





WHERE'S BART?



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Not the damp & chili weather....

Not even the Super Bowl!!



Yes, Super Bowl Sunday was not only for football this year. M2 hosted an awesome time at Shanks Black Light Miniature Golf. We were luckily to have a few friends from our Sister Chapter N2 show up for this golfing wing ding. We had 3 teams in all.

I have never really understood the need for regular golf. You hit a small ball way the heck across this beautiful green landscape. You have to then go find where it lands. To then hit it again, to find it again... You do all this in the

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Team One: Bart, Ray, Lucy, Cheryl, & Andy

SHANKZ Black Light Miniature Golf						
HOLE	PAR	BAET	RA4	LUCY	CHERYL	AWDY
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17	2	2	2	5	4	3
18	3	2	4	4	2	2
TL	49	55	50	FR	67	55

Team Two: Kathy, Robin Thacker, Mike Thacker, & Tim



Team Three: Chris, Brenda, Linda & Robin 18 TL

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blazing sun. All day long. WHY?

Putt Putt on the other hand, you have a small "green" to putt on. The hole is not that far away. All you have to

do is dodge all the obstacles in the way. No biggie, right?! These 18 holes usually only takes about an hour, so this is not an all-day struggle. The scoring however is totally opposite of football and any other sport. You actually strive to be the lowest score. Super Sunday was Chris' day, as he putted Best Score at 49! Way to go team mate. I am thinking the rest of us were more along the lines of getting high score ... Mike won the High Score at 67. There were a several "hole in one's" during this tournament; Ray hole #2, Andy hole #13, Mike hole #16 & Brenda hole #18, lucky dogs.

After the last person finished their 18th hole it was time for a late lunch / early dinner. The hungry crew decided it was time for someplace other than Willie's or Wings n More – thinking those places would be packed with football fans. We took a quick ride up towards Conroe to Whistlestop Café. It turned out to be a great choice. Food was really good, there were lots of choices on the menu & it was not crowded at all. Everyone left with a satisfied tummy. We will have to keep this place in mind for future events.



Come join us next time we put this on the calendar. It was an awesome time



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Director's Corner

Bart & Cheryl Harris



If it is March, It must be Spring, Right?

It seems like it has been either cold and wet or just plain wet since like, I don't know, October. But March is here and that means warmer and dryer – right? It has to! With the coming of Spring brings much more offerings for the motorcycle enthusiast and I for one am really looking forward to pushing work aside, getting out and going on some nice, sunny, pleasant spring rides. Do not be pessimistic here. If we think it, it will come!

M2 has some interesting activities planned for March thanks to our Coordinators of the Month, Tim & Kathy. If you are not headed up to Education Weekend, we have an outing to the Tejas Chocolate Craftery in Tomball on the 10th. This is a BBQ/Chocolate combination restaurant (who would of thunk it?) that has been highly ranked by Texas Monthly. The plan is to pretty much go straight to the restaurant and then have a nice ride afterwards presuming we are not too full to mount the bikes

On the 24th, we are headed up to the Museum of the American G.I. in College Station for their Living History Weekend. I am really looking forward to this one. There is lots of cool stuff like a military vehicle rally, narrated displays, military swap meet, small arms demonstrations, battle reenactment, riding in a tank and shooting off a Howitzer. It does cost \$13 per person for adults to get in. Shooting a Howitzer or riding in a tank is a "bit" more.

In between, we have a mid-week dinner at the new Goode and Company in The Woodlands on Wednesday the 14th.. This a combo Mexican/BBQ place but we chose the Mexican side as it has indoor seating and we will have just had BBQ the weekend before.

Sounds like a full month. We are going to have fun!

Until next time,

Until next time, ride smart, ride safe!

PLAN AHEAD!:

- March 10-11
 District Education Weekend in Killeen
- April 5-7
 Chapter O Bluebonnet Rally & Campout in Fredericksburg
- April 29th Ride for Kids
- May 17-19
 District Rally in Brenham
- Aug. 28th-Sep. 1st
 Wing Ding 40, Knoxville, TN









Chapter Couple of the Year get their medals just like Olympians!



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April 10th Tuesday	Looking Forward to April COM: Chris & Brenda Dillon M2 Team Meeting Conference Call Contact Bart Harris for call in number.	CAL	JT IYC ENL
April 13th Friday	Chapter Gathering at I-Hop in the Woodlands Come early and visit; meeting starts at 7:15pm	Note: 1 week later than usual	
April 14th Saturday	Ride to Speed Sports Go Carts Meet at Chevron, 10:30am		
April 29th Sunday	Ride for Kids, Lake Conroe KOA Meet there, Registration 8:00 to 9:30am		





Valentine's Day 🖤 is traditionally held on February 14th, but not this year. At least not for Chapter M-2. This year's party was held on February 19th at the brand-new building 🔢 of Houston Advanced Research Center 🖓 (HARC) in the Woodlands. It has such a great set up for this type of event and much thanks to Linda 🎯 for securing this location for us. Linda even provided a write up 📃 on the specs of building in anticipation of all of Bart's questions. 🤪 (Where is Bart?) 📪 🎬

There was a great group in attendance, which included Scott and Linda Gresak, Andy and Claudia Woodard, Ray and Lucy Marler, Dennis and Nancy Kwiecien, Tim and Kathy Bryan, Chris and Brenda Dillon, Marty and Donna Uphoff, Steve and Billie Fleming, Carol and Howard Lightner, Rex and Michele West, Dannie and Joanna McFadden, Britt and Debbie Grieger and Cheryl Harris. (Where is Bart?) 🛱 🏟

While we feasted on Spaghetti (a), Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo b, bread b and salad (b) from Buca di Beppo, there was a Valentine's Day trivia game at everyone seat. It was 15 multiple choice questions but still a bit difficult. (c) Nancy got first place (c) with 9 correct answers and Cheryl followed close behind (c) with 8 correct answers. I'll be honest...it might have been Nancy with 8 and Cheryl with 7. I didn't write it down so I can't remember. (c) Where is Bart?) (c) a

After dinner and trivia, as we enjoyed a delicious a, the group competed in 3 different cellophane games. If you've never played this game before, please look it up on YouTube because it is so much fun and I failed to take pictures of any of it. (Where is Bart?) a

I'm hoping everyone won a little something in the games as there was packets of gum, tic tacs, pill boxes, chip clips and more. The big prize winners were Marty with a Sonic a gift card, Howard with a Lowe's \leq gift card and Michele with a Chick fil a 2 gift card. Again, no pictures of the winners. (Where is Bart?) 2 2 2 2 2

To answer the question (Where is Bart?) a the answer the question (Where is Bart?) a the last minute. We all missed you Bart and we didn't want you to miss out. Please see the Trivia game in the newsletter and we expect to see how many you get correct. No using the internet and no looking at the answers...because they are in the newsletter.









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- 1. On the eve of his execution, St. Valentine wrote the very first Valentine to whom?
 - a. The wife of his cell mate
 - b. His mother
 - c. The daughter of his jailer
 - d. His own daughter
- 2. What was St. Valentine being executed for?
 - a. Performing marriages in secret
 - b. Having multiple wives
 - c. Sreeping with the emperor's wife
 - d. Stealing food to feed his family
- 3. In addition to being the unofficial patron saint of love, what occupation is St.
 - Valentine also believed to be the patron of?
 - a. Wine makers
 - b. Marriage counselors
 - c. Beekeepers
 - Bus drivers
- 4. In Shakespearean time, what bodily organ was associated with love?
 - a. brain
 - kidneys
 - c. liver
 - d. stomach
- 5. In what country's museum can you find the oldest known Valentine still in existence?
 - a. Italy
 - b. England
 - c. Greece
 - d. France
- 6. Who was the legendary Benedictine monk who invented champagne?
 - a. Dom Perignon
 - b. Nicolas Feuillatte
 - c. Jacob Beringer
 - d. Robert Mondavi
- 7. Since the 1950s, how has Valentine's Day been celebrated in Japan?
 - a. Couples exchange white doves
 - b. Men give women white chocolate
 - c. Women give men chocolate
 - d. Romantic meals are served on white table settings



- 8. According to Roman mythology, who was Cupid's mother?
 - a. Aphrodite
 - b. Artemis
 - c. Hera
 - d. Venus
- 9. Who created the first Valentine's Day box of chocolates?
 - a. Russell Stover
 - b. Louis IV
 - c. Milton Hershey
 - d. Richard Cadbury
- 10. About how many calories can be burned by passionately kissing for 1 minute?
 - a. 0
 - b. 12
 - c. 28
 - d. 62

11. What does the O in XOXO stand for?

- a. Love
- Devotion
- c. Hugs
- d. Kisses
- 12. What Italian city is the setting of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet?
 - a. Verona
 - Florence
 - c. Naples
 - d. Venice
- 13. Which U.S. President lost both his wife and mother on Valentine's Day?
 - a. Theodore Roosevelt
 - b. Warren G. Harding
 - c. Gerald Ford
 - d. George Washington
- 14. Who led the Chicago gangsters behind the St. Valentine's Day massacre in 1929?
 - a. Pretty Boy Floyd
 - b. Machine Gun Kelly
 - c. John Dillinger
 - d. Al Capone
- 15. The Bronx zoo will let you name a ______ after your lover on Valentine's Day?
 - a. Butterfly
 - b. Cockroach
 - c. Dove
 - d. Rabbit



Answers on page 12



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Answers to the Valentine's Quiz on pages 9 & 10.

1-c 6-a 2-a 7-c 3-c 8-d 4-c 9-d 5-b 10-b	12-a 13-a 14-d 15-b
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Ride to Holders

Didn't happen 😞 🐑 📿 滯 😞 📥 👌

Britt



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March Anniversaries

9 th	Scott & Linda Gresak
12 th	Don & Cynthia Hays
23 rd	Howard & Carol Lightner

Quote by Claudia

"The hardest decision in life is when to start middle age."

Anonymous







March Birthdays14thBetty Halasz23rdHoward Lightner

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Habit Strength

By definition, habit strength is "a function of the frequency with which an action has been repeated in a stable context and has acquired a high degree of habitual automaticity". In other words, do something the same way enough times and you don't have to think about it to complete the task.

Think of your day-to-day activities as habits; virtually all behaviors are habits. Every time you brush your teeth or tie your shoes, you do it the same way out of habit and (usually) don't have to think about it. That's because you've been doing it for so long it comes naturally to do it the same way. Initially someone had to teach you the right way to do all these things. But what if they taught you incorrectly or you have been doing it wrong for so long that you have developed a bad habit? I know that I for one have been scolded by my dentist in the past for not brushing properly.

Habit strength also relates to your riding skills and their development/maintenance. The stronger the habit, the more difficult it is to change or even to recognize that you do it. Think about how you handle stop and go traffic; do you consciously think about down-shifting or when (or when not) to put your feet down? How about driving into your driveway and garage? "It's just second nature, I do it all the time." you say. That's a strong habit; is it a good or bad habit?

What if I ask you about delayed apex turns or where to look coming into a blind right hander or when you downshift/brake coming into an unfamiliar blind turn? Most people will answer differently, but here's a personal example. It took me over 3000 miles of riding my 1800 before I stopped downshifting coming into twisties. After years of riding my 1500, I naturally shifted to 4th when coming into curves. I know consciously that I don't need to do that as much, with the power/torque of the 1800, but occasionally I still catch myself doing it and have to fight this unnecessary habit. Can you say habit strength?

The following are the 7 worst habits that the MSF would like you to avoid.

- 1. Avoid entering corners too fast and braking deep into the turn. The (4) recommended basic steps in approaching and turning through a corner are: SLOW (down to a comfortable speed before entering the turn), LOOK (where you want to be going and as far into the turn as possible), PRESS (the inside bar to countersteer in the direction you want to go) and ROLL(on the throttle or at least keep it steady through the turn).
- 2. Putting your feet down before you come to a complete stop. Keep your feet on the pegs right up until it's time to stop then, when you are almost completely stopped, set down your left foot so that you can still use the rear brake with your right foot
- **3.** Not squaring bars to the chassis when you come to a stop. To avoid a last minute wobble when you stop, keep looking straight ahead to help keep you bars straight.
- 4. Having low eyes . Means you're not looking far enough ahead. You should be constantly scanning far ahead at various intervals and don't fixate on anything for more than a split second.
- 5. Not using the front brake enough (if at all). The front brake will provide most of your stopping power on most bikes and, apparently, a lot of self-schooled riders are afraid of doing an endo if they grab too much of the front. Proper braking technique involves a coordination of the use of both brakes.
- 6. Using the "two finger" method of braking. When riding on the street, the correct method is to roll off the throttle and progressively squeeze the front brake with all four fingers.
- 7. Using poor lane position when riding in a group. Keep out of other rider's blind spots, keep in a staggered formation while riding in groups, allow room for unexpected maneuvers and maintain maximum visibility.

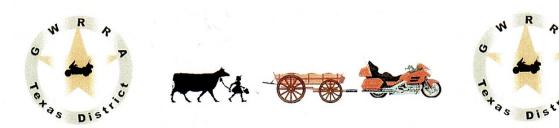
I re-took the Advanced Rider's Course a few months ago. I've been riding for over 50 years and yet initially had issues with some of the maneuvers. The instructor was all too happy to point out the causes for my problems and by the end of the session I was going through just fine. All I needed was someone to point out the bad habits, how to do it the correct way and practice. "It feels funny", I would say about some of his suggestions. Sure it feels funny, it's not the way I'd become accustomed to doing it.

Bad habits or good, they're just as strong. The stronger the habit, the more difficult it is to change it. Only learning the right way and with a <u>lot of practice</u> will make you a better rider. Which would you rather have working for you, riding habits/skills that can help avoid or get you out of a tight situation, or habits that lead to a bad situation?

Ride Safely; Ride Often!

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Host Hotel Best Western Inn of Brenham 1503 Hwy 290E Brenham, TX 77833 979-251-7791 Rally Rate: \$89.99 Pet Friendly	<u>Texas District Rally</u> "Winging Back in History" May 17-19, 2018 Washington County Fair Grounds 1305 E. Blue Bell Road	*Opening Ceremonies* Washington on the Brazos State Park 23400 Park Road 12 Washington, TX 77880 *Visit Blue Bell Creamery *Check out the living history day on Sat. at Washington on
Reservation Code Gold Wing Road Riders	Brenham TX	day on Sat. at Washington on the Brazos

Rally Pins to the first 200 registered All Pre-Registrations must be postmarked by May 10th 2018 No refunds of registration postmarked after May 11th 2018 No animals or pets allowed inside except for Service Animals

District	Registration form	Chapter	Miles Traveled
Rider	GWRRA#		DOB:
2 nd Rider/Co Rider	GWRRA#E		DOB:
City	State Zip Code	Phone #()
Rider's e-mail	2 nd Rider	's e-mail	
DESCRIPTION (All On Site Re GWRRA Pre-Registered Member	egistrations will be an addi	tional \$5) QTY	PRICE TOTAL \$25 ea
GWRRA Life Member			\$18 ea
NON-MEMBERS			\$35 ea
Child 15 years or younger is FREE with	registered Adult		
	PRE-REGISTRATION RE	QUIRED	
Level IV Meal			\$10 ea
Level IV Meal-Non-Current/Spouse			\$15 ea
Opening Ceremony BBQ Dinner			\$10 ea
Castle Tour/Ride Incudes Lunch - Choo	ose one Fri or Sat		\$20 ea
		GRAND	TOTAL

2nd Rider/Co-Rider Signature:____

Sign form and Mail with payment (payable to GWRRA-Texas) to Texas District, PO Box 10438, Killeen, TX 76547-0438

Date:



Texas District Education Weekend

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	Regi	stration For	Chapter:	
Rider		GWRRA#		Exp Date:
2 nd Rider/Co Rider		GWRRA#		Exp Date:
City	State	_Zip Code	Phone #()
Rider's email		2nd Rider's email		

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY MARCH 1	
Riding Courses/MFA filled on first come/first served basis	
Classes offered 8:00 am - 5:00 Saturday and 9:00 - 1:00 Sunday	
Riding/MFA Courses	
	QTY COST TOTAL
Trike Riders Course – Full Course (Class and range)	\$50 ea \$
Trike Riders Course – Recertification (range only)	\$35 ea \$
Advanced Riders Course – Recertification (range only)	\$35 ea \$
First Aid/CPR – new curriculum	\$25 ea \$
Road Captain Course *- Full Course (Class and range)	\$5 ea \$
* Preference given to Ride Coordinators	Total Enclosed \$
Seminars/Modules	
Co-Rider Seminar (can be used for levels)	FREE
Team Riding Seminar	FREE
Motorcycling for the Mature Rider Seminar	FREE
Module - This One's for Girls - Women in Leadership Roles	FREE
Module - My Enthusiasm Counts - Chapter MEC Role	FREE
Module - You Got Mail – Email Etiquette	FREE
Final Event Schedule will be published by March 1 and is dependent on registration	

Waiver: I/We agree to hold harmless GWRRA, the Co-Sponsoring Organization, and any property owners for any loss or injuries to self or property in which I/we may become involved by reason of participation in this event. I/We also agree to assume responsibility for any property I/We knowingly damage.

Rider Signature:

2nd Rider/Co-Rider Signature:

Date:_____ Date:

Sign form and mail with payment (payable to GWRRA-Texas) to PO Box 10438 Killeen, Tx 76547-0438



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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 **WINGES-N-WAVES** to ensure you're included into the special functions and group dinners!

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