

C's Stars & Stripes

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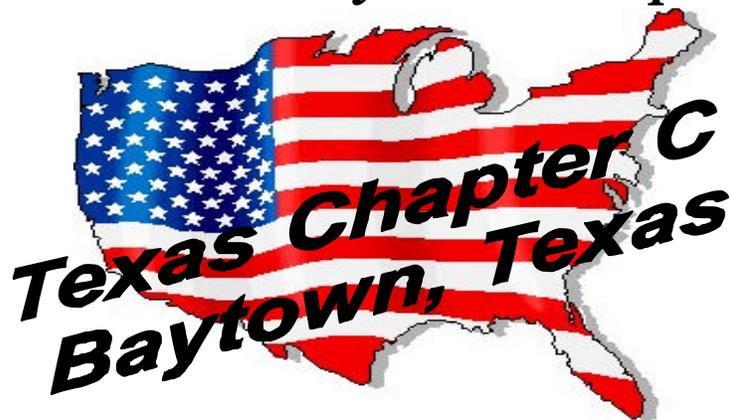
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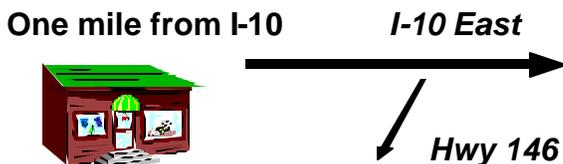
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Chapter **C's** Planning Meeting is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at Luby's on Garth Rd in Baytown, Texas
See calendar for date and time.

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

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Editor's Notes

Peggy Browning
Newsletter Editor

Hello! Buzz & I just returned from a week's vacation in Buzz's home state, Alabama. We did a little work at the farm in Dadeville, and then traveled to Leeds, to visit his mother. While we were there, we decided to paint his mother's house. What a good son! However, we did fit in a little fun time. We had trailered the trike, so we took a few days off and rode to Fort Payne, where we visited the music group Alabama's museum, the Little River Canyon, (which was awesome), and DeSoto National Park. We had a special treat when we visited the Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum in Leeds.



This museum is so awesome! There is every type of motorcycle imaginable. It is truly Vintage!

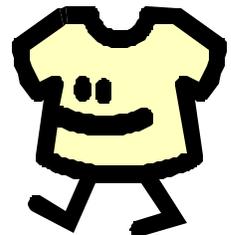
We highly recommend everyone visit this great museum.

Be sure to check out their website www.barbermuseum.org.

While we were there, we met an amazing couple from Canada, Brenda and Mini Lunnen. They took the above photo of us. Brenda was profiled in the Canadian magazine, "Motorcycle Mojo". She has traveled to many great places on her 1997 Vulcan 800A Custom.

One day while I left Buzz painting, I took off on the trike by myself. I rode to "29Dreams", which is a motorcycle only campground, in Vandiver, AL (which is near Leeds). This was a fantastic place. You can rent a cabin, or tent camp. And it's strictly for motorcycles, only. Sure wish we had one of these near us here in Texas. Any suggestions?! If you're interested, check out their web site, www.29dreams.com.

Chapter C is shopping for a new chapter shirt. We're thinking about a long sleeve shirt. Please bring your suggestions and ideas to the chapter meeting for discussion.





CD Chatter

Buddy & Shirley Ward
2004 Chapter Directors

So much of the time it seems that we take one another for granted and that we don't express gratitude, concern and just general caring like we should. I would like to take this time to express some of these feelings that come to my mind now. It takes so much from so many people to make Chapter C more than just a functioning organization.

So many of you go beyond "the call of duty" and make the work you do as a volunteer so personal. The efforts that are put forth for each Chapter event is truly appreciated. The valuable time that you put into the planning of rides, benefits, fund raising, newsletter articles, teaching, meetings, get togethers and ETC... is truly appreciated.

We are so very fortunate to be a part of a "close nit family". Looking back in our experience with the chapter I can truly say that it has had a positive effect in our lives and contributes much to our happiness. We love Chapter C and GWRRA. We enjoy every meeting and get together and look forward to each upcoming event with anticipation of a great time.

Looking forward to the rest of the year I want to encourage everyone to come to the meetings, rides, and events. Don't miss out on the fun. Keep check of the calendar. Plan a ride or join one.

We have a lot of new members and everyone is joining in and getting busy. Sometimes we don't take the time to explain some of the things we want to do and some of the reasoning behind the things that we do. We forget that you haven't always been with us. Please let me encourage you to get involved and never hesitate to ask questions when we kinda leave you behind.

Many times we get so busy and enjoying ourselves that we seem to forget others who haven't been able to join in. Let's take time to check on these missing members and let them know that they are missed and keep them informed of upcoming events.

And last but not least "Know that we appreciate all of you".

Till we see you again,

Your friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge



ACD @ Work

Pat & Berta Burgess
2004 Asst. Chapter Directors

Since April it has been very busy around our house trying to get all of the update and amenities done to our house, sorry not to be able to participate in every ride.

May was the District Rally and what a fun time to come home with some winners. The rally season continued right on into Wing Ding in Grapevine, Texas, (first time in Texas). On Memorial Day weekend, Pat and me, Buddy & Shirley, at the spur of the moment took off on a ride through Louisiana into Arkansas and rode from Mena, Ark. across the Talemna Drive. The clouds were down so low and thick we could not see to even turn in at the lodge. Before leaving Pat said he just wanted to go where it was 68 degrees and guess what, up on the mountain it was about 65. As we returned to Dallas, it became plenty hot. By the time we reached Pat's brother's house, the pool seemed real inviting. Thirteen riders enjoyed a recent ride to VAUTROT'S CAJUN CUISINE. Thank you Tommy VanVactor for putting that together for us. We invite you on any of these rides whether it is 2 wheel, 3 wheel or 4 wheels. Lot's of fun and fellowship was enjoyed. You guys are all so great.

June 12, 2004 was the Blueberry Festival ride, Nacogdoches Chapter PEDIATRIC BRAIN TUMOR FUNDRAISER. It was really a beautiful cool ride up there, with a good representation from Chapter C, some had even gone up the night before. After enjoying the blueberry pancakes, we took to the road again in the countryside on a poker run. We welcome Mike and Betty Waddell to Chapter C and enjoyed having them with us on this ride. They are proud owners of a new I800.

Nacogdoches is the oldest town in the state of Texas and lot of history and old buildings, brick streets and a story of the railroad system. As we ride around to these different little towns or places, if you know any of the history, I think it would be great to share with each other. We could hardly wait to get started back it became so hot and no breeze. The only person cool was Diane in her air-conditioned car. Way to go Diane'.

Hope to see all of you coming to ride with us real soon. Call up a friend and ride. Let us hear from all of you soon.

They're Sooooo C.O.Y.!



Bill & Deanna Moore
Chapter 2004 C.O.Y.

**Region H now includes
Kansas, therefore we
now welcome:
John and Paula Crow
International Couple of the
Year 2004 - 2005**



**GWRRRA Returns to Fort
Wayne, IN...
Come celebrate Wing Ding
XXVII with the rest of your
GWRRRA friends and
family! The event will be
held from July 4 - 7, 2005.**

**Come On Girls!
Let's get our act together!**



Military Pen Pals



Please send me the names and military addresses for your sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, loved ones and friends, so that we can publish them in our newsletter. Then we can send them letters, gifts, or whatever. Let's show our support for our Servicemen and women.

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(This is Yvonne & Jim Benton's grandson)



Chapter Rider Education

Tommy VanVactor
2004 Chapter Educator

Let's talk about cornering and how it's done. Most of the single vehicle accidents happen because the motorcyclist goes too wide in a curve, and wipes out, usually colliding with the road way or some other fixed object. Ouch!

Question:

If you go into a curve too hot (fast), what do you do?

- a) Brake
- b) Pull in your clutch
- c) Downshift
- d) Roll off your throttle
- e) Lean more

Hint: When you go through a curve most of your traction is being used up by the curve. The faster you go the more traction you use.

Question:

When you use brakes, where does the weight go?

- a) Forward
- b) Backward
- c) To the inside
- d) To the outside

The correct answer is "a)- forward". The same as when you are in your car. But on the bike the weight shift forward, lightening the rear wheel.

Question:

In a curve, do you want:

- a) More weight on the front tire
- b) Less weight on the front tire
- c) More weight on the rear tire
- d) Less weight on the rear tire
- e) Equal weight on both tires

Of course the answer is "e)- equal weight on both tires". Lightening the rear wheel during a curve will cause it to skid out from under you. You want to maintain equal weight on both tires in order to stabilize your suspension and keep both tires sucking to the ground.

Question:

Braking in a curve is the only thing that will lighten the rear wheel?

Yes or No.

No, your bike doesn't know the difference between braking or shifting or rolling off your throttle or pulling in you clutch. Any form of deceleration will cause the same reaction- lightening of the rear wheel.



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So the answer to the original question is “e)- lean more”. Start on the outside of the curve, look as far through it as you can, lean the bike over by pressing on the handgrip in the direction of the turn and begin a steady roll-on of the throttle. The time to slow, braking or otherwise, is before the curve, before you lean the bike over to the side of the tire. If you didn’t slow down enough before and you are too hot, just lean it more, look through the curve and maintain steady throttle through out the curve. Think about the motorcycle racers, how far do they lean the over?

Just a couple of cautions:

You can’t do much leaning on loose or slippery surfaces. So if you are going through a curve and you see sand, gravel or oil in you path, go around it. If you can’t go around it, straighten the bike then apply your brakes.

Your tires are a critical part of your riding. Good tires that are properly inflated are the only thing between you and the road. Motorcycle tires have tread around the sides of tire for turning. When they are under-inflated the sides of the tire are riding on the road and wearing out the tread. When you re-inflate them the part of the tire you use for turning is worn off.

Remember SMOOTH equals C☺☺L and it's

Slow.....Then...Look, *Lean*, and Roll

Not
Look, *Lean*, Slow, and Roll

Nor,
Slow, Look, *Lean*, Slow, and Roll

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
- Trailing
- Co-Rider



The Chatter Room

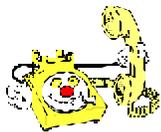
Candle Power

- Oct 2 - Gary Williams
- 15 - Cindy Wheeland
- 22 - Brenda Beshears
- 29 - Donnie Lewis

Wedding Bells

- Oct 8 - Mike & Cindy Marchuk
- 20 - Ken & Jo DeFoor

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



If you have an event or need to send out a group email, you can contact

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Please send your pictures to **Pepper Taylor** to put in Chapter **C's 1st PLACE AWARD WINNING** scrapbook.



ATTENDANCE AT CHAPTER MEETING SEPTEMBER 2, 2004

There were 34 members and 1 visitor at the monthly meeting. Our visitor was Paula Spinola (foreign student staying with Mike & Betty Waddell). And, there were 27 members present at the monthly planning meeting, along with Paula.

Welcome, and come back soon!

MEMBERS:

Because we had a major scheduling problem at Luby's last night, we have elected to hold our next planning meeting (October 19) at the Golden Corral. It is on Garth Rd. just a block north of Luby's. The meeting time will still be 7:00 PM. This will be a trial period until we see how it works out. If you have suggestions for another meeting place, please contact me @ VHSHQ@ev.1.net, Thanks, Buddy & Shirley

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



Get Well Soon

Pepper Taylor's brother who lives in Missouri, Eddie Jaco, has been diagnosed with lung cancer and will be undergoing surgery. Please keep him in you thoughts and prayers.

Also, Charles Taylor has a knee injury and my need surgery. Pepper will let us know soon.

Ms. I ma McDaniel had a rough beginning during her recent vacation trip to New Mexico. She slipped and fell, breaking her ankle. She's got a few more weeks of crutches and a cast, but is doing as well as can be expected. Ms. I ma, hurry up and get well soon.

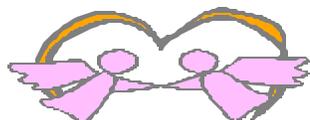
Charlotte & Jim Cooper "Coop", also had a bad tumble during their vacation to New Mexico. Charlotte was thrown from their ATV 4-wheeler and suffered a bruised hip. Hope you recover real soon, Charlotte.

Judy Ferguson's mother is recovering from being ill recently. Hope she gets well soon, Judy.

Billy Dean Lockler, the father of our Phil Locker, passed away Monday, Sep. 20, 2004.

If you wish to send condolences to Phil & Annette, this is their address: Phil Lockler
700 Danubina, Baytown, TX 77520

Wayne Howser's uncle, Joe Howser, recently passed away. He was 79 years young. Keep the Howser family in your thoughts and prayers.



Thank You

One really big THANK YOU goes out to Pat & Berta for inviting the Chapter to their home for Labor Day. The food that was brought was delicious. Everyone had a real good time. The weather turned out real nice, even though rain was predicted. Outside was real hot, so as soon as everyone had eaten we all went inside to cool off, talk and play a game of Gestures. Usually the men beat the ladies but not this time, the score was 106 to 93 in favor of the girls.
Diane DeLoach

Fun Trips:

Tom & Nancy Norris returned from a fun trip to their 2nd favorite state, Ohio.

Upcoming Fun Trips:

Chapter Z is having a Birthday Party. They are celebrating their 14th year. It will be on November 6th, at the Clear Lake Park, from 9 am to 2 pm. Admission is \$10. Let's all help them celebrate!

Alamo City Campout - Sept. 17th – 19th



Let's see, where do I begin? Cathy and I had a difficult last year and to put it behind us, we agreed it was time to spread our wings and continue the journey we started 10 years ago. We agreed, let's do a campout in one of our favorite Texas Areas. Let's remind ourselves of the Chapter "C" life.

It all started with the planning. We as a Chapter agreed on a date. It just happened to be Randy's Birthday. I wanted this campout to be as stress free as possible. Therefore, there was no particular planning of any meals or functions. Except for a very very scenic tour for Saturday. There is little more I enjoy than putting together the most scenic route of an area I expect to be in. So I picked a place to call base camp. The San Antonio KOA. This KOA staff was to try to put our group together. The rest was up to our membership to make their own reservations, etc. My focus was on the ride, the Gold Wing Ride. And what a ride it was.

Cathy & I, Randy & Brenda and Jim & Vicky left Cracker Barrel Friday morning. Small group, but we'll have fun anyway. We headed out on I-10 and just on the west side of Houston, our long time friends, Bert & Jeanie Ris, radioed in and where on our tail in no time. Groups growing, things are looking up. We had a leisurely ride toward San Antonio and before you know it, a couple of us are getting real hungry for lunch. The hunt was on for some good chow. We found it in Seguin at Chili's. After a good long lunch and some much appreciated A/C we left for our last leg. Thirty minutes later we arrived at base camp. Before we could dismount, I hear what sounds like Harold DeLoach talking to Diane on the CB, who is in the car still recovering from surgery, but determined to participate. One minute later they were also at base camp. Group's still growing. Once we all got settled, some camping some in cabins, we headed for the very inviting swimming pool. This felt soooo good. And before you know it, we're thinking about food again. I'm sure none of you are surprised. We pride ourselves on good rides and good food. Bar-B-Que was sold on site and some others went down the road a piece for Mexican Food. Next we all topped it off with Blue Bell at the Ice Cream Social. All you can eat. So of course we all ate too much. Nighttime by now and everyone is visiting at the campsites, anticipating tomorrow's ride. Next thing you know here comes another wing. It's Steve Ferguson, who left after work and made the trip alone. Group's still growing. We continued visiting; thinking about turning in for the night and here comes another wing. It's Mike & Betty Wadell. Group's still growing. They also left after work, but from the east side of Houston. As we know this takes a little longer. Ever tried crossing Houston, west bound, on a Friday night? We visited for a while longer. Mike & Betty opted for the Motel about a mile away. They agreed to meet us at 9 AM for Saturday's ride. We all turned in for the night. I'll get everyone up about 7 AM.

After a good nights rest, I'm up and about at 0630. To my surprise, everyone else is already up. That's what you call looking forward to a ride. As we're having coffee and a light breakfast, here comes another wing. It's James & Amy Cash. Group's still growing. They got in town late last night, moteled it and were here early enough to set up camp before leaving on the ride. The time had finally come. We gathered for the riders meeting and reviewed our route for the day. What started out as 6 friends and 3 Wings, now grew to 15 friends and 8 Wings. That's what I call a simple plan coming together. **"Supply a good ride and they will come."** I promise, the ride I planned will be all what's expected and then some. A few minutes before 9 and we're raring to go. But wait a minute, here comes another wing. It just keeps getting better. It's Richard and Karen Beck. They also got in late last night and Moteled it. Now we're 17 friends and 9 Wings. A great group for being so far out of the Houston Arena. I'm well pleased with the turn out. Now for the ride.

We gassed up and headed out of town north to 1604 and west to 16. Time to enjoy. One last potty break and off we go. Immediately, I'm grinning from ear to ear. I've been ready for this for a long time. **I'mmm Back.** Now this is the Mark I remember. As we head north west on 16 to the neat town of Bandera and on to Medina, the scenery just keeps getting better and better by the mile. We all agree. Now we head west on 337. Now the real fun begins. A few of these friends have not been in this area before. It is such a treat to me to introduce them to one of the most scenic areas of Texas.

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This is as Hill Country as it gets. The roads get very curvy and hilly, with beauty on both sides of the road the entire route. One of the hardest things in this area is to pay attention to the road while not wanting to miss the scenery. This is an area where the Co-riders have such an advantage. Lucky y'all. Between Medina and Vanderpool we found a good little roadside area to take a break. Some of us took a short walk in the woods. Others wanted to, but couldn't. After a short break we stopped in Vanderpool for the rest of the group to do their thing. Anticipating lunch, we continued on 337 to Leakey and headed south on 83 to Concan and east on 127 for a mile to Neil's Lodge Café, where we had reservations. Diane was here waiting on us and we were gladly welcomed by the café staff. Our tables were ready for us. This was a very quaint café, with native decor and a true hill country atmosphere. It even had outdoor dining for those who wish too, overlooking the Frio River. We opted for the A/C and checking out the view of the river after lunch. Did I mention the food and service were great? Time to saddle up again and continue our journey. We headed back north on 83 to Concan to continue our 337 run west. On the way to Leaky Jim & Vicky opted to head back to camp through Utopia to take advantage of the pool. The remaining 8 Wings returned on 337 west in Leaky on ward to Campwood. I just can't get enough of this. It's quite warm by now, but we're all staying hydrated. We gassed up and pre-hydrated for the next leg out of Campwood. Last opportunity for at least an hour. From Campwood we headed north on 55 then north on 335. Next thing you know we spot a camel on the right, then several Kangaroos and even a couple of giraffes. No we're not overheated, they're real. They were moving about. Much of the same scenery just goes on and on. At the end of 335 we head east on 41 looking for 336 south. There it is. We head south and as soon as we get going, we see sign cattle guard ahead. Now this means livestock on the loose. We slow down considerably anticipating the unexpected. It seems like every 2 miles or so, there was another cattle guard. This really slows down the pace. It also allows more time for the drivers to enjoy the view. All these cattle guards and no cattle. About that time here come the cattle. Everywhere. We had to creep along and be nice to the animals and they'll be nice to us. We made it through several head of cattle and umpteen cattle guards. Continuing south, this returned us to Leakey. We stopped for a rest in town to re-hydrate and rant and rave about the scenery we've seen thus far. We're practically exhausted at this point, but energized by the surroundings. We continued south on 83 to 1050 east at Garner State Park. A great park, if you ever get the opportunity. I warn you the Frio River is always cold. 1050 took us to the quaint town of Utopia, north on 187 through town to 470 east. This took us back to 16 between Medina and Bandera. We returned to San Antonio by way of 16 to 1604 to 410 to WW White to Base Camp. Jim, Vicky and Diane greeted us. Today alone was 355 miles in 10 hours. Quite a long day. About 2 hours longer than I expected. The hundreds of curves we encountered had every one tired and ready to park or steeds. What a ride it was! I'm sure, even as long as it was, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day. Ask anyone. They'll tell you what you missed. You would think after such a day, everyone would want to do nothing else. But you know what happens when this groups talks about food. 45 minutes to regroup and freshen up, for we're off to dinner on the river walk by way of bus. We had dinner at "Dick's Last Resort". You'll have to find out about that on your own. Quite an experience. After dinner we took a walk to the Alamo for those whom had not seen it. Now to find our bus stop. The last trip of the night was at 1130 PM. We could not miss it. We didn't. It was 10 min late and we were glad to see it. We finally returned back to the KOA. What a long day. But is it over yet. **NO!** There's wood that Jim and Vicky gathered. Let's have a campfire. This kept us up until about 230 AM. What do we think? We're still in our 20's. We turned in.

After a few hours of hard sleep we we're up and at it again for a 9 AM departure. Before leaving town, what do you think? Of course, a big, big breakfast. A little depressed at this point knowing all we have to look forward to now is I-10. Before we knew it, we were back in Houston and everyone splitting off, home bound. It seems like what was so much fun was already over. I wish it could have lasted longer. We had a very busy weekend, but as planned it was stress free and great to be away and back in the groove. What I believe to have made this weekend a complete success was good weather and about 7000 combined **SAFE** miles.

Stay tuned and mark your calendars for Nov.12th. Planning has begun.

San Antonio or Bust

By Diane DeLoach



Thanks to Mark for planning a fabulous camping trip. Harold (on the bike) and I (in the car) met the group there Friday. Mark and his group left the Cracker Barrel about 9:00 a.m., while we left home around 10:30 a.m.

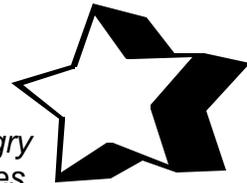
I did not go on the lunch ride that Mark had planned for Saturday, I just met them at the café, and boy was the food and view there great. After we ate I came straight back to the camping area while the rest of the group did some more riding. While they were riding in the hill country, I did some shopping and some sleeping.

When all the riders returned, they rested some and cleaned up for dinner. When it was time, we all caught the bus into San Antonio. We went to the River walk, where we ate at a crazy place called Dicks. The food was out of this world and so was the atmosphere. Ask Jeannie Ris how to order a ½ rack of ribs in sign language. After eating, relaxing and paying the bill we headed for the bus to take us back to the campground. Some of the folks had not seen the Alamo so off they went. When everyone was together again we went to the bus stop that we needed, and headed for home.

By this time everyone was tired and wanted to just sit around. A nice fire was built. While some went and got their showers the rest just relaxed and talked. Everyone went to bed at a different time, finally around 2:00 a.m. the final diehards went to bed. After eating some breakfast we headed for Houston and various places.

Star Café Dinner Ride

By Diane DeLoach



It was a hot & muggy Tuesday night in August when 24 hungry stomachs converged on the Star Café. Some came in automobiles while others rode their motorcycles or trikes; they all had one thing in common, eating some of good food. Everyone seemed to enjoy his or her meal. A lot of people went home full or “stuffed”, while some took home “to go” boxes. Some of the wives shared their dinner with their husbands because it was so much. The appetizers alone could have been a full meal. I won’t mention names, but some persons even ate desserts. The youngest person there was seven month old Hayden Edison, the grandson of Jim & Julie Lewis. Hayden’s mother Jennifer was there along with Steve & Judy, Mark & Cat, Jim Wycoff & Vickie Foss, and Jim’s daughter Kathy, Jim & Marietta, Randy & Brenda, Tommy, Jim & Yvonne, GW & Mary, Buddy & Shirley, Pat (Ms Berta had to work) and of course Harold & I.

By the way Angela, they had some sugar free Ice Cream today, so I had two coke floats. One for you and one for me!

Tookie's!

It was late on Thursday Sept 9th when we arrived at the Cracker Barrel for my dinner ride to Tookie's. In fact a couple of people said they were wondering if I had forgotten about my own ride. Anyway, there were 6 bikes as we headed south to Seabrook. We headed the usual way, down N Main to 146 and across the Hartman bridge. It was pretty uneventful most of the way. When we came to the part where 146 begins to turn into a regular road and zigs to the right and then back to the left just north of Choate Rd. we saw 2 people on a gray wing looking like they were trying to enter the road. None of us really paid much attention other than a wave as we passed on by.

We went on through Seabrook and arrived at Tookie's where Diane was waiting on us. As we were getting off our bikes, the gray wing pulled in and it turned out to be Mike Waddell and their exchange student from Brazil (apologies for not remembering her name). Also waiting for us was Frank and Judy and another couple no one knew named Speedy & Carolyn Powell. It appears he works with Bert Ris and they know Mac & Ima and Mike & Sharon Thompson. Anyway we all said our hellos and moseyed on in to have a seat. There was plenty of room and we took over a section on the side. As it turned out there were 18 people in all, quite a good turnout I think.

After settling down, we began the task of ordering, which is no small thing in a large group of people. After getting our drinks and ordering the food, we made our usual noisy conversation until the food arrived. Now for those of you who have not been to Tookie's, they are known for their unusual burgers and other great sandwiches. But from the looks of things as they came out, by far the most popular item on the menu was the onion rings! Every table had at least one order and most times two on it. Of course as the food began to arrive the conversation slowly quieted down to a low mumble. I didn't hear any complaints, so I have to assume everyone enjoyed their food.



Well, after filling our bellies and some after dinner conversation, we all mounted our steeds and headed to our respective domiciles for a good nights rest. The evening was so nice and cool, it was a shame we all had to go to work the next morning. One by one we dropped of to head home and relax. I want to thank everyone that came and hope to see y'all again real soon!

Till next time!!.....Jim McCormack, Webmaster



Grab your co-workers for lunch or treat your family to a special dinner at Chili's Grill & Bar on September 20 and you can make a difference in the fight against childhood cancer.

Chili's, the restaurant company which for years has encouraged Americans to want their baby back ribs, will donate 100 percent of its profits on September 20, 2004 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The event is part of Chili's month-long campaign to *Create a Pepper to Fight Childhood Cancer*. For the entire month of September, Chili's will ask its guests nationwide to donate \$1 for the opportunity to color the Chili's signature pepper logo. The goal of the promotion is to raise \$2 million for St. Jude. The September campaign honors National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

We need your help to help these kids. Hope to see you there.



Gold Book to the Rescue

On July 3rd, James, Scooter and I met up with Mike, Joann, baby Katherine, Pepper, Charles & cousins Buddy, Debra, Greg & Patty in Cleveland. We left there at approximately 4:00 am heading to Abilene to Joann's sister's house to drop off Katherine for the week. It was a nice, uneventful trip. When we got there, Kevin and Stephanie fed us a nice lunch and they were nice enough to invite us back for a great BBQ supper. On Sunday the 4th, we got up early enough to be at Wing Ding for the opening parade. We had to make one of those famous Wal-mart stops for some forgotten necessities, and as we were leaving cousin Buddy noticed that our trailer wheel didn't look quite right. We pulled into a parking lot to check it out. When James went to shake the wheel to check the bearings it flipped completely under the trailer (rut-ro)! Not good! We all put on our thinking caps???? It was 8:00 on Sunday morning, what could possibly be open? Absolutely nothing!! All kinds of suggestions were brought up but nothing seemed right. Some one finally suggested the Gold Book, duh! So out it came! First few calls there was no answer, I imagine they were either in church or headed for Wing Ding. We finally reached Gail Bowles. She said her husband Terry, was a vendor (Tour King) and was already at Wing Ding, but she would make some phone calls and get us some help. What a great lady! 5 minutes later the phone rang and it was Shelly Bowles, her brother-in-law. He was a welder! He had to go somewhere and get his welding stuff and was going to meet us. He called back a little later and asked us to meet him at his house. We went to his home and met his wife Cathy, and she invited us in and offered us drinks. Then Shelly showed up and what a character he was. Looked like a Harley rider, but was the proud owner of an 1800. He even had a Harley tattoo, was wearing a Harley t-shirt and had a Harley room in his house. Smart man! Admiring them from afar. These people were so nice. Shelly welded our axle with a little help??? From his neighbor Mike. They were hilarious. After the trailer was fixed we all went to a really good Mexican restaurant for lunch and there we met Gail (whom we called first) and Sherri (Mike's wife) and had a really good time. Then we said our goodbyes and hit the road to Wing Ding. No more problems. We had a great time there and went to Terry's booth and bought a half cover for the bike and helmet rain covers. We were told to ask him about his nickname "Watermelon Man" and all he said was where is he (referring to shelly) I know he is here! We had a really good time with them and we were actually happy to have broken down in Abilene so that we could meet new friends all thanks to the good ol' Gold Book and just plain good folks!

Join the Fight Against Breast Cancer! Buy M&M's® Milk Chocolate Candies now and support the cause!



Pink & White M&Ms (Just one more way to help out)! Okay, Ladies: Not that any of you ever NEED an excuse to buy chocolates.... but this is a good one! The makers of M&M candies have teamed up with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation to raise funds through the sale of their new "Pink & White" M&M candies. These special bags of M & Ms will be on sale in September, October and November, 204 (the bags are clearly marked). Let's do all we can to support this cause.

Final Horizons 2004

For the final Horizons of 2004, we have identified a location in **San Antonio**. We have not determined a date yet. We are looking specifically at 3 weekends:

October 16-17
November 13-14
November 20-21

If you are interested in attending this final Horizons,
Please let us know 2 things:

- 1) Which weekend(s) you would prefer in order of greatest preference to least preference.
- 2) Which weekend(s) (if any) you absolutely cannot make it.

We hope that we can accommodate your interest in Horizons!! The class will be limited to 30, as dictated by the facility. Once we confirm the date, we will communicate to those who are interested, and confirm their reservation in the San Antonio seminar. We thank you for your interest in Leadership Training.

The Horizons Program is a fun and knowledge packed day-and-a-half seminar covering leadership skills. The training is tailored towards GWRRA (Leading Volunteers) but the knowledge gained is useful in all aspects of life including personal and professional relationships. The topics covered include **Communication, Team Building, Motivating Volunteers, holding Effective Meetings, Gatherings, and Events, tips on Public Speaking, Creating Presentations, Expectations** from 3 perspectives relating to officer positions (your expectations, GWRRA's expectations, and the membership's expectations), specific discussion about the "**Officer Couple**" to leverage each others strengths, **Staff Selection**, and a little on **Time Management**. Participants will also complete an enlightening personal assessment as to their Style and Type of personality, and there is a hands-on exercise to learn to put your newly acquired skills to use.

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September 10, 2004

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Sincerely,
Whitey Forster
Owner/General Manager

Dear Chapter "C",

Please accept this invitation to join us for the first annual CenterPoint Energy Hope Ride - a charity motorcycle event (Poker Run and Bike Show) benefiting the United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast to be held on October 23, 2004. We are working hard to put on a quality event and your group's attendance will help towards making the Hope Ride a success for our community.



For more information on the Hope Ride please visit our website at: <http://www.centerpointenergy.com/hoperide> or you make pick-up registration information from a participating dealer of the Greater Houston Motorcycle Dealers Association. You may also see more information on this event in your current CenterPoint Energy gas bill (reaching 1.4 million household in the Houston area) as we did a promotional insert for the Hope Ride.

Early registration for this event ends October 1st. By pre-registering it provides you with \$5.00 off the minimum entry fee and you will also receive an event t-shirt and lunch for no extra charge.

Scott Radabaugh
Hope Ride Coordinator

2004

REGION RE-HASH DISTRICT DA-TALES and FUTURE EVENTS



| 2004 | EVENT | LOCATION | CONTACT | PHONE |
|---------------------------|---|---|--|------------------------------|
| 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 | |
| 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 |
| 2005 | EVENT | LOCATION | CONTACT | PHONE |
| Jan. 8 2005 | Texas District Staff Meeting | Inn of Hills Kerrville, TX | Breeze & Carolyn Hoadley breezech@gte.net | 940-243-5237 |
| Mar. 5 2005 | TX "S" 2 nd Annual Armadillo Roundup | Montgomery County, TX | Jim & Ginger Bell JimBell@cebridge.net | 936-856-3835 |
| Mar. 12 2005 | TX "C" Luck "O" the Irish Rally | Eastside Honda Baytown, TX | Buddy & Shirley Ward vhshq@ev1.net | 281-426-2589 |
| Mar. 26 2005 | TX "X-2" 6 th Birthday Party | Bear Creek Park, Houston, TX | Greg & Deborah Decker chapterdirector@TXX2.org | 281-477-0115 |
| Apr. 7-9 2005 | Louisiana District Rally | Hotel Acadiana Lafayette, LA | Eugene & Kathy Wyble cajunwingers@centurytel.net | 337-228-2172 |
| Apr. 30 2005 | TX "O-2" Heart of Texas Rally | Brownwood, TX | 325-784-7295 | 325-382-4469 325-647-5780 |
| May 12-14 2005 | Texas District Rally | MPECenter Wichita Falls, TX | Breeze & Carolyn Hoadley breezech@gte.net | 940-243-5237 |
| OTHER EVENTS | | | | |
| 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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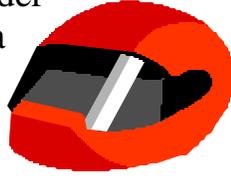
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The pin designs for the District Rally are due before the January 8, 2005 staff meeting in Kerrville, Texas. The designs should have no more than six colors and able to fit into a 3" by 5" area. GWRRA, Region "H", Texas, and the date of the rally should be listed. It can be emailed to breezech@gte.net or mailed before January 8, 2005.

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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 <i>“C” Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm</i> | 8 | 9 Blessing Hotel Ride 9 am CB |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| | | | | Mississippi District Rally Biloxi, MS | | |
| 17 | 18 | 19 <i>“C” Plan Meet 7:00 pm</i> | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| | | | | Horrorween Campout, TX “J” Wolf Creek Park, Lake Livingston | | |
| | | | | Biketoberfest Bike Week, Daytona Beach, FL | | |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 <i>“C” Chapter Meeting 7:30 pm</i> | 5 | 6 <i>TX “Z” Birthday Party Clear Lake Park</i> |
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| 14 | 15 | 16 <i>“C” Planning Meeting 7:00 pm</i> | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
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