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MOTORCYCLISTS AGAINST STAYING HOME



September 2018

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

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



WELCOME BACK SCOTT!

While you were never really gone, we are happy to have you back in Texas full-time Scott. Welcome Home!

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Director's Corner

Bart & Cheryl Harris



Moving into Fall

We kicked-off September with a M2/N2 joint trip over to the Golden Nugget casino in Lake Charles on the 1st. We had 22 total go on the trip and for those of you who did not attend, I can advise that we had a good time but no one came home rich.

We have a couple of nice, local rides scheduled for the remaining of September. On the 15th we're going to end up at the Relay Station in Plantersville. This establishment was the destination of our annual Polar Bear rides for many years but we have not been there in some time. I have been advised that recent reports are the food is quite good so we thought we would give it a try since it is in our backyard. We also have a ride planned to an M2 favorite, Manny's Seafood in Livingston later in the month on Sunday the 23rd.

In October, we are going to range a bit further anticipating good, crisp riding weather. On Saturday the 6th, we're going to attempt once again to reach Miss Mollie's Diner in Alto. As you may recall, a few years back we were headed to Alto when Lloyd had an unfortunate encounter with a deer shortly after leaving Stripes. On the 20th, we are headed to Royer's Round Top Café, which is a nice little ride as well.

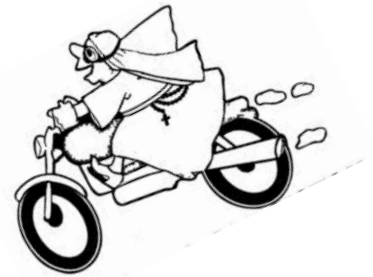
There is also the 14th annual Houston Nun-Run on October 13th benefitting the CHRISTUS School Clinics. This is a 40-Mile, Blue Knights police escorted motorcycle ride from Villa de Matel to Topwater Grill in San Leon. The minimum donation is \$35 for a rider and \$25 for a passenger. For more information, see the Nun Run web page: <https://christusfoundation.org/event/nun-run-2018/>.

Until next time,

Ride Smart, Ride Safe!

PLAN AHEAD!:

- ♦ October 13th Nun Run
- ♦ December 9th Chapter Christmas Party



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September Birthdays

29th Joanna McFadden

Quote by Claudia

As far as we're concerned, old age is fifteen years from now.



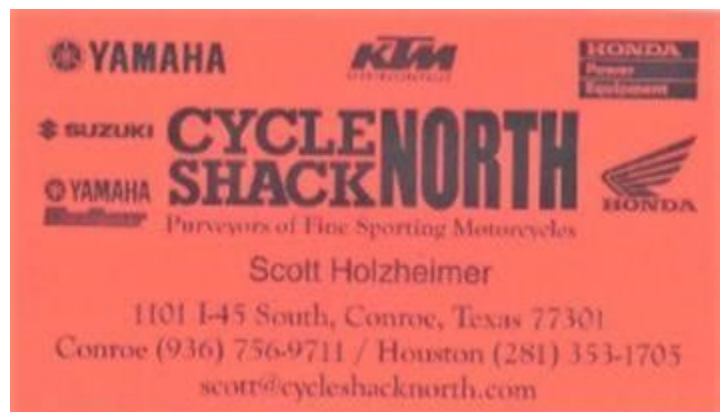
September Anniversaries

6th Bart & Cheryl Harris

14th Marty & Donna Uphoff



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September Events

Sept. 7th **Chapter Gathering at I-Hop in the Woodlands**
Friday Come early and visit; meeting starts at 7:15pm
6:30pm



Sept. 11th **M2 Team Meeting Conference Call**
Tuesday Contact Bart Harris for call in number.
7:15pm



Sept 15th **Ride to Relay Station in Plantersville**
Saturday Meet at Stripes-Sunoco Station, 10:30am
10:30am



Sept. 23rd **Ride to Manny's Seafood in Livingston**
Sunday Meet at Chevron Station, 11:30am
11:30am



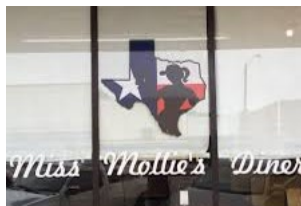
Forthcoming in October

Oct. 5th **Chapter Gathering at I-Hop in the Woodlands**
Friday Come early and visit; meeting starts at 7:15pm

Oct. 6th Ride to Miss Mollie's Diner in Alto
Saturday Meet at Chevron, 8:00am

Oct. 9th **M2 Team Meeting Conference Call**
Tuesday Contact Bart Harris for call in number.

Oct 20th **Ride to Royers Round Top Café**
Saturday Meet at Stripes-Sunoco Station, 8:00am



AUGUST ACTIVITIES

The good news is that we managed to make it through August without anyone passing out from heat stroke. Most, probably wisely, choose to stay off their bikes in August but a few hardy souls did actually ride.

Our first outing of the month was a breakfast ride up to Montgomery Steakhouse on Sunday the 5th. Don, Charlie & Brenda, Howard & Carol and Bart met down at Stripes and rode up to Montgomery in the relative cool of the morning where we were met by Linda & Scott. Breakfast and the service were good as usual at this favorite ride destination. After breakfast, the four of us on bikes took a short round trip up to Richards to get in a little bit of a ride before the heat of the afternoon set in.



On Saturday the 18th, we had a “dessert” ride to Pie in the Sky in Conroe. Of the 16 that attended this event, only four of us actually rode: Lloyd, Bart and, to my surprise, Scott was there. I was surprised to see Scott on his bike for two reasons: 1) I knew Linda was out of town at a family reunion and assumed Scott stayed in Oklahoma and 2) it was hot at our meet time of 4:30 in the afternoon. I was further pleasantly surprised to find out Scott had been transferred back to Texas and would be a full-time resident once again.



Scott, Lloyd and I took a little bit a ride around the east side of Conroe trying to stay in the woods on our way to Pie and the Sky. We were meet there by Jan & Allan, Howard & Carol, Bob MacBird, Tim & Kathy, Ray & Lucy, Chris & Brenda, Andy and Cheryl. Dinner was delicious and of course just about everyone had to partake in a little pie to complete the evening.

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Our last event of the month was a game night hosted by Andy & Claudia Woodard on the 25th. We had fifteen in attendance including Ray & Lucy, Scott & Linda, Jan & Allan, Bart & Cheryl, Howard & Carol, Andy & Claudia and their son, daughter-in-law & grandchild: Patrick, Mindy & Brooklyn. Oh, make that 16 counting Lacy the Golden Retriever. As usual, plenty of tasty food was present to fill our bellies before settling into the games. The dining room group played a round of Chicken Foot won by Andy while the living room group played, but could not finish, a round of Mexican Train. Game nights are always fun and a good way to beat the August heat. Thanks for hosting Andy & Claudia!

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Safe Ways to Practice Motorcycle Braking

Reprint from DMV.Org

Learning how to brake properly is one of the first skills you should attempt to master when first learning to ride a motorcycle.

Follow these braking tips to improve your technique, increase your confidence, and stay safe when an emergency stop may be required.

Considerations Before You Ride

Not all bikes brake the same way. Before you begin practicing, there are a few factors you'll want to take into account:

The type of brakes.

There are several different types of braking systems that will alter your braking technique and affect your stopping power. These include:

Dual-disc brakes.

Common on most street bikes and will have a greater stopping power than single-disc brakes.

Single-disc brake.

Common for cruisers and are usually on the front wheel.

Linked braking.

Slows both wheels with a single control.

Antilock braking systems (ABS).

Will allow for maximum braking force without wheel lockup.

Your motorcycle's weight.

The weight of your bike will affect your grip on the road.

Cruisers and choppers will generally have more weight over the rear wheel than other street bikes, which will increase traction and improve braking.

Road conditions.

Braking techniques will differ depending on the condition of the road.

A few situations that could affect your braking include:

- Oil spills, which are common in intersections.

- Rain or other poor weather conditions.

- Rough pavement with potholes, gravel, or cracks.



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Speed.

When traveling at higher speeds, you'll need to increase your following distance to allow for more reaction time.

Practice Your Braking Technique

After becoming familiar with your braking system and your motorcycle's capabilities, your next step will be **practicing and perfecting your braking technique in a safe environment.**

Practice in a low-traffic area, such as:

An empty parking lot.

A business park or similar area that's **closed on the weekends or after hours.**

This allows you to practice without having to deal with cars or trucks pulling in and out of the parking lots or service roads.

A residential neighborhood.

Keep in mind that you'll want to keep your speed low, obey traffic laws, and be mindful of your neighbors.

A motorcycle safety class.

You'll learn the basics of braking and how to perform emergency stops under observation from a professional.

Usually a good idea after you've spent time practicing on your own to fine-tune your skills.

On the road.

This should be your last practice route—try practicing in the early morning on days when traffic is minimal before heading into busier times.



Motorcycle Braking Precautions

No matter which option you choose, you'll need make sure you take certain precautions when practicing your motorcycle braking skills. These include:

Obeying the speed limit.

When practicing maximum braking, stick to the posted speed limit.

You can increase your speed by a few miles per hour after you gain more comfort.

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Preparing for a skid.

Know beforehand that practicing maximum braking can cause an accidental skid.

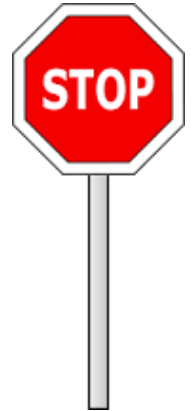
When this happens, stay calm, release the brake, and reapply to regain control.

Learning from other motorcyclists.

Ideally, you'll practice riding with an experienced biker who can offer you tips as you ride.

Having a friend or two not riding who can alert you of an approaching vehicle may also be helpful.

If something happens, having others around is a safer option than practicing alone.



Motorcycle Braking Tips

As you begin practicing your braking technique, here are a few tips to help you as you learn:

Don't go straight to max pressure on the brakes.

Start with a gentle squeeze and work your way to maximum pressure. This will improve traction, keeping you from skidding or losing your steering control.

Always apply both brakes.

Even though most of your braking power is on the front wheel, applying both brakes will help you come to a stop quicker.

As you slow, begin to release the pressure from your back brake and increase the pressure on your front brake.

This will keep you from locking up your wheels.

Keep in mind that you'll need to allow for greater stopping distances the faster you're traveling.

Maintaining a safe, slower speed until you feel comfortable stopping at higher speeds is always good advice.

If possible, keep track of the distance it takes you to stop.

This will help you gauge your following distance more accurately out on the road.

You'll need even more stopping distance when road conditions are poor.

During your brake, don't forget to get off the throttle and shift down to first gear.

If you have to maneuver out of the way at the last second, having your bike in the correct gear could be a life saver.

Remember every bike and every braking system is slightly different. **Practice often to gain familiarity with your machine.** Always practice at low speeds until you're comfortable and confident to begin maximum stops at higher speeds.



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GWRRA TX WINGERS-N-WAVES 2018



Mark your calendar and come sail away with us on October 21, 2018 for 7 nights of WOW! Departs from Galveston, Texas to Honduras, Belize & Cozumel!

Wingers and friends are invited to join the FUN from all over the country! You do not need a Passport if you're a US citizen (original Birth Certificate with state ID).



The sale rates include ALL port taxes, based on double occupancy as of 1/19/18. The rates are subject to change until booked. Please book your cabin with **WINGERS-N-WAVES** to ensure you're included into the special functions and group dinners!

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