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MAY 2006

## CD's CORNER

It's really great to see so many participating in our group rides. We normally have about as many people go on rides as we have in our meetings. Thanks to Sam and those who have been helping on the rides. Sam has been very innovative in coming up with new ideas to keep rides from being boring.

As we get more new members and larger groups, it is evident that we need more training. We will be having a Road Captain's Course and an ERC course but in a discussion at the last Staff Meeting, we came up with the idea of devoting an entire Chapter M Meeting to safe group riding. We are very fortunate to have Bill Koegler as our Educator. Bill will be, with Sam's help, conducting a training session during the May Meeting. The format of the May Meeting will be different, so if you are getting tired of the meetings being predictable, you will want

to be at the May Meeting to participate and learn some safety tips about group riding.

Someone has not been paying attention to his or her Newsletter. Last month, there were two GWRRA Membership numbers in the Newsletter and they were both at the meeting. This month's meeting will also have two GWRRA numbers so don't forget to check the Newsletter for your GWRRA number in the May edition. If you see yours and let us know before the end of the meeting, you can receive a free raffle ticket.

While the rest of the Chapter was enjoying the Chapter P Kickoff Rally, Beverly and I made a trip to northeast Oklahoma to visit with our oldest son and his family. We came back on Sunday and for the most part, the ride was good. As the day passed, the temperature began to rise. Before we got home, the temperature had

topped the one hundred-degree mark. We did our usual stops for gas and to kick the tires from time to time. We thought we were doing fine until we got home. Beverly started getting sick at her stomach and feeling weak. It seems that we were not re-hydrating as fast as we were dehydrating. With hot weather upon us, we need to plan for it and drink plenty of water and take more breaks to cool down. I am sure Bill will be talking about this as time goes on.

In closing, Beverly and I want to thank everyone that has participated and supported Chapter M. Without you, it can't work.

Ride Safe and Ride Often,  
Gary and Biker Bev

## ACD's Corner - Vickers

**THANK YOU** to the Chapter M participants who have been donating door prizes for our meetings. It is greatly appreciated.

We had a good ride to Granbury for the Chapter P kickoff rally. Chapter M was well represented and our own Bob and Sheila Norton won the grand prize—a set of tires! Way to go!

We have some fun rides and activities planned so keep an eye on the calendar on our web page ([www.moonlighters.name](http://www.moonlighters.name)) as well as emails regarding upcoming rides.

Ride safe,  
Donald and Charlene

Find your GWRRA Number in this Newsletter and you can win a free Raffle Ticket if you show your current GWRRA Membership card to the CD at the chapter meeting. There are two GWRRA numbers in this newsletter.

### DID YOU KNOW.....

- A Goldfish attention span is 3 seconds.
- Beavers can hold their breath underwater for 45 minutes.

## Ye Ole Ride Schedule

### May

Co-Rider Ride	Sun	7 <sup>th</sup>	LV FINA	9:00 AM
Texas District Rally, Kerrville, TX (Meet at Coffee Cup in Hico)	Thur - Sat	11 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup>	LV HICO	9:00 AM
Arkansas District Rally, Hot Springs, AR	Thur - Sat	18 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup>		ADLIB
Ride to Scarborough Renaissance Festival (Ride back in time to Marry Ole England)	Sun	21 <sup>st</sup>	LV FINA	9:00 AM
Breakfast Ride	Sat	27 <sup>th</sup>	LV FINA	8:00 AM
Chapter M Memorial Weekend	Sat - Sun	27 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup>	LV FINA	9:00 AM
Over Night Ride-CANCELLED				

### June

Bug Run (Meet at 7:30 PM to fix targets)	Sat	3 <sup>d</sup>	LV FINA	8:00 PM
Breakfast Ride	Sun	11 <sup>th</sup>	LV FINA	8:00 AM
Dinner Ride to Loco Coyote	Sat	17 <sup>th</sup>	LV FINA	3:00 PM
Breakfast Ride	Sun	25 <sup>th</sup>	LV FINA	8:00 AM

FINA Station - 1721 FM 157 West of US-287, Mansfield, TX

**Chapter Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> 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**



# MAY 2006

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## SPECIAL DATES

### MAY 2006

#### Birthdays

Fred Myers	2nd
Maricela McAfee	4th
Donald Vickers	7th
Anita Embry	10th
J.D. Walker	13th
Sheila Penney	16th
Mary Tyler	22nd
Ida Bierman	24th
Bruce Popko	25th
Thomas Petersen	27th
Ed Kelley	29th

#### Anniversaries

Randy and Susan Scoggins	2nd
Jan Brocius & Tommy Renken	10th
Bruce and Judy Popko	20th
Bill and Cozette Lawrence	22nd
Robert and Pam Furr	27th

## SUNSHINE REPORT....

Well HELLO everyone! Over all, it's been a great month at Chapter M. Our group showed up strong at the rides and especially at Chapter P's Kickoff rally.

Many of our group who has been ill are slowly recovering. Having surgery this month was **Vicki Carpenter**, what a trooper, as she has

attended so many rides and went along in her car just to support the chapter.

Also having surgery the week of April 13<sup>th</sup>, was long time Moonlighter and group favorite, **Warren Burt**. He is doing well, but will be out of the riding for awhile. We will all miss him and Cindy and Kerrville just will NOT be the same. Be sure to send them your love and keep them in your prayers and positive thoughts.

**Bonnie** is recovering well from her heart surgery and is anxious to get into therapy so she can get back on the Trike; hang in there Web Master Bonnie!!

**Sandy** has had some ups and downs with pain and other issues, but continues to support the chapter as much as possible. She and Jim appreciate the words of encouragement and both are quick to pass it on.

#### OTHER NEWS:

**Larry and Daisy** just had their 5<sup>th</sup> GREAT GRANDCHILD a boy named: Cadon Daniel Kohls born Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> of April weighing in at 7 lbs and 4 oz (149913-01); the other 4 are girls, so this is the first great grandson. Congratulations!!!!

Kerrville is just around the corner and I'm sorry to say we will NOT be doing a skit after all; however, we will be doing some serious riding and you DO NOT want to miss that. Plus there are rumors of a wild Margarita filled game of "chicken foot" or something like that... You don't want to miss that now do you???

Love to all, until next month....  
Harolyn "Sunshine" Ellis



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## PROUD TO SERVE

Periodically, we will be highlighting those who serve in the military related to Chapter M participants. This is the information I have as of April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Kevin M. Lynch:** has his son; Kristian Lynch, Sp/4 US ARMY 1<sup>st</sup> Cav. ,Ft. Hood, Iraq Veteran - Serving 4 yrs

**LARRY JENNINGS** has a son-in-law Lynn McLemore in Japan for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time. With him are wife April (Larry's daughter) and children Zoey and Kyle. Granddaughter Zoey is a dual citizen as she was born in Japan. Lynn has also served in Bosnia and South America. He is currently an E-8 (highest rank of a non-commissioned officer) and has 2 years left for a 20 year service.

Additional information is listed below if you would like to take a more active part in supporting the troops... irregardless of one's

political choice... Every soldier deserves support!!!!  
Thanks to Pat Rodgers for the information!

Don't forget the RUN FOR THE WALL project. Larry Rodgers will be out of town for the next several months leading and supporting this great cause. They will be in Weatherford, Saturday, May the 20<sup>th</sup>, and Chapter M is invited to join them as they pass through the Dallas/Ft Worth area Texas. This is a very moving and heart warming event and you will not regret your participation. For more information, email: Pat Rodgers at [patrodgersjm@aol.com](mailto:patrodgersjm@aol.com).

The following are links that you can use to send emails to our troops:

[www.anysoldier.com](http://www.anysoldier.com)

[www.rftw.org](http://www.rftw.org)

[www.patriotguard.org](http://www.patriotguard.org)

There is a group of ladies in Missouri that Pat helps; they call themselves "Goodies 4 U". There are about 40 ladies that work out of a

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basement and they collect items all month and then they meet and package shoeboxes and bags and send them to the military to be given out. They send out as many packages as they can each month. They get funding for the cost of the mailing. Last month they sent out 176 boxes. To date, they have sent out over 2700 packages since they started. If you would like to help, contact them:

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Money donations are appreciated, make checks out to Goodies 4 U; it is tax deductible

Phyllis email address is  
[pgebhards@centurytel.net](mailto:pgebhards@centurytel.net)

Harolyn

## ACD's CORNER - Lindsay

Chapter M had some really great rides in April. To start off the month with a great big bang, Sam Smith led us on an, as usual, outstanding LCR ride on Sunday, April 2. He led over 30 bikes, split into three groups, on some nice scenic back roads to the Brazos River Resort & Catfish Café in Millsap. I don't know how he does it, but he always manages to out do

himself with each ride. After enjoying a very good lunch, the group settled in to the LCR segment of the event, and then headed for home. Thanks Sam and Cathy.

The following Saturday, April 8, Sam again organized a nice ride on some local back roads for dinner at Steve's Garden Café in Mansfield. We again had to split up into three groups, the first led by Jim Carpenter, as we had yet another outstanding turnout. After dinner, we headed off for a ride across Joe Pool Lake to Hwy 67 and eventually ended up at Starbuck's in Mansfield to round out the evening. On the return ride we split into two groups led by Cindy Burt and Sylvia Andrews.

On Saturday, April 15th, a group of about 23 Chapter M bikes, again led by Sam in the lead group, were joined by other area GWRRRA chapters, including among others R and W2 for the ride to Granbury and the Chapter P Kickoff Rally. Sylvia again led a group as did Dan Rody. This event was very well attended and it a good time was had by all. Bob Norton won the "big" door prize....a set of tires. Congratulations to Chapter P!

It is very encouraging to see the large turnouts we have been getting for our rides. And, it is great to see new riders take the initiative to lead a group. It once again proves that Chapter M loves to ride and that we have some very capable individuals who plan and execute these very enjoyable rides.

Jim and Sandy Lindsay

## Other Area Chapter Meetings

"B"	7:30 PM on 1 <sup>ST</sup> Tuesday, Raymond's BBQ, 10920 Garland Road, Dallas
"F2"	7:00 PM on 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, Luby's Cafeteria, 251 University Dr., Ft. Worth
"P"	7:00 PM on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday, Golden Corral, 1300 S. Morgan (HWY 144), Granbury
"R"	7:30 PM on 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday, Fuddruckers (near Bass Pro Shop), Grapevine
"U2"	9:00 AM on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday, Golden Corral, 1120 William D. Tate, Grapevine
"W2"	7:30 PM on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday, Fire Mountain, 1400 N. HWY 77, Waxahachie
"Z2"	7:00 PM on 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday, Steak Kountry, 153 Westgate Shopping Center, McKinney

## Denim and Diamonds

For our final pre-District Rally communication, we would like to offer another perspective of rally participation. What reasons would you list for going to a rally? Some possible reasons may be:

- Social - to see friends and acquaintances
- Vendors - to buy safety chrome, get tires replaced, etc.
- Personal Competitions (bike show, best dressed, light show, personal mascot, on/off bike games, Top Gun, personal talent show act, Pine Car races, etc.)
- Team or Chapter Competitions (Newsletter, Banner, Scrapbook, Chapter Shirt, Chapter Mascot, Talent Show act, Web Page, largest chapter pre-registered, etc.)
- Rider Education seminars
- Leadership Training Seminars
- Win a raffle or door prizes
- Specifically visit the city or area of the rally
- An excuse for a mini vacation
- Simply tagging along with someone who is going for one of the above reasons

From the perspective of the rally provider (whether it is a Chapter, District, or Region), we could also discuss what the provider is trying to accomplish. As an aside, having helped with rallies at all levels mentioned above, unless you are a former staff member, you may not realize how much time and effort these volunteers are putting in for the benefit and enjoyment of the GWRRA

members. If nothing else, thank a staff member occasionally for the effort they expend for the benefit of us all.

So what are rally planners trying to accomplish? Without a doubt, in the case of the Chapter, District, and Region, operating funds for the upcoming year is the prime motivator, but not the primary focus. The majority of the effort goes towards making sure we meet the needs of the members. Knowing that one size does not fit all, many different things are offered, so that no matter what one's preferences are, there will be something that they will find of interest or worthy.

Regardless of whether, it is a Region, District, or a Chapter Rally, the staff that is putting the rally on wants it to be a success. But what constitutes a success? From our experience, a rally is considered successful if the people *participated* in the seminars, events, games, competitions, etc., and if they had a good time. If people talk favorably about the rally, and tell others (especially the staff putting on the rally) what a good time they had, the staff feels like they were indeed successful.

This leads us to the other perspective about participating in rallies. Consider this as a primary reason for going to a rally: *go to the rally simply to support the Chapter, District, or Region that is putting the rally on.* Although the registration fee helps with the operating funds for the coming year, consider registering and attending their rally also as a way of saying "Thank You" to them for all they do on the staff.

And by the way, when you are at the rally, get involved! Go to the talent show, or to the Pine

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Whether or not you have attended a rally before, please join us in Kerrville to support your Texas District and the Texas District Staff.

John & Bonnie Simonick  
Asst. District Directors and  
District Trainers

## CHAPTER P RALLY

We want to pass a long our thanks for attending the new Chapter "P" kickoff. This is a

very important event for a new Chapter as it gives them a kick-start, if you will. Your support has not only helped to establish their finances but the welcome into the GWRRA family is invaluable.

If you haven't heard the details of their first gathering to start forming the new chapter, they had 31 folks show up that were interested. 29 of these were already GWRRA members and rode Goldwings. They were in need of a Chapter life but were just too far away from existing Chapters to participate with any of them. They are excited and we feel we all will be seeing more of Chapter "P" at the other chapter functions.

A special thanks to Chapter "M" for getting the four Chapters together for the trip to Granbury to support the Kickoff of the New Texas Chapter - "P" on Saturday, the 15h of April. We counted 44 bikes from M, R, W2 and U2. It was quite impressive when we rolled in to town and circled the square and all lined up around the courthouse in an orderly fashion. Chapter P folks were scurrying around gathering up more workers to get us all registered and checked in.

The Chapters we saw represented were M, R, W2, U2, G2, Z2, Y2, I, B, N, F2, E, O2, T, H, W,

and O as well as 7 members of your Texas District staff. It was exciting to see so much support from across the state as far away as Houston, Katy, San Antonio, Austin and everywhere in between. We gave them a warm welcome into GWRRA(118137). We got to meet them and a fine bunch of folks they are. They are all excited about getting to visit the other Chapters activities in our District. This will be an active bunch and we look forward to seeing them at our rallies.

Ken & Barbie Peterson  
Texas Asst District Directors

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## HISTORIC PLACES OF NORTH TEXAS

This article is one in the series of articles looking at places for Chapter M to ride and be able to see a little of the history of North Texas.

### WISE COUNTY HERITAGE MUSEUM

The Northwest Texas Baptist Association founded the Northwest Baptist College, as a four year school in Decatur, Texas, in 1891. First classes were held in the old opera house located on East Main Street just off the square. In 1892,

a contract was made with S.C. Kilgard of Denison, for the sum of \$20,855.00, for the construction of an administration building, with limestone to be quarried in the immediate area. Land for the site was donated by Decaturite C. D. Cates.

The institution's first president was Dr. A. J. Emerson, who served four years. The school became bankrupt in 1896, and in 1897, the Baptist Convention purchased the property and it became Decatur Baptist Junior College, with several Wise County men pledging money for the school. It was a preparatory school for Baylor University. From 1808 to 1900, Dr. B. F. Giles was president. Dr. J. L. Ward, a Wise County native, took Dr. Giles' place, and served until 1907. Rev. J. B. Tidwell, a teacher in the college, was elected to succeed Rev. Ward, and served two years. Rev. W. C. Carver then became president and performed those duties until 1914, at which time Dr. Ward again was made head administrator and filled this position until his retirement in 1950.

Dr. Otis Strickland, a former student of D.B.C., was president the remaining years of Decatur Baptist College, the oldest planned Junior College in the world. The school was moved to Dallas in the fall of 1965, and was called Dallas Baptist College, and is now a four-year institution, named Dallas Baptist University. Some months after the "hill" was vacated, Decatur businessman Coke L. Gage purchased the property, and after being vacant for two years, Mr. Gage donated the administration building and approximately one acre of land to the Wise County Historical Society, Inc., for a museum. During the two years the building was vacant, the premises became occupied by pigeons, animals and vandals. One would not believe the damage to all the buildings in two years.

After accepting the building, the members of the Wise County Historical Commission and the Wise County Historical Society, Inc., went to work cleaning and repairing. Over \$3,000 was raised as a result of an ex-student homecoming held in 1969, which went toward a new roof. Then a loan of \$8,000 was secured from the Decatur First National Bank to be used for windows, screens, floor sanding, etc. Then we secured another loan from the Bridgeport First National Bank. All were repaid in record time. Sources of income are

donations, names on a quilt, sale of books, admissions, rental of the auditorium and sales from a small gift shop.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Rann of Decatur, both having retired from the teaching profession, consented to take the restoration of the auditorium as their project for a period of five years. This room is located on the second floor, and is now used as a "Little Theater" and a meeting place for the community. The Ranns began presenting programs, usually with local talent, charging a nominal fee, and plowing the proceeds back into the project. The Wise County Little Theater Guild caused a cooling and heating unit to be installed in the room, which makes it more useful during hot or cold weather. Lovely red seats have been purchased by various persons, and their names are attached to the arm of the chair they purchased. Mr. Rann dreamed of two rows of lovely red seats, now we lack two rows having the room filled with them. The members of the Wise County Historical Commission and the Wise County Historical Society, Inc., voted to name it the G. C. Rann Auditorium-Little Theater. It may be rented for a fee.

Restoration continues to the building, much with volunteer help of members of the two groups. With money as it comes in we have been able to secure people who can do the type work we need, and are slowly making headway. A ramp has been added to the east side of the building, and in 1993 an elevator was installed, at a cost of in excess of \$30,000. It goes to the third floor, and the building is now accessible to the handicapped. A room dedicated to the LOST BATTALION is in place in the northeast room on the second floor, and is dedicated to the members of the 131st Field Artillery, the survivors of the U. S. S. Houston, CA 30, Dutch, English and Australian military personnel who were prisoners of war of the Japanese 3½ years during World War II.

The name, WISE COUNTY HERITAGE MUSEUM, was selected by popular vote of the members. The museum is open every day, Monday through Saturday from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m., and on Sunday from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. There is an admission fee of \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for children under 12. For more information, write: Wise County Historical Commission, P.O. Box 427, Decatur, Texas 76234.

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