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Live Oaks and Dead Folks

It certainly seemed appropriate for the holiday. I'm referring to walking through a cemetery after dark. Not your cup of tea, you say? Well, if you haven't tried it you have really missed out on a unique and interesting evening.

The Zoo Group had a very nice turn out for the ride to Columbus. Some decided to 4-wheel while others braved the chilly evening.

Dinner was again a buffet at Shobel's

Join Us at our next meetings:

12/28—**Cancelled** Planning Meeting
01/13—Chapter Meeting
01/25—Planning Meeting



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Chapter Z Monthly Meeting
(Second Wednesday of the month)

Meets at the Golden Corral 4021 Spencer in Pasadena at 7:30PM

Come early and eat with us

Chapter Z Planning Meeting
(Last Monday of the month)

Meets at 7:15 PM at Pepper's Grill located at 3604 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, TX

Unless otherwise stated, ALL RIDES depart from the southwest corner of the Summit Parking lot on Beltway 8 and Red Bluff behind the Exxon Station

Director's Corner

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Happy Holidays!

Hello everyone.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, ate lots of food and got to spend time with their families. This is a great time of year and we are looking forward to the Christmas Season.

At the end of the year it's always nice to look back and see how the past year went. At Chapter Z I think it was a VERY successful one. It was the first year as Chapter Directors for Carrie and me. It was fun and a learning experience. We are looking forward to the coming year. We will remain as your Chapter Directors for another year. Hopefully that makes more people happy than sad! We will try to learn from events of the past year and look forward to your input as the New Year progresses. As I have always said, this is your chapter. We always welcome your input and will always try to act in the best interest of GWRRA.

The Chapter experienced quite a bit of growth this past year as we signed up many new Z participants. We always welcome new participants. Any time you see someone on a "wing" invite them to a meeting, ride or event. Spread the word about GWRRA, we always welcome new members.

We had an officer and staff meeting a couple of weeks ago to discuss some officer changes for the coming year and our Couple of the Year selection. I would like to share with you some of the results of that meeting.

Gene and Carolyn Tice will be retiring as Rider Educators and Webmasters. Vern and Phyllis Hall will be retiring as Assistant Chapter Directors. I would like to thank the Hall's and the Tice's for their service and dedication to Chapter Z and GWRRA for the past year as officers. Y'all have really made mine and Carrie's job a lot easier and more enjoyable. Thank you!

For the coming year your new Rider Educator will be Joe and Denise Hile. Taking over the ACD position will be Greg and Kris Johnstone. Your new Webmaster will be Ken Robbins (who has also assumed the position of Membership Enhancement Coordinator). And last and certainly not least your new Chapter Couple of the Year for 2010 will be Lonnie and Deanna Hebert. Thanks to our outgoing Couple of the Year Butch and Bobbie Haines for doing an outstanding job representing Chapter Z in 2009.

As we come to the end of the year we would like to express our appreciation to all of the Chapter Z officers, staff and participants for making 2009 an outstanding year. We look forward to an exciting 2010.

Ted and Carrie Geier



Chapter Directors

Master Tour Riders #7127 & 7126



This article taken from the February 2008 issue of the "ZOO GROUP GAZETTE"

ATGATT

ATGATT ? What is that? Oh boy, another acronym, just what we need right? Well this acronym is one worth remembering. It could save your life and/or keep you from being injured in the event of an accident. ATGATT stands for "ALL The Gear All The Time".

This article is to remind us what is meant by "proper riding gear" as defined by GWRRA. This is not scary stuff. You can do this. The requirements aren't that stringent.

Here is what GWRRA (and most motorcycle safety organizations) define as **proper riding attire**: All riders and co-riders must wear at a minimum, a DOT approved helmet, eye protection, full-fingered gloves, over the ankle foot protection (boots preferred), with the balance of the body fully covered (leather or abrasion-resistant attire preferred; denim accepted). Jackets or shirts should be single piece not modular (i.e. not riding sleeves).

These requirements apply to any GWRRA-sponsored rider education or competitive riding event. They do not apply to "non-educational" or "non-competitive" riding activity such as a Chapter ride, parade or poker run etc.

Okay, what does that mean to you? If you take a riding class at a rally or participate in a competitive event you **must** ATGATT. Do you have to do it on a Chapter ride? Sadly, no you do not. If it were up to me it would be required any time you are at any GWRRA-type event. Why? We represent the premier marquee motorcycle group in the country. We should be the one to set the example for the others. We should ALWAYS create an image of safety and responsibility for both the riding and non-riding community. We should be the leaders and lead by example. Wow, I get dizzy up on that safety "soap box" some times.

Here's the real poop. If you are a level I, II or III and you are not an officer and you are on a Chapter ride you don't have to wear ATGATT. We **really** want you to, but you are not required to do so. We are not the "clothing police". GWRRA states that levels I-III are **STONGLY URGED** to wear proper protective gear while riding.

If you are a level IV Maser Tour Rider, wanting to become a level IV Master Tour Rider, or are a GWRRA officer you **are required** to wear ATGATT at all times while operating your motorcycle! Why? You signed a paper at some point along the way that said you would do so. The emphasis is "lead by example". If I don't wear mine...why should you wear yours?

Folks, lets all help each other out and wear our stuff. Don't do it for GWRRA. Don't do it for me. Do it for yourself and the ones that love you!

Friends don't let friends learn "by accident".

Till next time...Think safe, ride safe, be safe and don't forget to ATGATT!

This was the 7th annual year for the cemetery tour which is sponsored by the Nesbitt Memorial Library of Columbus. Each year they select one of the cemeteries around the town in which to hold the tour. It is only held on two nights and this year they had a sell-out.






We were led by lantern light along a dark curving pathway to twelve different gravesites. At each one of these gravesites we were introduced to the resident who dwelled there or a ghostly visitor who was a relative or friend.

Each spokesperson had an interesting story to relay about their life or the happenings in and around Columbus during their lifetime. A little bit of history in an unusual place.



William B. Dewees, a former resident of Columbus who now resides at the Old City Cemetery

A guide begins a new tour group about every 15 minutes. The tour takes approximately one hour. A very unusual and fun evening for everyone.

District Coming Events				
Date	Chapter	Event	Location	Contact/E-Mail
Jan. 09, 2010		Mid-Winter Round UP	Host Hotel Shilo Inns, Killeen, TX	www.gwrra-tx.org
Feb. 6-7, 2010	C	Horizon TX-C	Deer Park Masonic Lodge #1362 2809 Center St. Deer Park, TX	Contact: Lynn Heene TX Dist Trainer 512-694-3064
Mar. 6, 2010	C	Annual "Luck of the Irish" Rally	Stay Tuned For Details	Contact: Rick Lowe 281-471-0150
Mar. 20, 2010	X-2	Annua; X-2 Birthday Party	Bear Creek Park off Clay Rd	David & Gail Nunez 281-213-3223
Mar. 25-27, 2010		Region-H "Be A Sport In Marshall	Marshall Civic Center, Marshall, TX	www.gwrra-tx.org
April 3, 2010	J	24th Annual Fool's Run Rally	Cowboy Honda, Beaumont, TX	
April 8-10, 2010		Louisiana District Madigras Madness	Holiday Inn, Lafayette, LA	Gene & Nelda Stanley dgstanlev1@suddenlink.net 337-478-1670
May 6-8, 2010		Texas District Rally "Let's Rally The Troops"	Marshall, TX 155791-01	Ken & Babie Peterson 817-293-4667 kenandbarbie@att.net
May 27-29, 2010		Arkansas Distraict Rally	Stay Tuned For Details	

This information is provided for the convenience of Chapter Z members. Information is obtained from the Texas District web page and various sources. No warrantee is made with respect to the 286820 accuracy of any information on this page or any other page in this newsletter, and the staff of Chapter Z shall not be liable if any information is incorrect. You are advised to verify the accuracy of this information prior to attending any listed event. This information contained herein is subject to change without notice.

Membership Enhancement Coordinator's November 2009 Chapter Z Participation Report

Attendance Report:

Date	Event	Participants	Visitors	Total
11/1/2009	Breakfast at Joe's & Lone Star Ralley	12	3	15
11/7/2009	Sealy Bike Escort	10	2	12
11/7/2009	Live Oaks and Dead Folks	15	0	15
11/8/2009	Breakfast at Tony's in Sealy	9	0	9
11/8/2009	Breakfast at Frank's	5	1	6
11/11/2009	Chapter Monthly Gathering	32	1	33
11/13/2009	Chapter Officer Meeting	13	0	13
11/14/2009	Ride to Mel's Dinner, Tomball	11	0	11
11/15/2009	Breakfast @ Frank's	5	1	6
11/21/2009	Star Cinema and Dinner Theater	9	0	9
11/22/2009	Breakfast @ Joe's in Alvin	10	1	11
11/29/2009	Breakfast @ Frank's	6	0	6
11/30/2009	Planning Meeting	18	1	19
	Total			165

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Ride For Kids



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The Funnies

In Richardson , Texas , a State Trooper was running radar. He had a perfect spot to watch for speeders, but wasn't getting any. Then he discovered the problem. A 12 year old boy was standing up the road with a hand painted sign which read 'RADAR TRAP AHEAD!' The officer later found a young accomplice down the road with a sign reading, 'TIPS' and a bucket full of money. (And we used to just sell home-made-lemonade!)

A motorist was mailed a picture of his car speeding through an automated radar post in Plano , Texas . A \$40 speeding ticket was included. Being cute, he sent the police department a picture of \$40. The police responded with another mailed photo of handcuffs.

A woman was pulled over in Austin , Texas for speeding. As the Texas State Trooper walked to her car window, flipping open his ticket book, she said, 'I bet you are going to sell me a ticket to the Texas State Police Ball.' He replied, 'Texas State Troopers don't have balls.' There was a moment of silence while she smiled and he realised what he'd just said. He then closed his book, got back in his patrol car and left. She was laughing too hard to start her car.

Friends For Fun, Safety and Knowledge...

The Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) is the world's largest single-marquee social organization for owners and riders of Honda Gold Wing/Valkyrie motorcycles—and some would say, the world's largest family. Dedicated to our motto, Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge, GWRRA members enjoy the freedom of belonging to a not-for-profit, non-religious and non-political organization.

Founded in 1977, GWRRA has grown to more than 80,000 U.S., Canadian and international members in 53 foreign countries in just 32 years. Over 800 active Chapters are managed by 4,000 volunteer leaders working with members to foster safe, enjoyable riding while also working to improve the public image of motorcycling.

No matter what part of the US, or the World for that matter, you are sure to find GWRRA near to your location. Just go to the website www.gwrro.org and click on the map as pictured below for a larger view and to see a listing of all the regions or click on the Select a Region box to see a listing.

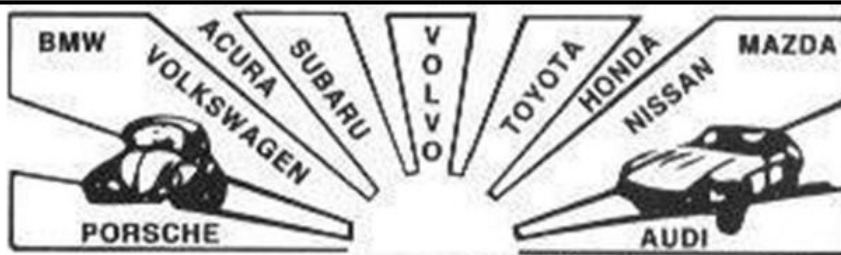
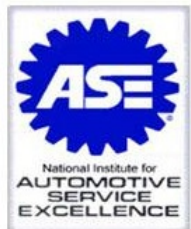


Are you looking for a new ride or a part? Be sure to check out the For Sale section at www.gwrro.org/board/messages/16/16.html.

Having a frustrating time trying to figure out why those LED lights are not working or maybe you just want to talk with other riders or you have something you want to share with others. There is now a GWRRA Message Board that is a moderated discussion board dealing with the Honda Gold Wing and Valkyrie. It is full of good tech and general topics of informative topics where you can get help or give assistance. Just go to www.gwrro.org and click on the message board (<http://bbs.gwrro.org/scripts/board/discus.pl>).

Have some questions regarding GWRRA? Visit the F.A.Q.S section on the main page of GWRRA.org. Any question you might have regarding GWRRA or the website will most likely be answered.

If you need to contact any of the National, Regional or District staff, the contact information is available to you through the GWRRA website***



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Pasadena, Texas

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<p>Have BREAKFAST with the ZOO GROUP ...Every Sunday morning at Frank's Grill 3807 Spencer Hwy in Pasadena 8:00AM</p>		1	2	3	4	5
<p>6 KSU - 7:30AM from Z's N. JO to ride to Spanish Flower Restaurant</p>	7	8	<p>9 Z Monthly Mtg—7:30PM @ the Golden Corral on Spencer</p>	10	11	<p>12 Foster Children's Christmas Party See Details @ www.zoogroup.org</p>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<p>20 Meet at Joe's in Alvin at 8AM</p>	21	22	23	24	<p>25 Merry Christmas</p>	26
27	<p>28 Z Planning Meeting is CANCELLED</p>	29	30	<p>31 News Year's Eve</p>	<p>Please check our website for possible changes in the location of our Breakfast meeting and any updates. www.zoogroup.org</p>	

JANUARY 2010

Chapter Z GWRRA

Pasadena, Texas

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>Have BREAKFAST with the ZOO GROUP ...Every Sunday morning at Frank's Grill 3807 Spencer Hwy in Pasadena 8:00AM</p> <p>Please check our website for possible changes in the location of our Breakfast meeting and any updates.</p> <p>www.zoogroup.org</p>						<p>1 Happy New Year</p>	<p>2 Meet at 6PM for dinner– location TBD– then to Radio Music Theatre Fertle Family</p>
<p>3 KSU 7:30AM-Z'a S. JO– Ride to Sunflower Bakery</p>	4	5	6	7	8	<p>9 TX Dist Mid-Winter Roundup in Killeen - details at www.zoogroup.org</p>	
10	11	12	<p>13 Z Monthly Mtg. 7:30PM- Golden Corral on Spencer</p>	14	15	<p>16 KSU 9:AM-z's S. JO Lunch ride to Angleton</p>	
17	18	19	20	21	22	<p>23 KSU s. JO @ 10AM- Lunch ride to San Leon</p>	
24	<p>25 Z Planning Mtg 7:15PM @ Pepper's on Fairmont</p>	26	27	28	29	<p>30 KSU 10:AM N. JO-Ride to Potato Patch Restaurant</p>	
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GWRRA Texas Chapter Z
Meets the 2nd
Wednesday of each month at
Golden Corral
4021 Spencer Hwy.
7:30 pm

Z's (North) Jump Off:
All rides depart from the
parking lot on the
southwest corner of
Beltway 8 @ Red Bluff
behind the Exxon station

Z's SOUTH Jump Off:
Kroger on I-45 @ FM 517 in
Dickinson

Z's MID Jump Off:
AMC Gulf Pointe Parking Lot
I-45 & Beltway 8

Chapter Z meets every
Sunday for breakfast at
Frank's Grill
3807 Spencer Hwy. 8:00AM
**CHECK CALENDAR FOR CHANGES IN
LOCATION**

Reminder

This is your newsletter, please feel free to write an article about a ride, a rally or other pertinent matter and submit it for publication on or before the next planning meeting.

Ya'll come back!

Zoo Group Celebrations

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER

- 01—Pat Elzey
- 03—Vern Hall
- 04—Camile Westbrook
- 07—Earline Hall
- 13—Deanna Hebert
- 20—Carolyn Tice
- 24—Denise Hile

Happy Anniversary

DECEMBER

- 01—Robert & Bonnie Ballon
- 14—Butch & Bobbie Haines

Find your Number!

Each month there will be a GWRRA member number embedded somewhere within the newsletter. It could be yours. There will be a prize waiting for you at the next meeting if you find your number. Good Luck!





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