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From the CD

Hello again Chapter M and Happy March to everyone.

Spring is right around the corner and the Region Rally in Marshall is on the agenda for March 17, 18 and 19. There will be 2 groups leaving for Marshall. Group #1 is leaving on Thursday (17th) and Group #2 will be leaving on Friday (18th.). Details for Group #2 departures will be posted on our website.

For those members who are interested in the numerous training classes being offered on Friday or who are interested in adding accessories to their bikes, may we suggest that you plan to ride with Group #1. Some vendors have long waiting lists during the rally. Group #2 will not arrive in Marshall until about 2:00 pm on Friday. Group #2 will be leaving for Marshall on the 18th at 9:00 am from Cardiology Partners parking lot in Mansfield. Details on website.

For those Mers who are not wanting to stay at the rally the entire time, we are planning a ride on the 19th (Saturday). We will depart around 10:00-10:30 am from the convention center. This ride will take about 4 hours to complete. Of course this ride is optional for anyone who wants to go, since we will be back at the rally sometime in the afternoon. We should be there for closing ceremonies.

We are planning to return home on Sunday the 20th. We will be leaving Marshall sometime after breakfast.

Sixteen Mers arrived at the Main Event in Ft. Worth at 11:00 am to either bowl or cheer on Sunday February 21st. We had 4 bowlers and 12 cheerleaders in attendance.

We are sure the high attendance was due to fact that after bowling we went to Fuzzy Tacos to enjoy lunch. We believe that Chapter M is well positioned for the bowling challenge on Sunday the 28th in Plano, TX. (Details are on the calendar). Of course, we won't know for sure until after the bowling challenge is over. We will report how we stacked up against the competition at our next meeting.

The Chapter M cruise is scheduled to leave on April the 15th to head down to Galveston to begin the fun. Those sailing are already counting the days down.

The spring weather is always questionable with some great riding days while others could be windy, rainy, cold or hot, so be prepared for anything when you mount up on the chrome pony and expect to be surprised on occasion. Safety first!!!

Don't forget about the First Aid/CPR training class that will be held on March 13th at the No Frills Grill on Little Road in Arlington. Details are on the calendar. Be sure to let Tom Lerch know in advance if you plan to attend. Remember there is a \$25.00 per person charge for the course (payable on the day of the class). The information learned could mean the difference between life and death.....literally.

Until next month.....

Ride Safe and Ride COOL!!!

Steve and Kathy Tackel

Chapter M CDs

Valentine's Supper and Fun

Twenty-three + one Chapter M'ers participated in our Valentines Ride/Dinner. We were served steak or chicken and sides from Bill and Jennifer Craft's daughter at Fly By Night Cattle Co. She handled the group exceptionally well by herself, and better than most adults as of late! After dinner we played a couple games, one was to guess how many M&M's were in a jar, and the other was the requested *Not So Newlywed Game!* Randy Hawes' granddaughter, Amberlea was the closest in the guessing game, only missing it by 21!

Our brave couples for the NSNG (*Not So Newlywed Game*) were, Dottie & Louis, Rich & Beth, Steve & Kathy, and Dave & Ginny. You know what they say, "it's not over until it's over", well that rang true with this game. I'm not sure that Dottie & Louis got one answer right, except the last one, and that's the one that counted! YAY Dottie & Louis! Hope you are still enjoying your basket. Thanks to the 6 bikes, 2 trikes and 5 cars that participated.

Jeff and Dalinda



Bowling Practice February 21st

We arrived at the Main Event in Ft. Worth 15 minutes ahead just like we were advised only to discover that the Main Event did not open until 11:00 am. So much for planning ahead!!

For those of you who have not been to this facility, it is great place! They offer bowling, arcade games, billiards and also a restaurant with a full bar. Many offerings, so there is something for everybody. We quickly counted 4 Mers who were planning to bowl which left 12 in the cheering section. We had the lane for an hour at a time. We could have had more time; however, to sum it up in one of the bowlers' words "Why would I want to put up with this humiliation for another hour?" I think everyone had a great time and I know the cheering section enjoyed the time visiting with other chapter members. We were not on the bikes, so a few members made their way over to the bar and the entire area seemed to be filled with "Bloody Marys" and smiling faces.

After the bowling we made our way via 4 wheelers to Fuzzy's Taco on Bryant Irving Road. By now everyone was hungry as we patiently lined up for a great lunch. The restaurant gave us two gift cards and we ended up with a large one from Main Event. These will be given away at the Christmas party in December.

I believe, based on the bowlers' performance, we are correctly positioned for the official bowling challenge in Plano on February 28th. Come out and join us to either bowl or cheer. **GO CHAPTER M!!!!**

There were 16 people in total who attended, they were as follows:

Steve & Kathy Tackel
Marvin & Sylvia Andrews
Craig & Mary Watkins
Larry & Rhonda Jennings - Larry bowled
Tom & Blanca Lerch - both bowled
Cyndi Burt - bowled
Mike Fuller
David & Ginny Topley
Wayne & Kristee Orr

Steve Tackel

Lunch ride to West

It was a cloudy, windy day, but still not bad for February. A few brave souls that were bored of sitting around the house and wanting to ride gathered at 5 Below. We headed south on 157 to our first stop at the General Store in Milford to stretch the legs and get rid of some morning coffee.

The store has a mosaic tile pattern at the entrance honoring W.R. McDaniel which was the first mayor of Milford. The date on the floor shows 1853. This date is when the first residence and general store was built but since this building is brick I don't think it's the original general store.

We continued to head south to Czech American restaurant through the Texas countryside. This ride is really nice during the spring when the wild flowers are blooming and their fragrance fills the air. The restaurant was crowded which is a good indication that the food is good. And if you ask the group, they will agree the food was fine and plenty of it on the plate. Fresh baked bread and sweet kraut was well received by these M'ers and everybody got their food for a change. Even the dessert made it to the table in a timely matter.

I wish we had more time to explore the town more. There's a train depot, railcars, a bakery and some shops that deserve to be checked out. But time is limited and we have new roads to explore.

After lunch we headed west towards Whitney but turned east just before HWY 22. I led the group to a little lake called Aquilla Lake. This lake was built in the 1980's to control the flow of water from Aquilla Creek into the Brazos. We crossed the dam and rode on the east side of the lake before crossing the bridge going towards the north to HWY22. We went east towards Hillsboro but before we got to town I took the group north and worked our way over towards Covington for another stop for fuel and to get the blood flowing in our bodies.

We continued heading east towards Grandview after our break. Just outside of Grandview past the cemetery is CR401. I been wanting to see what this road was like and it's a short cut to Alvarado. Steve mentioned that 401 was used on a charity fun run a couple years ago. But this road is a little too rough to put on my list of roads to ride again with a group. The last stop was McDonalds on HWY 67 in Alvarado for a warm drink before heading home.

Good food, good roads, good friends to share them

See You Thursday!

with makes for a very pleasant day. I try to find roads that are new for us to ride. I hope I have succeeded in this goal and the group has enjoyed them.

Well it happened, 3 wheelers outnumbered the 2 wheelers.

Those in attendance were:

Marvin and Suzette Stewart

Craig and Mary Watkins

Steve and Kathy Tackel

Randy Hawes

WOBBLE!

Hi M'ers. This is another excerpt from the TX Department of Public Safety "Motorcycle Operator's Manual".

A "wobble" occurs when the front wheel and handlebars suddenly start to shake from side to side at any speed. Most wobbles can be traced to improper loading, unsuitable accessories or incorrect tire pressure. If you are carrying a heavy load, lighten it. If you can't, shift it. Center the weight lower and farther forward on the motorcycle. Make sure tire pressure, spring pre-load, air shocks, and dampers are at the settings recommended for that much weight. Make sure windshields and fairings are mounted properly.

Check for poorly adjusted steering; worn steering parts; a front wheel that is bent, misaligned or out of balance; loose wheel bearings or spokes; and swing arm bearings. If none of these are determined to be the cause, have the motorcycle checked out thoroughly by a qualified professional.

Trying to "accelerate out of a wobble" will only make the motorcycle more unstable. Instead:

- 1- Grip the handlebars firmly, but don't fight the wobble.
- 2- Close the throttle gradually to slow down. Do not apply the brakes; braking could make the wobble worse.
- 3- Pull off the road as soon as you can to fix the problem.

Ride safe M'ers

David & Ginny Topley, Chapter Educators

Ride Cool

North Texas GWRRA Bowling Challenge

G2 won best team score but P came in second and G2 awarded the hosting of the bowling challenge to chapter P for next year.

Cyndi Burt won best female single game score and best female series score so she got 2 trophies.

In attendance: Cyndi, Tom and Blanca, Craig and Mary, Larry and Rhonda, Steve and Kathy, Rich, Gary and Bev, Bob and Connie, Jim and Terri, and Nelda.



Better Than SEX Cake???

From the kitchen of Vickie Martin

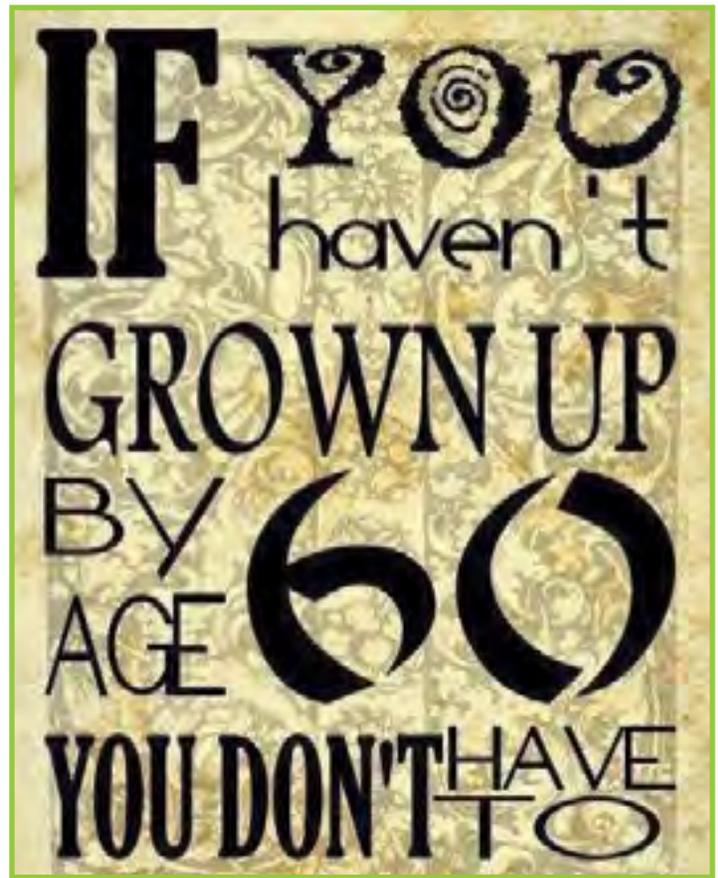
1 yellow cake mix
1 large can crushed pineapple
2 Cup sugar
1 small packages instant vanilla pudding
1 large package cream cheese, softened
3 large bananas, or more if you want more banana flavor
1 regular-sized container cool whip, thawed
Chopped pecans, to taste
Coconut to taste
Maraschino cherries

Prepare cake according to package directions. Pour into large cake pan. While cake is baking, place pineapple and sugar in saucepan and heat to boiling. While cake is still hot out of oven, poke holes all over it and poor the pineapple and sugar mixture on top of entire cake. Cool cake completely. Prepare pudding according to directions and add softened cream cheese and beat well. Spread pudding mixture over top of the cooled cake. Slice bananas and place on top of pudding mixture. Mix desired amounts of coconut and pecans into thawed cool whip and spread over top of bananas. Dot with cherry halves to taste.

Personal note: I use pineapple that is in it's own juice and no sugar added. I also use the sugar free vanilla pudding as well as 1/2 regular sugar and 1/2 sugar substitute made for baking purposes for the amount of sugar called for in the recipe. This allows me, a diabetic, to eat some of it and not feel too guilty!!!

Submitted by Vickie Martin

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From Our Ride Leaders

Springtime is just around the corner. We are looking for volunteers to lead a ride for the months of April and May. If you have any rides in mind, please contact us at:

j.seguin@sbcglobal.net or

Dennis at dmartini42@gmail.com

so that we can schedule it on the Chapter M calendar.

If you need help on selecting a ride there are some suggested rides that others have posted on the website. Click on ride archive on the Chapter M web page.

We are looking forward to hearing from you all.

Thank you,

Jeff Seguin

Tell us about your ride

Some of us take trips that are not official Chapter "M" functions, but are still very interesting. As you have seen in some past issues, Tom Lerch does an awesome job of documenting the trips that he and Blanca take, complete with pictures.

I know that others do some neat rides, it is not a lot of effort to put down what you have done each day, interesting sights, etc. If you have a co-rider, they can document the trip with lots of pictures also.

As you may or may not notice, we have picked up a new sponsor who's ad is directly to the right of this article. If you need patches sewn on vests, shirts, etc, give Paula a call! She is conveniently located in Mansfield and will be happy to help.

See you Thursday!

Jim

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March 01
 March 08
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 March 15
 March 21
 March 26
 March 26
 March 29

March Rides

Sunday - March 6, Marvin's B'day ride to BooRays. Leave from 5 Below @ 10:30

Saturday - March 12, Dogwood Trails Ride. Dennis Martini will lead. Leave 5 below @ 9

Sunday - March 13, CPR Training - No Frills Grill - Full details on web page

Fri-Sat-Sun - March 18-20 Region "H" Rally. More info on web AND flyer in this newsletter!

April Rides

We are working on April rides, check the website for updates!



Gene & Annette McElyea
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March 16
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Where Chapter "M" Meets

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

Other Area Chapter Meetings

"P" 7:00 PM on 2nd Thursday, Spring Creek 317 Hwy
 377 @ Overton, Granbury

"R" 7:30 PM on 4th Tuesday, Spring Creek BBQ, 315
 Hwy 114 W, Grapevine

"W2" 7:00 PM on 3rd Thursday, Ryan's, 1400 N.
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