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2008 Texas Chapter Of The Year
2007 GWRRA Chapter Of The Year


Texas Chapter O was chartered in April 1987. While the Chapter uses the name of Austin, Texas, as a location identifier, Chapter O's participants come from many cities, towns and communities in Central Texas. Come join us at one of our gatherings or rides! Our Gathering time/location and local, District, Region and Headquarters GWRRA contact information is on page 2. Come join us for a ride - see our Ride Schedule on page 9.

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Happy New Year!
Get ready to ride. The new year is upon us and I am looking forward to great riding weather. See you at the Chapter Gathering on January 17, 2012!

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Come Join Us!

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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!



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As for chapter news, there is a feature article about Chapter O in the Jan 2012 GWRRA e-Newsletter (Wingin' IT). If you do not receive the publication on Email then you can go to www.gwrra.org/enews/0112/blubonnet_rally.html. This is the full article. Only half of the article is published in the e-Newsletter (probably due to space considerations). The article is about the bluebonnet rally last year and also gives the dates for our 2012 Ral-a-vention.

Also this year's Polar Bear ride was not as cool as last years. We had 18 people take the ride (total of 12 bikes). We arrived at Coopers in New Braunfels around 1:45. The Chapter treated everyone to their first chance to eat BBQ in 2012. After eating almost 299011 everyone took the ride up the Guadalupe River Road to Canyon Lake and then back via the Devils Backbone and then trough Wimberley. Near the end of the ride everyone started to peel off and head home. I am sure everyone made it home before it started to get cool.

Don't forget about the Texas Winter Roundup in New Braunfels. It is promising to be full of interesting information. Everyone is encouraged to attend to see what is being planned for 2012.

Remember to check the ride calendar on the www.goldwingaustin.org web page.

Ride safe and ride often
Tom & Dawn Sprague

Polar Bear Ride!



January Anniversaries



JIM & JOHNNIE FAYE TIDWELL

HARRY & POLLY BOWERS



Educator's Deskop By Randy Reese

Hey O!

It's officially Winter, but we are so lucky to live in Texas where it can be 60 degrees on January 1st. It can also get really cold, but that doesn't mean you have to stop riding; you

just need to dress appropriately. Here are some guidelines to help you keep riding year round.

BASE LAYERS: What you wear next to your skin will play a critical factor in keeping you warm when it's cold out. A good base layer is the key to staying warmer longer. You'll want a layer that will wick any moisture your body produces away from your skin. Cotton underwear and t-shirts won't, so nix them from your list. Wool and other natural fabrics do an okay job but the best performance we've seen comes from synthetics like polyester, rayon, lycra and otherwise. Blends tend to be the best. It's important not to get into a blend designed for active sports like football and soccer. These blends are designed to literally suck moisture from your skin so if you're sitting on a motorcycle all day you can expect a lot of itching.

FOOT POWDER: Before you put your socks on it's a good idea to apply some foot powder first. You want to minimize the moisture your feet produce so sprinkle some good foot powder into your socks before slipping them on over your feet. The best foot powder I've come across isn't touted as foot powder at all. Considered a novelty by its name, **Anti Monkey Butt Powder** actually does an exceptional job of keeping your keep dry.

JACKET LINER/MID-LAYER: The next part of the recipe for heat is to wear a warm jacket liner. Most of the jacket liners that come with shelf brands like Teknic, First Gear and others are fine when temps are in the 60s or higher, but below 60 takes a more serious garment to trap and retain heat. A thin lightweight mid-layer made with materials like Primaloft do an excellent job on the road, even into the high 30s, of storing heat at the core.

JACKET/PANTS: Textile outer gear is the preferred shell for riding in the cold. It gives a little more space-wise, allowing you the room you need for a good mid-layer inside. Look for textile gear with zip-out liners so you can adjust it to whatever weather condition you're in. Lots of people have learned the hard way that even though a manufacturer claims their gear is waterproof – it's not. Don't buy low cost gear if you want to stay water tight. Spend a little more, ask around and then purchase a reliable brand and model of jacket and pants.

RAIN GEAR: In really cold conditions, donning your rain gear will add an additional layer and help retain your body heat better and longer. Again, don't buy this on the cheap. You get what you pay for.

GLOVES: There are a lot of winter gloves on the market. The better made they are, the longer your hands will stay warm. Over 50 degrees most peoples' hands will stay warm for the duration of the ride, but once the temps start dipping into the 40s, there are no gloves on the market that will allow you to retain heat beyond an hour or so. Why is this? Your fingers have the least amount of warming abilities of anything on your body when it comes to motorcycling. Unlike your toes, which are next to your larger mass foot, fingers need to be separated so there's not a lot of heat exchange going on. They have almost no muscular activity, they're thin and those little bones can't store much heat. Temps go below 50 and it won't be long before you feel them get cold.

HEATED CLOTHING: If you plan to ride in the cold for any duration beyond a few hours, heated clothing is a great way to do it. You can get heated gloves, a jacket, vest, pants and even socks. They can all be connected together utilizing connectors and be run from a central thermostat. Some systems, like those made by Gerbing's have a dual thermostat option allowing you to heat your gloves separately from all the other garments. When selecting heated clothing, be sure to check the weave gap. That's the space between the heating wire. Some manufacturers space their heating wire up to two inches apart, while others have weave it as close together as a half inch. The closer together, the more wire in the garment and, therefore, more heat available without cold spaces in between.

BOTTOM LINE: Can you ride in the cold? Yes! Just dress appropriately and enjoy the ride!

Ride Safely, Ride Often, and HEY! Be careful out there!



Chapter 0 Elves



Some Chapter O participants were busy during the month of December helping to spread holiday cheer. Linda Poullard, Kathy Reese, Al Hancock, Claire Nybro and Randy Reese helped to set up Santa's Village at Operation Green Santa - sponsored by Military Moms Of Texas. Members also contributed shoe boxes stuffed full of Christmas presents for Operation Christmas Child, sponsored locally by the First Baptist Church of Pflugerville.

January 2012

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From the District Director
(from the [Texas January 2012 Newsletter](#))
Fred Mew

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great Christmas and was able to get at least a little riding in during the holiday break. I truly hope everyone has a great 2012 and look forward to a new and refreshing New Year!

In just a few weeks is the Mid Winter Round Up. Although this is a business meeting for all the chapters in the state... I'm looking forward to our first event of the year. The schedule of events is in this newsletter on page 4 & 5. Each Texas chapter should have at least one representative there to participate if the chapter core team can't attend. There are special rates being offered with local hotels listed on page 3 of this newsletter. Don't wait until the last minute! In case you didn't know, special rates are arranged by us with a number of blocked rooms reserved for the event. Depending on the hotel, any unused rooms are released, usually a couple of weeks out... so it pays to reserve early!

If you have any question about Mid Winter Round-up... or any thing else, please don't hesitate to ask me. I can be reached almost anytime at TxDD@gwrri-tx.org.

Have fun, ride safe, and stay warm!



Director's Corner
(from the [Region H January 2012 Newsletter](#))
Harry and Joan Dollarhide

Joan & I hope that each of you enjoyed a Merry Christmas. We send wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year to all. Remember, eating black-eyed peas on New Year's Day will attract good luck. Adding collard greens or cabbage attracts money. You may want to add ham hocks.

Your region staff is looking forward to a great New Year in 2012. We are particularly excited about the return of the region convention to Marshall Texas. Great facility and wonderful people there help make this a favorite rally location. Please join us for the March 29-30-31 event. Your region team is busy planning a varied, educational, shopping and FUN experience.

A New Year brings a time for reflection on the past and an opportunity to envision what lies ahead. Region H members supported the Knoxville Wing Ding Bike Show and numerous other events and were recognized by the leadership of GWRRA. The National team was very complementary of the support the region provided. Thanks to all the members who make the region and districts successful. Of course looking ahead the region has the bike show again for the 2012 Wing Ding, volunteers we need you. As we begin a new year, it is important that we continue to work together as a team.

Here's to a FUN new year with SAFE enjoyable riding for all.

**New International Director,
Rider Course Programs Appointed**

GWRRA Rider Education and the Director of GWRRA are pleased to announce the appointment of Harry and Joan Dollarhide to International Directors, Rider Course Programs, replacing Tony & Michelle Van Schaick in the position. Harry and Joan joined GWRRA in 1994 and come well qualified, having held numerous positions of service to the Membership at the Chapter and Region Level. Harry brings over 50 years of riding experience to the position. Harry is a Grand Master Tour Rider (#2804) and is a GWRRA Riding Course Master Instructor Trainer, Rider Education Seminar Presenter, and MSF *RiderCoach*. His experience as Instructor, Seminar Presenter, and MSF *RiderCoach* in addition to Region Director, Region Leadership Trainer, and Region Membership Enhancement positions enhance the ability to meet GWRRA's Rider Education needs. They have both successfully completed the GWRRA Officer Certification Program. Harry also is a Master Leadership Training Instructor certified to teach the OCP and is a strong supporter of it. Joan is also a Master Tour Rider (#2803). Please join us in congratulating Harry and Joan and give them your support to assist in the growth of Rider Education.

As many of you are aware, Harry and Joan will be stepping down from the Region H Director position in the first quarter of 2012, which will coincide with the time when the IDRCP position becomes more active externally. In the next few months, this will also allow an effective turnover and change out of Rider Ed forms to the new contact information.



Only Three More Gatherings Before the 2012 Bluebonnet Rally!

Plans are Underway!

Contact Tom Sprague

or John Osborn

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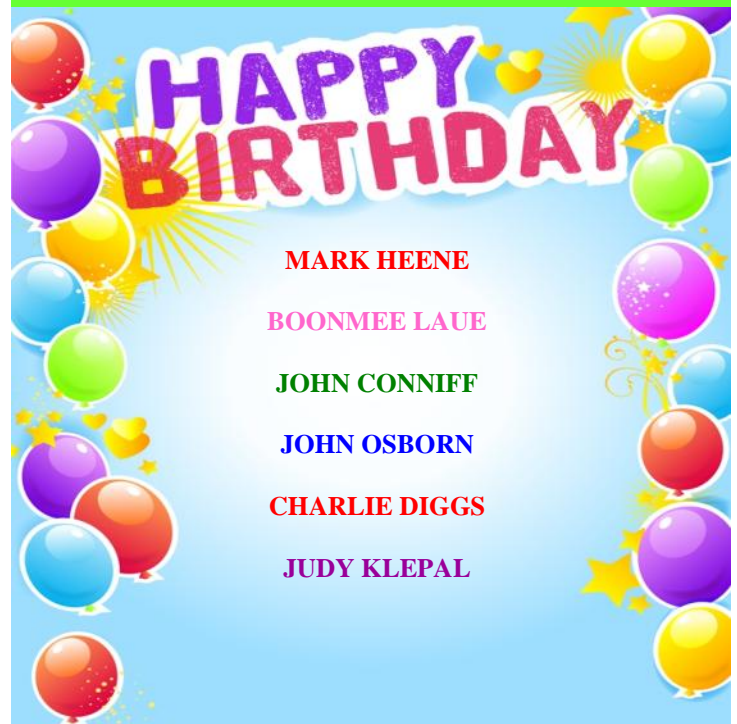
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You Want to Volunteer

to do!



After the Chapter O Christmas Party last month, the above design was selected as the 2012 Chapter O Bluebonnet Rally Pin. The winning design 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! This is the second year in a row that Linda has won the Rally Pin Design contest!



We are continuing the tradition of including a participant's GWRRR number hidden somewhere in this newsletter. If it is yours, it's good for \$10 toward your meal at the next meeting. Remember that you have one month to claim your prize!

2012 Texas Mid-Winter Roundup Schedule
 New Braunfels Civic Center
 Saturday - January 14, 2012

	Front Lobby	Ballroom	Classrooms			
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8:00a - 9:00a	Registration		Chapter Director/Asst Chpt Dir. Paperwork *	Rider Ed Meet & Greet	MEC Paperwork *	Treasurer Paperwork *
9:00a - 10:00a		Opening Session				
10:00a - 11:00a		District Director's Forum		Rider Ed and MAD Update	Membership Enhancement	2011 Chapter Financial Transactions
11:00a - 12:00p						
12:00p - 1:00p		Lunch provided on site (BBQ)				
1:00p - 2:00p			Leadership Trg - Structure of GWRRA/ Helpful Info for New Members	Rider Ed and Levels Program Q&A	Chapter of the Year Program	Chapter Finances made Easy Instantly
2:00p - 3:00p			Leadership Trg - Member Benefits Overview/ How Can I Participate in GWRRA		Couple of the Year Program Information & Q&A	
3:00p - 4:00p		Open Forum/ Question & Answer with District Team				

* All Chapter Directors, Assistant Chapter Directors, Membership Enhancement Coordinators, and Treasurers must come to designated classrooms at 8:00 to complete MOUs, appointment forms and Oath of Office.

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2012 Texas Mid-Winter Roundup Schedule
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Session Descriptions

8:00a - 9:00a	Registration & Paperwork	One person from each Chapter should sign in at the registration table. Schedules are available for everyone. Chapter Directors, Asst Chapter Directors, Membership Enhancement Coordinators and Treasurers should meet with District Staff in designated classrooms to complete paperwork.
	Rider Ed Meet and Greet	Stop by to meet District Educators Chet Roby/Maria Collins and Assistant District Educators Ricky/Karen Frazier and Richard/Kathy Hipp
9:00a - 10:00a	Opening Session	District Team will give an overview of the day's activities. All Chapter Directors will be recognized and given a chance to introduce their team and promote their conventions or other events. 2012 Couples of the Year will be recognized. Rider Educator of the Year and Rider Ed Article of the Year will be announced. Texas District Chapter of the Year will be announced. Chapter assignments for Region and District Conventions will be distributed.
10:00a - 12:00p	Director's Forum	District Director Fred Mew will outline duties and expectations of Chapter Directors. Time for Q&A will be provided. All Chapter Directors and Assistant Chapter Directors should attend.
	Rider Ed and MAD Update	District Educators Chet Roby/Maria Collins, Assts Ricky/Karen Frazier and Richard/Kathy Hipp will discuss duties of Chapter Educators. All Chapter Educators should attend.
	MEP	Membership Enhancement Coordinators Carolyn Barton and Donna Holley will explain duties of MECs and Chapter Competition Guidelines. Chapter Competitions include Newsletter, Scrapbook, Mascot, Banner, Windshield Cover and all Dress Competitions. Scoring sheets for competitions will be available. All MECs should attend.
	2011 Chapter Financial Transactions	District Treasurer Leona McDade will be available to accept Chapter Financial information and answer any questions. 2012 Chapter charter fees and 2011 annual financial statements are due to Leona by today.
12:00p - 1:00p	BBQ Lunch provided on-site	
1:00p - 3:00p	Various Classes as scheduled	District representatives will be on-hand to discuss the scheduled topics.
	Chapter Finances made Easy Instantly	District Treasurer Leona McDade will explain all required financial paperwork, including the new 990N requirements. Come to find out what the acronym C-F-E-I will help you to remember.
3:00p - 4:00p	Open Forum	Bring your questions/comments. No topics are off-limits.

12/4/2011

Shade Tree Mechanic
Taken from: Howard Halasz's April 2008 Technical Article

"Changing Tires"

When changing tires most tire shops use soapy water as a lubricant to dismount and mount the new tire. However, if your rim is made of anything other than chrome plated or stainless steel, I do not advise you to use soapy water. Most of later model Goldwing rims are made of aluminum alloy.

After being informed about a friend that had a slow leak in inspected the tire and as it turned out that the tire itself was not leaking. I checked the tire, valve stem, and valve for leaks using water from a garden hose. I found no leaks. Then I checked for leaks around the rim between the rim and tire bead. By this time, bubbles were flowing like an Alka-Seltzer tablet in a glass of water!

I dismounted the tire from the rim, and found some grayish white powdery corrosion. This corrosion usually forms after a tire is lubricated with soapy water. Apparently, the soap in the water had enough sodium hydroxide (the stuff that makes soap slippery) to corrode the alloy rims that are used on later model Gold Wings. Parts of the rim were also pitted right where the bead contacts the inside of the rim.

If you ever get a chance, look at the ingredients on a can of Drano or Sani-Flush. You'll find that products such as Drano contain sodium hydroxide, also known as lye. Sprinkle some Drano into an empty aluminum foil pie pan. Then sprinkle some water into the pan and watch the bottom of the aluminum pan literally evaporate, leaving a grayish white powder behind.

A similar, but less severe chemical reaction takes place when soapy water is used as a lubricant for tire mounting and dismounting. One optional lubricant is Lemon Pledge furniture polish. Now the dismount and remount job is so easy that even a caveman can do it!

But now the problem with Lemon Pledge furniture polish is that the first time our caveman friend slams on the brakes, the rim will stop, but the motorcycle will act like the Energizer Bunny and keep rolling! Now the tire beads are so slippery that there isn't enough friction between the rim and tire bead to keep the tire from slipping around the rim!

During my 43 years as a motorcycle technician, I've tried everything from Vaseline, axle grease, rear end gear oil, motor oil, soapy water, Crisco, Mazola oil, olive oil, 3-in-1 oil, WD-40, Lionel electric train oil, cod liver oil, castor oil, and candle wax to Vicks Vapo-Rub. All of these 144108 products had major draw-backs when it came to tire mounting lubricant and sealant!

I finally found a product that will ease the mounting and dismounting of a motorcycle tire. This product also acts as a sealant. The product is known as a protectant. Two brand names of such protectants are STP Son-Of-A Gun and Armor-All Protectant. These products are used exclusively in my shop, and they can be purchased at most auto parts stores and discount store automotive departments.

If you choose to have your local Honda dealer or certified Honda technician change your tires, I highly recommend that you insist telling your service people, **'PLEASE DO NOT USE SOAPY WATER TO MOUNT MY NEW TIRES. USE A LUBRICANT THAT IS SAFE AND FREE OF ALKALIS, SUCH AS A PROTECTANT.'**



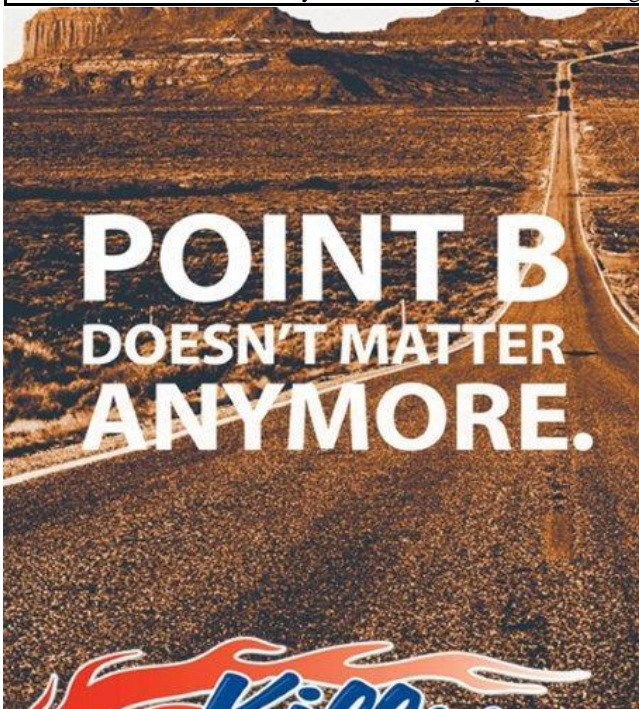
Kickstands Up!



Additional rides will be announced via the web site and Google Groups. For an up-to-date monthly list, visit the Chapter O web site at www.goldwingaustin.org/page4.html

2011					
When?	Who?	What?	Where?	Contact/Email/Web	Phone
Jan 1	O	Polar Bear Ride	Coopers BBQ 1125 N Loop 337 New Braunfels	Director@goldwingaustin.org	512-301-3092
Jan 7	O	Ride the Hill Country	Depart Oak Hill Y	Director@goldwingaustin.org	512-301-3092
Jan 10	O	Chapter Team meeting	I-HOP 183 / Duval	Director@goldwingaustin.org	512-301-3092
Jan 14	TX Dist	Winter Round Up	New Braunfels	Director@goldwingaustin.org	512-301-3092
Jan 17	O	Chapter Gathering	I-HOP 183 / Duval	Director@goldwingaustin.org	512-301-3092
Jan 21	O	Ride the Hill Country	TBD	Director@goldwingaustin.org	512-301-3092

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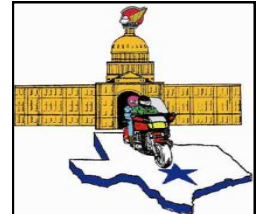
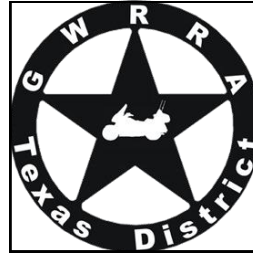





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