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MARK'S NOTES

This month I thought I'd like to discuss an item that came up at our last meeting and that will be further discussed in July. That is, how do we handle early rides? With the heat of a Texas summer upon us, we discussed several ways to beat the mid day high temperatures. One idea was to get most of the ride done before a stop for lunch. That way, a quick blast home could be done, perhaps via highway, after the most fun part of the rides is done. I like that idea and plan to use it for the next ride I lead.

But the most controversial idea had to do with starting a ride earlier than our normally posted time. This approach might be used to avoid some of the heat of the day or allow us to go a farther distance, perhaps opening new places to ride on a Saturday morning. The problem raised with this approach is that people expect our rides to leave from a standard location at a standard time. It's sort of a commitment we have with other club members. They can plan on us.

So, as the meeting last month wrapped up, several of us discussed

an approach that could satisfy both objectives: to allow for earlier rides while also being able to honor our standard ride schedule. Here's the proposal:

- Randy will provide the ride leader sign up sheet where we can all sign up for the standard ride dates/times.
- Randy will also provide a place on the sign-up sheet where ride leaders can volunteer to add special rides on the date and at the time of their choosing. If DFW Honda is open, that should be the place to meet (they are our sponsor, after all). Otherwise, The McChevron would be the likely meeting location.

Based on this proposal, we still have a way for those willing to lead special, extra rides. This way, we can do so without disruption of the normal schedule people count on. And, of course, we will use the forum and weekly e-mails to tell everyone about the extra rides the same way we advertise our standard rides.

What do you think? Feel free to email me at pres@dfwfreedomriders.org, or come prepared to discuss at the July 15 meeting.

Finally, some parting thoughts: Life is short, break the rules, forgive quickly, love truly, laugh long and loud, ride often, be free, and never regret anything that makes you smile and doesn't hurt others.

Mark

Meeting Minutes

by "Loudpipe Larry" Harmon

Club President **Mark Palmer** brought the meeting to order and welcomed the 43 members and several new faces. **John & Jean Covey**, and **Mary & Tim Farina** were all new members at our dinner meeting.

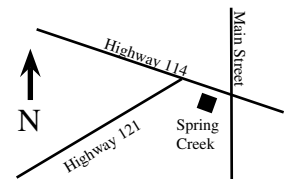
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July 2010 Meeting

Thursday July 15 - 7:00 pm
at **Spring Creek Barbecue**
315 Highway 114 West @ Main, Grapevine
(817) 416-6250



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Meeting Minutes Continued

Randy Langley, the clubs Vice President talked about our recent rides. Some of the highlighted rides were **Bob Simpson's** ride May 22 which he led to Prosper. **Charles Caffey** led a Thursday night dinner ride to Po Melvins in Irving. **Frosty Stoll** led a great Saturday ride up to Lake Murray, OK on Memorial day weekend. **David Stokes** led Thursday night June 4th dinner ride to Chef's Point Cafe off Watauga Rd. **Larry Harmon** led a Saturday June 12th ride up to Alvord and back down to the Big Cat Sanctuary in Paradise, TX.

Randy Langley talked about the Ride Sign-up List that was going around and mentioned a few of the dates that still needed to be filled.

Mark Palmer mentioned to **Grady Bryant** that even though we do like to pick on him, that it is all in fun and we really like **Grady**. **Mark** presented **Grady** a stuffed pig clad in a Harley Davidson outfit.

Mark Palmer talked about upcoming events and rides. See the Forum for additional rides and events. **Bob Simpson** is planning on heading to WingDing. On the calander for July 17th is Christmas in July, a fund raiser benefiting the A. Fern Norville Children's Emergency Shelter in Kaufman on July 17th. This is not a DFWFR sponsored event but is a very worthy cause.

Frosty Stoll is putting together another Arkansas trip for the fall.

Thought for the Month

Every miracle begins with a problem - *Robert Jeffers*

This will head to the Arkansas Scenic byways for 4 days, leaving Saturday October 2, 2010. The trip will start with a 4 day trip to Arkansas, and continue for an additional 4 days for those who want to go on to ride the Natchez Trace. See the Forum for additional information.

Mark reminded everyone that Elections for DFW Freedom Rider Officers will occur at the August dinner meeting. Sign up as a HRCA member so you can vote at the August club meeting. You must be a HRCA member to be an officer and HRCA membership is FREE. We'll take nominations starting with President, then VP, Secretary, and Treasurer. Please think about serving your club! It's fun!

Larry Brown gave the Treasurer Report, we have an ending balance of \$912.50 for the month of June. Larry also conducted the 50/50 Drawing for the night - **Machelle Noel** donated 2 sets of 4 tickets to two Ranger's Baseball games. Cash winners were **Bob Mann**, **Karrie Harmon**, and **Steve Barrett**. Winners of the Rangers game tickets were **Machelle Noel** (who gave her tickets to **Randy Langley**) and **Karrie Harmon**.

Randy Langley reminded everyone about the hats with the Freedom Riders logo that he had mentioned at the last dinner meeting. Due to the recent motorcycle trips **Randy and Cheryl** had been on, nothing had been finalized. Randy would start working on this now that he is stationary. He will get more information and pass it along to everyone.

Mark adjourned the meeting.

SAFETY - PRIORITY#1

Handling Curves A better line

By: **James R. Davis**

Taking curves is rather a personal choice in terms of selection of entry and exit points as well as speed, it seems to me.

For example, the typical advice I have heard from others is to chose an

Motorcycle Safety Foundation Courses

HRCA (FREE) reimburses up to \$75 of the cost of a Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) course with purchase of new motorcycle. Reimbursement forms can be downloaded from HRCA Web Site.

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 Morriss 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

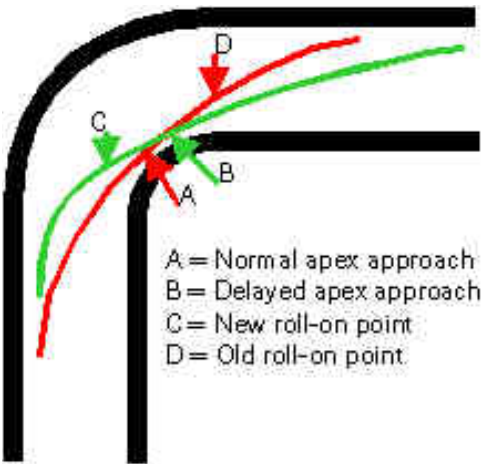
Southlake - Motorcycle Safety Instruction - (972) 247-5011 - Dragon Stadium, 1085 S. Kimball Ave. Discount offered to DFW Freedom Riders. www.veridesafe.com

entry point that allows you to make the curve using the smoothest line thru it so that you always have the least lean demand. This, of course, gives you the most ability to compensate your path

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Handling Curves - Continued

through the curve should you find a need to do so. It also means that you hit the apex of the curve at about its middle. That is, you enter from the outside edge of the curve, then move towards



the inside until you reach its apex, then continue from there outwards until you are once again at the outside of the curve just as you exit it.

I, on the other hand, do not normally do this. I prefer to delay my entry into the curve. That is, I stay to the outside edge well past the normal entry point, then turn much more sharply into it and hit the inside much beyond the normal apex. This gives me two significant (to me) advantages over the 'smoothest' course:

* I get the lean that I enjoy (read: crave!) in the beginning of the curve where I have seen all that I need to see in terms of potential trouble.

* When I exit the turn I am traveling at a much reduced angle relative to the path of the road. That is, since I am closer to the end of the curve when I reach the inside than is the normal apex, I have fewer degrees of the arc left to go before I am again going in a straight line. Said differently, if the road changes directions by a matter of 90 degrees through a curve, no matter what path you select through it you will have totaled 90 degrees when you are out of it. Since I turn more into the curve at my delayed entry point, I have less left to go to complete the turn when I am near the exit.

This last advantage is of profound importance, in my opinion. This gives me far more ability to handle unexpected problems as I get closer to the end of the curve. For example, what if it turns out to be a decreasing radius curve after all, or if there is gravel in the road that was not visible at its entry?

By the way, when I said that 'I stay to the outside edge' above I in no way meant to imply that I get close to the line. Far too many people seem to think that they have performed a safe maneuver thru a curve so long as their wheels do not touch or cross the (center) line. WRONG! If any part of your motorcycle crosses that line, including just a grip, you are in the path of oncoming traffic, and are in THEIR lane.

In any event, I TRY to overshoot my entry to a curve. Then I aggressively push-steer into it, and delay reaching the inside of the curve well past its apex. This also, incidentally, allows me to start an aggressive roll-on of my throttle sooner than when I am at the inside of the curve which gives me a better handling bike through the majority of it. I should add that this delayed entry approach requires that you get in the habit of not entering the curve too fast. Further, the right approach speed is one which requires NO BRAKING at entry.

[You should use MODEST throttle roll-on all the way through any curve. The 'roll-on point' that is shown in the graphic is where you can go after a higher exit speed if you happen to be aggressive with your bike.]

If you find that you cross the outside line, ever, then it is time to reassess what you are doing. Approaching the curve too fast? Insufficient confidence to aggressively push-steer when you need to? Insufficient experience to pick a good line? Lack of respect for the laws of chance (one of those times a 4-wheeler will have two of them across the line)? Acting like riding with friends is a competitive sport? Whatever it is, if you ever cross that center line you are riding above your abilities (and everyone around you will know it) and you need to change something soonest. Otherwise, make sure your relatives know

your intentions relative to the donation of your organs.

This method is just my preference, after all, and it seems to me is generally safer than the 'smoothest line' method usually described.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new members for the month; **Mary & Tim Farina** from Keller, **Babak (Bobby) Amirhekmat** from Coppell, **John & Jean Covey** from Grapevine, **Ron Albers** from Grapevine, **Bryan Scharlau** from Grand Prairie, and **Jerry & Jerri Scharlau** from Justin. We look forward to many miles of riding with you.

COMPANION Trailers



Kevin Jackson with Companion Trailers is once again offering a great deal to our members. Need a trailer to haul your stuff on a trip? Rent two days and get one free. For more information, contact Kevin 214-714-0201.

Sign Snickers

Sign over a Gynecologist's Office: "Dr. Jones, at your cervix."

In a Podiatrist's office: "Time wounds all heels."

On a Septic Tank Truck: Yesterday's Meals on Wheels

At a Proctologist's door: "To expedite your visit, please back in."

At an Optometrist's Office: "If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

On a Plumber's truck: "We repair what your husband fixed."

On another Plumber's truck: "Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber."

On a Church's Billboard: "7 days without God makes one weak."

At a Tire Shop in Milwaukee: "Invite us to your next blowout."

At a Towing company: "We don't charge an arm and a leg. We want tows."

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THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS



- 2 Karen Hilger
- 2 Peggy Majors
- 3 Fred Butz
- 3 Lowell Yoder
- 4 Elizabeth Anderson
- 4 Glen Rigney
- 5 Lance Cullen
- 8 Garland Dorsey
- 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
- 23 Randy Meharg
- 26 Rob Agne
- 26 Debbie Rowe
- 29 Dana Loving
- 30 Mark Palmer

Sign Snickers - Continued

On an Electrician's truck: "Let us remove your shorts."

In a Non-smoking Area: "If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action."

On a Maternity Room door: "Push. Push. Push."

On a Taxidermist's window: "We really know our stuff."

On a Fence: "Salesmen welcome! Dog food is expensive!"

At a Car Dealership: "The best way to get back on your feet, miss a car payment."

Outside a Muffler Shop: "No appointment necessary. We hear you coming."

In a Veterinarian's waiting room: "Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"

At the Electric Company "We would be delighted if you send in your payment. However, if you don't, you will be."

In a Restaurant window: "Don't stand there and be hungry; come on in and get fed up."

In the front yard of a Funeral Home: "Drive carefully. We'll wait."

At a Propane Filling Station: "Thank heaven for little grills."

And don't forget the sign at a Chicago Radiator Shop: "Best place in town to take a leak."

The Very Best One of All was on the back of another Septic Tank Truck: "Caution - This Truck is full of Political Promises"

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas in July

A. Fern Norville Childrens Shelter Benefit
July 17

TMRA chartered clubs Black-sheep and Cherokee Wind Warriors are sponsoring a fund raiser benefiting the A. Fern Norville Children's Emergency Shelter in Kaufman on July 17th.

The ride will leave from the Blacksheep clubhouse in Seagoville at 10:30am. Cost is \$10 per person with food and drink provided. For additional information, contact Fred Simpson, planopimpdaddy@gmail.com

Fall Arkansas & Natchez Trace Parkway Trip

October 2-9

Frosty Stoll is planning a two part Fall trip east. The first four days will be to the Mena and Mt. Magazine area in Arkansas. The next four days will be a trip down the northern half of the Natchez Trace Parkway. Participants are welcome to go on just the first half, or the entire trip.

For those that are interested, see the itinerary in the Forum, or contact Frosty at frostystoll@yahoo.com for more information.

FOR SALE OR TRADE

Tourmaster Ex-large Luggage for cruiser. \$75. #9471 **Kuryakyn Hi Five Air Cleaner** for 02' -Up to 08" VTX 1800. Ran for about 1000 miles and sold VTX, \$100. **Honda solo fender rack** for VTX1800 R&S 02-03 VTX1800 R&S 04-later Spec 1,2,3 \$75. Contact **J.W.Honaker** 972-816-8977 cell 01/10

For Rent: 5'X10' Open Motorcycle Trailer decked out in aluminum tread brite w/ half folding ramp gate, Chrome Wheels w/ spare tire. 2" ball required for reciever hitch. Rent By Day \$20.00, or Weekly 7 days \$100.00 Rental. **J.W.Honaker** 972-816-8977 Cell, 817-232-3763 01/10

06 FLHX Street Glide 4 sale. Skull theme with true duals exhaust, race tuner , sundowner deep bucket seat \$2500.00 worth of add ons. Color Black Cherry with 4600 miles only. asking \$16,000.00 972.978.5291 (Curtis). 01/10

Black 2003 Honda Goldwing with ONLY 74K miles for a Goldwing that is just getting broken in!!! \$12000 OBO Bike has log book of all accessories added and all maintenance done from Day 1 until present!!! I could make a list of all the accessories added but that would fill the whole page....TOO much to list....just call me and I will tell you about the bike @ 817-487-2370..... Please No Calls After 10PM Thanks, **Rich Deiss** 02/10

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 3 months, unless renewed.

BE THERE - DO THAT

SHORT LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jul 1, 8, 22, 29** - Dinner Rides
- Jul 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** - Saturday Rides
- Jul 15** - DFWFR Meeting
- Jul 23** - Full Moon Ride
- Jul 1-3** - GWRRA Wing Ding
- Jul 17** - Christmas in July

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

Monthly Calendar of Events



Standing Rides

Thursday Dinner Run, except 3rd Thursdays.

Leaves from DFW Honda in Grapevine at 7:00pm

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.

Full Moon Rides - On

Friday or Saturday close 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.

**TALK TO US ON
CB CHANNEL 39**

Sonic Bike Night

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

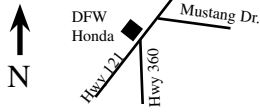
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00PM Dinner Ride 	2	3 8:00AM SATURDAY RIDE FROM CHEVRON / McDONALD's
GWRRA WINGDING - TULSA, OK						
4 <i>Independence Day</i> 	5	6 7:00PM CMA FISHERMEN MEETING	7	8 7:00PM Dinner Ride 	9 7:00PM - CCFW SONIC BIKE NIGHT PRECINCT LINE ROAD IN HURST	10 8:00AM SATURDAY RIDE FROM CHEVRON / McDONALD's
11	12	13	14 NATIONAL RIDE YOUR BIKE TO WORK DAY	15 7:00PM DFWFR MEETING	16	17 9:00AM GWRRA U-2 MEETING 8:00AM SATURDAY RIDE FROM CHEVRON / McDONALD's CHRISTMAS IN JULY A. FERN NORVILLE SHELTER BENEFIT RIDE
18	19	20	21	22 7:00PM Dinner Ride 	23 FULL MOON RIDE	24 8:00AM SATURDAY RIDE FROM CHEVRON / McDONALD's
GWTA GOLD RUSH - BILLINGS, MT						
25	26	27 7:30PM GWRRA-R MEETING	28 7:00PM GWTA CHAPTER B MEETING	29 7:00PM Dinner Ride 	30	31 8:00AM SATURDAY RIDE FROM CHEVRON / McDONALD's
1	2	3 7:00PM CMA FISHERMEN MEETING	4	5 7:00PM Dinner Ride 	6	7 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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Local Motorcycle Clubs 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.
- GWRRA U-2** • 3rd Saturday - 9 am meeting (8:30 buffet)
Golden Corral - Hwy 26 @ Loop 820
- GWRRA R** • 4th Tuesday - 7:30pm meeting (6:00 dinner)
Fuddrucker's in Grapevine (Near Bass Pro Shop)
- GWTA B** - Last Wednesday - 7:45 pm (6:30 pm Dinner)
Tucker's Catfish Haven - 5249 Davis Blvd. - NRH

<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 2010.</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 2010.</small></p>
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Coupons cannot be combined with any other coupon or offer.

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 JJ Jean - jjean99999@msn.com - (972) 255-4525

Gold Wing Touring Association (GWTA)
 Bill Fultz - reddog13@sbcglobal.net - (817) 283-5622

Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA)
 David Hurt - 1800wingrider@sbcglobal.net (817) 281-4545



Dan & Rose Ann McDonald
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Meeting Location

This month's meeting will be at
 Spring Creek Barbecue