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Hello Chapter M, the new year is under way and the cold weather has definitely arrived. At least my electric bill would lead me to believe it is here. This last month several members of the staff made the three plus hour drive to Brenham, TX for the Mid-winter workshop. Terry Davis, Carl and Donna Shifflette and Chris Schoenthal along with myself, all made the trip down Friday evening and attended the workshop all day Saturday before returning home Saturday evening. I want to thank all of these Staff members for taking away there weekend and going down there to help make our Chapter better. The main theme of the workshop was that everything at GWRRRA is in a transition and if you don't like a new form or path to do something, just wait a few days and it will change. As you are aware by now, the Region H staff and level of GWRRRA has gone away. The Texas District staff are now doing a lot of the jobs and paperwork that used to be done by the Region. The workshop is to inform members on how to take care of GWRRRA business and fill out new forms, etc. It is also a meeting to make sure that GWRRRA has all of the Chapter Staff members in the appropriate positions and get them sworn in as officers if necessary. With the Region going away and new leadership at the Texas District level, there has been quite a bit of confusion. I do believe the new District Staff will do a good job. Enough about business.

The Texas District Rally is going to be held in Brenham in May. I think this is going to be a really good Rally. They have fifty or sixty vendors lined up to attend. They are going to be set up at the Fair Grounds in Brenham. The opening and BBQ dinner will be at the nearby State Park where we had the workshop. They have a tour of the Blue Bell Factory in the works as well as a tour of a Castle complete with a working draw bridge over the mote and a working catapult that they use to actually launch a boulder. Put this event on your calendar. I really think this is going to be a good one.

Even though the weather has been cold, Chapter M has still been active. The movie day was a nice lunch and visiting with members and then we moved on to a good movie. Most of the members went to see 12 Strong. This is a great show about our military going into Afghanistan soon after the 911 event in New York. We had a recent journey to the Rocket Café which Rich led us on a very nice ride and the lunch is always good at Rocket. The weather turned out to be great for this ride. We have several events coming up soon that involve the North Texas Bowling Challenge. Check out the calendar and be sure to join us. Even if you don't bowl, we need cheerleaders for our bowling team. We always have a lot of fun at the practice and the actual Challenge. This Challenge is the fund raiser for our friends at Chapter P in Granbury. We have always been known to attend and help out our fellow GWRRRA Chapters by participating in their fund raising events. Let's keep up the tradition.

I heard that DFW Honda has the NEW GOLDWING in the showroom and by the time this is read, the OFB members are going up to see it in person. Hopefully, we will get a review from them at the meeting. I am excited to see one even though I will probably never see one in my garage. If you do go to the dealership to see the new bike, please let them know you are from Chapter M. Good weather is just around the corner, so if you are not trading in your current ride on the new wing then be getting it ready for the upcoming riding season. We look forward to seeing everyone at the meetings and rides and events. Come on out and share your love of riding motorcycles and have some fun.

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

Ride to Busy Bee

January 6, 2018

Participants for this ride met at Cardiology Partners parking lot. There were nine bikes and trikes and ten people that participated. Randy Hawes led. When he asked if anyone had a suggestion as to where to go, Dennis suggested that we use the basic route we planned to use for the Fun Run but we should take the planned route not the actual route.

We left the lot at 10:00 AM. The weather was bright and sunny but the temperature was a little chilly. Kristee particularly thought it was chilly since she had all of her electric gear plugged in and she still wasn't warm and toasty. Upon examination Wayne found out that while Kristee was all plugged in, he may not have connected the wiring to the battery when he recently changed it. Oh well, we all left anyhow.

Because there was construction work being done on East Broad Street we went to Heritage Parkway and through some neighborhoods to come out on Lakeview Parkway near Joe Pool Lake. We went South to Texas Plume Road then to U.S. 67. We followed 67 to Ninth street in Midlothian then southeast to Center Drive (1387) then east to Longbranch Road then southeast past the Midway Regional Airport to Highway 287. We went east from there until we exited toward I-35E south. We exited about Buena Vista Road and went west to about Arrowhead Road, then south to Highway 66, then west to Maypearl and the Busy Bee Restaurant where we stopped for lunch.

After lunch we continued on several back roads around Maypearl where we saw some Longhorn cattle with record-setting horns and then a field that had several Elk lying under a tree. We eventually wound our way around and came out on Highway 66 and went east to Waxahachie and got onto Highway 875 and headed west to Highway 157, then north back to Mansfield.

All in all, it was an excellent ride and the weather was great.

-Carolyn Martini

More Rides

On January 13, there were two events scheduled, an impromptu ride and the Mid Winter Roundup. I don't have any info on these but we did have participation for both events.

-Jim

Lunch and a Movie

Sunday, January 21

The group met at Fuzzy's Tacos at noon and enjoyed a great meal. After lunch, we headed over to the Cinemark Theater and picked which movie we would see.

Not a ride per se', but still an opportunity for friends to get together for socializing.

-Jim

Ride to Rockett Cafe and Club

It was a great sunny Sunday. The temperature was cool so we put on the electrics or a good jacket, but by early afternoon 65 degrees felt really great. Perfect for a January ride.

We started out shortly after 10:30 am with 10 bikes and one car. We made our way from Cardiology Partners finding Rt. 157 Lone Star Road toward Venus where Randy and some of his family met us.

From Venus we traveled south on Rt. 157 turning left following a curvy Rt. 875 all the way to Waxahachie. We followed Rt. 77 then Rt. 813 and Rt. 878, a farmland road to Palmer. Then we followed Rt. 813 again from Palmer to the little town of Rockett and the Rockett Café and Club.

For those eating at this restaurant for the first time I heard many comments about how gigantic the Chicken Fried Steaks were. Some of the more experienced split their order and others created two or three meals out of it. All in All, the food and the service was great. It's a favorite place for many other biker groups as well.

Afterwards, for the trip home we followed Bells Chapel Road to Shawnee Road and North on Rt. 77. Following Rt. 77 along the service road we turned left on Ovilla road. Ovilla Road or Rt. 664 was another great curvy road with many 25 or 30 mph speed limits all the way back to Rt. 287. Our final stop was a DQ in Midlothian to make the day complete. From there everyone split up and headed for home.

Be sure to watch the chapter M calendar for more rides and other events coming your way.

We are always looking for new places to visit so if you have a favorite restaurant or favorite road please feel free to take the lead. Just let us know and we'll be happy to put it on the ride schedule.

Until next time.

Ride safe and have fun.

Rich Hendrickson

2018 Goldwing

After the Tuesday morning breakfast, some of the group went to DFW Honda to check out the new Goldwing. Carolyn sent this photo along.



More images from the Rockett Ride



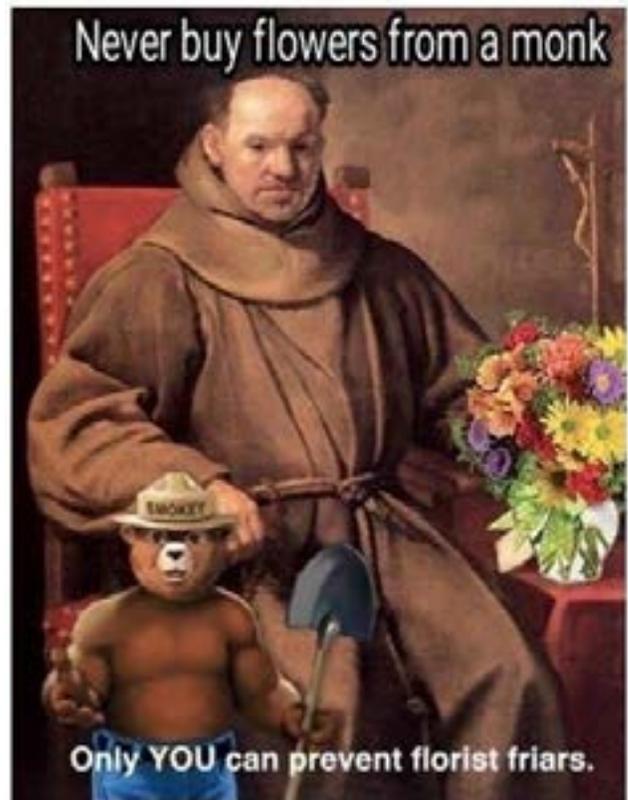
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February 06
February 12
February 15
February 25
February 28

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 @ 2 PM



Harry & Rhonda Allen
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February 09
February 16
February 19

March Events

Events being planned, check website for details!

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Meeting Time Again!

I am finishing this up on meeting day which is WAY later than usual, but I am VERY low on articles as you can easily see. We have been tight before over my last eight years of doing this, but never this bad. I am only the guy that puts together what you send to me, as this is your newsletter, not mine. Let's see if we can do better for next month.

We did have a good turnout this past Sunday, it got to 65 degrees which is really warm for the end of January. Look for Rich's ride report elsewhere in this newsletter.

Time to send this to Charles, I look forward to seeing lots of smiling faces at the meeting tonight!

Oh, please note that Terri has a new e-mail address. You will find it on page 1 of the newsletter.

-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.
HWY 77, Waxahachie

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