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MARCH 2017

**Texas District
Chapter **M2**
Spring, Texas**

**Gold Wing Road Riders Association
Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge
South Central Region H**



Brazos Valley Veteran's Memorial



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Director's Corner

Bart & Cheryl Harris

Miscellaneous Musings



The Chapter has done a pretty good job of keeping busy this winter – if I do say so myself! What with the Christmas Party, bowling, Valentines, miniature golf, game night and let us not forget the non-ride Polar Bear Ride. But spring is here now so it is time to mount those steeds and ride once again. Have you taken care of your maintenance? Oil, coolant, filters, brake & clutch fluid, rear-end oil? What about those tires? Be sure to do a good inspection before you ride if you have not been out in a while.



The other major component to be concerned with is yourself, the rider. Are you a little rusty? It might be a good idea to do a little low speed parking practice and take it easy for your first ride or two until you get toned up a little. An article I was reading in the February issue of Motorcycle Consumer News compared it to being a weight lifter who has laid off lifting for a while. The weight lifter would not try to pick-up his max weight on his first lift and nor should we get too spirited on our first ride of spring.

I, for one, am looking forward to getting some good riding in this spring. It seems like last year we were rained out more often than not. Of course, it was great to see the drought end, but come on, that was a bit much. Hopefully we will get a little more of a balanced weather pattern for 2017.

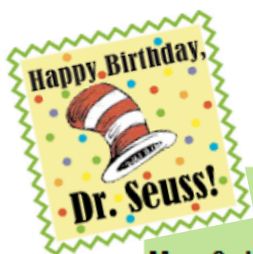
One thing I have been thinking about is that I seem to be in front leading the way most of the time. Now, I do not mind leading but I have my tendencies (routes, riding habits, etc.) and I think it might spice things up a little if we had other people step up and lead occasionally. I know I always enjoy it when Andy leads as he always has a “unique” way of getting places. I think it would be great if a couple of more people led rides occasionally. Would you be comfortable leading a ride? Want to take a turn? Think about it and let me know.

Until next time, ride smart, ride safe!

PLAN AHEAD!:

- April 27-29, 2017 – Region H Rally, Marshall, TX
- April 30, 2017 – Houston Ride for Kids
- May 18-20, 2017 – Texas District Rally, Wichita Falls, TX
- August 29 – September 2, 2017 – Wing Ding, Grapevine, TX





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March Journeys

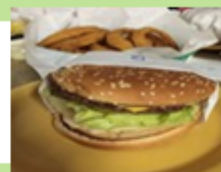
Mar. 3rd
Friday

M*A*S*H Chapter Gathering at IHOP, The Woodlands
Come early and visit, meeting at 7:15 p.m.



Mar. 4th
Saturday

Ride to the Original Super Burger
Meet at Stripes at 9:30 a.m.



Mar. 8th
Wednesday

Team Meeting at Red Lobster, The Woodlands
Eat at 6:30 p.m. / Meeting at 7:15 p.m.



Mar. 18th
Saturday

Ride to George Ranch and lunch in Richmond
Meet at Stripes at 9:00 a.m.



Mar. 26th
Sunday

Ride to Deacon Baldy's Food Truck
Meet at Chevron at 1:30 p.m.



Coming Up in April

April 1st
Saturday

Ride to Hemi Hideout
Meet at Stripes at 9:00 a.m.

April 7th
Friday

M*A*S*H Chapter Gathering at IHOP, The Woodlands
Come early and visit, meeting at 7:15 p.m.

April 12th
Wednesday

Team Meeting at Red Lobster, The Woodlands
Eat at 6:30 p.m. / Meeting at 7:15 p.m.

April 22nd
Saturday

Chapter J Rally in Beaumont
Meet at Chevron at 8:00 a.m.

April 29th
Sunday

Ride for Kids and Region H Rally in Marshall (weekend)
More details to follow





Valentine's Luncheon

Thirteen couples came out for an early Valentine's Lunch at Salt Grass Steakhouse on Saturday, February 11th.



March Birthdays

14th Betty Halasz
16th Kent Woodard
23rd Howard Lightner



Quote by Claudia

“There is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good humor.”

Charles Dickens

March Anniversaries

9th Scott & Linda Gresak
12th Don & Cynthia Hays
17th Bobby & Robin DeMonaco
23rd Howard & Carol Lightner
31st Ted & Beth Jones



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Region H Rally

April 27, 28, 29, 2017

Marshall Texas Civic Center Complex
 2501 East End Blvd. S.

Mini-Grand Prize \$250 - 2 Grand Prizes \$500 each

Full Registration Includes:

Rally Pins for first 500 registered

COY Selection	Bingo
Guided and Self Guided Rides	Dress Competition
Breakfast Rides	Trike Course
Light Show/Bike Show	Talent Show
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M2 ANNUAL MINATURE GOLF TOURNAMENT



Following on the heels of our immensely successful M*A*S*Hter Invitational Bowling Tournament in January, February brought our annual Miniature Golf Tournament. The tournament was conducted on two highly acclaimed courses simultaneously—Shankz Blacklight Miniature Golf in The Woodlands and Gilligan's Island Golf in Tulsa.

M2 South had twelve participants: Linda, Debbie, Britt, Howard, Carol, Kathy, Tim, Kim & Grandchildren Kaylee and Peyton, Cheryl and Bart. M2 North had two: Scott & Stoney.

The competition in the South was fierce with four golfers finishing within two strokes. Up North it was almost as close with Stoney beating out Scott by 3 strokes and taking the entire tournament with 18-hole score of 49 which is 7 over par.

Now Stoney claims the Tulsa course is more challenging but I noted PAR in Tulsa was 42 where par at Shankz is 49. In fact we had four golfer's finish 5 over par or better (Linda, Howard, Tim & Bart) so I am actually thinking that Stoney really came in fifth..... Besides, who can believe that anything named after

Gilligan could be challenging?

After an exhausting round of Golf, the South crew headed over to Willie's Icehouse for a delicious lunch and good company. Not sure what the North crew did—probably tried to fix the boat again.





MAY 18, to May 20, 2017

Gathering of the Tribes

The Theme for 2017 convention is
Indians in the Wild West
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Make your plans to attend

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Ice Cream

Float Bar

Casino
Trip

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Competition

Lets Make
A Deal

Chapter Feud





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.

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It was a cool but sunny late winter morning for our ride to the Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial in Bryan. We had nine participants on seven bikes show up for this late February ride including Kim & David Lamb, Claudia & Andy Woodard, Bob Stuart, Howard Lightner, Lloyd Porter, Marty Uphoff and Bart Harris.

We took off across Dobbin Huffsmith, over to FM149 and on up to Richards. Unfortunately, we had some rather slow traffic on FM149 but it was still a nice ride. We then picked FM1486 out Richards cutting over to Hwy. 30 to take in to Bryan/College Station.

Our first stop was Sodalok's Beefmaster restaurant for lunch. Kim's long time friend who lives in the area, Pam, was there waiting for us having already arranged for a table big enough for the group. It was not long before we were seated and sipping on our beverages in over sized mason jars. That should have been a clue. We order up lunch—some had steak, some had chicken, some had stuffed potatoes and some had “meatloaf”. Needless to say, the portions were quite generous as can be seen from Howard's meal!

After a delicious (and filling) lunch, it was off to the memorial. Unfortunately with Bryan traffic, we were separated and almost lost Marty for the day. Andy was able to talk him in and after a quick stop we were off to the memorial which was only about 4 miles from Sodalok's.

Pam is a volunteer at the memorial (as well as Kim) and acted as a tour guide. The facility consists of a paved pathway over a mile long through a wooded park area with various history panels, granite markers, statues and historic scenes of every American conflict from the Revolution to present. There are even some conflicts in there that I had never heard of. It was really quite interesting and we spent about 1 1/2 hours on our tour. You could easily spend at



Howard sizes up his “Loaf of Meat”

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least half a day if you read every history panel in full.

After the tour, our super guide and host, Pam, had a ice chest of water and some home made treats waiting for us in her SUV. I had a cheese-jalapeno cookie which sounds strange but was actually quite good!

We left about 2:30 for a quick trip back home in time for Andy to do so more gardening—at least that was Claudia's plan!



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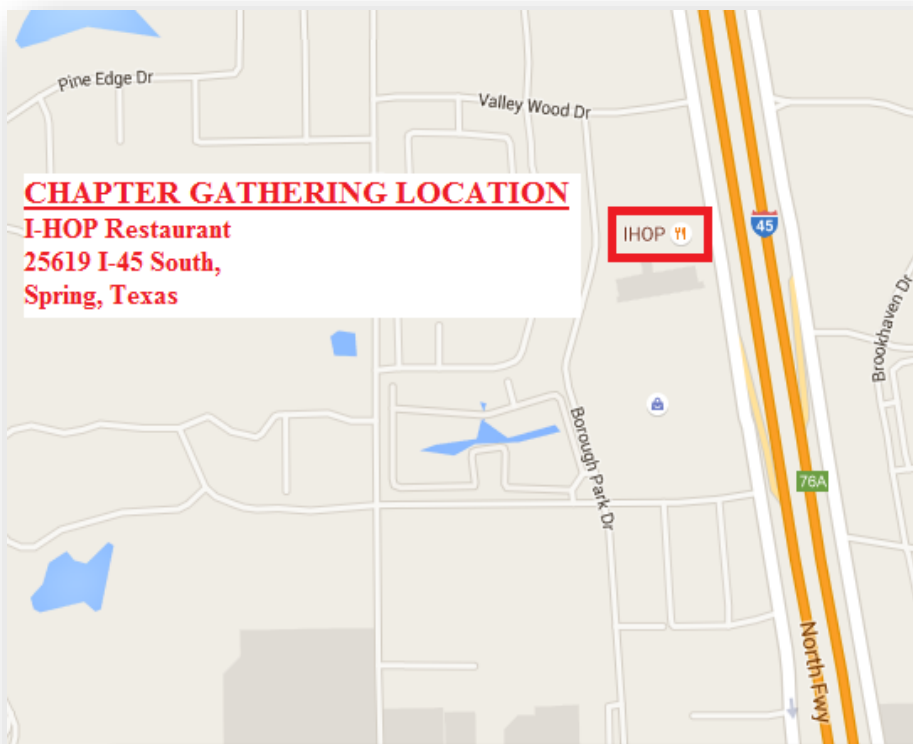
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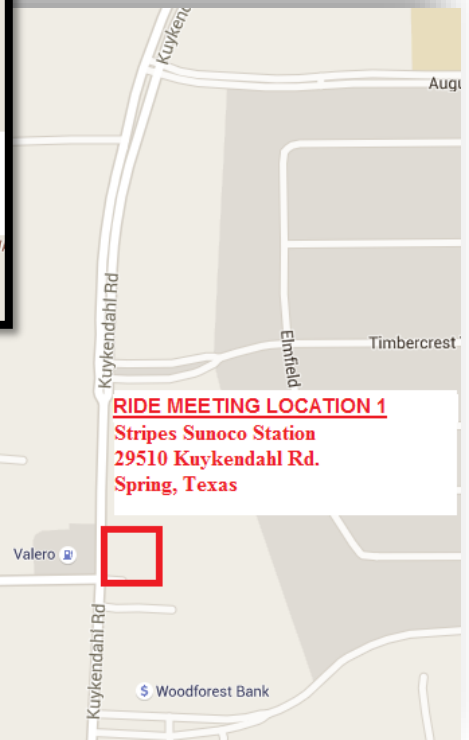
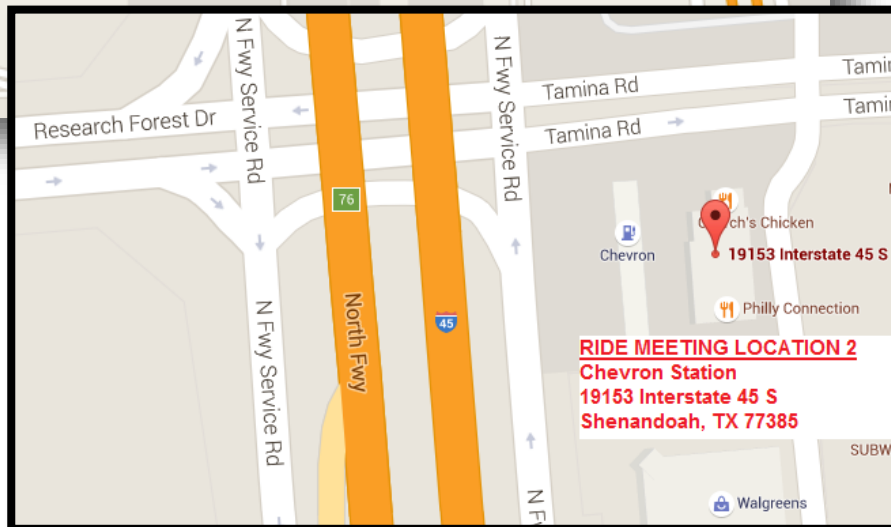
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