



In The Moonlight

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Wow, where did February go? It sure seems like it was more than just a couple of days short. This is normally about the time that you say good riding weather is just around the corner. At least that is what you would say if you had not just finished one of the warmest February's in history. We did take advantage of some good weather and had a couple of really nice rides. One to the Rockett and the other to Waco. The ride to Waco was Mark and Harolyn's first ride to lead, and they did a great job. We all had a good time, and Mark found some really nice roads that were new to many of us. The bowling practice and tournament took up the other two weekends. We had a good turnout, and I want to personally thank all of you who attended for helping support Chapter P in their annual fund raiser. Several of their members expressed their gratitude for us bringing a good number of our members to participate and cheer. We definitely had the biggest cheering squad of any Chapter. We had a really good time even though we did not bring home any trophies. Ginny Topley did have the winning bid on one of those beautiful quilts you may have seen at our last meeting. I did not get any reports of bowlers having to go to the doctor or chiropractor the next week so that was good.

Looking forward we have a couple of good rides on the calendar, and this next weekend, Chris has us set up for a First Aid class. I hope you signed up for that. There is one impromptu ride on the schedule, so if you have been thinking about leading a ride, you can fill in that date. Looking farther out, don't forget the Painted Church's overnite ride in April. April is also the month of the Region H Rally in Marshall, TX. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting on Thursday and at this month's Chapter M events.

Ride Safe and Have Fun,
"Let's Roll"

Wayne & Kristee
Chapter "M" Directors

Bowling Practice

On Feb. 12 the Chapter M gang met up at City View Bowling Lanes in Ft. Worth to practice for the bowling challenge the following week. The bowlers consisted of Rich & Beth, Chris & Lynn, Terry, Connie, Cyndi, and Larry. Myself, Kristee, Sue, Bob, and Rhonda provided support. We all had a good time and many laughs as the bowlers honed their skills. After several games we adjourned to a nearby Mexican Inn for a good lunch. A few complained of soreness already setting in. Most of them made it back to the Bowling Challenge the next week.

Wayne

Bowling Tournament

On the 19th of February the green shirts from Chapter M showed up in force at the North Texas GWRRA Bowling Challenge. I believe there were four chapters represented with bowlers. Chapter M had the biggest cheering section of any chapter by far. In fact, one member of another team commented that we sure were loud. They were just jealous. In all, we had about 24 members at the event. We had a lot of fun. We did not take home any trophies, but it wasn't hard to tell which Chapter has the most fun. Our bowlers, Rich, Beth, Cyndi, Connie, and Larry did a great job and we need to thank them for representing us. I believe Chapter G2 from Greenville won the tournament and a couple of their members won the individual trophies also. After the tournament and prizes were given out, we went to a nearby Fuzzy's Taco and had a nice meal and some more good conversation with friends. Congratulations to David and Ginny Topley who had the highest bid on a beautiful quilt that was auctioned off by silent auction. They got a very pretty quilt at a good price and helped Chapter P in their fund raising endeavor. Thanks to everyone who came and bought tickets and helped support our friends at Chapter P.

Wayne



Ride Cool

Are you a good Ambassador?

Like it or not, people judge the entire sport of motorcycling by how they observe you when you are out riding. Whenever you throw a leg over your bike, you become a representative for the entire two-wheel community. Are you a good ambassador for the group?

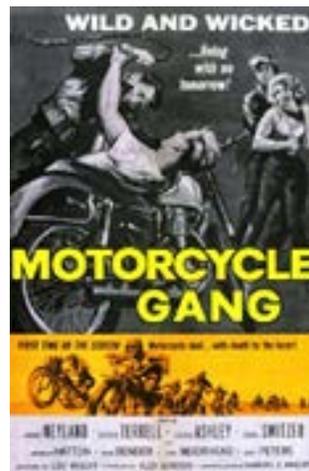
In my opinion, there are two activities that have done more to harm the image of motorcycling than any other. The first is the fascination with loud pipes, primarily fostered by some (not all, of course) Harley enthusiasts. I know, they sound really cool and "bad-ass". When I bought my Harley Low Rider in 2001, I purposely requested the stock exhaust instead of the Screaming Eagle option. Why? I knew I would be riding early in the morning and I did not want to tick off my neighbors by starting up a loud bike at 5:30am. I almost bought into the whole "Loud Pipes Save Lives" philosophy, but since most car/bike accidents happen by an oncoming driver making a left turn in front of a motorcyclist; it is pretty obvious that the ability "see" you outweighs the ability to "hear" you.

The second activity that gives "bikers" a bad reputation is reckless driving. This primarily rests with the sport bike crowd. Hauling butt and weaving in and out of traffic is not only dangerous, it is rude and annoying, regardless of what type of bike you are riding. I had a guy on a Ducati pass me on a Dallas freeway a couple of years ago and I never saw him until he was just behind me and about to pass, very closely I might add. I am guessing he was doing at least 120mph. It scared the crap out of me and the sudden sound alone almost made me jerk my handlebars to avoid a collision. And how many times have you seen a group of bikes doing wheelies down the freeway at 60 mph?



Seriously?

We have to always be mindful that the public's perception of our sport will shape our future ability to ride. Some communities and HOAs have already banned motorcycles from their roadways. Is that fair, or even legal? Probably not, but it has already happening. I have been riding my motorcycles through my current neighborhood since 1990 and my neighbors see me observing the speed limit (30 mph), waving at them when I see them out walking, and riding a quiet bike that does not offend anyone. If my neighborhood ever decides to try and ban motorcycles, it won't be because of me. Movies have shaped perceptions too



Even the way we dress when we ride has an impression on the general public. A black leather vest with patches and a bandana carries with it a perception that we all grew up with; Hell's Angels, motorcycle gangs and outlaws all wore black leather vests. The majority of people over 40 will react negatively to someone walking into a convenience store or restaurant dressed in a black leather vest. Is it fair? Of course not. Remember, we are part of the community, so we know that when we see a rider wearing black leather, they are more likely to be a doctor or an entrepreneur than a gang member. I wore all the leather and denim stuff with patches when I was a member of my HOG chapter back in 2002. But, I did so with the knowledge that people saw me differently just because of the way I was dressed. I am not suggesting that all Harley riders stop wearing leather vests and bandanas, I know they won't. But, for the rest of us, we can help to offset any potential negative by dressing in a more socially acceptable manner.

When I ride, I always wear a light colored riding jacket with armor, boots, gloves, a helmet and riding pants or jeans. I have had a lot of drivers tell me how they can see me from 1/2 a mile away with the light jacket. Even my silver helmet makes me more visible than a black helmet would. Cagers appreciate being able to see a biker on the road. Nothing would ruin their day like killing or injuring someone on a motorcycle because they could not see them. I also recognize that drivers are distracted today with cell phones, texting and whatever other gadgetry they are immersed in while driving, so the more visible I can be, the better my chances.

How we act when we are out riding can also shape public perception of the sport. If someone cuts you off in traffic and you flip them the bird, that's not necessarily a good thing. Other drivers around you may only see you flipping someone the bird and not know why. In 2013 there was a video on the news of a group of sport bike riders who basically attacked an SUV with one rider smashing out the driver's side window with his helmet. The SUV driver did something irresponsible causing the rider to react violently, but the video did not show that. All we saw was a bikers attacking an SUV driver. That video, which got national attention, certainly did not help the perception of motorcycling. What helped it even less was that a couple of the bikers were NYPD undercover officers.

When you are out for a ride and stop for gas, or for something to eat at a restaurant, or for an overnight stay at a hotel, people take notice of your actions. And, those actions form lasting impressions. You naturally stand out in a crowd because you are dressed differently, and you rode up on a motorcycle. Something as simple as holding the door open for someone at a restaurant, or leaving a nice tip for the waitress, can leave a lasting positive impression. You never know when a biker (maybe you) may be broken down on the side of a road somewhere and that person will be willing to stop and offer assistance because of a polite gesture made by you, or some other rider.

In my experience, motorcyclists are some of the nicest people I have ever been around in my life. When you stop for gas, or pull off the highway at a scenic overlook, you can always strike up a conversation with a fellow biker and make a new friend. We are all ambassadors for the sport of motorcycling, whether we like it or not. And as such, have a responsibility to the community of riders to conduct ourselves in a way that brings positive energy to the entire community. We already know that motorcycle enthusiasts are the friendliest people around.

All we have to do now is spread that message through our actions to the rest of the world.

Chris Schoenthal

Ride Cool



Texas District Rider Education Raffle

Texas District Rider Education is raffling off two YETI packages this year. Each ticket sold will be entered into both drawings. The first drawing will be a Tundra Roadie 20 Cooler (fits on a trailer tongue well) and two large (30 oz.) YETI tumblers. This is a \$329 value.



The second drawing will be for a Hopper soft-sided cooler, a Rambler Thermos, and a two lowball ramblers. This is a \$349 value.



Funds raised will help offset the cost of Levels pins and patches, Medic First Aid supplies, Rider Course costs, the Level 4 meal, and other expenses.

Tickets are \$5 each, 3 for \$10, or 8 for \$20. Please make checks out to GWRRA Texas District. The drawing will be at the District Rally on May 20, 2017. You do not need to be present to win.

Answers to last month's Road Conditions Rider Quiz

1.	e	2.	e	3.	g	4.	e	5.	b
6.	c	7.	f	8.	e	9.	b	10.	d
11.	c	12.	a	13.	d	14.	a	15.	d
16.	f	17.	e	18.	c	19.	e	20.	e

GWRRA Levels Program Congratulations!

Level I:

Bill & Jennifer Craft entered the Levels program this month by committing to riding safely.

If you haven't already, I would like to encourage you to get involved in the GWRRA Levels program.

The GWRRA motto is "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge" and the Rider Education motto is "Safety Is For Life".

We aren't here to try to dictate how you should ride, but rather to boost your confidence and skills, by providing quality education on safety.

If you are ready to start the journey, or need more information about advancing through the program, please see me.

Chris Schoenthal

Loaded cauliflower (low carb)



Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 10 minutes

Ingredients:

- 1 pound cauliflower florets
- 4 ounces sour cream
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 2 slices of cooked bacon
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- Salt and pepper to taste

Instructions:

1. Cut the cauliflower into florets and add them to a microwave safe bowl. Add 2 tablespoons of water and cover with cling film. Microwave 5-8 minutes (depending on your microwave) until completely cooked and tender. Drain excess water and let sit uncovered for a couple of minutes. (I steam mine and squeeze the excess water out).

2. Add cauliflower to a food processor and process until fluffy. Add the butter and sour cream and process until it resembles the consistency of mashed potatoes. Remove the mashed cauliflower to a bowl and add most of the chives, saving some of the top. Add half the cheddar cheese mix by hand. Season with salt and pepper.

3. Top the loaded cauliflower with remaining cheese and chives, and the bacon and place in the microwave to melt the cheese (I put it under the broiler for a few minutes).

Remove and serve!

Enjoy!

Kristee Orr



More Fun, Useless Facts:

Mercury is the planet closest to the sun and yet is not the hottest one in the solar system. Venus, the second closest, is in fact far warmer.

Chewing gum, yoga and poorly-made dental fillings make you more flatulent.(a rarely useless fact).

The words 'gym' and 'gymnastics' both derive from the Greek word for 'naked'.

"Karaoke" means 'empty orchestra'.

In a classic deck of cards, the king of hearts is the only one without a mustache.

Sudan has far more pyramids than Egypt.

In the black and white TV era, female anchors used green or black lipstick.

One of the most frequent regrets of those on their deathbeds is, "I wish I had worked more."

Pope Francis was a bouncer in his youth.

Here are about 50 million kangaroos in Australia, more than two for every Australian.

The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's chewing gum.

'Goodbye' originates from 'god bye', which came from 'God be with you'.

McDonald's began as a hot dog stand.

Today, there are more Uber cars in New York than there are yellow cabs.

Solariums are outlawed in Australia and Brazil.

Ketchup originates from China.

The bicycle was invented after the steam-powered locomotive.

In the 1990's Super Mario was better known to U.S children than Mickey Mouse.

Victoria's Secret catalogs were initially sent to men only.

When flying from Tokyo, Japan, to Hawaii, USA, you can arrive the day before you departed.

NOW you can say you've learned something today.

Kristee Orr

OFB RIDE TUESDAY FEBRU- ARY 7th

Tuesday morning was a perfect day for a ride!

We had 15 old Friends (Farts) for breakfast at Denny's but only 10 got a kitchen pass to go riding.

We headed out with 9 bikes/trikes and 10 M'ers going south on hwy. 287 to hwy. 1187 south to hwy. 377 into Granbury. We took a break in Granbury to empty out

some of that Denny's coffee, if you know what I mean. As we were pulling out of the Race Track on hwy. 144 we spotted a couple from Chapter P pulling in to gas up. They were on their way to visit some folks in the Hospital. Darn, they could have joined us but they had their day planned.

Now the good part of the ride begins. We headed over to hwy. 51 south through Paluxy. I was surprised that we had some with us that had not been down 51 through some of my favorite twisties. When we got to hwy. 67 we went back toward Glen Rose and made a right turn on hwy. 203 and navigated some more twisty and scenic roads. We passed by the Rough Creek Lodge where Chris Kyle was killed 5 years ago, this month. Looping around and back to hwy. 67 we did a right turn and made it into Glen Rose. We then stopped at the DQ for some refreshments and visiting before heading home.

Thanks Randy Hawes for riding tail gun!

Glad I got to lead the ride on such a beautiful day,

Bev Lewis

Participants

Rich Hendricks

Dennis Martini

Terry & Sue Davis

Nelda Lee

Cotton Smith

Randy Haws

Fred Myers

Gary & Bev Lewis



Roasted Cabbage Steaks



Prep Time: 5 minutes

Cook Time: 60 minutes

Ingredients:

1 head of cabbage, washed, remove outer "dirty" leaves, cut into 1" thick slices

1.5 tablespoon of olive oil

2-3 large cloves of garlic (I actually used minced garlic from a jar)

Kosher salt and black pepper (I prefer coarse pepper)

Spray olive oil or non stick cooking spray

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 400 and spray baking sheet with spray. Place slices of cabbage on sheet. (I stuck toothpicks around slices, to make turning over easier). Mash garlic on each slice. Brush olive oil on each and salt and pepper generously. Turn over slices, repeat process. Place sheet in oven and bake for 30 minutes. Remove and turn over slices and cook for another 30 minutes.

If you cut your slices thicker, you will have to bake a little longer. When roasted to your liking, remove toothpicks and serve immediately. Enjoy !!

-Kristee Orr



MS 150

It's that time once again! The 2017 MS-150 is coming up... May 6th and 7th. BIG NEWS is coming in the form of major changes to the route. I can't spill the beans yet, but look for an announcement very soon! The first day's route will still leave from Frisco/Plano. And the second day will still end in Sundance Square, downtown Fort Worth.

So please, please, please...check your calendars...reschedule anything else you might be doing...and pencil in the MS-150. We really need YOU!

If you have any questions, please let me know. My contact information is below. As in the past I'll need to see your driver's license (with an "M" endorsement) and your Proof of Insurance on the day of the ride.

Please register at: http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR?fr_id=28791&pg=informational&sid=13251. Please specify "Motorcycle Marshall" where it asks if you are volunteering for a "group". Please be aware there are a couple of small checkboxes you have to check before the form will submit. As for which location, just check any of them, but apparently only check one of the locations.

The website for this year's event: http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Bike/TXHBikeEvents?pg=entry&fr_id=28791



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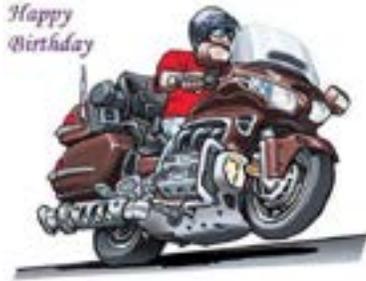
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 March 21
 March 22
 March 26
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 March 29

March Rides

Sunday, March 05 - First Aid/CPR Course. No Frills Grill & Sports Bar. 4914 Little Rd., Arlington 12-4, Come early for lunch.

Sunday, March 12 - Ride to Doc's in Muenster. Larry Jennings leads. Leave Cardiology Partners Parking Lot @ 9:00 am

Saturday, March 18 - Impromptu Ride. Leave Cardiology Partners Parking Lot @ 10:00 am

Sunday, March 26 - Marvin's annual Birthday Ride. Leave Cardiology Partners Parking Lot @ 10:00 am



Gene & Annette McElyea
 Tom & Blanca Lerch
 Dennis & Carolyn Martini
 Gary & Beverly Lewis

March 16
 March 18
 March 19
 March 26

April Rides

Sunday, April 09, Impromptu Ride. Leave Cardiology Partners @ 9:30

Friday-Sunday, April 14-16, Painted Churches Ride, See details on website

Thursday-Saturday, April 27-29, Region H Rally. Details on website

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 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.
 HWY 77, Waxahachie

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