



The New **Freedom Rider**

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Another month has come and gone. March brought us a varied mix of weather and activities. I am sure April will hold the same. Although maybe not the 6 inches of snow I got at the house. Oh, lest I forget, April also holds the annual fun festival all of us look forward to. Tax Time! Well, that and our trip to Kerrville (18th-20th). I am really looking forward to that, and by the number of people that have let me know they are going, so are y'all.

Since this is the space Dan said I could have, I am going to use it again for my own agenda briefly (pulls out soapbox). As I said in our last meeting, HRCA has made several changes to the HRCA Membership package, least of which is dropping the roadside coverage. By doing this, they have reduced the membership to \$19 or so a year. I am mixed on this. I know you can get roadside coverage through your insurance. The problem is, are they set up to deal with motorcycles? I know my regular car insurance isn't. I asked. Also, with HRCA, you could get a tow to a nearby dealer and get the bike worked on in a fairly quick manner. Now? Not so sure. I have seen this ques-

tion asked in several forums, but no answers. That doesn't bode well in my book. The dealerships were held accountable through HRCA on these things.

Also, as some of you know, Honda has decided to pull all motorcycle manufacturing out of the US. Most of it is going back to Japan. I am sure the infamous Global Economy is behind this. This step by Honda really irks me. One of the big things about Goldwings in particular, is that they were made in the US. Is the Honda Homecoming now a thing of the past? I guess that's what is meant by "You can never go home again."

OK, I'm done venting (puts up soapbox). Thank you for a few moments of your time. Back to the fun and excitement. Kerrville is showing to be a great time of old and new friends. We will be joined, at this point, by about 9 bikes from Al Lamb's Honda. Add to that the 20 or so bikes we are expecting, and we have quite a group going. I would appreciate volunteers for group leaders and tail gunners, as it makes it easier on me. I will handle group 1 and the logistics therein. I ask this because we will have 4 groups at this time by my calculations. That is fantastic. I plan on having printed maps as well as digital copies available for Garmin GPS systems should one be so inclined. Let me know and I will get this information to you.

April also brings us our first

Moonlight Ride. This month it happens to coincide with our trip to Kerrville. However, that doesn't mean if you aren't going to Kerrville you can't have a moonlight ride. I am not planning on a moonlight ride in Kerrville since we will have to get up in the morning on Sunday and get moving.

In May, we have a trip to Lawton,

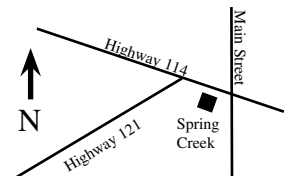
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April 2008 Meeting

Thursday April 17, 7:00 pm
at **Spring Creek Barbecue**
315 Highway 114 West @ Main, Grapevine
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President's Corner Continued

Oklahoma, planned courtesy of **Ro** and **Sandy**. From what I have heard, a fun filled time is planned as well. This is a one-night stay with a fantastic hotel deal, coupled with beautiful scenery in the Wichita Mountains. On the agenda is a side trip to the Chisholm Trail Museum, so we will be able to see a piece of history for ourselves. Rooms are going fast, just like they usually do on most of our trips.

I am so glad to see Spring finally get here. For me, that means more time on the bike. And, if work cooperates, I will be able to ride more on a daily basis. If you haven't been able to ride much throughout the winter, now is the time for the spring checkup. Check your fluids, the air pressure in your tires, and the overall condition of your bike to get it in shape for the warmer months ahead. Keep in mind that vehicles with more wheels than you do not always cooperate (Jim, hope the foot is healing!), so do what you can to be seen by as many as possible while you are on the road. More lights on your bike and wearing bright clothing helps, and I know I am heard with the air horns I have on my 'Wing. It's kinda funny to watch someone jump when you call their attention to their actions by use of the horn. Keep safety first on the agenda, and hopefully those around you will do the same. Hope to see everyone on the next ride!

Toby Burgess

Thought for the Month

If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the trip.

MEETING MINUTES

by Dan McDonald

Club President **Toby Burgess** called the March meeting to order, welcoming 45 members and guests **Larry & Lori Galvin**.

Toby discussed the Spring Kerrville trip April 18-20. HRCA. Our group has taken the lead on a spring Hill Country trip. A group of riders from Dallas Honda and maybe another club or two will be joining us for the ride down to Kerrville.

Sandy Morris & Mabelle Noel discussed the Spring Kaufman Benefit to be held this coming Saturday, March 22.

Sandy Morris also discussed the May 17-18 trip to Lawton, OK and the Wichita Mountain Wildlife Preserve. See the full article on page 3 for details.

Larry Harmon discussed the possibility of setting up a May or June Experienced Rider's Course. He will coordinate with **Frosty Stoll** to set up a date.

Toby discussed the possibility of dedicating one of the Kaufman Children's Shelter benefits as a **Kevin Vardaman Memorial**. **Kevin** and **Pam** were heavily involved in the first school supply benefit run. Further discussion on this will be forthcoming.

Treasurer **Bob Sympson** presented the financial report. The current balance in the treasury is \$1023.27, with no expenses for the month. A 50/50 drawing was held with **Cecil Drewry**, **Lynda Brock** and **Pauline Drewry** winning cash prizes.

With all club business finished, the meeting was concluded. Members gathered outside to socialize and say their good nights to their friends.

Kaufman Benefit Ride by Mabelle Noel

On Saturday, March 22, 13 bikes set off towards the Kaufman Children's Emergency Shelter, loaded with lots of candy and toys and supplies guaranteed

Motorcycle Safety Foundation Courses

HRCA (\$39.95/year) reimburses up to \$75 of the cost of a Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) course each year for HRCA members. Reimbursement forms can be picked up at DFW Honda.

Available courses by City

Arlington - Texas R.I.D.E.R (817) 246-4016 - Harold Patterson Sports Center - www.texasrider.com

Burleson - A+ rider Course 1-800-410-4549 Burleson High School, 100 NW John Jones Rd - www.aplusrider.com

Carrollton - Rider Course Center (972) 317-6322 or 1-888-317-6322 - Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD Stadium

Flower Mound - Motorcycle Safety Instruction - (972) 247-5011 - Marcus High School, 5707 Morris Rd. Discount offered to DFW Freedom Riders. www.veridesafe.com

Fort Worth - Moto-Ed (817) 239-6686 - American Ironhorse Motorcycle Company, 4600 Blue Mound Rd. www.moto-ed.com

Irving - Brookhaven College (972) 860-4715 or Texas R.I.D.E.R. (817) 246-4016 - American Honda Training Center, 4529 Royal Lane, Irving - www.texasrider.com

Lancaster - A+ rider Course 1-800-410-4549 - Cedar Valley College, Lancaster, Tx. - www.aplusrider.com

Southlake - Motorcycle Safety Instruction - (972) 247-5011 - Dragon Stadium, 1085 S. Kimball Ave. Discount offered to DFW Freedom Riders. www.veridesafe.com

to bring smiles to young and old alike. After the traditional lunch stop at the Cotton Gin in Crandall, it was time to head on down the bunny trail.

We had learned the shelter had a very small number of residents for our

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visit – only a few teenage girls and a small baby. Even so, we were prepared to deliver an Easter Egg hunt that would provide memories for years to come. While our “big kids” provided motorcycle rides to residents and staff, several others went to the task of hiding eggs.

And then it was time for the games to begin! Does everyone have a basket? Ok...Ready, Set, GO!!! And off they went, looking high and low, under leaves and in the trees. Look - there's something bright pink in the flower bed! And what's over there on the window sill? Wow – what an adventure! We came to learn later that many of these kids had never had an Easter Egg hunt before. Our hearts filled with joy to know we were part of what one girl described to us as “...the best day of my life.”

But the surprises didn't end when all the eggs were found. We loaded up the pool table with lots of other goodies. Easter baskets, stuffed animals, more candy, household supplies, hygiene products, Find-It games, and Wal-Mart gift cards. Even food, treats and toys for the resident puppy-dogs.

In true DFW Freedom Riders fashion, our club along with a First Baptist Church of Hurst class, opened their hearts and their wallets to donate over \$1,300 (over half of that in the form of checks, cash or walmart gift cards)! Many thanks to everyone for helping to create a very successful Easter adventure for a special group!

Traveling Smart with Medications

by David Noel, LVN

Motorcycles are all about traveling. But what's the best way to travel with medications? Following are a few tips to help.

* Keep prescription meds in the original bottle(s). This way, you'll have the doctor's information and the proof that the pills are yours.

* Always have a list of the medications you are currently taking so if you ever become injured and cannot personally speak for yourself, emergency

personnel will still have access to that information.

* Keep a photocopy of your prescriptions with your prescription list.

* If you should lose your meds or run out while on a trip, and its a long-term maintenance medicine (like those for thyroid, cholesterol or blood pressure), you can usually get an early refill by going to another location if your drug store is part of a chain.

* Keep in mind that your insurance might not pay for early refills, but at least you'll have the medicine you need.

* Stop at a local urgent care facility if you have to. This is where your doctor's information and a copy of your prescription would come in handy.

* Call your doctor's office (this is a good time to remind everyone that you should have your doctor's office phone number programmed into your cell phone). Most doctors don't mind calling in a prescription, even in another state. But be prepared – depending on the office, that call might not be made right away.

Watch for “Tips and Tricks for Treating Your Common Medical Problems when Traveling” - coming next month!

NEW MEMBER

Welcome to our new member for the month; **Lamar Clark** from Southlake. We look forward to many miles of riding with you.

Companion Trailers from Kevin Jackson

Companion Trailers is still offering discounts and temporary rentals of their trailers. Contact **Kevin Jackson** at 682-597-8944 for additional information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wise County Wild Hog Cookoff and Tailgate Party **April 12**

Benefiting the Wise County Sheriff's Posse Saturday, April 12, 2008 11:00 am - 6:00 PM, \$8 admission, free food, live music, motorcycle parking (concrete) or plenty of room to set up a tent for your group. The event will be held at the Wise County Fairgrounds on FM51 one mile south of Hwy 287 in Decatur.

Hill Country Trip

April 18-20

Once again we are making our annual pilgrimage to the Texas Mecca of Motorcycling, otherwise known as the Hill Country! HRCA is not holding their regional rally this year, but we are going anyway!!!

We will leave from DFW Honda on Friday, April 18th at 10am. Tentative plans now will be to stop for lunch in Stephenville at the Hard Eight BBQ (always a favorite).

Saturday will be a do as you wish day to ride the Hill Country roads, shop, prowl around Kerrville, or just kick back and relax at the hotel. Dinner on Saturday night is tentatively schedule for Mamasita's in Kerrville.

Rooms are no longer available at the Inn of the Hills, but you may be able to find another lodging place at this late date.

Brown Bag & Bluebonnets Ride **Saturday, April 26**

American Motorcycle Trading Company, 2925 E. Division St. Arlington. Date: Saturday, April 26. \$10 Solo Rider, \$15 2up 9am Registration First Bike Out 10am Last Bike Out 11am All Proceeds to Benefit CMA, Run For The Son and its Ministries.

Donations are Welcome. Fishermen Chapter of CMA will be Furnishing a Brown Bag Lunch and Drink at end of the ride. Route Guide to Bluebonnets. Bike Blessings will be Available.

All Bikes are Welcome. For more information contact Flip Prickett @ 817-946-2013.

Lawton “Overnighter” **May 17-18**

After many 3 day weekender trips, we've come up with a great opportunity for an overnight trip to Lawton, OK May 17th. We'll hang our helmets at the Best Western Lawton for a sweet deal of \$75 including a FULL breakfast. You can't beat that when

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THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS



2	David Mulkey
3	Charlotte Perez
4	Betty Copeland
6	Pamela Boyles
6	Debra Coan
6	Russell Hamlin
6	Denise McMullen
7	Betty Beasley
8	Rowan Harmer
11	Don Nowell
12	Mandy Hedgpeth
13	Steve Grant
14	Christina Harris
15	Chuck Nuber
16	Kathy Morgan
18	Larry Bryant
18	Debbie Jolley
18	Bev Mitchell
19	Nick Stickeler
21	Rick Smith
23	Cathy Hickey
24	Phil Starnes
24	Dennis York
25	Mary Reese
27	Sandy Barrett
27	Barbara Beckner
30	Lynda Green

Upcoming Events Continued

the listed price of the rooms is \$99 w/ o breakfast. To book your room, call 580-353-0200 before April 26th.

Ro and I have done the preliminary planning for the trip and kick stands will go up from McChevron most

likely around 8:00 a.m. The plan is to lunch in Velma, OK at the Chuck Wagon BBQ and Grill. This suggestion is from our tour agent in Oklahoma, **Peggy Majors** who will be joining us with her husband, **Mr. Ed**. She assures us that there is a choice for everyone at this place as long as your expectations don't include healthy Weight Watchers' Meals...

But as she said, "It's a motorcycle trip, right?"

From there, the plan is to journey on to Duncan, OK to tour the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center and Museum. There will be a charge of \$5.00 per person to tour this facility, but according to our Oklahoma Tour Director, it's GREAT!

Saturday evening, we're looking at an Italian restaurant that is known for its great food and small prices and has been in business since the '50's. That sounds like another motorcycle joint—cheap and good.

Dan is planning the route and a ride through the Wichita Mountains which will include The Holy City, The Meers Store for lunch, and Mt. Scott and back home.

This will be a fun-packed Saturday and Sunday, so don't miss out. Ro said she has 19 rooms in a block and they're going quickly. To reserve your room, tell the clerk it's under DFW Freedom Riders/Rose Ann McDonald.

Sandy Morris

FOR SALE OR TRADE

2004 Honda Shadow Aero 750, all extras only has 5000 miles on it. black and silver. \$4000 beverly_ jarmush2000 @ yahoo.com 08-03

CRAFTSMAN MOTORCYCLE/ATV JACK Asking price: \$60.00 or best offer. I paid \$100.00 new excluding tax. Jack is ideal for performing minor repairs, oil changes, cleanups and more. **"FIRST CLASSICS" HIGH END UTILITY CRUISING JACKET** Asking price: \$130.00 or best offer. I paid \$199.00 new excluding tax. All leather motorcycle jacket ideal for cold weather riding. For more details on either one contact **Bob Sympson** 817-488-5779 E-mail: rbsympson @ yahoo.com 08-02

OEM GL1500 alternator in excellent condition \$125. **Dan McDonald** 817-284-2251 07/12

To add or remove items for sale or trade, contact the newsletter editor at the e-mail address or phone number listed on Page 2. Items will be removed after two months, unless renewed.

Lil Jimmy's Fun Run Saturday August 23

The Cotton Gin in Crandall is sponsoring a benefit run for the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children on August 23rd. The event starts at the Cotton Gin in Crandall with registration starting at 8:00am and last bike out at 10:30am.

The entry fee is \$20 with a poker run, bike show, games, best of show. For additional information, call Justin at (972) 816-5690. The Cotton Gin is located at the intersection of Hwy 175 and FM 148 in Crandall.

BE THERE - DO THAT SHORT LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 12 - Wise County Cookoff
Apr 17 - DFWFR Meeting
Apr 18-20 - Kerrville Spring Trip
Apr 26 - CMA Benefit Ride
May 17-18 - Lawton Trip

2008 MAJOR RALLY SCHEDULE

Date	City	Event	For Information
Mar 27-Apr 6	Scottsdale, AZ	Arizona Bike Week	www.azbikeweek.net
May 15-18	Ruidoso, NM	Aspencash Rally	www.motorcyclerrally.com
May 19-22	Branson, MO	Branson M/C Rally	www.bransontourismcenter.com
Jun 2-7	Lake George, NY	Americade	www.tourexpo.com/
Jun 7-14	Los Angeles, CA	Mother Road Rally	www.hhjm.com/rally
Jun 12-15	Austin, TX	Republic of Texas	www.rotrally.com
Jun 17-21	Hatfield, AR	CMA National Rally	www.cmausa.org
Jun 18-21	Knoxville, TN	Honda Hoot	www.hondahoot.com
Jul 3-6	Greenville, SC	GWRRA Wing Ding	www.gwrro.org/wingding
Jul 14-17	Billings, MT	GWTA Gold Rush	www.gwta.org
Jul 24-26	Marysville, OH	Honda Homecoming	www.ohio.honda.com
Aug 4-10	Sturgis, SD	Strugis Bike Week	www.sturgisrally.net
Oct 15-19	Hatfield, AR	CMA Colors Rally	www.cmausa.org
Sep 17-21	Ruidoso, NM	Golden Aspen	www.motorcyclerrally.com/
Oct 16-19	Daytona Beach, FL	Biketoberfest	www.biketoberfest.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

Monthly Calendar of Events



Standing Rides



Sonic Bike Nights

Thursday Dinner Run, except 3rd Thursdays.
Leaves from DFW Honda in Grapevine at 7:00pm

Cycle Club of Fort Worth - 2nd Friday - 7:00-8:30 pm
Hurst Sonic - 1308 Precinct Line Road

Saturday Ride - Saturday Morning. Leaves from DFW Honda at 10:00am from October through May, then from the Grapevine Chevron McDonald's at 8:00 am from June through September.

GWRRA Chapter U-2 - 4th Friday - 7-9 pm
Grapevine Sonic, West of Main on Northwest Hwy

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Full Moon Rides -

On the Saturday closest to the Full Moon, April through October. Leaves from the Grapevine Chevron at 9:00pm.

The Saturday and Thursday rides are opportunities to get together and ride from a common starting point. An officer or group leader is normally present, but if one is not available, then form a group and enjoy the ride.

Rides scheduled to leave during times when DFW Honda is open will leave from there. The phone number is metro (817) 421-4663.

Unless otherwise noted, other rides leave from the Chevron/McDonalds on the corner of Highway 114 and Main Street in Grapevine.

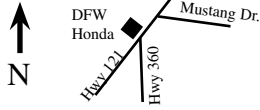
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00PM CMA FISHERMEN MEETING	2	3 7:00PM Dinner Ride	4	5 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE
ARIZONA BIKE WEEK						
6	7	8	9	10 7:00PM Dinner Ride	11	12 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE WISE COUNTY WILD HOG COOKOFF BENEFITTING THE WISE COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE, DECATUR
13	14	15	16	17 7:00PM DFWR MEETING	18 7:00PM - CCFW SONIC BIKE NIGHT PRECINCT LINE ROAD IN HURST	19 9:00AM GWRRA U-2 MEETING 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE FULL MOON RIDE
HILL COUNTRY WILDFLOWER TRIP						
20 WILDFLOWER TRIP	21	22 7:30PM GWRRA-R MEETING	23	24 7:00PM Dinner Ride	25	26 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE CMA FISHERMEN CHAPTER BROWN BAG & BLUEBONNET BENEFIT RIDE AMERICAN M/C TRADING CO. 2925 E DIVISION, ARL. 10AM
27	28	29	30 7:00PM GWTA CHAPTER B MEETING	1 7:00PM Dinner Ride NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER MOTORCYCLE MINISTRIES IN EUREKA SPRINGS, AR.	2 7:00PM - GWRRA U2 GRAPEVINE SONIC BIKE NITE	3 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE
4	5	6 7:00PM CMA FISHERMEN MEETING	7	8 7:00PM Dinner Ride	9	10 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE

Year Calendar - Go to www.dfwfreedomriders.org and click on the Newsletter link. There is a downloadable calendar in PDF form for the remainder of the year.



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Motorcycle Association Monthly Meetings

- DFW Honda Freedom Riders** • 3rd Thursday - 7 pm
Spring Creek BBQ - Hwy 114 & Main - Grapevine
- CMA Fishermen** • 1st Tuesday - 7 pm
(not a dinner meeting) Vandergriff Community Ctr.
- GWRRRA U-2** • 3rd Saturday - 9 am meeting (8:30 buffet)
Golden Corral - Hwy 26 @ Loop 820
- GWRRRA R** • 4th Tuesday - 7:30pm meeting (6:00 dinner)
Fuddrucker's in Grapevine (Near Bass Pro Shop)
- GWTA B** - Last Wednesday - 8 pm (7 pm Dinner)
Logan's Road House, 820 & Pipeline Rd.

<p>Parts & Accessory Special</p> <p>10% Off Any Parts & Accessory Purchase</p> <p>DFW Honda (817) 421-4663</p> <p><small>Coupon must be presented prior to purchase. Coupon expires end of April 2008.</small></p>	<p>Service Parts Special</p> <p>10% Off Any Service Related Parts <small>Does Not Apply to Labor</small></p> <p>DFW Honda (817) 421-4663</p> <p><small>Coupon must be presented prior to service. Coupon expires end of April 2008.</small></p>
<small>Coupons cannot be combined with any other coupon or offer.</small>	

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- Gold Wing Touring Association (GWTA)**
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- Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA)**
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Meeting Location

This month's meeting will be at
 Spring Creek Barbecue