

# C's Stars & Stripes

SEPTEMBER 2004

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**GWRRA  
SOUTH CENTRAL  
REGION H  
TEXAS DISTRICT**

**“C” the Country With Chapter C!**



*Texas District Rally*

*Award Winning 1<sup>st</sup> Place Newsletter-2003  
Award Winning 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Newsletter-2004*

Chapter **C** meets the 1st Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Cedar Bayou Community Center  
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One mile from I-10

I-10 East



Hwy 146

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

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

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Newsletter articles are due by the 15th of each month.  
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## Editor's Notes

Peggy Browning  
Newsletter Editor

Vacation Time Again! Buzz and I just returned from a two-week, 4,000 miles plus, vacation to South Dakota. It was absolutely wonderful! It is truly a biker's heaven. The roads were twisty, with plenty of turns. And the scenery was unbelievable. Our journey began at Troup, TX, to visit Motortrike's Open House, then on to Wing Ding in Grapevine, TX. We rode through Oklahoma, Kansas, and Nebraska to South Dakota. We visited Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, and rode through the Badlands, which were awesome. And, of course, we went to Sturgis. Yep, not much to see in Sturgis, (without the rally).

Yes, I rode the whole way, all 4,000 miles plus, on my trike. Unfortunately, my hands took the toll. I developed wrist tendonitis, along with arthritis, in both hands, and have not been able to ride much at all. What a Bummer! I had recently changed handgrips and they were obviously too big for my hands. Sometimes prettier is not always better. I put stock grips back on, and it feels much better. I've gradually began riding again, but it still is painful. But, No Fear! I'll be back in the saddle full steam real soon!



## Military Pen Pals



I would like to start a Military Pen Pal program.

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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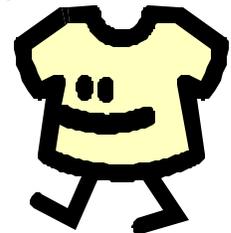
A sudden stop and an oil patch were combinations for a "fender bender".



**Wayne Howser** and his cousin were riding recently, when his cousin stopped suddenly in front of him. Wayne said he hit an oil patch and couldn't stop in time. His bike hit the rear of the other bike and both toppled over. Wayne got a bruised chest, however, his cousin did not get hurt. Both bikes had extensive damage, but are being repaired by now. Wayne admits that following too closely can be hazardous, and it only takes a split second for accidents to happen. Glad to see Wayne, (and his Wing), recovering.

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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

I write this article with 2 weeks remaining in August, and it really is hard to believe that we are almost through with summer and heading into fall. The cooler weather has made riding already more enjoyable. Let's hope we can get in some more riding before it gets unbearable again.

On Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> we had a large group ride with us to the Top Water Grill for dinner and a "Moonlight Ride". We thought that since we would be leaving at a later time it would ensure us a cooler ride. Well, actually the ride wasn't all that bad, but once we got all 44 of us seated at the restaurant we all but melted. They even had fireworks. The food was great, but it was a relief to get back on the bikes. We rode to the Texas City Dikes to see the full moon on the water and stopped for dessert at Denny's around midnight. It was a beautiful night for a "Blue Moon Ride". Maybe we could make that ride every "Once in Blue Moon".



We had a good bowling night Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> where we saw some new talent from our newest members. We had a lot of fun and later stopped for more fun and ice cream at the Marble Slab, which was outstanding as usual.

Mac led us on a great dinner ride to Cedar Landing on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. We had such a large group that we couldn't get everyone in the back room. There was a little wait, but the food was great and worth the wait. We stopped at the Dairy Queen in Dayton for "Ice Cream" and more fellowship.

Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> Harold and Dianne DeLoach, along with Angela and Robert Cherry attended the Horizon's Seminar. They had all good things to say about the class and recommend it for everyone who would like to know more about leading others in this venture for fun, safety and knowledge.

There are many dinner rides on the calendar for the rest of this month and in September, plus a campout in San Antonio and a couple "Liberty Opry" dates, Rallies and Jubilee's all over. Hope to see you all again soon.

**Your friends for Fun, Safety  
and Knowledge**



## ACD @ Work

Randy & Brenda Beshears  
2004 Asst. Chapter Directors

Randy and I took separate vacations this year. On Thursday, Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>, Randy rode his bike to Arkansas to visit with his daughter and grandson. The ride and weather were fabulous. He had a great time with his family and returned home on Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.

I went to visit my grandparents in Mabank, Texas, near Corsicana. They live near a lake and we went fishing on a barge. No, I didn't catch any fish. But I sure had a good time, anyway. I returned home on Saturday, Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>, just in time for Randy and me to go on the dinner ride to Sudies. Because of the chance for bad weather, there were only three bikes that came; us, Peggy and Buzz. The others four-wheeled it to the restaurant. We ate till we were stuffed, as usual. Then Betty Waddell brought out a birthday cake for Mike and Paula (their foreign exchange student). Everyone had a good time, we'll see everyone next time.

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The father of our Mark Faucheux passed away on August 19, 2004.

*"I would like to Thank You all for all the kind words, prayers, cards and beautiful flowers. This helped my family and I get through the rough time. It's not easy to let a loved one go.*



*Again, Thank You and God Bless you all Mark Faucheux"*

## They're Sooooo C.O.Y.!



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

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over. It's gone way too fast. Luckily, living here in Texas, we can ride almost year 'round.

The ride on August 24 to Liberty for dinner and the Liberty Opry was HOT! However, it was still good to be on the bike. The food was tasty, and the Opry was so fun. How about Ken and Jo? We really enjoyed seeing them perform. The rest of the program was entertaining, too. We were treated so good at the Opry -- our Chapter was recognized, and we even had a special parking space for our bikes. This is something we definitely should do again.

On July 31, we went on the ride to Top of the Water in San Leon for dinner. Afterwards, we went on a moonlight ride down the Texas City dike. The full moon was beautiful. This was my (Deanna) first moonlight ride and the first time I've been down the dike. I loved it. We then stopped at Denny's for ice cream and arrived home around 1:30 A.M. Thanks, Shirley, for planning a great evening.

We bowled at Alpha Bowl on August 7. We enjoyed the fellowship of the Chapter members that were there. What we lacked in numbers, we made up for in fun. Bill had the high score for the night with a 210 in his last game. We won't mention the scores of the other two games, though. A trip to Marble Slab after made a perfect ending to the night.

The reports we got about the other rides we missed this month were that they were also enjoyable and lots of fun. We hate to miss any of the rides, but sometimes we have no choice. Hope to see all of you at the Chapter meeting in September and at whatever is planned for the next month.



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

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

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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



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Do you need to take the Motorcycle Safety Course?

Here are some options:

1. San Jacinto College Central Campus - (281) 476-1838
2. The Course for Motorcycle Riders - TDPS (800) 292-5787
3. Motorcycle A+ Rider Course (800) 410-4549



## Chapter Rider Education

Tommy VanVactor  
2004 Chapter Educator

### **Stop the Machine!**

*By Robert Vaughan*

### **Screeeeeeeech! Beeeeeeeeeeep!**

"Did you see that car? He came from behind that 18-wheeler and ran the red. I almost hit him."

Has this ever happened to you? Ever wonder just how fast you can stop your bike?

With a few good techniques and a little practice the answer is a lot faster than you think. The two main techniques are squeezing the front brake rapidly instead of grabbing it, and taking advantage of the weight shift to use even more front brake. The practice takes just a few minutes in a parking lot about three times a year.

As you start braking, about half your weight is on each wheel. If you apply both brakes hard without grabbing the front brake, your weight will shift forward and you can squeeze the front brake even harder, while you let up a little on the rear. It takes only about half a second for your weight to shift so you can add more front brake. It is because of this weight change that about 70% of your braking power is on the front. When all the extra weight shifts forward, the front tire gets harder to lock, while the rear gets easier to lock.

If you ever lock the front tire, release the front brake and come right back down on it. This is exactly the opposite of what you want to do with the rear if it locks. You can release a locked rear if you're perfectly straight, but if you've turned sideways and you unlock the rear wheel, you can do a highside--not something you do for fun!

A parking lot is the perfect place to practice--an empty parking lot that is. No need to terrorize the populace while they're trying to use the lot. Start out at 10-15 miles per hour. The techniques are the same for any speed, but you don't need as much room to practice in if your speed is lower.

When you go back to the streets, you need to add only one more technique--looking out for the other guy. If you're braking hard, this means checking your mirrors before you start to make sure you're not being tailgated. If you're in a situation where you might have to brake suddenly, cover both brakes to cut your reaction time to about half. This shaves a few feet off what by now is your already- impressive stopping distance.

Rain can affect your stopping distance more than it affects your technique. You can't stop as quickly in the rain. Because you can't brake as hard, not as much of your weight shifts forward. That means braking less hard overall and using a smaller percentage of front brake. Otherwise, techniques are the same.

Having some jerk with the brains of a carburetor pull out in front of you while you're turning around in a parking lot adds another factor--stopping in a curve. When this happens, straighten the handlebars and the bike. Then stop. Don't try to mix the two.

These few techniques and a little practice should get your stopping off to a good start.

# Safety Scoop from “Coop”

## Sight Distance

We often use the term “adjust your speed to sight distance”. Let’s think about what this really means. At a given speed, it takes a certain minimum distance to stop a particular motorcycle. If you expect to avoid that deer or that road kill spattered on the pavement just around the next blind turn, your speed must be limited to your stopping distance. Let’s say your motorcycle is capable of coming to a stop from 60 mph in 120’, your speed shouldn’t be any faster than 60 mph.

Of course, in real life situations, it also takes a half-second or so to react, and another second of progressive front brake squeeze to get full on the stoppers. At 60 mph, 1.5 seconds will eat up an extra 132’. Uh-oh! This means that your actual stopping distance from 60 mph is more like 252’. If your sight distance is only 120’, your speed should be no more than perhaps 40-45 mph.

While we’re riding, not many of us can accurately judge distance in feet, yards or even car lengths. The road goes by in a blur, too fast to make some mental measurement of distance. The trick is to make time measurements. Pick out some fixed object ahead of you, such as a signpost, and count the seconds it takes you to get there. Count out loud, “one-thousand-and-one, one-thousand-and-two....” By taking an actual measurement of your sight distance and comparing it to your speed, you can make decisions about how far you are hanging it out.

Here are some suggestions:

<u>Speed Minimum Sight Distance</u>	
<b>40-50 mph</b>	<b>4 sec.</b>
<b>50-60 mph</b>	<b>5 sec.</b>
<b>60-70 mph</b>	<b>6 sec.</b>
<b>70-80 mph</b>	<b>7 sec.</b>

Give these numbers a try and see if you agree with the minimums. If these minimums make you a little nervous, add a second. If your reflexes are really quick and you can make consistent hard stops, without flipping, shave off a second. The point is, arrive at a way of gauging honestly how your speed stacks up to your bike’s/trike’s stopping distance. If you continue finding yourself entering blind situations at speeds too fast to stop within your minimum sight distances, the message should be very clear:

***Slow down, then adjust your speed accordingly to make a safe and easy stop.***

**Be Safe, Stay Safe & Always Ride Safe**

*By Jim Cooper*



## *BUILDING A DRILL TEAM*

**Robert Cherry** is heading up a Drill Team. He recently held a meeting at his home for everyone that was interested in participating. Also, Lyn Herron from Lumberton was there to lend his views on the process of organizing and developing a Drill Team. Lyn was the organizer and Captain of the Southeast Texas Drill Team from TX Chapter J in Beaumont. They showed videos of several competitions over the last few years. There were several members present from TX "J", TX "C", and TX "Z".

If you are interested about finding out the "skinny" about building a Drill Team, contact Robert Cherry at:

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# Horizon's Training

By Angela Cherry

It all started at last month's meeting. Judy Ferguson got up and told everyone about the Horizon's Leadership training that was to take place in Huffman on August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Well, I didn't think much about it until Judy came up to Robert and I and suggested that we should go. You see anyone can go, not just Chapter Directors and Staff. Now I have come to learn that Judy is not the type of person that can be blown off easily and I also value her opinion, SOOOOO we agreed to go. Yes, we gave up our entire weekend of beautiful weather and went to a training class.

Saturday morning Robert and I arrived at the Huffman Fire station for the class and whom did we see, but Harold and Diane. What a relief, someone we know. I sat at the front of the room and Robert sat at the back with Diane and Harold. I like to see the board without having to wear my glasses and Robert likes to be as inconspicuous as possible. Anyway John the instructor, moved us all into different groups so it really didn't matter, except for the fact I got moved to the back of the room and Robert to the front. Go Figure!

We learned how to communicate with each other, which is sometimes pretty tricky considering all the external factors that are filtered into talking and listening. We learned about the officers roles and making the chapter a success. Communication, listening, and trust are the skills that were most important. We have all been in a chapter or at least been to another chapter meeting where there were clearly problems. I truly believe that the communication skill can resolve the majority, if not all, of these issues.

One of the things that I was very glad to hear was a question about "District Staff" members. It became VERY clear that these people are no different from any other chapter member. They are, and should be treated as, just another member of the chapter. Any chapter should be proud to say that they have a member(s) on the District Staff. To me that says volumes about your Chapter.

It was a great experience and we met a bunch of new people. I would highly recommend to ALL chapter members to take the opportunity to participate in these classes. Not only is the information received very valuable, but it was just a LOT OF FUN.

It even helps you communicate with your spouse. (That's a scary thought).



"Fired Up" for Training in Texas!

# The Chatter Room

## Candle Power

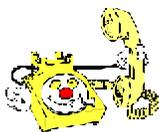
- Sep 2 - Mickey Forse
- 5 - Vicki Luken
- 10 - Judy Scott
- 15 - Angela Cherry
- 17 - Randy Beshears
- 18 - Beth Wisdom
- 19 - Jo DeFoor
- 19 - Jim McCormack
- 26 - Jim McKinney
- 27 - Traci Cude

## Wedding Bells

- Sep 3 - Bert & Tina Keton
- 7 - Wayne & Cheryl Morrison
- 14 - Mike & Wanda Nelson

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

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

**Brenda Beshears** at (936) 257-9437 or email: pbrowning4@houston.rr.com

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**OOPS!** Sorry Tiffany. I printed her last name incorrectly in August's newsletter. Her correct name is **Tiffany Wagers**.  
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## ATTENDANCE AT CHAPTER MEETING AUGUST 5, 2004

There were 40 members and 3 visitors at the monthly meeting. Our visitors were:

- Collen Campbell, TX "M2"
- Duane Watts, TX "J"
- Vickie Foss (friend of Jim Wycoff)

We had 27 members and 8 visitors at the planning meeting on August 17, 2004. Our visitors were:

- Paula Spinola (foreign student staying with Mike & Betty Waddell)
- Zane Weaver (grandson of the Ward's and Browning's)
- Preston Hale (guest of Tom Norris)
- Chrystal Weaver & Scott Hartman
- Hannah (granddaughter of Gary & Connie Williams)

Would you believe that **Tom Norris** actually rode his Wing?!

**Welcome, and come back soon!**

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



Happy Hunting!

**Mike & Betty Waddell** were the lucky winners of the free stretch.

**Yvonne Benton** was the lucky winner of the 50/50 drawing.

**Mac McDaniel and Collen Campbell** were lucky winners of cool "Misters".

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



## Upcoming Fun Trips:

### "Blast from the Past"

Car/Bike Show & Swap Meet

Sat. Sep. 11, 2004

8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dayton Jr. High School

Hwy 146 & Hwy 90, Dayton, Texas

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Plan to join us at our campout at the San Antonio KOA, on Sep. 17th and 18th. Arriving Friday, Ice Cream Social

Friday night, Hill Country riding Sat.

**FUN is Guaranteed!**

Contact **Mark & Cathy Faucheux** for more details: markncat@flash.net or 281-328-5485.

## Fun Rides!

**Wayne Howser** had a great ride to the northwest area, around Wyoming, etc. It sure is beautiful up there, right Wayne?

**Jim & Yvonne Benton** just returned from Brownfield, Texas, where they attended a family reunion. They had a great time, but said the ride got a little hot on the way back. I Bet!

**G.W. Wilkins** rode his trike to the courthouse, what a guy!

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Well, we can't talk about **Mike & Betty Waddell** anymore.....

They have a new C.B. now.

**Mr. Mac**, is it true that you've been kissing the ground lately?



## Get Well Soon!

Pepper Taylor's brother who lives in Missouri, Eddie Jaco, has been ill. Please keep him in you thoughts and prayers.

Jim Oliver had a recent hospital stay because he was bitten by an insect that made him very ill. Hope you're doing better Jim.

Mac McDaniel is feeling much better now, after a recent scare. He had chest pains and stayed in the hospital a few days. He and Ms. Ima are back riding with group again. Can't keep an "Ole Dog" down.

Jim Wycoff's mother is in the hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Jim. Keep us posted on her condition.

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Anyone interested in raising funds for PBTF by working concessions at Reliant should contact Judy Ferguson.

We are signed up to work the following TEXAN games. Please mark your calendars if you are available and want to work to raise funds for RFK:

8/7/04, 8/14/04, 9/12/04, 10/10/04, 11/21/04, and 01/02/05.

Please let me know, as the time to work gets closer.

Judy Ferguson - Fergwinger@aol.com  
713-821-7416 - wk 281-328-2936 - hm

## “FRIED” ON THE RIDE TO FRIDAY’S

*by Mary Wilkins*

It was a steamy, sultry day on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004. As the riders arrived at the gathering place, they quickly looked for some shade, finding a limited amount along the row of Oleander bushes behind the Cracker Barrel. Nevertheless, they came in unexpected numbers....wiping the drops of perspiration from their brow, then hurriedly rushing to the nearest place to get a cold, thirst quenching, drink.

Why were they there in that 95 degree summer heat? Why? For food of course! GW Wilkins had planned a ride for an early dinner at *TGIFriday’s*.

They readied for the ride and departed, only to immediately find Buddy Ward with starter problems. After a very brief wait, the hungry group of 21 took to the road – the steady pace of the Wings offered a refreshing break from the stiffling heat. Among the riders were three gals on their own “ride”.....Judy Ferguson, Julie Lewis, and Tommy’s squeeze, TiffanyWagers. We smile with pride for those ladies!

Upon arrival at *Friday’s* we were greeted with a special place to park the bikes, and the indoor patio area had been reserved exclusively for the “C” group.....it was “COOL” in more ways than one!

Diane De Loach joined us there, since she is still unable to ride because of surgery. Tom and Nancy Norris, dressed in their finery, ready for church later, were there ahead of us too, because they live “down south”.....and Tommy Van Vactor, fresh from his duties as an MSF instructor at San Jac, joined the rest of us there.....the Ward’s, Beshears, McDaniel’s, DeFoor’s, Cherry’s, Ferguson’s, Jim & Julie Lewis, Tiffany, Pat Burgess, Jim McCormack, Harold DeLoach, Jim Wycoff, and GW & me.

Even though they had quickly consumed many pitchers of cold liquids, the group was anxious to order dinner....which they did, in hurried anticipation of f-o-o-d.

As we were being served, everyone began chowing down, then the waiter came out with a spectacular looking tier of food that caused everyone to stop and look in amazement – it belonged to Ms. Shirley, who was as surprised as everyone else. It was called the *Jack Daniels Tower*, and consisted of a layer each of chicken, shrimp and ribs in a three tiered, black metal tray over a foot tall! This looked like much more food than Shirley had expected, especially since it was listed on the appetizer menu. She sure stole the show with that choice!

Jason, the manager, had come out earlier to greet our group, and later, as we left the restaurant, he told GW that we would be welcomed if we came back every month!

After we had indulged ourselves, and satiated our appetites with some exceptionally good eats, everyone (minus a couple or two), prepared to join Harold DeLoach for a **Dessert Ride**, the second treat of the day!

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**“FRIED” ON THE RIDE TO FRIDAY’S.....** Cont’d by Diane DeLoach  
*by Mary Wilkins and Diane DeLoach*

After the meal at Friday’s, Jim & Julie Lewis (on separate bikes), Jim Wycoff, Randy & Brenda, Mac & Ima, Buddy & Shirley, Pat Burgess, (Berta was on call), Ken & Jo, G.W. & Mary, Tiffany, (with no Tommy), and Jim McCormack followed Harold to the Marble Slab in Galveston for some dessert. Mike & Betty Waddell met us there because they had something to do earlier. I met them there in the car since I still cannot ride. Boy did that air conditioning feel GOOD !!!!!



G.W. fussed at Mary for getting her ice cream on his bike. I think everyone enjoyed their ice cream because it was cool and they were hot from the ride. After eating their ice cream some were ready to ride farther, so they decided on a way home.

Harold was going to take everyone home via the Ferry, but we saw a sign saying that there was an hour wait, so an alternate route was discussed. Everyone decided to head toward Freeport. Some of the ice cream eaters did not go on the ride with us.

We were just outside Galveston but still on the island when Mac lost his alternator. Luckily they found an unused road to pull onto. After checking things only a mechanic would, Mac decided he needed a battery. I took him back to a nearby Wal-Mart where he bought a battery. When we returned, a Galveston County Deputy was assisting, by that time his flashlight came in handy. Of course it was not a motorcycle battery, so Mac rigged it up to get them home. We then went back the short way. Mac did O.K. till he got home. Everything died as he was in the driveway, so out came the muscles and the bike was pushed the rest of the way.



We will have to do this again sometime without the heat.

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A welcome letter to the GWRRA members of Kansas.

It seems like only yesterday that you were a part of Region H. As with all things modern change is a part of life and your move to Region M and then to Region E was a part of the growth of our association. However, we always put the needs of the members first and through your efforts and patience we’ve now embarked on another change.

Welcome back! You’ve always been like the cousins who lived in the next county but now you’re home again and we’re waiting to greet you with lots of hugs and handshakes.

Ed and Carol Nahl  
Sr. Region H Directors

## **Friday 13th —What a Ride!**

By Ima Mc Daniel



First of all, here's the latest up date on Mr. Mac's health. Yes, we found out that he does have a HEART and there is NO problem there. After more testing on his throat, they saw an abnormality at the base of his tongue, which they thought was a tumor. So now it is off to see the throat doctor for a visual look-see. Well guess what, he couldn't see what the x-ray showed but ordered more swallowing test for the next day. Half way through the test the technician said there wasn't any reason to continue on, because there didn't seem to be any obstructions in the throat. We still don't know what caused his problem but we thank God and are very thankful that he's ok and doing fine. We just hope and pray that it doesn't hit him again. Let's face it, he's just WEIRD, but we love him anyway. We just want to thank everyone for their PRAYERS, cards and concerned phone calls. We love all of you our extended GWRRA family.

Now for the ride news. Mr. Mac was so worried that he wasn't going to get to lead his planned dinner ride on Friday the 13th, but he did and what a great turn out we had. There was a total of 40 hungry people that showed up at Cedar Landing on Lake Houston after a nice cool relaxing ride through the back roads of Crosby. Welcome to our visitors Scott & Crystal Hartman, Robert & Peg Hartman, George & Elaine Johnsen Also, we had Steve & Judy Ferguson TX-ADD—District Blood Bank, John & Bonnie Simonick TX-ADD—District Trainer (here to hold a training course) and John ? from Chapter H in San Antonio. He was here to take the course that John and Bonnie were giving on the 14th and 15th.

After much good food and fellowship some of the group went on their way home and the others went over to Dayton for a stop at DQ for ice cream. There was more visiting going on and having a good time before departing home. By this time it was in the 60's and I saw several putting on jackets before we left, us included. We really did enjoy leading the group and thank everyone for taking the time out to join us. Looking forward to doing it again soon.

We won't be at the September meeting because we will be in Red River, New Mexico having FUN. We'll give you a report when we get home.

*Remember, don't ride faster than your guardian angel can fly.*



# 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	<b>Region "H" Rally</b>	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	<b>Mississippi District Rally</b>	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
<b>Jan. 8 2005</b>	<b>Texas District Staff Meeting</b>	<b>Inn of Hills Kerrville, TX</b>	<b>Breeze &amp; Carolyn Hoadley breezech@gte.net</b>	<b>940-243-5237</b>
Mar. 5 2005	TX "S" 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Armadillo Roundup	Montgomery County, TX	Jim & Ginger Bell JimBell@cebridge.net	936-856-3835
<b>Mar. 12 2005</b>	<b>TX "C" Luck "O" the Irish Rally</b>	<b>Eastside Honda Baytown, TX</b>	<b>Buddy &amp; Shirley Ward vhshq@ev1.net</b>	<b>281-426-2589</b>
Mar. 26 2005	TX "X-2" 6 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party	Bear Creek Park, Houston, TX	Greg & Deborah Decker chapterdirector@TXX2.org	281-477-0115
Apr. 7-9 2005	<b>Louisiana District Rally</b>	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
<b>May 12-14 2005</b>	<b>Texas District Rally</b>	<b>MPECenter Wichita Falls, TX</b>	<b>Breeze &amp; Carolyn Hoadley breezech@gte.net</b>	<b>940-243-5237</b>
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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# SEPTEMBER 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 <i>“C” Meeting</i> 7:30 pm	3	4
				ANPAC Motorcycle Jubilee, Nashville, TN		
5	6	7	8	9 Tookies Dinner Ride 6:30 CB	10	11 MD Anderson Cancer Ride
ANPAC Motorcycle Jubilee						Antique Car & Motorcycle Show, Dayton
12	13	14	15	16	17 Mark’s Campout, San Antonio, KOA	18 50’s Show Liberty, TX TX “M-2” Poker Run, Woodlands
19 Northwest Honda Columbus Ride 10 am	20	21 <i>“C” Plan Meet Luby’s</i> 7:00 pm	22	23	24	25 50’s Show, Dayton
				Lone Star Rally, Galveston, TX		
				Wings Over The Smokies, Fletcher, NC		
26 Lone Star Rally	27	28	29	30		
				Region H Rally, Longview, TX 9/30 - 10/2		



# OCTOBER 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
					Region H Rally Longview, TX	
3	4	5	6	7 <i>“C” Meeting 7:30 pm</i>	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
				Mississippi District Rally Biloxi, MS		
17	18	19 <i>“C” Plan Meet Luby’s</i>	20	21	22	23
				Horrorween Campout, TX “J” Wolf Creek Park, Lake Livingston		
				Biketoberfest Bike Week, Daytona Beach, FL		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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