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April 2018

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

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



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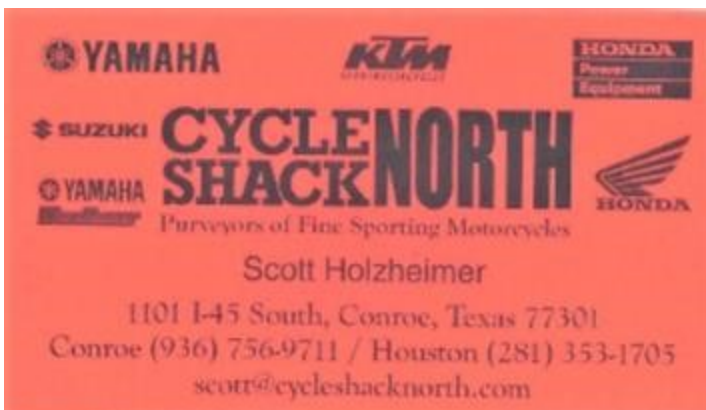
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Forthcoming in April



**April 5-7
Tuesday** **Fredericksburg Weekend / Chapter O Bluebonnet Rally**
Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park, Fredericksburg
Never too late to come on out for a nice Hill Country Weekend!

**April 10th
Tuesday** **M2 Team Meeting Conference Call**
Contact Bart Harris for call in number.



**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 Farmhouse Café**
On Beautiful Lake Livingston in Onalaska!
Meet at Chevron, 10:30am



**April 29th
Sunday** **Ride for Kids, Lake Conroe KOA**
Benefitting the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation
Come on out for a nice day - M2 Leads the Parade!
Meet there, Registration 8:00 to 9:30am



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Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation®

Looking Forward to May

COM: Scott & Linda Gresak

**May 4th
Friday** **Chapter Gathering at I-Hop in the Woodlands**
Come early and visit; meeting starts at 7:15pm

**May 8th
Tuesday** **M2 Team Meeting Conference Call**
Contact Bart Harris for call in number.

**May 12th
Saturday** **Scavenger Hunt Ride (followed by lunch at Whistle Stop Café)**
Meet at Chevron, 10:45am

**May 17-19th
Saturday** **Texas District Rally Brenham**
Scott & Linda have lots of fun side ventures planned!

**May 22nd
Tuesday** **Midweek Dinner - Tentatively at MOD Pizza in Portofina Shopping Center**
Meet at restaurant, 6:30pm

**May 26th
Saturday** **Bike Night at the Drive-In**
Meet at Stripes-Sunoco Station, 5:00 pm

**May 27th
Saturday** **Scott's Mystery Ride / Bryan House Party**
Meet at Stripes-Sunoco Station, 1:00 pm



Director's Corner

Bart & Cheryl Harris



Accelerating into Spring

So what is that old saying we used to hear in elementary school? March winds bring April showers; bring May flowers as I recall. Well, a Yankee must have written that. I am guessing we have already had our winds (barring freak early season hurricanes!), I know we have had our showers, so I am guessing it is time for flowers.

Speaking of flowers, the first weekend in April brings Chapter O's annual Bluebonnet Rally in Fredericksburg and we had three couples from M2 head over (Grieger/Harris/Bryan). It was a nice get away albeit a bit cold on Saturday—but more on that next month.

We have a nice ride planned heading east up to the Farmhouse Café on Lake Livingston on Saturday the 14th. We will wonder through the piney woods passing by Wolf Creek Park on one of our area's best motorcycle roads (FM 224). The Farmhouse Café is a cool little eatery serving home style cooking in a nice relaxed atmosphere with a good view of the lake.

Our last event of the month in the 2018 Houston Ride for Kids at Lake Conroe KOA. This is an important event benefitting the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. M2 was the top fundraising Chapter again last year that has put us at the head of the line for this year's ride. The ride will be a nice one up through the Sam Houston Forest and it is good to be at the front the pack. This is always a fun day and as long as the "April Showers" stay away, one of the best times of the year for riding. This is a rain or shine event and we will have fun either way. Come on out and join us!

Looking forward to the coming months we get even busier. Scott & Linda have a busy planned as you will see from the monthly calendar. Andy and Claudia have some nice unique rides planned for June as well. Can't wait!

Until next time,
ride smart, ride safe!



PLAN AHEAD!:

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| ◆ April 29th | Ride for Kids |
| ◆ May 17-19th | District Rally in Brenham |
| ◆ Aug. 28—Sept. 1 | Wing Ding 40, Knoxville, TN |

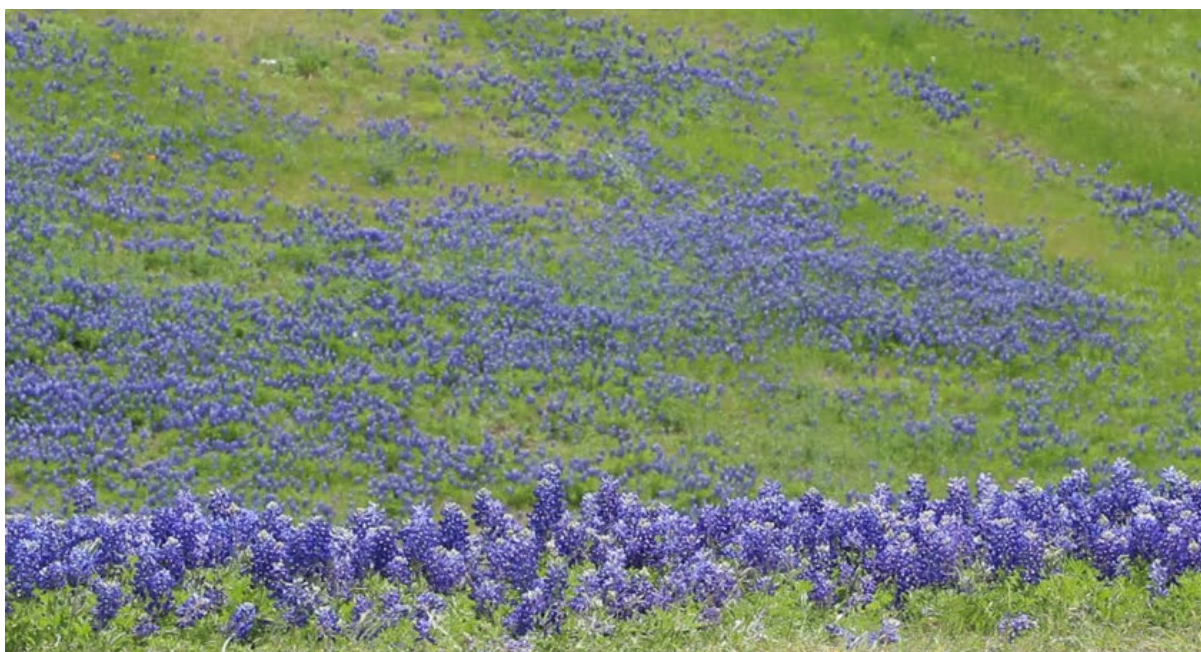


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April Anniversaries

- 6th Andy & Claudia Woodard
8th Allan & Jan Douglas

Quote by Claudia

"If I understood you, would I have this look on my face?"

Alan Alda

April Birthdays

- 16th Scott Gresak
21st Bob Grossman
22nd Britt Grieger

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<http://www.gwrra-tx.org/staff/staff.php>

CRASHING

By: Randall Reese
Texas District Educator

The famous American motorcyclist, Cook Neilson, in a old copy of Cycle Magazine listed all the motorcycle crashes of his friends, family, acquaintances, and magazine staff. Then he had this to say:

"Everybody I know who has spent any time at all riding a motorcycle on the street has crashed. Getting off is the inevitable escapable consequence of getting on. It makes no more sense to expect a crash-free motorcycle riding career than it does to expect to play a set of tennis without hitting one into the net, or a game of pool without blowing your position, or ten rounds of boxing without catching one on the nose. You ride bikes; you crash.

Now tell me this, all you "It-can't-happen-to-me" ers: suppose you awake this Tuesday suffused with the absolute knowledge that at 10:00 a.m. you will have a crash on your motorcycle. The certainty of it is overwhelming; as you break into perfect consciousness you can practically feel the thumps, the scrapes, the scratches and the burns; the forlorn, smoking wreckage of your motorcycle is palpable in the mind's eye.

Got that? Now. How will you prepare for the morning's ride, knowing there will be a crash at 10:00 a.m., knowing you will be the feature attraction? If you really believe that swill about helmets obscuring one's vision, helmets leading to strangulation, helmets causing one's neck to snap and helmets impairing one's hearing, then I suppose you will venture out of your house, onto your motorcycle and toward your crash bare-headed.

But if not - if you can imagine your head flinging off some blue-haired lady's front fender, or thwacking crisply into the pavement, or glancing off a parking meter pole; if you can imagine what it will feel like to take a truly thundering shot to the temple; if you can imagine how the outside world will look through eyes that no longer communicate to a functioning cognitive apparatus - then I believe that faced with the inevitability of your 10:00 a.m. crash, you will put on your helmet and buckle up tightly.

Ah, you're thinking, but of course, faced with an inevitable crash, naturally I will wear a helmet. But who says a crash is inevitable?

You think it isn't? Why should you be different from Loughlin, my father, Halesorth, Schilling, Boiler, the Hansen brothers, Homchick, Kohr, Stein, Vamvas, Irban, Lague, Muhifeld, Stepp, Jennings, Sargent, Stermer, Phillipson, Crowder, Browne, Pererra, Dickenson. Friedman, Riggs, Hodges, Thomas, Moses, or me?

Why should you be special?"

Think about it.

Tejas Chocolate Factory



We had 15 come out for our trip to Tejas Chocolate Factory in Tomball on March 10th. This restaurant is famous for both it's chocolate desserts and BBQ (rated 6th best BBQ by Texas Monthly). I did not try the chocolate as they were awfully proud of it but I can say the BBQ was absolutely superb. Of course, it was a bit of a wait standing in line outside to get the BBQ but we certainly were not disappointed with the food.

After lunch, those that braved the morning mist were rewarded with a nice sunny day for a ride up to Richards and then back down FM249.



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Kathy & Tim came up with a unique ride for March—a trip up to the Museum of the American G.I. on the 24th for their “Living History Weekend”. This museum by itself has a lot of hardware, artifacts and such that makes it worth the trip by itself. But on this weekend, history buffs had descended on College Station with all sorts of military hardware and historical knowledge ranging from the Spanish American war to present day. There were tanks, armored vehicles, flame throwers, a Huey, WW1 trenches, machine guns, motorcycles, cannons, small arms demonstrations—you name it. The day was topped off with a re-enactment of a WWII battle. It was all quite interesting. We had eleven come out for this ride. Most did not stay the whole day but everyone got a little taste of “Living History” and I am sure learned something new. I certainly gained a better understanding of just how horrible it must have been to be in the trenches in WW1.

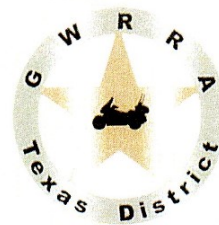
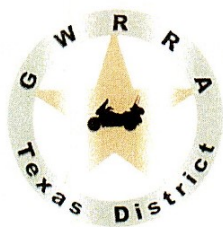


All this history to take in and what are these three doing?

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

<u>District</u>	<u>Registration form</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Miles Traveled</u>
Rider	GWRRA#	Exp:Date	DOB:
2 nd Rider/Co Rider	GWRRA#	Exp:Date	DOB:
City	State	Zip Code	Phone #()
Rider's e-mail	2 nd Rider's e-mail		

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>(All On Site Registrations will be an additional \$5)</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>GWRRA Pre-Registered Member</u>			\$25 ea	
<u>GWRRA Life Member</u>			\$18 ea	
<u>NON-MEMBERS</u>			\$35 ea	
<u>Child 15 years or younger is FREE with registered Adult</u>				
<u>PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED</u>				
<u>Level IV Meal</u>			\$10 ea	
<u>Level IV Meal-Non-Current/Spouse</u>			\$15 ea	
<u>Opening Ceremony BBQ Dinner</u>			\$10 ea	
<u>Castle Tour/Ride Includes Lunch – Choose one</u>	Fri _____ or Sat _____		\$20 ea	
GRAND TOTAL				

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: _____ Date: _____

2nd Rider/Co-Rider Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

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!

Oceanview Balcony cabin - \$871.00 per person

Window cabin - \$603.50 per person

Inside Cabin - \$519.50 per person



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For full event details WWW.WINGERSNWAVES.COM

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Join us on a ride or at our Monthly Chapter Gathering**



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chapters:*

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