



In The Moonlight

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Hello fellow M'ers,

Hello Chapter M,

Well, by the time you read this, Wing Ding #39 will be just a memory. I don't think they had as large a turnout as they had hoped mainly due to a storm called Harvey. I think a lot of wingers were afraid that storm was going to bring too much rain to our area and wash out the Wing Ding. I know there were a lot of pre-registration packets that were not picked up. Unfortunately, these riders missed out on some of the best weather North Texas has ever seen at the end of August. They still had a good turnout and it looked like everyone was having a good time. There were a lot of vendors and they seemed to be doing a brisk business. American Honda had their 18 wheeler on site with an array of motorcycles you could demo ride. There were also various builders that had leaning trikes, quadracycles (as Dennis called them), and the latest models of their products. Carl and Donna took full advantage of the vendors and professional artists at this Wing Ding. Wait until you see the work they had done on that trike. It is really a tricked out trike now.

Chapter M was well represented all week long. I want to thank everyone who came out on Monday and helped set up the GWRRR Store. The GWRRR staff may think so, but they could not have done it without us. There were also numerous volunteers from Chapter M that worked during the week mainly helping with the registration desk. Thanks to everyone who represented Chapter M by volunteering. It really wasn't work. It was fun meeting fellow Gold Wing enthusiasts from all over the country and hearing of their travels to get to the Lone Star State. There are some really fun and interesting folks that love to ride their Gold Wings. I think the old advertisement, "You meet the nicest people on a Honda" is really true.

We have had some really good rides this past month. The Texas Ranger Museum ride was really interesting and a fun ride led by Carl and Donna. If you haven't seen that museum it is worth the trip and price of admission. On an evening ride, Randy Hawes led us around Joe Pool lake and through many of the back roads of northern Ellis County. We met for a burger at Mooyah's then headed out on a nice cool evening ride. I love to see the line of lights from the bikes on the night rides. Thank you Randy for leading us on this ride.

These next two months will be some prime riding time so be sure and watch the calendar. There has been some talk of some weekend rides to some destinations a little farther out. I hope those come together because they are always a lot of fun.

You hear me ask all the time for people to lead our Chapter on a ride. I have heard some members say they don't have time to plan and pre-ride a route or they are afraid of missing a turn or getting lost. I want you to know that there is no rule saying you have to pre-ride your route. I don't think Randy did his last ride. If he messed up he was the only one that knew. Nobody is going to send you to the principals office if you miss a turn or get turned around. If you get lost, it's no big deal. We have never had a group not return home from a ride. If you miss a turn and have to go a little farther, that's just a bonus. A little more seat time on your favorite ride. Think about leading us to one of your favorite places or eating establishments. You get a patch for whatever you want to put it on and your name goes in the drawing for the big cash prize at the Christmas Party. Take that next step to getting more out of your Chapter by leading a ride.

I hope everyone had a nice Labor Day weekend. We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting Thursday.

Wayne & Kristee
Chapter M Directors
Ride Safe & Have Fun
"Let's Roll"

Saturday Evening Ride 19 August

by Beth Hendrickson

What a better way to beat the heat than do an evening ride! That's just what we did on Saturday, August 19th. With Randy Hawes leading us, we were taken over the river and through the woods but not before stopping at Mooyah for great burgers, fries and shakes.



All in one group, Randy led us over Joe Pool Lake up onto Lake Ridge Parkway. Making a left at Plume Road through curving streets and beautiful homes, we popped out at Hwy 67. From 67 South, we exited Ninth Street and wound our way to "downtown" Midlothian just past Old Newton Cabin located in Heritage Park. The cabin is built from hand-hewn red cedar logs. It is one of the few remaining Peters' Colony structures in North Texas. Information taken



from Wikipedia:

"Ellis County was officially established by the Texas legislature on December 20, 1849, on a bill sponsored by General Edward H. Tarrant, a popular Texas Ranger and Indian gunfighter during this period. Organized

in February 1850, the county was carved out of Navarro County and likely named for Richard Ellis, the president of the Republic of Texas.

In 1883 the name "Midlothian" was accepted by the local population."

"In 1959, Texas Industries, Inc. (TXI) began construction of its first cement plant in Midlothian. By 1967, the company had a total of three kilns to help meet the demand for cement with the construction of the Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Airport. TXI became the largest cement operation in Texas with the addition of the third kiln. In 1972, TXI added a fourth kiln to its Midlothian cement plant. TXI's fifth and latest kiln went into operation in the beginning of 2003. TXI (purchased by Martin Marietta in 2015) employs approximately 173 people today."

Finding our way to 287 South by now the sun was setting and the air was refreshing. Randy took us on 35E South to Rte. 1446 (Old Buena Vista Road) crossing streams, and passing through neighborhoods, leaving us all to wonder "where are we" along the way to Hwy 66 to Maypearl. When we stopped at the Exxon gas Station for a break, I heard more than once, "never been on that road before"! Wayne Orr stated, "I've lived in Midlothian a long time and didn't know where we were going!" We were so impressed Randy knew where to turn even in the dark! With amazement and thanks we were all in awe of his navigational prowess!

But wait, we weren't done...we took 157 up to Venus and at Hwy 67 said our good byes as each rode out of site, saying a good ride to all, and to all, a good night!



Some Random Images from WingDing

USELESS FUN FACTS:

The NATO member Iceland has no army.

DNA analyses support the theory that more than 2000 years ago one legion off the Roman Army lost a series of battles and its descendants ended up settling in China.

Mickey Mouse's white gloves were initially meant to make his hands visible in lack and white movies.

Listerine mouthwash was initially sold as a floor cleaning substance.

Historically. In many North American cities, the first of May used to be 'moving day' and the only possible date on which one could change dwelling.

As off mid-2016, the Phantom of the Opera is the longest running Broadway show, with almost 12,000 performances.

In 2013, a single tuna fish was sold in Japan for \$1.76 million.

A widely used green wall paint, containing arsenic, was to blame for the poisoning of thousands of people in the 18th and 19th centuries, including, allegedly, Napoleon Bonaparte.

In 1987, seven million U.S. children disappeared overnight. How? The IRS stopped the widespread fraudulent practice of listing phantom children for tax exemptions.

Initially, tuna was advertised as 'chicken of the sea'. It's taste was unknown to the general public. The marketing ploy, which implied similarity to something familiar, worked just fine.

According to Cunningham's law, the best way to get a right answer on the Internet is not to ask a question but to post a wrong answer.

Doing your favorite activity temporarily boosts your IQ.

Blue street lights in Tokyo, Japan and Glasgow, UK, successfully led to a drop in crime and suicides.

There is an escape tunnel leading from the Pope's inner chambers to a place beyond the Vatican's borders.

Picasso is the artist with the most stolen works. As of mid-2016, over 1000 of his paintings are missing. In 1952,

Einstein declined an offer to become the President of Israel.

Iceland does not have a single McDonald's restaurant. It does not have a Starbucks café either.

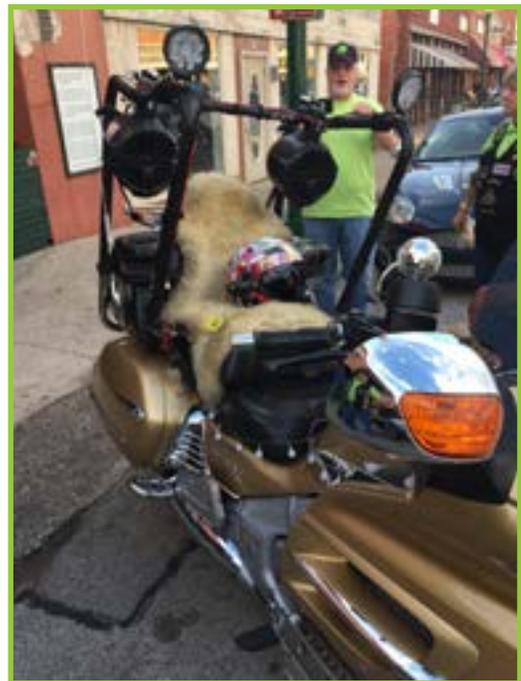
Al Capone's tailor made the clothing for Robert de Niro in the movie "The Untouchables".

H.L. Hunley was a submarine of the Confederate

States of America and the first combat submarine in the world to sink a warship.

A malignant melanoma was discovered in Bob Marley's toe and doctors suggested an amputation. He refused for religious reasons and died of cancer.

Until next month-
Kristee Orr



Thanks Kristee for these random shots of some strange wings! More to follow.

Practice, Practice, Practice

One of the events that I didn't want to miss at Wing Ding was the Drill Team performances. I've always marveled at the precision and mastery of the machine that goes into demonstrations like these drills and "rodeos". This year's was no let down, with teams from all over the country. There were teams that had been together for less than a year, while others had been together for decades. Each gave a performance that drew oohs and ahhs from the crowd and lots of applause.

I asked Randy, the Captain of the Central Florida Team, what it took to start and maintain a team. He was the GWRRA Director of International Drill Teams for three years and had personally been asked by the Oklahoma and Mississippi teams to come and help when they wanted to start, so I figured that he knew what he was talking about. The Central Florida Team is also the reigning World Motorcycling Drill Team.

He advised that the first thing to do was to get a group of riders who need to "know what they are doing" and not be skittish or afraid to scrape their foot pegs every now and then. They would need to be able to trust that the other riders could ride together without egos getting in the way. In one maneuver called Deuces, they start with just six inches between bikes when making a turn and the following distance is less than three feet. You have to trust the person in front of you when you can't see their tail lights. He said that, "Prospects are likely to shy away from the idea because they are worried about damage to their bikes and possible injuries. Any rider you are considering having on your team should be nervous about damage to their bike. If they have no concern for their own bike and body, they certainly have no concern for yours. You can learn the hard way or just trust me, you don't want riders who aren't worried about damage to their bikes. That said, you are very likely going to have damage to everyone's bike if they ride long enough."

The primary characteristic however, was a commitment to the team. Randy is a realtor and replaced the motto "location, location, location" with "practice, practice, practice". Many of the teams have members who don't live close, or in the same area. Imagine how hard it would be to schedule a team practice. Between team practices, it's suggested that an individual practice on either the routine or some of the training exercises from the MSF or GWRRA, in order to keep their skills current.

The Central Florida Team's mission is "to promote the enjoyment and safety of the world of motorcycling through the demonstration of possibilities attainable through proper training, practice and skills development needed to perform the complex and precision drills used by the team."

It shouldn't be a surprise that riders in drill teams promote such skills development. Enthusiasts of any sport will agree that the only way to stay on top of your game is to practice, practice, practice.

Learn for life – yours!

Chris Schoenthal

Chapter M Educator

TX Assistant District Educator

Grapevine Wing Ding 2017

This was Chris and my first Wing Ding, and we really didn't know what to expect. To be honest, I'd been concerned about the usual August heat plus the aftermath of hurricane Harvey, but the Gaylord is a great setting and this year's Wing Ding seems to have been a Texas-sized success. My overall first impression was respect for how well it was organized, how easy it was to get around and how many huggers there are amongst Gold Wing riders and co-riders.

Carl Shifflette and several other Chapter M'ers, volunteered on Monday, setting up the Wing Ding store. Carl also volunteered Tuesday – Thursday, at the Pre-Registration booth. His favorite thing at Wing Ding was “the vendors!” As you can see from the attached picture, Carl had his trike painted with a beautiful, patriotic mural, created by Mountain Man. He also had LED lighting installed by Monster Lights.

The favorite part of Wing Ding, for Blanca Lerch, was Tuesday's Welcoming Party. She said the atmosphere, food, music and bikes were wonderful, and the volunteers were very helpful – “it was all great, especially as it was a free event.” Blanca also enjoyed dancing on Thursday evening, at the Disco Party; she felt there could have been an even better turnout had it been held on Friday night.

On Friday, we volunteered at the Pre-Registration Booth. It was sad that there were approximately 300 packets that had not been picked up. Several of the southeastern US wingers we met said they'd driven in for the rally, as it was just raining too hard to ride. We met some folks from Ontario, Canada and heard there was a large contingent from Israel. Oh, and next time I will not listen to my husband – we did not have to wear our long-sleeved District shirts and vests.

Wayne Orr enjoyed the people-watching and meeting folks from all over the country. He asked the tall, shaved-headed man, with the pigtails suction-cupped to his head for a picture (see below). Wayne also snapped a picture of the nearly legendary 90 year old local rider who build a PVC awning over his trike, to protect his dog (seen below with his goggles). He and Kristee did quite a bit of shopping, including a safety feature of randomly-flashing brake lights.

Chris Schoenthal had definitely been looking forward to the precision riding teams, on Saturday morning at Grapevine Mills Mall. Dennis Martini led 10 Chapter M bikes & trikes to the event; several more members rode on their own. The first team, the Okla-

homa Wind, demonstrated how much can be accomplished with just 6 months of practice – amazing. I'm already looking forward to next year's Wing Ding in Knoxville, Tennessee!

Lynn Schoenthal





Change is Coming

We had a District Staff meeting on 8/6 (after our last Chapter meeting) and I'm really excited about all the changes that are happening. Most of you have heard that the Regional level is going away at the beginning of the year. What does that mean to you as a Chapter M member? Not much. The major changes that are happening are all about getting back to riding and having fun, which is something that Chapter M does anyway.

There are two things that I came away thrilled about. The first is that we are implementing quarterly Education Weekends across the state that will offer all of the seminars and riding courses required for the Levels program in one fell swoop. These are removed from the rallies, so no more waiting until the Regional or District Rallies for the classes or trying to arrange on our own. This will allow for nothing but having fun and riding at the District rally.

This brings me to the second thing, the next District

Rally. We plan on making rallies destination events now. The next one, in May, will be to Brenham and you guessed it, Blue Bell is one of the sponsors. The theme is going to be the History of Texas. One day will be at Washington on the Brazos, another can be taking a tour of a local castle. The community is so involved, that they are extending the hours for all the shops along Main Street. The regular "light parade" is going to be open to all Gold Wings now and they expect the community to come out to watch.

Activities, in preparation for the Brenham rally will include Chapter contests, but not the kind that you are used to. In keeping with the History of Texas theme, we can earn points for rides to historical sites throughout the state. More to come on that as it gets closer. The bottom line on all of this – more riding & more fun.

Chris Schoenthal
Texas Assistant District Educator

SOCK IT TO ME CAKE

From Terri Culver

- 2 Tbs. brown sugar
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 box butter cake mix
- 1 cup sour cream
- 3/4 cup butter-flavored oil (can use non-flavored vegetable oil mixed with 1 tsp. butter flavor)
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 cup pecans, chopped

1. Mix brown sugar with cinnamon in a small bowl and set aside.
2. Beat eggs and sugar until sugar dissolves. Beat remaining ingredients, except nuts, into mixture. Beat for 5 minutes; stir in nuts. Pour half of the ingredients into a greased and floured Bundt pan.
3. Sprinkle brown sugar/cinnamon mixture over batter. Pour in the remainder of the batter, spreading to cover sugar mixture, if needed.
4. Bake for 45-60 minutes at 350 F.

Enjoy!



GOLDEN PUFF PANCAKES

From Terri Culver

- 3 large eggs
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 Tbs. sugar
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 Tbs. butter
- Powdered sugar
- Jam or fresh fruit, for serving

In a blender or food processor combine eggs, flour, milk, sugar, vanilla and salt. Blend until smooth. Let batter rest while oven preheats to 425 F. Place butter in a heavy, ovenproof skillet; place in hot oven for 1-2 minutes to melt (do not burn). Carefully swirl pan to coat with butter; pour in batter. Bake for 18-20 minutes until pancake is puffy and deeply golden. Cool 5 minutes, then liberally dust with powdered sugar, cut into four wedges and serve with jam or fruit. Refrigerate any leftovers.



Drill Team

Five bikes, five trikes and one 4-wheeler left Cardiology Partners parking lot at 8:30 on Saturday morning to ride to Grapevine where we planned to watch the drill teams perform. We left CP, headed north on 287 to I-20, and on to Hwy 360. At Hwy. 121 we went north to Bass Pro Drive where we turned west to Hwy. 26 north and to Grapevine Mills Mall. There was no traffic to speak of and it wasn't an extremely scenic ride, but we all made it, thanks to tail gunner, Gary Lewis.

The drill team event was held from 9:30 until noon at Grapevine Mills Mall parking lot. There were more than a half dozen drill teams, (I don't know exactly how many because I was probably talking during 2/3 of the performances!) ranging from the just-one-year-old team from Oklahoma to the more experienced team from California. All the teams were impressive and our concensus was that "we're not ready for that!" Such precision takes LOTS of practice! I wonder how many mirrors have to be replaced after their practices?!!

The temperature was perfect when we left CP but had climbed somewhat by noon. We were able to find shade to watch the performances, however, so we didn't get too hot.

We met several other chapter members there, as well as former members, Troy and Marilyn Pennington, who had come up from Georgetown for the Rally. It was good to reconnect with them! They even wore their green Chapter M shirts!

Afterwards we broke up for lunch and some people went back to the Rally – probably to spend more \$\$\$. Carl Shifflett had some really great graphics and lights added to his bike. Be sure to have him show you!

Those riding from CP were:
Dennis & Carolyn (ride leaders)

Wayne Orr
Carl Shifflette
David Adams
Marvin & Sylvia
Randy Hawes and his granddaughter
Rich & Beth
Gary Lewis
Carl & Diane Westcott
Cyndi Burt (in her 4-wheeler)

Those we met at the drill team performance:
Larry & Rhonda, Tom & Blanca, Chris & Lynn,
Troy & Jodi Gould, Troy & Marilyn Pennington



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September Rides

Sunday, September 10 - Lynn's Birthday Ride. Details on Website

Saturday, September 23 - Game Night at Terry & Sue's house. 6-10 pm, details on the web

Craig Watkins
Jodi Gould
Lynn Schoenthal
John Lauer
Lois Sanders
Donna Shifflette
Charles McConnell
Dalinda Seguin

September 08
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September 10
September 15
September 18
September 27
September 28
September 30



October Rides

Sunday, October 1 - Wayne & Kristee's Ride, Details on the website

Saturday, October 21 - Annual Fun Run. Details to Follow

Jack & Pat Denham
Mike & Linda Guthrie

September 04
September 20



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Still can't wrap my head around a reverse trike.

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, Location Unknown

“W2” 7:00 PM on 3rd Thursday, Ryan's, 1400 N.
 HWY 77, Waxahachie

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