning4@houston.rr.com

Wanted

Please send your pictures to **Pepper Taylor** to put in our **AWARD WINNING 1ST PLACE** chapter scrapbook.



ATTENDANCE AT CHAPTER MEETING MAY 2004

There were 45 members and 5 visitors at the monthly meeting. Our visitors were:

- **Bill & Colleen Buel**
- **Larry & Helen McMillan**
- **Bernell Lewis**



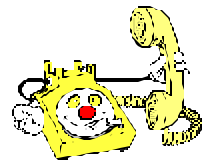
We had 24 members and 3 visitors at the chapter planning meeting on May 18, 2004. Our visitors were Bill & Colleen Buel, and Mike Waddell.

Welcome, and come back soon!

If you find your GWRRA number in the newsletter, you win a free stretch of **50/50** tickets. Happy Hunting!



If you have an event or need to send out a group email, you can contact **Brenda Beshears** at (936) 257-9437 or email her at pbrowning4@houston.rr.com



The Chatter Room cont.

If you would like to check out a video or book from our library, please contact Tommy VanVactor. These educational tools are very helpful and available for our use.



Books:

- Proficient Motorcycling
"The Ultimate Guide to Riding Well"
- More Proficient Motorcycling
"Mastering the Ride"

Videos:

- Touring and Braking
- Trailering
- Co-Rider

Fun Ride!

We had a fun dinner ride to Yanni's Greek Restaurant on May 4th. There were 25 hungry folks who attended. They were Buzz & Peggy, Donnie & Sheila, Mac & Ima, Mike & Wanda, Randy & Brenda, Buddy & Shirley, Bill & Deanna, Gary & Connie and Jeremy, Sharon & Steve, Jim & Marietta, Robert & Angela, and Diane & Harold.

For Sale

If you know someone looking for an 1800 Goldwing, a friend of mine has a Black 2002 GL 1800 for sale. It was bought in January 2003, but only has 3500 miles on it. It has an oversized windshield, armrests for the queen seat, rear speakers, and two helmets with the intercom system in them. He owes \$14,600 on it. If interested, contact David Smith: Pager (713)841-0157 or Cell (713)417-1161
Dennis Cude

Do you need to take the Motorcycle Safety Course? Here are two options:

1. The Course for Motorcycle Riders - TDPS (800) 292-5787
2. Motorcycle A+ Rider Course (800) 410-4549

Get Well Soon

Frank & Judy Scott informed us that their friend Robert, had been in a wreck on the 750cc motorcycle they had sold to him. This is the motorcycle that they had bought from Jim Wycoff recently.

We wish Robert a speedy recovery and Get Well Soon!

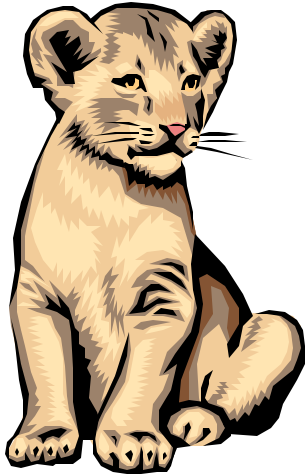
Thank You



Cathy & Mark Fauchaux expressed their thanks for the lovely flowers that were sent for her father who recently passed away.

Chapter C's Upcoming Events

- Jun. 5, Saturday, Ride to Voltreaux, led by Tommy VanVactor. Meet at C.B. at 10:00 a.m.
- Jun. 12, Saturday, ride to Nacogdoches Blueberry Festival, led by Randy Beshears. Meet at the Happy Donut in Dayton at 6:30 a.m.
- Jun. 26, Saturday, ride to TGIFriday's, led by GW Wilkins. Meet at C.B. at 10:00 a.m.



Tribute To A Young Lion

By Peggy Browning

Brian Wilson passed away at 5:40 a.m., Monday, May 10, 2004. Only 14 years old, but truly a brave young lion.

Brian showed everyone much courage and hope throughout his battle with brain tumors, since being diagnosed in April 1998. At that time, he was given a 5% chance to make another three months.

Well, Brian stayed with us for six more years.

We celebrate Brian Wilson's short life, and send our love, support, and prayers to the Wilson family, Jon, Terri, Josh, and Connor.



Hello Everyone.....by Jon Wilson

Brian passed at about 0540 this morning. I didn't put out an update 'till I had the final info for you. He was sleeping, he had a smile on his face. He is meeting his Grandparents and God and Jesus like he wanted. He was ready; we were not, but he was.

The viewing was held at Kingwood Funeral Home in Kingwood, TX, on Thursday and Friday, May 13 and May 14.

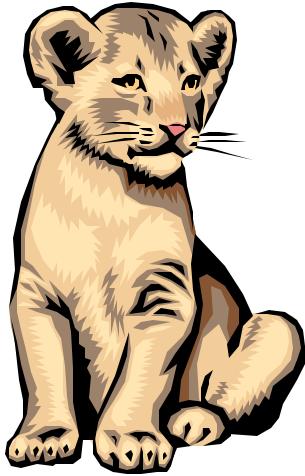
Services were at Atascocita United Methodist Church in Humble TX, on Saturday, May 15, 2004 at 10:30 AM.

For anyone who would like to help the family, donations can be sent to...

*Brian Wilson C/O
Continental Credit Union
500 Jefferson Ste 250
Houston TX 77002*

Charities to remember... All three do a very important part in helping families.

1. www.ride4kids.org
2. Candlelighters
3. Make a Wish



Tribute To A Young Lion cont.

Thank you all for the love, thoughts, support and prayers for the last six years. Brian kept his dignity, strength and was so brave. He was ready to go three months ago, but we had a good time till the end. Below is a poem his Great Aunt wrote when Brian was having his bone marrow transplant. Enjoy it!
Love,
jw



OUR WARRIOR CHILD, BRIAN

Oh Warrior Child, Brave Warrior Child
Who fights for his life with so few tears.

Big brown eyes that look out at me
With wisdom beyond his years.

You battle fever, vomit, the runs and the itching

IV's that beep when you try to sleep.

You face it all with so little flinching...

I know I'm not wrong when I say
You are strong ... as your battle rages.

You will go down in "THE BOOK"
As one who is most courageous.

You never complain about the burning pain
that travels at will from within.

Oh Warrior Child, Brave Warrior Child
FIGHT HARD the battle you've been given.

Love,
Aunt Lue

This is the reason that the Ride For Kids Event is so important. We encourage everyone to participate as often as possible. One day, we **will** find a cure for this debilitating disease.



Chapter C had 34 members attend the Texas District Rally 2004 in Austin, Texas, and we also received a plaque for the **most pre-registered** members.



To **Pepper Taylor!** Her hard work was rewarded by winning **FIRST PLACE** in Chapter Scrapbook Competition.



C's Stars & Stripes won **SECOND PLACE** in Chapter Newsletter Competition.

Ken DeFoor won **THIRD PLACE** in Musical Competition as "*Elvis*".



Bill and Deanna Moore won **THIRD PLACE** in Couples Riding Wear.

Buddy & Shirley Ward and **Pat & Berta Burgess** won **THIRD PLACE** in Chapter Dress.

Congratulations to **Chapter C** for participating in the Texas District Rally 2004.

Next year's *Texas District Rally* will be held in Wichita Falls on May 12-14, 2005. Details to be announced later.

2004

REGION RE-HASH DISTRICT DA-TALES and FUTURE EVENTS



2004	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE
Jun. 11-12	Oklahoma Dist Rally "A Fair of the Wing"	Payne County Expo Center, Stillwater, OK	Tim and Kim Sweeden tksweeden@sbcglobal.net	405-372-6288
Jun. 12	TX "L2" Blueberry Festival Poker Run	Nacogdoches, TX	Paul Rogers	936-552-9191
Jun 22-26	Honda Hoot 2004	Knoxville, TN	Registration	800-347-1289
Jul. 4-8	Wing Ding XXVI	Gaylord Opryland, Grapevine, TX	GWRRRA Phoenix, AZ Gwrrra.org	800-843-9460
Jul. 29-31	Honda Homecoming	Marysville, OH	www.ohio.honda.dom	800-846-0422
Sep. 18	TX "M-2" Charity Poker Run	Portofino Center The Woodlands, TX	Rex & Michelle West westmrm@swbell.net	281-296-9123
Oct. 9	TX "T" Spirit Fest	H&W Honda, Hwy. 259 Marshall, TX	Denzil Messman demess@aol.com	903-665-9069
Oct. 14-16	Mississippi District Rally	Beachfront Hotel-Coliseum Biloxi, MS	KZ & Terry Kleinheitz kz@cableone.net	228-392-3185
Oct. 22-24	TX "J" Horrorween Campout	Wolf Creek Park, Lake Livingston, TX	Cheryl Moore Cmoore3@gt.rr.com	409-842-0222
Sep. 3-6	ANPAC Motorcycle Jubilee	Gaylord Opryland Hotel Nashville, TN		
Sep. 18	TX "M-2" Charity Poker Run	Portofino Center The Woodlands, TX	Rex & Michelle West westmrm@swbell.net	281-296-9123
Sep. 23-25	Wings Over The Smokies (WOTS)	Fletcher, NC		
Sep. 30, Oct. 1-2	Region "H" Rally	Maude Cobb Conv. Center Longview, TX	www.region-h.org	
FUTURE EVENTS				
2003-April 2004	Pink Ribbon Tour of Texas	Texas	Shelley Burkett MDBurkett@excite.com	281-277-6048
Jun. 3-6	Republic of Texas Biker Rally	Austin, Texas	Registration www.rotrally.com	972-866-8363
Jul. 21	Ride To Work Day	13 th Annual		
Aug. 9-15	Sturgis Rally	Sturgis, SD		
Sep. 23-26	Lone Star Rally	Galveston, TX	www.lonestarrally.com	281-597-8800
Oct. 21-24	Biketoberfest Bike Week	Daytona Beach, FL	kevin@daytonachamber.com	

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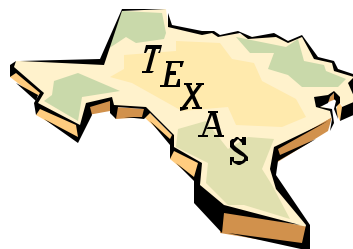
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GWRRA WING DING XXVI

The Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) is proud to announce a **WING DING** like none before! The 26th celebration of the Association's annual event will be held at the newest of the Gaylord Opryland resorts, "Gaylord Opryland Texas" in Grapevine, Texas. Come experience the grandeur of Opryland along with the splendor of **GWRRA's 26th Wing Ding July 4-8, 2004**. Register on-line today! www.gwrra.org



JUNE 2004

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1	2	3 "C" Meeting 7:30 pm	4	5
				Republic of Texas Biker Rally, Austin,		
6 Biker Church Eastside Honda 9am	7	8	9	10	11	12
					Oklahoma District Rally	
13	14	15 "C" Plan Meet Luby's 7:00 pm	16	17	18	19
20 Father's Day	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Honda Hoot, Knoxville, TN				
27	28	29	30			



JULY 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>“C” Meeting 7:30 pm</i>	2	3
4 <i>Fourth Of July</i>	5	6	7	8	9	10
Wing Ding XXVI, Grapevine, Texas						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 <i>“C” Plan Meet Luby’s 7:00 pm</i>	21 <i>Ride To Work Day</i>	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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