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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Great googly mooglies it got hot! I was out the other day on the bike, and it felt like I was riding in a convection oven. The key here is, stay hydrated this time of year. The other thing I learned is, even though I am at least a 6th generation Texan, it's still hot.

July brings us Independence Day. That goes hand in hand with the motto of our club. No, not "Ride to Eat and Eat to Ride". What I mean here is "Ride your own ride". That single statement means a lot to me for several reasons. First, we, as a club, do not force, nor should one feel as an individual, pressured to ride in a way in which they do not feel comfortable. Also, we do not force someone on rides they don't want to go on. That really removes a lot of pressure from participation in the club. One doesn't have to make every single ride to stay a member. You would be amazed how many people I have spoken to that find this, what I consider, simple idea, so revolutionary. I think that is why we have so many active members in this club. Also, I think this is why we have such a wide diversity of members.

July 4th also means to me a day



to remember those who fought for these freedoms we enjoy. As a former combat medic, I understand the sacrifices the military takes to give us these freedoms. More importantly, I also would like to thank those who have active members deployed currently. That is truly something worthy of respect. Thank you again.

The month of July itself means to me, that we might have rain by September or so. By that point, I will have successfully burned up my yard even though I water the heck out of it. So, I should use the dry time to ride more. And after I buy new tires, I plan on doing just that.

Oh, and in case you have been under a rock, July 26th is the Mesquite rodeo. **Machelle Noel** has set up for us, a fun evening to include BBQ (more riding and eating). And then next month is baseball with the Texas Rangers. No, not the group of State Troopers that have no sense of humor but are very good at their job. Instead, the group of people that get to play baseball for a living. Again, there is more food involved.

I encourage everyone who hasn't already signed up to get with **Machelle** and get their tickets now. It's really an offer you can't refuse.

That's about it from the Burgess household for now. **Christy** and I (and **Kellye**) are going to Mena later this month. We didn't get to make the group trip last year, so I wanted to see what all the hoopla was about.

Remember to keep the rubber side on the road and the chrome shiney.

Toby Burgess

MEETING MINUTES

by **Dan McDonald**

Club President **Toby Burgess** called the May meeting to order, welcoming the group of 42 members and

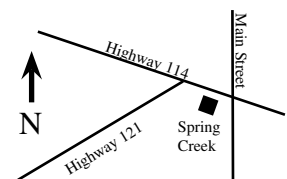
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July 2008 Meeting

Thursday July 17, 7:00 pm
at **Spring Creek Barbecue**
315 Highway 114 West @ Main, Grapevine
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Meeting Minutes Continued

guests **Eddie Murphy, Ron Vance, Patrick Allen** and **Lynn Hogan**.

Toby discussed the Ride For Kids coming up on October 5th. A representative from the ride was supposed to be in attendance, but had to cancel at the last minute. **Toby** also made mention of the June birthdays.

Machelle Noel discussed the two upcoming off bike excursions. The first will be to the Mesquite Rodeo on July 26th and the second will be to a Texas Rangers Baseball game on August 23rd. Additional information is available in last month's newsletter.

Larry Harmon discussed the Kaufman Children's Shelter fundraiser and looked to the membership for some guidance in what they wanted to do. At minimum, another School Supply run will be done in late August or early September. A larger raffle was discussed, but a few more details need to be worked out.

Christy Burgess filled in for Treasurer **Bob Sympson** and presented the financial report. The current balance in the treasury is \$1067.47, with \$120 in expenses for the month. The 50/50 drawing was held with **Mark Palmer, Michael Sherwin**, and **Mike Brown** winning cash prizes.

The meeting was adjourned and everyone stayed around visiting and comparing new bike goodies!!

Thought for the Month

In order to be old and wise you first have to live through being young and stupid.

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT

Arkansas Bike Roads

by **Ken Frazer**

By the time you read this, I will hopefully have attended a club meeting again. As some of you know, I've been working on a proposal for a Government program and have literally been working seven days a week for the past 3 ½ months. Kind of makes it hard to get any biking in. We finally delivered and I jumped on my Wing and headed east.

Most bikers have heard of Deal's Gap, "The Dragon," or Highway 129 described as biker nirvana, the best road in the country to ride. I would never suggest that you pass up a chance to ride Deal's Gap at least once in your life but I might suggest something else rather than a second ride. It may seem like heresy but I'll tell you a secret. There are other roads just as good or even better and they are a lot closer to Dallas.

Arkansas has some of the most awesome roads around. In my experience, most of them are in very good shape (better than a lot of what we ride on around Dallas.) They also tend to have very few straightaways. For example, yesterday I left Hot Springs on Highway 7, then took, in order, Highways 5, 9, 10, 154, 155, 27, 10 and 7 back to Hot Springs. That is motorcycle nirvana. Curve after curve of very good to exceptional road surface with confidence inspiring traction. There are long sweepers and lots of S's. This is a land where you can wear out the sides of your tires before wearing out the center.

Today, I rode from Hot Springs to Eureka Springs by way of the "Pig Trail" scenic byway otherwise known as AR 23. I defy anyone to tell me that Deal's Gap is better than this road. Unless you are intimate with both, there are stretches where you couldn't tell the difference. Well, maybe you could. The road surface on 23 is in better condition. The speed limit is a reasonable 55 rather than the idiotic 35 imposed on Deal's Gap. And there are not police sitting at every pull-out to find some reason to write a ticket like at

Motorcycle Safety Foundation Courses

HRCA (\$19.95/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

Fort Worth - Tarrant County College Northwest (817) 515-7758

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

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

Deal's Gap. Not that they need to; at 55 Highway 23 is a fairly spirited ride and there are sections where you will never approach that speed. Oh, and one other

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thing, the traffic is fairly light on 23 and people tend to stay on their side of the road. If you have ridden Deal's Gap, especially on a weekend, you know that it is crowded and that you need to hug the outside edge of the road because you will encounter multiple incursions into your lane by other riders and cages.

The ride on 23 is just awesome. Lean left, lean right, power out of the curve and brake for the next one. Think about doing this for close to 100 miles and you start to get a glimmer of what this road is like. If you get an opportunity to ride roads like this, I have a tip that may make this a lot more fun. I've talked with lots of bikers that are so used to the massive torque our Wings and the big V-twins put out that they rarely rev the bike above 3,000 RPM. Try riding a road like 23 or the ones I described earlier while making sure your revs never fall below 3,000 RPM. If you haven't done that before, it will be a whole new experience and you will be amazed at how well it works and how great the bike feels.

With these roads, as well as Highways 16, 14 and 21, you may think there are no bad roads in Arkansas. You are almost right. There are, however, two major things to consider when selecting a road to ride in Arkansas. Although most of the roads shown on a map are paved very nicely, not all of them are paved at all. Also, although most of the roads are great, I-40 even makes cagers unhappy so avoid it at all costs.

If you feel like you want to experience the roads of Arkansas, drop me an email, the address is on the member's page, and/or check out Russell's web site <http://www.bikerroads.com/rides/>.

From Peggy Majors

I'd like to thank everyone on the May trip to Mt. Scott and the Wichita Wildlife Refuge for taking the time to stop at my dad's. He enjoyed that so much. I just read a letter in last month's Wing World (p. 13) about a chapter that spends time visiting seniors, and it reminded me of the visit with my dad.

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Ed. Note: Our thanks to Peggy and her dad for hosting us on a very nice rest stop. It was thoroughly enjoyed!

NEW MEMBER

Welcome to our new member for the month; **Dave White** from Flower Mound. We look forward to many miles of riding with you.

Do You Yahoo?

If you are on Yahoo e-mail and are not receiving the weekly updates (if you want them), check your spam filter settings for unwanted blocking. If you are having problems receiving the e-mails, contact Dan McDonald.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kaufman Children's Shelter Benefit Ride *No Date Set Yet*

This is just a primer for our next Kaufman Benefit Ride. No date has been set yet, so watch for more news in the upcoming months.

In addition to the School Supply run we will do some time in September, **Larry Harmon** is in the planning stages of an exciting raffle to earn money for the shelter. No exact details yet, but we guarantee this will be

HUGE!!!!

Ride 'Em Cowboy! *July 26th*

Arrangements are finalized for DFW Freedom Riders, family and friends to attend as a group Saturday, July 26. Admission is only \$6. Dinner is optional.

If you are one of the Last Minute Lizzies (and you know who you are), there may still be space available. Contact **Machelle Noel** (texasnoels@sbcglobal.net or 214.697.0802) to see if we can squeeze you in.

CMA Benefit *July 12, Arlington*

A fundraiser is being held for a CMA Chaplain, Ray Patterson. He

was injured in a motorcycle accident in Arkansas on June 7th. He will be off work for some time, so all proceeds from this run will go to his family. The cost is \$15 per bike and \$5 for a passenger. The ride will consist of a 90 mile scenic route with a progressive lunch included. There will be three stops with the first being snacks, second BBQ lunch and third, dessert and door prizes.

The rally starts at the American Motorcycle Trader, 2925 E. Division (Next to Six Flags Mall) in Arlington. No time was given, but is probably in the AM.

GWRRA Chapter M Run *August 16, Mansfield*

GWRRA Chapter M is holding their 6th annual Moonlight Fun Run on August 16. The ride will leave from the Lowes at 1725 N. Hwy 287 in Mansfield at an unknown time. Watch for additional information. Registration is \$15 per person and numerous prizes will be awarded including \$500, \$300 and \$200 Visa gift cards, as well as door prizes. Contact Warren Burt at (817) 428-8720 or www.txmoonlighters.com for additional information.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame *August 23rd*

We're making plans for DFW Freedom Riders, family & friends to attend a Rangers baseball game as a group. The game is Saturday, August 23 at 7:05 vs Cleveland, with a cap giveaway to the first 20,000 fans.

Tickets are only \$16.50 each and will be down the first base line in Sections 39 & 40.

We've also made special arrangements for an all-you-can-eat picnic right behind our seats from 6:30-8 for those that are interested. For \$11.50 per person (this is in addition to the ticket) we'll have: jumbo hot dogs, hamburgers/cheeseburgers, baked beans, coleslaw, potato chips, water-

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THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS



- 2 Karen Hilger
- 2 Peggy Majors
- 3 Fred Butz
- 3 Lowell Yoder
- 4 Glen Rigney
- 8 Dawn Leslie
- 9 Lisa Hardt
- 10 Melvan Hawkins, Jr.
- 11 Greg Green
- 14 Lamar Clark
- 14 Connie Kendall
- 15 Jeff Chavez
- 15 Leslie Morris
- 17 Don Beckner
- 18 Emily Baggett
- 18 Bill Waldrop
- 19 Bill Case
- 20 Linda Gaffney
- 20 J.J. Jean
- 29 Dana Loving
- 30 Mark Palmer

Upcoming Events Continued

melon, assorted cookies, soft drinks, bottled water and draft beer. Again, this picnic (normally \$23 per person) is optional, but it's a deal that's hard to beat when a hotdog and drink would cost nearly the same.

We need to provide a count of tickets and picnics by June 16. Please RSVP to Mabelle Noel (texasnoels@sbcglobal.net or 214.697.0802) prior to June 16. Full payment (cash or check made payable to cash or Rang-

ers Baseball) will be needed by July 7.

More details on parking and transportation will be provided as we get closer to the date.

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.

Experienced Riders Course

Oct 4 - Tarrant County College

An experienced rider's course is being offered at TCC on October 4th. Our own, Frosty Stoll will be instructing, and a second instructor will be added if more than 6 students register. To register for the course, call TCC admissions at 817-515-7758, or if you have previously taken any TCC course, you can register on-line.

HRCA Ride for Kids Oct 5 - Grapevine

The annual Ride for Kids will be held in Grapevine on October 5th. Look for more information to follow in the coming months. For more information on this special fund raising event, call the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation at 1-800-253-6530 or click

FOR SALE OR TRADE

Camper Trailer. We want to move this. It's not beautiful but it's a place to sleep includes a small air conditioner, spare tire, needs tags. \$750 firm.

Scott Kendall scottkendall @ prodigy.net or 817-658-4275 08/06



OEM GL1500 alternator in excellent condition \$125. **Dan McDonald** 817-284-2251 08/06

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.

for the Ride for Kids website.
<http://www.ride4kids.org>

14th Annual Stevie Ray Vaughan Ride & Concert Sunday October 5, 2008

While remembering the life of Stevie Ray Vaughan, enjoy a fun-filled combination motorcycle parade and blues concert honoring Texas' most beloved bluesman! Concert at Cowboys Dancehall - Arlington, TX. All proceeds benefit the S.R.V. Memorial Scholarship Fund established by Martha Vaughan, Stevie's mother. \$20 advance / \$25 day of event.
<http://www.srvrideandconcert.org>

BE THERE - DO THAT SHORT LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 3-6 - GWRRA WingDing
- July 12 - CMA Fundraiser
- July 17 - DFWFR Meeting
- July 19 - Full Moon Ride
- July 26 - Mesquite Rodeo
- Aug 23 - Ranger's Baseball Game
- Aug 23 - Li'l Jimmy's Fun Run

2008 MAJOR RALLY SCHEDULE

Date	City	Event	For Information
Jul 3-6	Greenville, SC	GWRRA Wing Ding	www.gwrra.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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NOTICE

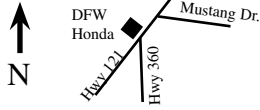
Starting on June 7th, the Saturday morning rides change to 8:00am and leave from the Chevron / McDonald's at 114 and Main Street in Grapevine to beat some heat.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00PM CMA FISHERMEN MEETING	2	3 7:00PM Dinner Ride	4 Independence Day	5 8:00AM SATURDAY RIDE FROM CHEVRON / McDONALD's
GWRRA WINGING - GREENVILLE, SC						
6 GWRRA WINGING	7	8	9	10 7:00PM Dinner Ride	11	12 8:00AM SATURDAY RIDE FROM CHEVRON / McDONALD's CMA BENEFIT FOR FALLEN RIDER AMERICAN M/C TRADER 2925 E DIVISION, ARLINGTON
13	14	15	16 NATIONAL RIDE YOUR BIKE TO WORK DAY	17 7:00PM DFWR MEETING	18 7:00PM - CCFW SONIC BIKE NIGHT PRECINCT LINE ROAD IN HURST	19 9:00AM GWRRA U-2 MEETING 8:00AM SATURDAY RIDE FROM CHEVRON / McDONALD's FULL MOON RIDE
GWTA GOLD RUSH - BILLINGS, MT						
20	21	22 7:30PM GWRRA-R MEETING	23	24 7:00PM Dinner Ride	25	26 8:00AM SATURDAY RIDE FROM CHEVRON / McDONALD's MESQUITE CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO OUTING 6:00PM
HONDA HOMECOMING - MARYSVILLE, IN						
27	28	29	30 7:00PM GWTA CHAPTER B MEETING	31 7:00PM Dinner Ride	1	2 8:00AM SATURDAY RIDE FROM CHEVRON / McDONALD's
3	4	5 7:00PM CMA FISHERMEN MEETING	6	7 7:00PM Dinner Ride	8 7:00PM - GWRRA U2 GRAPEVINE SONIC BIKE NITE	9 8:00AM SATURDAY RIDE FROM CHEVRON / McDONALD's

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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 or Toll Free 866-83HONDA (834-6632)



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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.
- GWRRR U-2** • 3rd Saturday - 9 am meeting (8:30 buffet)
Golden Corral - Hwy 26 @ Loop 820
- GWRRR 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 July 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 July 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