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Hello Chapter M

Time flies and seems to go faster as we get older. I can't believe it has already been a year since I wrote the first of these letters. The past year has seen a lot of changes to the Chapter and especially to the Chapter Staff. With the passing of long time treasurer Craig and the resignation of two other staff couples we have had to make several changes. We have new treasurers and Assistant CD's. All of the newly appointed members have stepped in and are working hard and spending a lot of their personal time to make our Chapter work. We want to thank each of the Staff members for helping Chapter M continue to roll on. We also have many members that contribute in a lot of different ways to make our Chapter successful. Some of you contribute items for raffles or nice items for meeting prizes. Some work on leading rides for everyone to enjoy. Some just are regular attendees at any of the functions or rides. It takes everyone to make our Chapter the best around.

The membership is constantly evolving. As some of the most active long term members participate less, new members step in and participate more. We have had several new members join our Chapter the last few months and we look forward to having fun with them and getting to know them better at our upcoming events. We strive to have events and rides that people look forward to attending. If you have any ideas for rides or ideas that will make our meetings or events more enjoyable, then by all means, share them with us.

This next year, the GWRRA is making a big change and they are doing away with the Region level of the GWRRA. The district or state level will be more involved with training, rider education, and the levels program. They are planning on having quarterly education events around the state. They hope this will leave more time for the Chapters to just be about having fun. I always thought it was about having fun with friends. Honda has contributed to the changes this next year with the unveiling of a brand new Goldwing. I look forward to seeing one in person and getting a close up look and feel. Kristee complains that I have to touch and feel everything when we go shopping. Maybe we can work something out with one of our sponsors to have one at a meeting or make a ride there to go over this new machine. We hope to grow our attendance at all of our rides and events this year.

As I am writing this, we are planning on our New Years Day lunch. Even though the weather turned frigid and too cold to ride, we still have 30 plus members that responded and have said they will be at the lunch. That will be a very good turn out and a nice way to kick off the New Year. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the upcoming meetings and rides and to a successful year for Chapter M.

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

Sobering Crash Statistics

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration met recently to share some facts about motorcycle accidents. They determined that, per vehicle mile traveled, a motorcycle is 15 times more likely to have an accident than a 4-wheeler. Here are some of the statistics compiled for 2015:

Overall

- 4,976 motorcyclists killed, an 8% increase from 2014 (4,594)
- 88,000 motorcyclists injured, 3% decrease from 2014 (92,000)
- Motorcycles accounted for 14% of all traffic fatalities, despite accounting for only 2% of all road traffic, and only 0.6% of all vehicle miles traveled
- Of motorcycle fatalities, 94% were riders, 6% were passengers
- The number of registered motorcycles increased, with 8.6 million in 2015, 200,000 more than 2014

Situations

- 33% of all motorcycle fatalities occurred at intersections
- 38% of all motorcycle fatalities occurred at night
- 17% of motorcycle fatalities occurred on freeways/expressways; 51% occurred on principal and minor arterial roads
- 74% of motorcycle crashes were frontal collisions - i.e. the motorcyclist's fault
- 24% of the fatal motorcycle crashes were with stationary objects
- 41% of the fatal motorcycle crashes involved a vehicle turning left in front of the motorcycle
- 33% of fatal motorcycle crashes involved speeding

Alcohol

- In 27% of fatal motorcycle crashes, the rider was legally alcohol-impaired; further 7% were alcohol impaired, but below the legal limit
- Motorcycle fatal crashes had a higher percentage of alcohol-impaired riders than any other vehicle type
- Of those motorcycle riders who were killed in single-vehicle crashes (i.e. rider lost control, no other vehicle involved), 42% of them were legally alcohol-impaired
- Of those who were killed on a weekend night, 63% of them were alcohol-impaired

Helmets

- Overall helmet use in the US was at 61% in 2015
- 1,772 riders involved in accidents would not have survived without their helmets

- 740 riders fatally injured could have survived had they been wearing a helmet

You can read the entire report here: <https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/api/public/viewpublication/812353>

Unfortunately, the report does not break out by model of bike (Harley vs Goldwing), as I believe fatalities and injuries would be lesser for the Goldwing crowd. Riding without a helmet and riding after drinking is not part of GWRRA culture.

The bottom line is that you should wear **“All The Gear, All The Time”** and be mindful of your surroundings, physical condition and riding abilities.

Let's contribute to a safer 2018.

-Chris

CHRISTMAS LIGHT RIDE (DRIVE)

As I watched the weather forecast for the week and the closer it got, rain was going to be coming down for the ride. I decided to send Rich a message and the ride would be on, it will be up to you what you came in or on. I, myself, would be in a cage. We had 24 MR's and three grandkids.

We had good food at Rosa's in Mansfield and a short meeting before leaving on about an hour ride (drive).

We lost one car during the ride (drive). Everyone was told to just go to Starbucks if they got separated (hardly anyone had CBs in their cages).

This was definitely a different CHRISTMAS LIGHT RIDE but that is the way chapter M rolls.

Larry Jennings



Baked Potato Soup

Ingredients:

3 lbs Yukon Gold (or other flavorful) potatoes
3-4 carrots, cleaned
3 stalks celery, cleaned
½ red onion
6-8 strips lean crispy bacon, crumbled
1 cup sour cream
1 cup Velveeta
½ stick butter
¼ c flour
1 carton chicken stock
1 pint heavy cream
1 pint milk
1-2 tbsp minced garlic
cayenne pepper, parsley, salt and pepper, to taste

Garnish:

3-4 green onions, cleaned and thinly sliced
2 cups sharp cheddar cheese, shredded

Instructions:

Scrub and cut potatoes into medium sized cubes; slice carrots & celery and chop onions. Place vegetables in large pot of salted, boiling water until halfway tender (approximately 7-8 minutes).

Drain vegetables, and place them in a large crock pot. Add cayenne, garlic, salt, pepper, some chicken stock and milk. Lightly stir and start on “slow” cooking.

In a medium-sized pan, melt butter; whisk in flour and stir until bubbly. Slowly alternate adding small amounts of chicken stock and milk until you have a nice, thick roux. Add in cubes of Velveeta until melted. Whisk in the sour cream and heavy cream. Add the roux to the crock pot and cook until all vegetables are very tender.

Approximately 10 minutes before serving, stir in chopped, fresh parsley. Re-check for seasoning and thickness of soup (add more chicken stock or milk if too thick). (Note: I use a potato masher to get the balance of chunkiness that I want.)

Serve with garnishes and love,

Lynn Schoenthal

Frigid New Years Day Event

Well, our annual New Years Day ride turned into more of just a lunch due to the very cold weather. Luckily the precipitation stopped on New Years Eve and everyone was able to make the trip in four wheelers to the Hard Eight BBQ in Roanoke. We had a very good turnout of Chapter M members. It was a great way to start off 2018.

The event was made even more special when we found Mary Watkins there upon our arrival. Mary and Craig used to lead this ride every year so her being there was extra special. Everyone was so glad to see her. Her daughter, Trish was also in attendance. We had some very good BBQ and shared some laughs and good conversation with everyone.

The Chapter gave away \$175.00 in cash and gift cards to a few lucky members. The gift cards were donated by our great sponsor DFW Honda. We had 31 members brave the cold to make this event.

Those in attendance were:

Mike Fuller
Harry Allen
Cyndi Burt
Charles McConnell
Jim & Terri Culver
Gary & Bev Lewis
Critt & Kerry Coburn
Wayne & Kristee Orr
Rich & Beth Hendrickson
Larry & Rhonda Jennings
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Mary Watkins (and Trish)
Marvin & Suzette Stewart
Chris & Lynn Schoenthal
Carl & Donna Shifflette
Steve & Kathy Tackel
Cotton & Debra Smith
Fred & Sherry Myers.
A great way to start 2018!

Wayne & Kristee

Terri's Pumpkin Nut Bread

Ingredients"

3 1/3 cups flour	1 cup chopped pecans
2 tsp. baking soda	4 eggs
1 1/2 tsp. salt	1 16 oz. can of pumpkin
1 tsp. cinnamon	1 cup oil
1 tsp. nutmeg	2/3 cup water
3 cups sugar	

TOPPING: 2 tbs. melted butter, 1 tbsp. sugar, 1 tsp. cinnamon

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all dry ingredients into large mixing bowl.

Quickly add all liquid ingredients. Mix only until dry ingredients are moist.

Bake in two greased 9"x5"x3" pans for 1 hour. Let cool 10 minutes, remove from pans and cool on a wire rack. While warm brush with the topping mixture.

This recipe works using 3 aluminum loaf pans, or 5-6 of the mini aluminum loaf pans which makes them easy to share.

EASY PUMPKIN SWIRL

PUMPKIN ROLL:

3/4 cup pancake mix
3 eggs
1 cup sugar
2/3 cup canned pumpkin
1 cup nuts
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon nutmeg

Instructions:

1. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Grease 15x10x1" jellyroll pan. Line top and sides with wax paper. Grease wax paper.
2. Beat eggs and sugar until fluffy. Beat in pumpkin. Stir in dry ingredients.
3. Pour into pan. Spread evenly and sprinkle with nuts.
4. Bake 13-15 minutes.
5. Invert onto towel dusted with powdered sugar. Peel off wax paper. Roll up cake and towel together from short side. Place seam side down on rack to cool. Cool completely.
6. Unroll cake and spread with filling. Reroll cake and refrigerate

until ready to serve.

Filling:

Beat together 1 cup powdered sugar, 8 ounces softened cream cheese, 6 tablespoons butter and 1 teaspoon vanilla until smooth.



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Christmas Party

The Chapter M 2017 Christmas party was another fun event, time to visit and catch up with other members, and enjoy some good food. We were greeted by the beautifully decorated tables decorated by Kristee Orr, and placed toys and gifts for kids in need around the Christmas tree. Don Peacock graced us with his culinary skills once again by providing the meat for the evening, and members provided other various dishes along with plenty of desserts, so if anyone went away hungry it was their own fault. Our background music was provided by Jim Culver

The meal was followed by our usual special recognition of one of our ride leaders for the year and the raffling off of some prizes of gift cards and such provided to our chapter throughout the year. Then it was on to our favorite chapter game. There were enough of us that we had two games going. Following the games, the decorations were packed up, tables and chairs were put up to allow a dance floor for those who cared to dance. Dennis Martini had provided Jim with a play list for such as Jim has a voluminous library of songs from many decades. We were treated to see slow dancing performed by several couples, got to see Dennis and Carolyn "cut a rug" as they must have in their early days together, and Laura Adams gave us a brief demonstration of dancing from a later era following a request for music from a more recent decade.

Everyone had a good time, and we look forward to next year when we get to do it again. It was sad not to have some of our members with us anymore for various reasons, but we are grateful for those we still get to enjoy. And we hope we have some new members to join us next year.



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January Events

Monday, January 1 - Craig Watkins memorial New Years Day Ride. Details TBA

Saturday, January 13 Impromptu Ride, leave Cardiology Partners at 10am

Saturday, January 13 Mid Winter Roundup, details to follow

Sunday, January 21 Lunch and a Movie. Meet at 12:00pm at Fuzzy's Taco in Mansfield

February Events

Saturday-Sunday, February 3-4 GWRRA Education Weekend. Details TBA

Sunday, February 11 - Bowling Practice, details on the web

Sunday, February 18 - Bowling Challenge, details on the web

Saturday, February 24 - Impromptu Ride, Leave Cardiology Partners @ 10



Carl & Diane Westcott

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Meeting Time Again!

Christmas is over, it's time to warm up and ride! My wing sits quietly in the shop, just waiting for me to throw a leg over and eat up some miles. Years ago, I would have let a little thing like bone chilling cold even slow me down, I hope that I am getting wiser!

The temps are beginning to moderate a bit so let's hope that riding weather is within sight.

I'm looking forward to seeing the rest of the "family" at our monthly meeting.
Ride Safe!!!

-Jim
Newsletter Mechanic

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.
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