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## All New Wing!

As you might have guessed from the cover picture, we are excited about the all-new Goldwing introduced by Honda in late October. It is the first all new version of the venerable Wing in eighteen years so it is big news!

I will not try to explain all the change here. They have made a slick presentation on the Honda Powersports website and I encourage you to take a look at if you have not done so already (www.powersports.honda.com). I will highlight that it has a new power plant - a 24 -valve unicam flat 6 engine; 6 -speed manual transmission or optional 7 -speed automatic dual clutch transmission; and a new front suspension. It looks really cool (at least in my opinion)!

The other good news is that perhaps this new model of the Wing will generate some excitement and bring in some first time Goldwing buyers. I think that is probably Honda's intent and we certainly wish Mother Honda success. However, in a purely selfish position, success of the new Wing model will be good for GWRRA and M2. New potential recruits!

Not that we do not appreciate all of you; but let us face it, we are aging and M2 and GW could use an influx of some younger members. M2 has done pretty well lately with new members but we can always use more! So, look at Honda's website and talk it up a little among your friends. Good for Honda, good for GWRRA, good for M2!

Until next time, ride smart, ride safe!

## PLAN AHEAD!:

- December 3rd - Chapter Christmas Party
- January 13th:Mid-winter Round-up at Washington on the Brazos
- February 2-4 District Education Weekend
- May 17-19:District Rally in Brenham




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## OUR NATIONAL PARK TOUR

By<br>Andy \& Claudia Woodard

Our trip started and ended in Colorado Springs, Colorado. We unloaded the bike and trailer, and then checked into The Spurs and Lace bed and breakfast. We rode out to Pike's Peak, but were told it was raining up there. So we rode some nice roads west of town. We returned to the B\&B owned by Arlene (we think Arnold would be more appropriate). We headed out the next morning for Rocky Mountain National Park. We stopped in Empire CO to view the solar eclipse.


We had the right eyewear so we could look at the sun at $93 \%$ eclipse. It was cool but not really very dark. US 34 through Rocky Mountain Park is a great road to ride with fabulous views.

The next day we rode to Cody Wyoming. On the way we stopped at Hell's Half Acre. It is like a mini Grand Canyon. The Indians used to run buffalo off the cliff so they could harvest them for food \& skins.


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From Cody, we rode the Chief Joseph highway to US 212 into the NE entrance of Yellowstone National Park. We saw hundreds of buffalo, some up close, and 1 antelope in Lamar Valley.
We rode through Mammoth Hot Springs and by Undine Falls on our way to West Yellowstone. The next day we rode Fire Hole Canyon Rd. and saw Thermal Water Holes on the way to Old Faithful. Then we rode by Yellowstone Lake to the Upper Falls of Yellowstone River. Upon leaving Yellowstone we rode US 212 (AKA Bear Tooth Highway) to Red Lodge Montana.
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The next morning we walked 2 blocks to breakfast. We saw an owl sitting on a school house, a momma deer and her twins and 2 other deer in the middle of town. After breakfast we rode to St Mary Montana on
the eastern border of Glacier National Park.

The next morning we went to Canada to visit Waterton Lakes National Park. In 2017 all Canadian National Parks are free to enter. The best thing we saw in Canada were 3 baby bears (sorry Bart). I
 was a little nervous because a man was blocking the whole road and I'm wondering where momma is.

Then we rode the Eastern half of Glacier National Park on the Going to the Sun Road. We saw many spectacular waterfalls, glaciers, colorful rock, beautiful mountains and Saint Mary Lake.


The next
 day we left through the park and headed south into Idaho. We saw many fires off to the west in the mountains. There were helicopters fighting the fires. US 95 is a wonderful road full of big sweeping turns on our way to

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Salmon ID for the night. We highly recommend the Sacagawea Inn in Salmon Idaho. Our room was very nice and only cost $\$ 67$. In the morning they provided a good hot breakfast made to order for $\$ 3$. After breakfast we rode US 95 and Idaho 75 along the Salmon River all the way to the river's headwaters. All the way down to Shoshone ID it kept getting hotter. When we stopped in town it was 100 degrees. Our destination was only 20 miles away, but was 15 degrees cooler. We arrived in Twin Falls ID and visited Shoshone Falls on the Snake


River. The Snake River gorge is spectacular.
On the next day we rode to Hatch Utah. Just before arriving we rode through Red Canyon and into Bryce Canyon National Park. What an incredible canyon that is. Amazing color everywhere. Our stay for the night is at the Galaxy of Hatch. It is a motorcycle motel and diner. We saw this in Wing World magazine and decided to try it. Very cool.

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In the morning we set out to Green River Utah. Interstate 70 in Utah \& Colorado is the most beautiful Interstate we have ever seen. Not far from Green River is Spotted Wolf Canyon. This was a narrow slot canyon that roads always went around before I-70 was built. A man could stand in this canyon and touch both walls. After moving 3.5 million cubic yards of rock, they put in I-70. As you approach from the west it appears the rocks form 3 giant cruise ships. 2 on the left and 1 on the right. The freeway goes down between them.


After arriving back in Colorado Springs and picking up our truck \& trailer, we rode up to Pike's Peak. What a blast that was. I was rather disconcerted when I stepped off the bike at 14,115 feet and got woozy.

In 12 days, we covered 3800 miles and saw much of God's beauty and handiwork. It was certainly one of our best vacations.


## For Our New Sponsors



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Tips for Motorcyclists | Road Speed Cornering

Borrowed from LookLearnLive.org Website

Contrary to popular belief, most motorcycle fatalities do not occur in a collision with another vehicle at an intersection. A higher percentage involves motorcycles running off the roadway in a curve then striking a fixed object. If you are uncomfortable during road speed turns, increase your skill through training and practice. Classes on cornering are available in Texas and the practice is fun.


If you find yourself coasting through corners with the power off, you have entered the turn too fast for your comfort level. Enter the next turn slower and add throttle as gently and early as possible through the turn.
Your vision is the key to your survival in cornering. If you are approaching a blind curve due to a sight restriction of any kind, slow down! You do not know what's lurking just around the bend.

The proper use of your vision through a turn is a skill! Turn your head before the corner starts and look far through the turn, keeping your head and eyes up. This will help you relax on the controls and see any issues far in advance.



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## RIDE TOTOPWATER GRILL

Our ride started at Chevron with Cliff \& Kay, Sergio, Howard \& Carol and Andy \& Claudia. Steve \& Billie met us at the restaurant. It was a beautiful day for a ride. We rode through New Caney, Huffman, Crosby and then we got stuck behind a parade in Highlands. Kids were everywhere picking up candy. After what seemed like forever, we found a way around it. I wanted to take the historic Lynchburg ferry, but Harvey destroyed both ferry landings, so we proceeded through Baytown \& Kemah. We turned left at Bacliff and rode along the bay to San Leon. The restaurant was very different from what I remembered from past visits. We had a delicious meal with very good company.



| November Birthdays |  |
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| $1^{\text {st }}$ | Jimmy Magouirk |
| $3^{\text {rd }}$ | Bob Stuart |
| $6^{\text {th }}$ | Steve Kotlarich |
| $7^{\text {th }}$ | Howard Halasz |
| $21^{\text {st }}$ | Robin DelMonaco |
| $27^{\text {th }}$ | Tracy Magouirk |



## Quote by Claudia

"The measure of who we are is what we do with what we have."

Vince Lombardi

## November Anniversaries

$20^{\text {th }} \quad$ Britt \& Debbie Grieger
$28^{\text {th }}$ Howard \& Betty Halasz


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## M2 GOES UPSCALE



Sunday afternoon, October 15th, M2 took a little afternoon ride up to Lake Conroe for a late lunch/early dinner. Our destination was Ocean's Boulevard Bistro-a relatively new restaurant situated right on the lake. But first we had to get there....

It was a bit of a strange day weather wise. Heading down l-45 on our way to our meeting location, it was a bit of a warm afternoon especially for October. However, a cool front was forecast and sure enough, as soon as we started heading North on our ride the temperatures dropped quickly and it was actually a little cool. Of course we had to take the circuitous route up to Lake Conroe. We headed up to Willis on 75 , cut over to the National Forest across the lake on FM1375 and then cut through the heart of the forest on Osborn Road before catching *FM149 back South. We took another less traveled path on Lake Mt. Pleasant Road before finally getting to FM1097 and heading to the restaurant.

- When we arrived, we were surprised to fine the establishment empty (I guess it was a bit early for dinner) but were also surprised to find a white table cloths and fresh flowers on every


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table. This was definitely a little more upscale than M2's usual fare. I felt a bit under dressed to say the least!

The food selection ranged from hamburgers to grilled lobster tail so I guess you could say there was something for everyone. Service was good, food was good and the view was great of the lake. All in all, a nice little ride and a nice little restaurant.


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