Greetings Chapter W Members,

What a great April we had. So many good rides, rallies and of course the campout. Thank you Suzanne for making it happen. I known many of us are looking forward to the next Chapter campout.

A few of us are heading up to the Texas District Rally on the 19th of May. Hopefully we can win some of the categories that they have for us to enter. If you still want to join us, please get your reservations made and register for the rally. The more the merrier. You can ride or drive. Either way you can have some fun with your fellow Chapter W members.

There was a suggestion made for a ride on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend. We thought we would do the Painted Church ride. If you would like to do the ride please let me know so we can get a count. We can take some coolers with us and bring our lunch to eat along the way. What a great day it will be to spend the day with friends. Don’t forget May is Motorcycle Safety month. Please make sure you are prepared for your ride and your body. Drink, drink and drink since the weather is turning warm. Since I will not be here May 14th hopefully someone will post a ride for all of you to go on. If you have a suggestion for any rides please let me know and we can put it together.

Our next Planning Meeting is on May 19th and Vernon Neal will be posting a place to go as I will be in Temple at the Rally. I forgot to mention the Wingers and Waves cruise in November. I know Steve has put the flyer in the newsletter so if you are interested let me know. Right now I know of 4 couples going. The ports of calls are Belize, Honduras and Cozumel. It should be a great time. Again it is so nice to see everyone wearing their Chapter shirts or vests. Faith won the pen with tools in it, Frank won the zip ties and Kathy Wilkening won the two free drinks for Rudy’s and the Jackpot. Way to go Kathy!!! Oh and Kathy brought the cake from the campout that didn’t get ate so we got to have a wonderful dessert.

Cindy Harris
Chapter Director

Our Meeting Place and Time

GWRRA Texas Chapter "W" holds its chapter meetings on the first and third Thursdays of the month. The first currently at Rudy’s BBQ, 21799 Katy Freeway, Katy, TX 77450 (I-10 just east of Mason Rd.). The second will move month to month so see our calendar. The first is our regular chapter meeting while the second meeting is an informal planning meeting/social gathering. Meetings are held at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Come early and enjoy dinner with the chapter.
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Pre-ride Briefing For Your New Passenger
S/he is the BOSS, but you set the rules

By: James R. Davis

Before I let a passenger onto my bike I host a briefing with them. I explain that so long as they are on my bike THEY are the boss - that if they want to slow down, or to stop, for any reason, we will do so. In other words, the rider controls the bike while the passenger controls the rider! I explain that it is not my intention to scare them, ever, while they are on the bike, but to help them enjoy the experience. In exchange for this there is a price: They have four jobs while riding as passenger, and they must agree to get on and off the bike only with the permission of the driver.

I explain the 'passenger twist' where they connect their helmet cord while facing the bike, then do a full turn clockwise so that the cord wraps behind them before they get on the bike. That they get on and off only while I am on the bike, which is in neutral, and have both feet down and the side stand up (this, because if the side stand is down and they plump themselves on the saddle they will compress the shocks and that will lever the bike to the right - possibly all the way over onto its side!) I nod and tell them it is OK to get on the bike when I'm ready for them. I do the same when I'm ready for them to leave the bike. Finally, I ask that when they mount and dismount the bike they try to keep their weight centered on the bike - that they not pull the bike towards them but, rather, push themselves towards the bike.

I explain that while we are moving they can talk to me if they want, and that they may use the PTT button near their left hand to talk on the CB, but as to moving around, I'd prefer that they pretended to be a sack of potatoes (actually, I tell them they can move about, just not suddenly) - that they NOT try to help me through the turns - that they not lean in anticipation or when we are in a turn.

I tell them that I have never had an accident, but that no matter what hap-
pens while we are moving, they are to keep their feet on the passenger floorboards and never, ever, try to touch the ground with their feet to try to hold up the motorcycle. I show them the saddlebag guard rails and point out that they are heavy steel, like 'roll bars', and will protect their legs only so long as their feet remain on those floorboards.

Oh, as to those 'jobs' they have:

They are to wave at all motorcyclists approaching us in the opposite direction
- They are to wave at all policemen who are on their feet
- They are to wave at all children that show any interest whatever
- They are to demonstrate to the world that they are enjoying themselves, particularly at all rest stops.!
- Failing any of those jobs, I declare, will result in them having a new job when the ride is over - the spokes. (There are no spokes on my Wing, of course.)

As to my own personal rules while riding with a passenger:

The only thing I want to 'show off' is that riding a motorcycle can be safe and enjoyable
- I wish to challenge myself with the task of trying to shift gears without the passenger being aware of the activity (no head snaps in either direction.)
- I want to start and stop with the passenger never quite sure that we have started to move or that we have come to a full stop - i.e., smoothness all around.
June, 2016

2nd—Chapter Meeting

16th—Planning Meeting

Check our web site calendar for last minute events.
www.gwrра-txw.org

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Family Camp-Out

Carry-in dinner at our cabin. My idea of roughing it!

Water Park at the Campground

Grandsons in the Loft

Helping Grandma cook breakfast
May

Birthdays
Jackie Caron, 15th
Jack Johnson, 24th

Anniversaries
John & Lydia Bourg, 1st
Frank & Joan Wyatt, 2nd

When I was a kid, this was my mobile phone.
Hi all - We are so happy you were able to join us for the WINGERS cruise last year! I’ve attached a flyer and wanted to know if you will forward it to as many Chapters, family and friends as possible. I know many of the Chapters will include the attached flyer into their newsletters.

We have an EXCELLENT group rate (please see the attached). However, a limited number of cabins at the reduced group rate. The special rate is open to all who would like to join the FUN!

FYI. We have a few cabins open for the WINGERS 12 day Alaska Cruisetour June 6, 2016

All of the information is posted on the website at www.wingersnwaves.com or call (386) 299-7535

Thank you very much

Deanna
FLEXING OUR WINGS

A LITTLE TEXAS HISTORY

Some May Texas Events

The McDonald Observatory was originally endowed by the Texas banker William Johnson McDon-ald (1844–1926), who left about $1,000,000 - the bulk of his fortune - to the University of Texas to endow an astronomical observatory. The provision of the will was challenged by McDonald’s relatives, but after a long legal fight, the University received about $800,000 from the estate and construction began at Mt. Locke. The then-unnamed Otto Struve Telescope was dedicated on May 5, 1939, and at that time was the second largest telescope in the world. McDonald Observatory was operated under contract by the University of Chicago until the 1960s, when control was transferred to the University of Texas at Austin under the direction of Harlan J. Smith. Research today at the McDonald Observatory encompasses a wide variety of topics and projects, including planetary systems, stars and stellar spectroscopy, the interstellar medium, extragalactic astronomy, and theoretical astronomy.

Old North Baptist Church, on U.S. Highway 59 four miles north of the city limits of Nacogdoches, is the oldest active missionary Baptist church in Texas. It was originally called Union Baptist Church because settlers from various religious denominations made up the first congregation. It was founded by Mrs. Massey Sparks Millard, who came to Texas in 1832 and settled north of Nacogdoches, near where the church now stands. She constantly prayed that a church would be established at the spot where she, some other women, and their children hid in a thicket during Indian and Mexican raids while the men tried to repel the raiders. Mrs. Willard arranged for Rev. Isaac Reed to preach to a small group of Americans at the springs just after the battle of San Jacinto. These people decided to build a place of worship and a one-room school. Liberty School House was built in October 1836 of red oak logs spliced together because they were too short and laid on a rock foundation. This building was used until 1852, when a frame building was constructed on the same foundation. In 1882 the building was remodeled and painted.

At a meeting at Liberty School House on Sunday, May 6, 1838, the church was officially organized when ministers Isaac Reed and Robert G. Green preached and invited people with church letters who wanted to constitute a church to come forward. John and Betsy Eaton, Charles Whitaker, Sarah Tipps, Mary Crain, Emily Knight, Ruth Anderson, and Anthony and Chancy, the last two slaves, came forward. Charles Whitaker was elected church clerk.
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