A Happy and Prosperous New Year to one and all! I want to thank everyone for their support in 2010, and look forward towards everyone’s help as I step into the CD shoes. Dawn and I are looking forward to a new and exciting year. First of all, many thanks to Randy and Kathy for helping us get orientated for the new year. It is a little overwhelming task of taking on the position of CD. This said, with all the training that GWRRA now offers, I think (hope) we are well prepared to move forward. I look to the new year with great anticipation and excitement. I encourage all of our participants to give me feedback on what they like and what they think can be improved. If the chapter does not meet your expectations please let me know. We are all in a growing process and it is my hope we continue to grow as a chapter.

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As for the up and coming spring season, I am trying to finalize some of the preparations for the Bluebonnet Rally. I am sure many of you will be getting a tap on the shoulder to assist with some of the duties. I am looking forward to this being a fun filled year with the emphasis on FUN.

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Want to experience “Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge” first hand?

If the answer is “yes”, you are welcome to visit us at our Chapter gatherings.

Chapter O’s participants gather the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. The location is at the IHOP Restaurant, 11654 Research Blvd (Hwy 183) at Duval Road in Austin, TX. In case you get lost, the phone number is 512-345-7124.

Please see page 9 for our Ride Calendar of Events.

For more information, we encourage you to contact any of our team members or visit our websites (links to all are provided on this page).

Want to know about what is going on in GWRRA? Check out the new "Insight" Newsletter.

Wondering why you should join GWRRA? Check out the benefits you will enjoy!
Membership Enhancement
JC & Millie Fazzino

Instead of our regular, every third Tuesday of the month gathering, Chapter O gathered on December 4th at El Jalico’s Mexican Restaurant for our annual Christmas party. We had a total of 51 participants in attendance.

Several guests attended our party. Zack Bathke attended with his father, Stevthen. Enrique’s & Yolanda’s son, Xavier, and grandson, Jared joined us. And, it was great to see Harold and Cara Mullins again.

During the announcements and awards presentations, we had one bittersweet moment when the Chapter presented Randy & Kathy with a plaque of appreciation for serving as the Chapter Director for the past two years.

Everyone enjoyed a fajita, rice, beans and all the trimmings buffet. A big thank-you to Charlie & Julie Diggs for supplying two cakes which we all ate for desert.

To keep everything above board, the employees at El Jacalito’s served as judges for the Christmas hat decorating contest. The winners were:

  First Place - Al Hancock
  Second Place - Tom Sprague
  Third Place - Mary Seay
  And “WILD THANG” took Fourth Place

The evening ended with a Christmas gift exchange among 47 of the participants. We did have quite a bit of stealing gifts going on! As always, everyone had a great time!

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Take the month of January to make sure your bike is in top shape and ready to ride. If you participated in the maintenance day on Dec 30th then you already have a head start.

For 2010, Chapter O had over 267,000 safe miles! Please see Dexter’s article on page 4. That is a lot of safe miles in our group and I am hoping to top that in 2011. We can only top this if we all cooperate and send our 2011 starting mileage to the Chapter O Ride Educator. Currently, Dexter is filling this position but I have promised him to have a replacement soon.

Speaking of Team Member positions - I want to thank all of the Chapter O Team Members for giving their time and helping out. Though the majority of positions are currently filled, we do have some vacancies. Please see the article on page 7, Help Wanted. Not mentioned are a number of Assistant Ride Coordinators that will report to the main Ride Coordinator. Remember, we are going to do some riding this year. If you are interested in helping out with the great success we are planning for this coming year, please give me a call or send an Email. I would love to discuss the open positions and where you can fit in to help us out.
CHAPTER O MAINTENANCE DAY
By Richard Seay

On December 30, 2010, Chapter O held a Maintenance Day to install new chrome, perform preventative maintenance, eat and have a good time. Richard Seay & Dexter Poullard hosted the event at Richard's house. Besides Richard and Dexter, five other participants gathered at the Man Cave - Randy Reese, Alan Reese, Bruce Wade, Billy Laue and Jim Dumas.

All the work that we planned to perform was accomplished - and no Goldwings were harmed during the process! Bruce installed a new air filter (this is a monumental task). Randy installed a front fender extension, a trunk organizer, a gremlin-bell, and also repaired a stuck brake light switch. Jim installed a Rampage bike loader/hauler in his “new-to-him” Toyota Tundra pickup. Jim made the statement early in the day that "he never looks at instructions". The loader had a 22 page instruction manual and we have photographic evidence that Jim DOES read the manual! Richard installed trunk trim lights.

Dexter worked on every project, provided expert oversight and even found time to prepare a lunch of charcoal and mesquite grilled sausage & cajun boudin. Mary Seay provided red-velvet cake. Linda Poullard came by to check on us and shoot photographs.

There were no wing-nut-incidents to report, but of course, as the sign in my garage says...

We all had fun, learned a lot and agreed we should do this again before summer.

Educator’s Desktop
Dexter Poullard

2010 Safe Miles

Hey “O”! I am proud to report that our Chapter rode in excess of 267,331 safe miles for 2010. I say “in excess of” because I was only able to capture the beginning and ending mileage for 33 participants - and we all know Chapter O has far more active participants than that. Some rode more than others, but you’re still looking at an average of 8,101 miles per participant. WOW!

I don’t know if the Texas District will continue this fun competition in 2011, but I certainly would like to keep it going on a Chapter level, with awards given at year’s end. Remember, in order to capture ALL of our safe miles, each participant must report (at a minimum) their beginning and ending mileage for the year.

We would like to recognize the following riders who rode at least 10,000 miles this year.

Jerry Carr 45,679
Steve Thomas 30,933
Richard Seay 17,500
Ray Hyatt 14,146
Bruce & Martha Wade 10,328
Tom Sprague 10,206

You have done yourselves proud, “O”! Continue to ride safely. Continue your education through the Levels Program. And most of all, continue to have fun!
As of noon today, Richard Seay (along with his 2004 Goldwing) was inducted into the 100,000 Mile Club! When asked how he achieved this milestone, Richard stated, “I went for a little 115 mile ride and the odometer rolled onto 100,000 miles when I got back home in my driveway ... so cool!” Mr. Seay has been a Master Tour Rider since 2007.

At the Chapter O Christmas Party on December 4, 2010, the above design (license plate only) was selected as the 2011 Chapter O Bluebonnet Rally Pin. The winning design (one of eight) was submitted by Linda Poullard. The design has been sent to the pin vendor and will be used on our rally posters and advertising. As the winner of the rally pin design contest, Linda will receive two free Bluebonnet Rally registrations. Congratulations to Linda who designed the pin and to her daughter, Lauren Lavezzi, who created the graphic.
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
We currently have a number of Chapter team member positions filled but still have a few vacancies. Are you willing to step up and fill one of the open positions below? If so, please contact Tom Sprague or John Osborn.

Chapter O current Team Member roster:

Chapter Director – Tom & Dawn Sprague
Assistant Chapter Director – John & Wanda Osborn
Treasurer – Bruce Wade
Membership Enhancement – Bruce & Martha Wade
Rider Education – Open position (Dexter temporarily filling)
Ways & Means – Open position - John & Wanda will step down after the 2011 Bluebonnet Rally. We are looking for someone to accept this position and assist John during this year’s Bluebonnet Rally.
Merchandise Coordinator – Enrique & Yolanda Garcia
Newsletter Editor – Linda Poullard
Couple of the Year – Open position
Ride Coordinator – Open position - You will not be in this alone.
We plan on having three Assistant Ride Coordinators.
Seamstress – Gayle Thomas
Scrapbook Editor – Open position
Camping Coordinator – Billy Laue

Chapter O To The Rescue!

By Billy Laue

It was a dark and gloomy night as I lay half awake in South Austin Hospital. At 1:30 AM, there is a soft knock on the door. To my surprise, it was Dr. Roden, partner with Dr. Hasson, the sawbones who had performed knee replacement 298398 surgery on me earlier in the week. After a few comments, he said "No, you won’t be going home in the morning, gotta stay a couple more days". Well, thanks a lot, I thought. Then I began seriously thinking about actually going home, and realized I was ill prepared at home.

What to do? I sure needed some good help to make a bathroom at home more handicapped friendly. I made a list and checked it twice. Then early Sunday morning, I called my daughter to awake her and give her the tasks to be done. Who to call? Need some skills and more. Chapter O friends were at the top of the list. She called upon Sir Richard Seay to seek help. Richard took on the needed tasks, but upon reflecting, needed an able assistant. “Oh, who could be my little elf, with skills and willingness to help?” he asked himself. Dexter Poullard came to mind, who readily volunteered. They arrived Sunday PM and installed grab rails to the walls, as well as some other equipment to aid me. All turned out well with the aid of my Chapter O friends. Thanks to all! As my recovery continues, I often think of the willingness and skills that Richard and Dexter provided in my time of need.
Riding Right: Back to Basics

Slow Speed Turning and More

By Jerry Paladino

January 2011 Edition

I’m going to present some facts that may surprise you. The size and strength of a rider has no bearing on his or her abilities. Either does the size or weight of the motorcycle. The fact is, to ride like a pro, and when I say “pro” I’m speaking of professional motor officers, all you need to do is master three simple techniques.

If you’ve never seen a motor officer ride, go to YouTube and type in police motorcycle competition or police rodeo and you’ll see these officers using the three techniques I’m about to reveal to you. If you are amazed at what you see and think you could never handle your motorcycle the way these motor officers do, type in Ride Like a Pro Victoria. You’ll see a small 15-year-old girl handling an 850-pound Harley-Davidson just as easily as the motor officers.

OK, I guess you’re back, you’ve watched the clips on YouTube and now you’d like to know what this is all about. The first technique is the proper use of your head and eyes. What this phrase means, wherever you turn your head and eyes, that’s where the motorcycle will go. The reason we say head and eyes is because if you turn your head in one direction but your eyes are looking in another direction, the technique will not work. When you turn your head and eyes, your hands will soon follow and steer the motorcycle in the direction you want it to go. To ride like a professional, you must use this technique to the extreme. The faster and further you turn your head and eyes, the better it will work.

The second technique is the proper use of the friction zone. The friction zone is the area of clutch travel between completely open, (when the clutch lever is released) and completely closed, (when the lever is pulled to the grip). That gray area in between is the friction zone. You know you’re entering the friction zone when you begin letting the clutch out and feeding a little throttle, the motorcycle begins to move forward. Once you’ve let the clutch out all the way, you’ve left the friction zone.

The third technique is the proper use of the rear brake. The rear brake has very little stopping force, however, if you put a little power to the rear wheel with the clutch and throttle and at the same time put a little pressure on the rear brake, it actually prevents the motorcycle from tipping over. It’s almost as if you are defying gravity. What you’re actually doing is creating more force pulling the motorcycle forward than gravity, which wants to pull the motorcycle to the ground. The best way to practice this very important skill is what’s commonly called the slow race. That is, going as slow as possible while in the friction zone with a little pressure on the rear brake and keeping your head and eyes up looking well ahead of your motorcycle. Once you find that sweet spot in the clutch travel you can actually get the motorcycle to stand completely still for a split second without tipping over.

A great time to practice using the friction zone and rear brake is in heavy bumper to bumper heavy traffic. Of course, it’s best to get familiar with the friction zone in an empty parking lot under controlled conditions. You can vary your speed from just barely moving forward to a quick walking pace. As you get better with the clutch and throttle, try going as slow as possible without using any pressure on the rear brake.

Next, try using the head and eyes technique along with the slow race. Simply, start off slowly in a straight line and turn your head and eyes quickly to the left and make a left hand turn. Don’t worry about leaning the bike at this point, in fact, try to keep the bike as straight up as possible. Now do the same thing going to the right. Next you can try making a complete circle in either direction with the motorcycle straight up and going as slow as possible. If you can do this in a circle 24 to 34 feet in circumference without putting a foot down or of course, dropping the motorcycle, you have mastered the friction zone and the rear brake. You will be amazed at how much easier it is to control your motorcycle at low speeds simply by using the three techniques I just revealed to you and practicing the slow race.

After every 5 or 10 minutes of practice give your motorcycle a breeze out. That is, simply cruise around the parking lot in 2nd gear with the clutch fully engaged and no pressure on the rear brake. This will allow the clutch and rear brake to cool down. Make sure when you are practicing the slow race to keep your revs fairly low, about twice idle speed. Pressure on the rear brake should be about 5 to 8 pounds. If you’re not sure what that is, place the ball of your foot on a bathroom scale and press down till the needle registers 5 to 8 pounds.

By the way, it doesn’t matter if you’ve heard of these techniques before; it is the degree to which you use these techniques that separates the amateur from the professional. Use the techniques a little bit and you’ll be a little bit better rider. Use the techniques to the extreme and you’ll be riding like a pro in no time.
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Texas Mid-Winter Roundup
January 15, 2011

Mid-Winter Roundup is for all Texas GWRRA members, especially current staff/team members. In addition to dealing with annual business, there will be orientation classes for current and prospective team members. Make plans to attend now! Click here to view the entire day’s schedule.

Saturday, January 15, 2011

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GWRRA is excited to announce that Wing Ding 33 will be held in Knoxville, TN, on July 6 - July 9, 2011. REGISTER TODAY!

Make your housing reservations early. Click here for Wing Ding 33’s housing site.

For more Information regarding the city of Knoxville please click here.
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