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MARCH 2006



CD's CORNER

Our first meeting, using our new fund raising format, went very well. I can't remember a meeting where tickets were sold so fast and orderly. Thank you Don and Charlene Vickers for your work on getting this put together so well. Thank you Chapter M for making our new format go smoothly. We will not miss a step but move forward to the goal of making this year one of our best. Remember, your suggestions are welcome and will be considered.

The second month of '06 has slipped away and it has been a bittersweet experience for Chapter M. We have been blessed with many people dedicated to making our Chapter the success that it is. From time to time we are blessed with people who are unconditional GWRRA members. These people

love their Chapter so much that they will go beyond the normal expectation of volunteer workers. Chapter M is blessed with many of these people. One of the couples that fit into this niche is Marvin and Sylvia Andrews. As most know, Marvin's job has changed. His work week starts on Thursday and ends on Sunday. To make matters worse, he works the second shift. This makes it impossible for him to attend meetings or go on weekend rides. For this reason, they have decided to step down. Beverly and I want to thank them from the bottom of our hearts for what they have contributed to this great Chapter. On this note, we are not going to let them just go off into the sunset. We would like the Chapter to encourage them to stay in touch and to attend as many of our activities as they can.

Chapter M will be

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cosponsoring a Trike course. If you are interested in taking this course, contact Ron Tolson. He will be needing eight students on a Saturday and eight on Sunday. With all the Trikes we now have in our Chapter along with the Trike SIG and other area Chapters, these slots will fill fast. By the time you read this, dates and times will have been announced. Another training event will be set up soon after the Region Rally.

A Road Captain's Course will be set up for our Chapter. Everyone who likes to group ride should take this course. Ken Peterson will be certified to teach this course and we will work with him in getting this done.

Chapter M has chosen a mascot. It will be a green M&M character. His name is Moon Doggie.

Ride Safe and Ride Often
Gary and Bev Lewis

"The world is a book and those who do not travel, read only one page."
St. Augustine (354-430AD)
"Well, motorcycles turn the book of the world into a page turner, one that is often impossible to put down."
Mark Tuttle, Jr.

Ye Ole Ride Schedule

March

Chapter Meeting	Thu	2 nd	Spring Creek BBQ	7:00 PM
Trike Class (323 E. Airport HWY, Bedford)	Sat	4 th	ADLIB	8:00 AM
Trike Class (323 E. Airport HWY, Bedford)	Sun	5 th	ADLIB	8:00 AM
Tag Team Lunch Ride	Sun	5 th	LV FINA	10:00 AM
Staff Meeting	Wed	8 th	Fire Mountain	7:00 PM
Ride to Granbury Live (Pickup Tickets @ 12:30; Show "God Bless Texas" at 1:00)	Sat	11 th	LV FINA	11:00 AM
St. Patrick Day Ride to Dublin (Parade Lineup 8:30; Parade 9:00)	Sat	18 th	LV FINA	6:00 AM
Ride to Region Rally - Marshall, TX (Exxon corner Great Southwest and I-20)	Fri	24 th	LV EXXON	12:00 PM

April

LCR Ride (Sam Leads)	Sun	2 nd	LV FINA	11:00 AM
Dinner Ride	Sat	8 th	LV FINA	4:00 PM
Louisiana District Rally, Lafayette, LA	Thu-Sat	6 th -8 th		ADLIB
Ride to Chapter P Kickoff Rally, Granbury	Sat	15 th	LV FINA	TBD
Ride to Chapter O Rally, Brownwood	Sat	29 th	LV Slick Willy	7:00 AM

FINA Station - 1721 FM 157 West of US-287, 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**



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SPECIAL DATES

March 2006

Birthdays

Hilda Hatter	5th
Sam Smith	7th
Marvin Andrews	11th
Nancy Terry	11th
Judy Popko	16th
Neal Slawinski	28th
Angie Bowen	29th
Bill Koegler	29th

Anniversaries

Dennis and Carolyn Martini	19th
James and Bodil Overtree	20th
Hylon and Carmen Alford	26th
Gary and Beverly Lewis	26th

only official shirts for Chapter M.

The staff decided to have this drawing to promote Chapter M, and one of the best ways to promote our chapter is to wear chapter shirts with our chapter's name and logo. Since we are part of GWRRA, we proudly wear Texas M, Region H and GWRRA on our green shirts.

The staff hopes everyone understands this and wears their chapter shirts proudly to all of our chapter functions and rides. You never know when we are on a ride if someone might ask us where Chapter M is located and they may want to join our fun.

Let's continue to help Chapter M grow and most of all...have fun! **(009782)**

Thanks,
Sandy Lindsay
Chapter shirt drawing chairperson

CHAPTER SHIRT DRAWING

We are having such a great response to our chapter shirt drawing and the staff wants to thank everyone for participating and making Chapter M really stand out when we ride. At this time the staff has decided to clarify which shirts are considered official Chapter M shirts.

Tickets are given out at each meeting for members who wear one of the Chapter M T-shirts on rides and at meetings. Either the green T-shirt (with the Moonlighters logo on the back, and Texas M, GWRRA & Region H on the front); or the long sleeve white T-shirt (small Moonlighters emblem on upper left corner of the front, with Texas M down the sleeve.) At this time, these two t-shirts are the

ACD CORNER -Lindsay

We're baaaaaaack!!

Yes, that's right, we are back...and we just keep showing up like an old penny. LOL! Since a change in work schedules has prevented Sylvia and Marvin Andrews from fulfilling their ACD obligations, we have decided to bite the bullet and come back as ACD's. All kidding aside, we will miss Sylvia & Marvin and are sorry they can't attend our meetings and rides. We will try to fill their shoes; just don't expect us to tell great stories like Sylvia did! Gary and Bev have accepted us back as ACD's and we will continue to represent Chapter M with pride.

Jim & Sandy Lindsay



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GWRRA NUMBER SEARCH

Chapter M is an affiliate of the national Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) and riders with the chapter are encouraged to join GWRRA. To bring attention to our goal of maximizing our GWRRA membership, we are instituting a contest effective with this newsletter. Each month, the GWRRA number for a Chapter M member will be randomly selected and put in one of the articles in the newsletter. If you find the number in the newsletter and it is your GWRRA membership number, then bring your membership card to the next chapter meeting and show it to the Chapter Director and you will receive a free Raffle Ticket.

A wise man once said; "No Tickle, No Laundry" and that applies here; you must be at the next chapter meeting; and, have a current GWRRA membership to be eligible to receive the prize if your GWRRA number is found in the newsletter.

The membership numbers are selected at random from the sign-in sheet information; so,

check the information we have on the sign-in sheet to make sure your membership number is listed and is the correct number. If you have let your membership expire then please mark though the number on the sign-in sheet so our records are maintained current and your number doesn't get used in place of a current member's number.

Good luck andmay the number be with you.

PONDERISMS

I used to eat a lot of natural foods, until I learned that most people die of natural causes

Gardening Rule: When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it; if it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant

Yesterday is History. Tomorrow is a Mystery.
Today is a Gift. - Scotty

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RIDER EDUCATION

Hello fellow goldwingers, as the new Chapter Ride Educator I wanted to make sure that you have "ICE" in your cell phones. No, I'm not talking about putting your cell phone in the freezer or riding in cold weather. For those of you that don't know what ICE means and did not attend the CPR class, ICE stands for "In Case of Emergency". What this means is that on the speed dial of your cell phone you need to have emergency contact numbers so if you have an accident and the fire department or ambulance personnel need to contact someone about you, due to you being unconscious or severely injured, they can go to your phone and find who you have listed as the first person to contact. This saves valuable time when they are trying to find the next of kin, a close relative, or a close friend to let them know what has happened and where you are being transported.

So, if everyone would please put an emergency contact phone number under the name ICE in your cell phone, the emergency personnel can dial that number and pass on the information to the appropriate party. If

you have more than one person to contact or in the case the first person can't be contacted, then list additional numbers under ICE 1, ICE 2, and so forth. List them in order that you would want them called.

Ron Tolson identified a website to me that you will find beneficial, www.medids.com. The website allows you to make a medical ID card to carry in your wallet and on your bike. You can put down prescriptions that you take and the dosages for each prescription; just follow the information that is listed. Please be sure and do these things that I have listed for your safety in case of an emergency.

I would like to thank our officers for asking LouAnn and myself to be apart of this chapter as Chapter Educators. We will try to do as good as Bill and Alicia have done in keeping the records current and providing information that will make your riding safer and more enjoyable.

Lets Ride, Be Safe and Have Fun.

J.D. and LouAnn Walker
 Chapter Educators

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

SUNSHINE SPOT.....

Hi!! This is your Sunshine Lady reporting in....

I want to officially thank Chapter M for their warm response to me, as Sunshine Lady. There is no way I could ever hope to fill the shoes of former SL Cindy Burt. She's quite a special lady! However, I will try. It is my goal to add to the already positive and friendly atmosphere that Chapter M is known for and I hope to accomplish that in the following ways:

1. Continue to send out cards and notes to those having birthdays, anniversaries, and to those who are ill or hospitalized.
2. I'll add to that: HELLO greeting cards to all the first time visitors at each Chapter meeting.
3. Calls or cards to those who have missed 3 meetings in a row. (I do that because I have heard people say "I missed meetings and no one noticed".) We all like to know that people care and I will do my best to express the concern of the Chapter when participants aren't heard from in awhile.
4. Focusing on the GOOD NEWS in participant's lives (i.e., new bikes, new grandbabies, finally getting that degree...) as well as the times of crisis. As friends and fellow Goldwingers, we want to support one another thru the tough times and rejoice together over the victories and good times of life!!

So, as you can see I have my "work" cut out for me. However there is a catch... (You were waiting for it right??) **In order for me to "do my job" I will need to get information. So... give me a call or send me an email if you have information to share with the group.**

Please keep in mind: District Rally is in May and we are looking for participants to help with the Talent Show.... We will enter a skit in the serious, as well as the comedy categories.... The theme is Denim and Diamonds.... Email me if you have questions or if you are willing to help Chapter M... WIN!!!!

We do want to continue to send positive support to Moonlighters: Hilda Hatter and Joanne Hickox, both of whom experienced the loss of a loved one this past month. Our thoughts are with you.

Until later,

Harolyn Ellis
Email:ellisbikerbabe@yahoo.com
Cell: 817-202-7771

AGE RISING IN MOTORCYCLE DEATHS

A motorcycle accident used to be a young man's way to the morgue - the teen rebel living fast and dying young. That was another century. Now crash victims are increasingly likely to have gray hair and grandchildren.

While motorcycle fatalities among all riders have gone up in the past few years, deaths among those 40 and older have more than doubled. Riders in that age group now account for almost half of all fatalities.

Statistics released in August by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration show the extent of the change. In 1990, 15

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percent of motorcycle fatalities involved riders 40 and older. By last year, the percentage had risen to 46 percent. One statistic that has held steady over the decades is that about 90 percent of those killed are male.

From 1988 to 1992, motorcycle fatalities among those 40 and older never exceeded 500. Last year, they accounted for 1,674 of the 3,661 total deaths.

In part, the increased risk to older riders simply reflects that there are more of them on the road. Other possible factors include alcohol use and reluctance to wear helmets and a potentially lethal combination of age and inexperience.

Rae Tyson, spokesman for the NHTSA, said government officials don't fully understand the increased fatalities among older Americans because there hasn't been a comprehensive study of what causes motorcycle accidents since the 1970s.

Courtesy of
Star Telegram
Fort Worth, Texas

Why We Ride

Automobile drivers and non-touring riders alike wonder why we're out there punishing ourselves for what must seem like endless days, merely to get somewhere an automobile could take us much more comfortably. Yet, strange as they may be, there are reasons why we tour. Let's begin by agreeing with the suspicions of non-initiates: touring riders are different. What's acceptable and easy does not matter to us. Motorcycles possess the active virtues of braking, acceleration, and handling, plus a view and a mystique. The motorcycle's appeal always has been located not in the head, but in the heart and guts. Likewise, there lies the answer to why we tour. Touring riders, because we are such a long way from the stable, can't duck home when the weather frowns. We experience more intensely the emotions of riding because we ride under changing skies. We feel the elation of rolling through a curvy, sunny day; we face the subdued anxiety when it clouds over, the desperation when the rain roars at us in a moving, silvery wave, the sense of relief when the downpour stops and the

sky brightens.

Touring is different. Alone on tour? Solo maybe, but never alone for long. Other bikers wave and nod. Children in cars peek over the window ledges and grin, giving pudgy-armed, two-finger waves. Gas pump sages are quick with questions and gossip. "How you like your bike? Just get it? Where you from and where you headed? It's good and it's friendly and it's appreciated. Waitresses flirt just a little and share intimate bits of information, like what's good on the menu. Why do people pay more attention to motorcycle tourers? Possibly it's because the American majority has always revered lunacy. (Remember, this is from 1980) What else could explain the ratings of "Real People", the celebrity status of Billy Carter and the popularity of programs by Chuck Barris. Face it; there is something loony about taking on the road and the weather with nothing but a duffel bag and a few threads between you and the elements. The sight of touring riders may well awaken in others those long-suppressed desires for the roaming life glamorized by writers Zane Grey and Ernest Hemingway. Long haul motorcycles represent too many people their dreams of chucking it all and drifting like a seed to no place in particular. Just as space abhors a vacuum, so do our senses. Deprive them of their emotional and sensual inputs and starvation sets in. One reason I enjoy touring is for those clear, rushing, unobstructed sensory inputs which whirl around and through me. I become part of them. Touring is a declaring of life and a road test of our inner selves.

The answer to why we do it lies not in our equipment, but in our hearts and in our guts. Touring is my declaration that I am alive!

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Submitted by Mike Dwyer

SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT

Marriage changes passion. Suddenly you're in bed with a relative.

I saw a woman wearing a sweat shirt with "Guess" on it. So I said "Implants?" She hit me.

How come we choose from just two people to run for president and 50 for Miss America?

A good friend will come and bail you out of jail...but, a true friend will be sitting next to you saying, "Darn...that was fun!"

I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose-fitting clothing.....If I HAD any loose-fitting clothing, I wouldn't have signed up in the First place!

When I was young we used to go "skinny dipping," now I just "chunky dunk."

Don't argue with an idiot; people watching may not be able to tell the difference.

Wouldn't it be nice if whenever we messed up our life we could simply Press 'Ctrl Alt Delete' and start all over? AMEN, AMEN !!

Why is it that our children can't read a Bible in school, but they can in prison?

Bumper sticker of the year: "If you can read this, thank a teacher -and, since it's in English, thank a soldier!!

A true friend is someone who reaches for your hand and touches your heart.

TWENTY ONE STEPS

ONE. Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully.

TWO. Marry a man/woman you love to talk to. As you get older, their conversational skills will be as important as any other.

THREE. Don't believe all you hear, spend all you have, or sleep all you want.

FOUR. When you say, "I love you," mean it.

FIVE. When you say, "I'm sorry," look the person in the eye.

SIX. Be engaged at least six months before you get married.

SEVEN. Believe in love at first sight.

EIGHT. Never laugh at anyone's dream. People who don't have dreams don't have much.

NINE. Love deeply and passionately. You might get hurt but it's the only way to live life completely.

TEN. In disagreements, fight fairly. No name calling.

ELEVEN. Don't judge people by their relatives.

TWELVE. Talk slowly but think quickly.

THIRTEEN. When someone asks you a question you don't want to answer, smile and ask, "Why do you want to know?"

FOURTEEN. Remember that great love and great achievements involve great risk.

FIFTEEN. Say "bless you" when you hear someone sneeze.

SIXTEEN. When you lose, don't lose the lesson.

SEVENTEEN. Remember the three R's: Respect for self; Respect for others; and Responsibility for all your actions.

EIGHTEEN. Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.

NINETEEN. When you realize you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.

TWENTY. Smile when picking up the phone; the caller will hear it in your voice.

TWENTY ONE. Spend some time alone.

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