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CD'S CORNER

GWRRA in Texas is experiencing some bumps in the road in regarding to fund raising. It seems there is a problem with the Attorney General of the state of Texas. You may have heard that there will be no more poker runs or 50/50 drawings to raise money to operate the Chapter. There are many lawyers and other concerned individuals working on this problem. These problems will be resolved and it will be business as usual. You may see changes in how these things are handled in order to conform to law. The one thing that they can't take away is having fun. Chapter M is committed to the task of having fun and this will not change; so let not your heart be troubled.

January has already seen a great start in or journey for a

fun 2006 with the New Year's ride getting us off to a great start. We had 36 bikes and 7 trikes with 68 riders/co-riders leave IHOP that Sunday morning. Dan Roady and his family joined us at Bob Luby's for lunch. It was a great ride and a sight to be hold with all bikes and trikes riding together for the New Year.

We have had a very good First Aid and CPR class that was attended by twenty-four Chapter M members. I would like to thank Nina Thomas for teaching a really great class and Bill Koegler for making the arrangements and setting it up. The clubhouse that Sylvia and Marvin reserved for us was an almost perfect facility for the class.

Our Chapter Educator has resigned due the demands of his job. Bill just doesn't feel that he can adequately devote

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the time needed to perform at the level that he wants. Bill has done an excellent job as Chapter Educator and deserves all our thanks for being there for us. We have named a new Chapter Educator. JD and Lou Ann Walker have agreed to take the job. There will be a period of training for them to learn what needs to be done and all the procedures of executing their office. Bill has agreed to help with the transition. Let's all give them our support and encouragement.

I would like to congratulate Bill and Alicia Koegler. As a result of their good work for Chapter M in 2005, Bill has received an award for Outstanding Chapter Educator. There were only five of these awards given at the District Staff Meeting. We are all proud of the job that they have done.

There are plans being made to start a new Chapter of GWRRA in Granbury, TX. On

Saturday, the 14th, there was a meeting held at The Golden Corral in Granbury. I understand there were about 30 people in attendance. This new Chapter will need support from the local Chapters in order to get off to a good start. It is not every day you get the opportunity to see a Chapter being born and watching it grow. I know that Chapter M will be there for encouragement and support.

Everyone start thinking about the bowling tournament in February with Chapters W2 and R. The time remains to be worked out so check the web site for the meeting time. We will also send out a message on email once the time has been settled. I understand there may be other Chapters interested in joining the fun.

Ride safe and ride often,
Gary and Biker Bev

Ye Ole Ride Schedule

February

Chapter Meeting	Thu	2 nd	Spring Creek BBQ	7:00 PM
Lunch Ride	Sun	5 th	LV IHOP	10:00 AM
Staff Meeting	Wed	8 th	Fire Mountain	7:00 PM
Dinner Ride to Babe's	Sat	11 th	LV IHOP	2:00 PM
Co-Rider Dinner Ride	Sun	19 th	LV IHOP	10:00 AM
Bowling Tournament w/Chap W2 and Chap R (Check Time on Chapter M Web Site)	Sat	25 th	LV IHOP	TBD

March

Chapter Meeting	Thu	2 nd	Spring Creek BBQ	7:00 PM
Tag Team Lunch Ride	Sun	5 th	LV IHOP	10:00 AM
Staff Meeting	Wed	8 th	Fire Mountain	7:00 PM
Ride to Granbury Live	Sat	11 th	LV IHOP	1:00 PM
St. Patrick Day Ride to Dublin	Sun	19 th	LV IHOP	8:00 AM
Region Rally, Marshal, TX	Thu	23 rd - 25 th		

IHOP - On US287 South of FM157, Mansfield, TX

**Chapter Meeting 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM,
Dinner at 6:00 PM Meeting at 7:00 PM
Spring Creek Barbeque, 1724 HWY 287 (at Debbie Lane), Mansfield, TX**



FEBRUARY 2006

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SPECIAL DATES

February 2006

Birthdays

Martha Barron	1st
Wayne Roberts	1st
Jan Brocius	4th
Pat Rodgers	5th
Mike Gardner	28th
Jim Lindsay	28th
Barbie Peterson	28th

Anniversaries

Norman and Sandra Robinson	3rd
Mike and Nancy Gardner	4th
Warren and Cindy Burt	10th
Keith and Mary Tyler	14th
Ken and Barbie Peterson	19th
Sam and Cathy Smith	24th

involved. Many who ride motorcycles say it is not a matter of "if" but a matter of "when" a rider will be involved in a life threatening confrontation with another vehicle, obstacle, animal, road condition or pedestrian. My time was 9:21 a.m. on September 21.

I can remember saying to myself "he's coming out." I can remember aiming for the back of the car hoping that I would clear it. I remember the sound of my skidding tires. I can remember glancing at my speedometer...48.

I remember the sound of impact. I even remember for a brief time everything going in slow motion. Then there I was, a statistic lying on my back on the side of the road on an otherwise perfectly good day gasping for air and the right side of my chest hurting. The Ellis County sheriff, police and ambulance were on the scene in a matter of minutes. I was asked what seemed like hundreds of questions about my name and where I was. I had remained conscious through the impact and aftermath, which in hind sight might have been better to just close my eyes and sleep through the next ten hours.

In the collision with the Lincoln, I had sustained five broken ribs. All, in one form or another, had punctured my right lung causing it to collapse, broke both bones in my right forearm, cracked my right shoulder blade and received moderate road rash on my right arm and side. In any case my injuries were moderate and not considered life threatening. It was a survivable accident and I had survived. Maybe my survival was due to all the training and maybe it was just by the grace of God but I had made it. It was in a small part due to my wearing minimal safety gear.

MY WRECK

On September 21, 2005, a friend of mine and I were riding our motorcycles southeast on Hwy. 287 in Ellis County. It was 9:21 a.m. when the Lincoln Towncar went through two stops signs before trying to cross Hwy. 287 in front of us. We could see him clearly to our left. We thought he was going to try to merge left but instead he just kept on across the intersection. I have ridden a motorcycle for a large majority of my life. I've gone through all the safety training and practice defensive motorcycle operation. I have never been involved in an accident or even come close to being



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There was a short ambulance ride to the Ellis County Medical Center emergency room where I was stabilized. There was a short flight to Harris Methodist Hospital onboard a medical helicopter. Three hours of gurney-travel wheeled in and out of CAT scan and x-ray rooms. Blood drawing, medications and intravenous tubes, questions, questions and more questions, finally surgery on my broken arm, a drain tube inserted into my right lung and recovery in intensive care. After a couple of days I was moved to a room. I began to piece things together. Thankfully the other guy had insurance but as I had found out there are degrees of insured. He had the minimum insurance required by the State of Texas to legally drive. Minimum is the key word. The most his insurance would pay for my healthcare and was legally required to pay was \$20,000. The helicopter flight alone was thirteen-thousand dollars.

I tried to rethink my choices in an attempt to avoid the accident. When I realized he wasn't going to stop I changed lanes and began to slow.

When he entered the intersection I began hard braking and I could feel the rear tire sliding. I saw the rear of the car and that's where I pointed the bike. Within a split second there was impact.

I did retain the legal services of one of those "I'll work hard to get every dollar you deserve" attorneys. After he discovered that this was a minimum liability case he quickly turned the case down.

I had been unemployed for over a year and had recently found part-time employment. Being part-time there are no health or vacation benefits so I missed about four weeks of work and pay. I am on limited work duties for the next four to six weeks.

To review; This driver ran two stop signs, which led to an injury collision, damaged another vehicle, caused bodily injury which required surgery and hospital stay. The medical bill from Ellis County was about \$900 which was only for x-rays. The bill from Harris was \$55K. There are and will be follow ups. So the total cost of this accident currently is approximately \$70K. The

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driver who cause the accident didn't even get a citation. He stated on the police report that he didn't see the last stop sign he ran however there were three passengers in his vehicle that repeatedly told him to stop and told the officer at the scene. Isn't there a point system in place in Texas? Doesn't the point system directly reflect on your driver's license and insurance costs? Again, this guy didn't even get a citation.

It seems to me that the insurance companies need to raise the minimum liability to something based in reality. There is no way an individual can be admitted to any hospital, in this day and time, for a minimal fee. I assume that they are counting on a large percentage of drivers purchasing Personal Injury Protection (PIP) or Uninsured/Underinsured protection on their own policies to cover those who can only afford minimal liability coverage. I am thankful he did have some insurance and I'm thankful I have good medical coverage. If I had not had medical insurance I would have been taken to the county hospital and my care would have been the burden of the tax payers. After recovery I would have been, and may still be, in the bankruptcy line. I believe that the minimum coverage liability insurance should require is fifty-thousand dollars. Even this amount would not have covered even my injuries. If I had sustained more serious injuries, I'd still be in the hospital and the cost of my care could have easily reached into the hundreds of thousands.

Surely by now, we all know that the cost of health care is out of control everywhere and no one is

really doing anything about it. There needs to be some accountability by the insurance companies to require policy holders to carry a responsible and adequate amount of coverage, or possibly an adjustment to the State requirement. It should not matter what type of vehicle you drive. Motorcycling is not always for recreation. As gas prices increase so will the number of individuals seeking economical transportation and motorcycling is only one of those choices. In 2004, the number of motorcycles sold in the U.S. reached an all time high. Along with the sales increase comes an increase in serious injuries and fatalities of motorcycle riders. But the cost of hospital care does not take into consideration how an individual got into the hospital in the first place.

If you ride a motorcycle, although it may be a higher premium, I strongly suggest that you have Personal Injury Protection (PIP) and Uninsured/Underinsured coverage on your motorcycle insurance. Even if you have adequate health insurance through your employer or retirement, you could quickly reach any maximum. Individuals riding on a motorcycle often have little or no protection in the event of an accident; motorcycle crashes, even seemingly minor ones, can result in severe injury, property loss, and death. Around three-quarters of all motorcycle crashes involve another motor vehicle, and two-thirds of these were caused by the motorist failing to yield the right of way. This means that

Other Area Chapter Meetings

"B"	7:30 PM on 1 ST Tuesday Raymond's BBQ, 10920 Garland Road, Dallas
"F2"	7:00 PM on 1 st Tuesday, Luby's Cafeteria, 251 University Dr. Ft. Worth
"N"	7:30 PM on 3 rd Wednesday, Spring Creek BBQ, 12835 Preston Rd, Dallas
"R"	7:30 PM on 4 th Tuesday, Spring Creek BBQ, 315 HWY 114, Grapevine
"U2"	9:00 AM on 3 rd Saturday, Golden Corral, SW Corner of I-820 and HWY 26, Keller
"W2"	7:30 PM on 3 rd Thursday, Peels Steak House, 2004 Howard Rd, Waxahachie
"Z2"	7:00 PM on 4 th Thursday, Steak Kountry Family Restaurant, McKinney

approximately half of all motorcycle crashes are caused by motorists who "didn't see" the motorcyclists. Considering the severity of injuries normally sustained by motorcyclists in motorcycle crashes, failure of motorists to see a motorcycle is a very serious problem.

Victims of motorcycle crashes are around 14 times more likely to be killed in a motor vehicle crash than persons in a passenger vehicle. More than 80 percent of all reported motorcycle accidents result in injury or death to the motorcyclist. Even if the motorcyclist manages to survive, injuries sustained in motorcycle crashes are often severe and require long rehabilitation periods and expensive treatment. Comprehensive insurance industry data regarding motorcycle crashes shows that 23% of motorcycle claimants have injuries in multiple locations, 18% suffer head injuries with permanent disability, and 10% of claimants have injuries to the back or spine as the result of their motorcycle crashes. Some of these injuries result in permanent paraplegia or quadriplegia. These statistics mean that 50% of motorcycle accident claimants sustain life-threatening injuries from which they may never recover.

This information may make it seem simple for victims of motorcycle crashes to recover funds from the responsible parties for medical bills, lost wages, and other damages. But even with the statistics showing the serious nature of injuries caused by motorcycle crashes and the tendency for these collisions to be the fault of another vehicle, many jurors are biased against motorcyclists. This makes it critical for persons involved in motorcycle crashes to retain an attorney who understands the special nature of these types of accidents and can clearly explain

them to the jury. Victims of motorcycle crashes often require long-term expensive medical care, and the ability of their attorney to secure these funds is of paramount importance. A lawyer with experience representing motorcyclists involved in motorcycle crashes can help you determine the merits of your case, and secure your financial situation.

Randy Scoggins

TRIKER NEWS

What is Trike SIG? It is easy to get involved and so enthused about it that you begin to make Trike SIG something it is not. For sure it is not a separate organization from GWRRA. Most of us are very active in one or more chapters and that is the way it should be. Since we have a special interest in trikes we have become a part of Trike SIG. What you should expect from Trike SIG is a lot of information about trikes. You get this information from places like this article and others if you can find them. The Trike SIG message board is at:

<http://bbs.gwrra.org/board/messages/15/15.html?1067007162> ;

and, the Trike SIG webpage is at:

<http://sig.gwrra.org/trike/> .

Of course, we will have some fun with Trike Hikes and seminars at District Rallies, Region Rallies and Wing Dings. The whole purpose is to keep you informed about what is going on in the world of Trikes. If you do not find enough

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information or rides to suit you within GWRRA, try www.trikes.org, there you will find some Trike specific information and some rallies dedicated to Trikes.

Have you ever wondered what you would do if you got your trike stuck in the mud, sand or snow? One of our readers has offered this suggestion. I make no guarantees whether it will work or not. I only offer this as a possible solution. After all you are stuck anyway so give it a try. You need to ascertain that you do not have a posi-traction or limited slip axle. Just hold your front brake and accelerate. If just one wheel spins you are in business and you have determined that you are really stuck. ☺ Now release the front brake and apply the rear brake. This will prevent the wheel from spinning and allow the opposite wheel to pull you out of the mud, sand or snow. You may have to adjust the pressure on the brake to make this to work. Good Luck.

IT DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER THAN THIS!

Ron Tolson

CHANGES IN RIDER EDUCATION

Effective immediately there are no longer any renewal fees for any of the levels of Rider Education. Also for you Level IV's the Home Office will no longer notify you that it is time to renew your Level IV.

Renewals are due in January of every year. Simply go to your Chapter Educator and show him your credentials. He will fill out the paperwork and send it to the District Educator. If you want a hanger bar you will need to give him a check for \$2.00; make the check out to GWRRA Texas Rider Ed.

All Level IV applications as well as all other paperwork goes through the Chapter Educator.

JD and Lou Ann Walker
Chapter Educators



TEXAS HISTORY

Texas has a long history; many of the historical sites are in the north Texas area. These sites are ideal for a one day motorcycle ride.

We started this series several months ago and as space in the newsletter is available, we will continue to identify some of the more interesting places to visit; and, we will plan Chapter rides to these places.

The Woody Cabin

This cabin, built in Wise County in 1854, is reported to be the first built in the county. Mr. Sam Woody left Tennessee in the 1840s, as he felt the opportunities for a livelihood would be better elsewhere. He and his wife embarked on a raft on the Tennessee River, floated down to the Mississippi, to the Louisiana banks, and from there he went across country to Shreveport. His first stop in Texas was in Upshur County, but in 1849 he left that county and arrived in Fort Worth. In the autumn of 1853, in the company of Jim Mann and Ben Crews, he found what afterwards was called Boyd's Valley, and located the place he wished to settle his household, since there was an abundance of game, fish and good grass. He returned to Fort Worth, and in April, 1854, returned to the selected spot with his wife and two sons, Will and Drew. However, upon arrival found his selected

site preempted by Tom McCarroll, who directed him further north, and there he found the site the cabin now occupies.

Here on the banks of historic Deep Creek, Mr. Woody began to build his home, with the help of relatives John and Jim Mann (some accounts say John and Jim Woody; however, the Manns have always contended it was John and Jim Mann, and this seems likely, as they settled at the same time in the vicinity). The house was built of logs from the area.

When finished, the home was the one lone structure in a wild land hundreds of miles square, which had already begun to attract the attention of Eastern and Southern immigrants. The Woody home became the one abode to which incoming people could resort for comfort, cheer and protection. On a dreary winter's night, just before Christmas of the first year (1854), eighteen tired and weary guests lay down to slumber in this sixteen-foot room. Wrapped in their blankets, they lay stretched before a roaring fire, which was fed throughout the night by their host.

Mr. Woody is quoted as having said "The prettiest sight I ever saw is a new country, where man has never been and which is just as the Great God of Heaven left it; where every stream is full of fish and every hollow tree is gorged with honey. The wild life and nature at first hand suited me."

There was never any trouble with the Indians and they traded frequently with them.

The cabin began to need a new roof and some other repair work, and in the early 1970s the Wise County Historical Commission and the Wise County Historical Society, Inc., secured the permission of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Acola (she is the former Marion Woody,, granddaughter of Mr. Sam Woody) to put on a new roof. The Wise County Commissioner of the precinct, Mr. Clayton Hays, caused the six-foot chain link fence to be erected around it, and an historical marker was secured.

The first marker was stolen, and found several years later in a trash can in Oklahoma, after another marker had been ordered.

Charlene Vickers

MAINTENANCE TIP

We have had "rider friendly" weather so far this winter and spring is just around the corner. With a little bit of rain and some warm sunshine, the fields and hills around Texas will be a splendor of color in a couple of months. We are approaching the best time of year to ride the motorcycles. Mother Nature is getting ready.....is your bike ready for the spring rides?

The motorcycle battery is a common failure item on a motorcycle and extending the life of the battery requires only a little care.

The trickle charger is a must accessory in the garage; it keeps the battery topped off so when you are ready to take that ride you have waited all week to do; the battery is fully charged and ready to light off your trusty steed; or is it? When did you check the water level in your battery last? Neglect your battery and it will make the spring ride to the hill country an event you would rather forget.

I had maintained the battery on my bike on the trickle charger all through last fall when we weren't riding and the bike started without a stutter as I was headed to Irving to join the GWRRA Toy run in December. All was well until, I got tied up in stop and go traffic on I-20 due to an accident just past the Collins Street off-ramp. I was relegated to virtually walking my bike as traffic crawled down the interstate for about a quarter mile. I was about 20 yards from the Collins Street off ramp; traffic was stopped; and I turned off my bike ignition. When I hit the starter to start the bike, the starter load took the power down on the battery below the point that it would turn the starter.

The problem was two fold; first, the load on the battery was heavier than usual; I had my headlights and running lights on along with the radios and heated gloves. Second, I hadn't maintained the water level in the battery; I found out later the water level was almost half way down so the battery couldn't maintain a full charge particularly in the slow traffic.

The result, the low battery wouldn't start the motorcycle; the total load on the battery was more than the battery could support with the low water level; and, the charging system operating on

idle for the half hour while I was stuck in the slow traffic. As luck would have it, Rick and Ida Bierman were coming up the frontage road and Rick came to my rescue by jump starting my bike using the battery on his motorcycle.

I turned off the running lights and disconnected the heated gloves and was able to support the Toy Run and get home without further problems.

We had a similar event on the New Years Day ride. One of the trikes was unable to start after sitting with the ignition on and motor off for about 15 minutes; they had running lights on along with the headlights and radios on and the battery wouldn't start the bike when they got ready to leave. I don't know if the water level was too low in their battery as it was in mine but leaving the ignition on with the motor off can be bad news when you are ready to leave.

The two biggest power draws on your battery are the headlights and running lights. Between these two sets of lights, you are pulling over 200 watts of power from the battery; that is over 16 amps every second; the battery power won't last that long on a Gold Wing with that much power draw without being continuously charged.

The maintenance tip for this month is actually two tips; check the water in your battery periodically as the water level will decrease over time as the battery is being charged whether it is by the charging system on the bike or a trickle charger.

Second; your battery was not designed for all of the lights we hang on the bike, so when you are not running the engine on the bike but want to listen to the radio or CB while stopped, turn off the running lights and turn your ignition switch to the "accessory" position; that way the lights are turned off and you can still listen to the radio and CB without pulling the power on your battery down below the level that will turn the starter.

These two tips come from a position of "been there and done that" and having seen others who learned the hard way.

Ride safe and keep it between the lines.

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