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DAN'S DOODLINGS

Well, here we are in the middle of another typical Texas Winter. Several of our rides have been cancelled due to inclement weather, but we can take solace in the fact that if we lived in Colorado, the bikes would probably be put away until April. However, this year, it looks like the whole lower forty eight are enjoying a milder than average season.

Most of us that ride Goldwings have now started receiving the rumored factory recall on the secondary brake system. Take advantage of the weather induced down time and get the bikes in for the free brake system check and/or repairs.

It was a pleasure having Officers **Josh Jackson and Dave Gelsthorpe** from Coppell visit us last meeting. They are putting on the Police M/C Rodeo in Coppell again this year on March 29-31, with the actual competition on Saturday the 31st. It is being moved to a larger venue with more parking and better facilities for the rodeo. If you have

never attended one of these events, it's an eye opener to watch the professional riders put a police bike through its paces. They have added a custom bike show as well as a large number of vendors.

On Sunday February 26th we will hold another of our Group Riding/Ride Leader and Tailgunner classes. This will be at the Fudruckers in Grapevine, next to Bass Pro Shop starting at 6:30. Come early for dinner.

We all look forward to Spring time and some of the best riding weather. **Frosty Stoll** has added another extended "day" trip during March. He is planning to go west to the Graham area on a Saturday, spend that night, then come back on Sunday. Should be a great way to explore some roads that are just a bit too far for a single day ride.

April 7th will be our ride to Kaufman to take Easter to the kids. If you have any candy (small wrapped items) that can be stuffed into plastic eggs, please get it to any of the officers.

April 14th will be our third annual picnic ride to the Langley Redneck Riviera at Lake Whitney. This will be the regular Saturday ride with a lunch of burgers, hot dogs, and other goodies. The day will be finished off

with the Freedom Rider Olympics of horseshoes, washers and other games.

Ride Often, Ride Safe!

Dan

Meeting Minutes

by **John Covey**

Meeting brought to order by President **Dan McDonald**

Guests and Returning Members: Coppell Officers **Josh Jackson** and **Dave Gelsthorpe**, returning

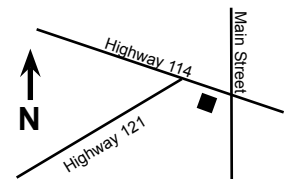
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February 2012 Meeting

Thursday February 16th - 7:00 pm
at **Spring Creek Barbecue**
315 Highway 114 West @ Main, Grapevine
(817) 416-6250



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Meeting Minutes Continued

member **Travis Perkins** and guest **David Petrucia**.

Ride Updates:

Saturday, 12/17 – **Randy Anderson** led the ride to Ponder to the Ranchman's Cafe. Thursday, 12/22 – **John Covey** led the ride to Mexican Inn with 2 bikes and 2 cars, total of 6 people who were serenaded by a two year old (actually it was a screaming kid). No ride, 12/24 – Christmas Eve. Thursday, 12/29 – **Dave Stokes** led the ride to Hard 8 BBQ with 5-6 bikes. Saturday, 12/31 – **Frosty Stoll** led a "Feel the Urge Impromptu Ride" with 8-10 bikes and went to Hashknife. Sunday, 1/1 – Annual Polar Bear Ride – lead by **Dan McDonald** for a 2 hour ride, ending up at the McDonald's home for an early dinner of stews, soups, etc. There was a big turn out this year with fifteen bikes and about 35 people fed. Thursday, 1/5, **Bruce Johnson** lead the ride to Cristina's in Southlake, 12 bikes and 16 people. Saturday, 1/7, **Randy Langley** lead the ride to Bridgeport for lunch at Yesterdays. Thursday, 1/12, **Charles Caffey**, canceled due to weather. Saturday, 1/14, **Dan McDonald** led ride to Midlothian for lunch at Caroline's with 8 bikes. Sunday, 1/15, **Frosty Stoll** led another "impromptu"

Thought for the Month

"I am not as good as I ought to be. I am not as good as I want to be. I am not as good as I'm going to be. But I am thankful that I am better than I used to be." - *John Wooden*

tu" ride to Hashknife for lunch.

Upcoming Rides:

The Big Bend trip is just a few months away. Check the DFW Forum and/or get with **Frosty Stoll** for more details.

Weekend Retreat: March 17-18 – Please go to DFW Forum for details.

Special Events:

Coppell M/C Rodeo: March 29-31st, location will be at the Wagon Wheel Park in Coppell. Bigger than last year and should prove again to be a lot of fun. There will be a Custom Bike show with celebrity judges. More information on the DFW website.

Group Riding class: Sunday, February 26th, at Fuddruckers,

Treasury Report:

Larry Harmon – Beginning balance to start the month with a total of \$1,251.10. Tonight's 50/50 brought in \$83.00 with first place of \$25.00 and 2nd place of \$16.00. Both winners donated winnings to the Kaufman fund.

January Birthday's were announced.

Meeting adjourned.

Polar Bear Ride Sunday January 1, 2012

Our annual Polar Bear Ride was a great success on New Year's Day. We had a total of fifteen bikes and a couple of four wheels gather at the Chevron/McDonald's in Grapevining on a cold, clear afternoon. The format was changed just a bit this year since New Year's Day fell on a Sunday. To give participants a chance to attend Church, the ride was scheduled for 1:00pm for a late lunch/early dinner. A ride of about 100 miles through northwest Tarrant county into Parker county whetted appetites. It was a unanimous conclusion that everyone was ready for FOOD!

We headed for the McDonald's home in Hurst for a repast of stews, soups, chowders, chili, cornbread,

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

blackeyed peas and tons of desserts. We were joined there by several who chose not to ride on a chilly day, but came to enjoy the socialization and the great food.

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Polar Bear Ride Continued

What better way to start off the new year than with a great ride, good friends and a lot of good food. Thank you to all who participated and a special thanks to those who brought food.



FOR SALE OR TRADE

Mustang seat, with removable riders backrest, should fit any Honda cruiser. \$700 new, one year old, asking \$500.

Integrator system, Intercom, Radio system. connects, Nav, CB, Phone, Ipod, two helmets. Complete system for two half helmets. \$700+ invested, asking \$500.

Also have a few misc parts for shadow, free to good home.

Michael Bayne 817-701-6640
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2004 Goldwing GL1800 w/matching Bushtec Quantum GL touring trailer - \$18000 New Lower Price Gold Wing with 27k garage kept miles. Featuring: Dunlop Elite III tires, Custom Leather Corbin heated seat, Custom pin stripingm, Honda Sound package-40 channel CB radio, AM/FM Stereo intercom sound system, Ipod connection in front pocket, Super Brace front forks stabilizer, Chrome Bushtec trailer hitch, Ring of Fire front rotor covers, Tulsa tall vented touring windshield, Tulsa belly pan, Honda Trunk mounted spoiler and brake lights, Kuryakyn driver's touring hi-way pegs, Kuryakyn passenger custom floor boards with flip up foot support, Kuryakyn covers (bike and trailer), Kuryakyn Chrome grips, Honda custom driving lights, Baker Air Wings (wind deflectors), Chrome luggage rack, Chrome reservoir covers, Chrome exhaust turn-downs, Lots of safety chrome (the better to be seen), 2-Full face helmets (black) w/Headsets, 2-3/4 face helmets (white) w/Headsets. Contact Frank Brzozowski: fjbrzozowski@gmail.com 11/11

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.

NEW MEMBERS

We want to welcome to our new members for the past month, **John Henyan** from North Richland Hills, and **Joe & Carol Burns** from Keller. We look forward to many miles of riding with you.



THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Tim Wallace
- 2 Rick Nichols
- 2 Vernon Vittatoo
- 3 Cyndi Salassi
- 4 Cindy Womack
- 5 Danny Brown
- 6 Kilroy Richardson
- 6 Mike Strickland
- 7 J.B. Seale
- 11 Ed Murphy
- 11 Bob Tomlinson
- 12 John Rowe
- 13 John Darden
- 14 Kevin Bochicchio
- 15 Felipe Bumagny
- 15 Bob Sympson
- 16 Randy Hochhalter
- 18 Sue Perkins
- 19 Patsy Wallace
- 20 Paul Shows
- 25 Bruce Morris
- 26 Ed Majors
- 27 David Benton
- 27 Jean Kelley
- 28 Bill Hartmann

alternate when I find it). Then, on to Graford, east side of Possum Kingdom lake, Hwy 16, south to Strawn, over to the west side of Possum Kingdom Lake on up to Graham, arriving around 5pm. Dinner in Graham at the La Familia Mexican Restaurant about 7pm

Best Western Plus Graham inn (\$75 1 or 2 bed) PH 940-521-0910 (Ask for the DFW Freedom Rider rate on Mar 17) cancelation 48 hrs to arrival
 Sunday Mar 18: Leave hotel by 9:00 have a tour set up at Ft. Richardson in Jacksboro for 10:00 am. The tour will take 1/2 to 1 1/2 hours. then lunch in Jacksboro or Bowie depending on the time we leave the fort. From there, head up toward Nacona, ride the Red River area over to St.Jo, gradually working our way back to DFW.
 Bestwestern Graham, TX (940-521-0910) listed under: DFW FREEDOM RIDERS, Mar 17

Please RSVP to **Frosty Stoll** frostystoll@yahoo.com so he can get a count for reservations.

Bluebonnet & Kaufman Easter Ride Saturday April 7

We will combine the annual Bluebonnet Ride with the Easter Ride to Kaufman again this year. Details will be worked out, but we will tour the Ennis area, do lunch somewhere (maybe at the shelter) then hide Easter Eggs for the kiddos in the afternoon. Should be a full day of fun and sight-seeing. If you can donate some candy, contact one of the officers.

Lake Whitney Picnic Saturday April 14

We will be hosting our third annual picnic at the Langley Shack at Lake Whitney. It will be Saturday, April 14. We will meet at DFW Honda, 10:00 am and **Randy Langley** will lead the ride. This will be our regular Saturday ride and anyone wanting to ride part way is welcome. We will be having hamburg-

ers and hotdogs with all the trimmings at the lake and take part in the Freedom Rider Olympics of horseshoes and washers. Trophies will be awarded.

Please RSVP to 972-977-8573 or e-mail cbateman1@sbcglobal.net so we will know how much food to prepare. Hope to see everyone there.

Cheryl & Randy

Big Bend/Hill Country April 26-30, 2012

by **Frosty Stoll**

I've put a trip together for Big Bend and the Hill Country, scheduled for April 26 - 30 of this year.

The itinerary will be: San Angelo day 1, Fort Davis loop to Alpine day 2, Big Bend national park back to Alpine day 3, Three Sisters to Fredricksburg day 4, then Home on day 5.

Anyone interested in going to Big Bend (April 26 - 30) probably needs to reserve your room, Some of the hotels are sold out in Alpine.

Call Best Western (1-888-292-2453) and ask for the Best Western Harley Rewards card free.

San Angelo Best Western April 26 \$79 dbl

Alpine Best Western April 27 & 28 2 nights for \$81 double rooms. Have 10 available.

Fredricksburg Best Western April 29 \$89 double.

If anyone needs to share a room Bruce J & Mark F have already reserved their rooms, so give them a call. For more information, e-mail Frosty: frostystoll@yahoo.com

BE THERE - DO THAT SHORT LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 4, 11, 18, 25 Saturday Rides
- Feb 2, 9, 23 - Dinner Rides
- Feb 16 - DFWFR Meeting
- Feb 26 - Group Riding Class
- Mar 11 - CCFW Long John Run
- Mar 31 - Coppell Police MC Rodeo
- Apr 7 - Bluebonnet & Kaufman Ride
- Apr 14 - Lake Whitney Picnic
- Apr 26-30 - Big Bend Trip

UPCOMING EVENTS

Group Riding Class Sunday February 26

We have set aside Sunday February 26th for a Group Riding/Leader Class. We will invade the Fuddrucker's in Grapevine next to Bass Pro for dinner followed by the group class starting at 6:30pm. Come early and have a great burger/salad/sandwich.

Put this on your calendar if you are interested in how our groups work or if you want to know more about leading a group.

Spring Weekend Retreat Saturday-Sunday, March 17-18

Leave DFW Honda at (10:00am) Hwy 114, Rhome, Cottdale, back roads to Poolville, lunch at Hashknife (or

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 April, then from the Grapevine Chevron McDonald's at 8:00 am from May 1 through September.

Full Moon Rides - On Friday or Saturday close to the Full Moon, May 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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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	2 7:00PM Dinner Ride	3	4 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE
5	6	7 7:00PM CMA FISHERMEN MEETING	8	9 7:00PM Dinner Ride	10 7:00PM - CCFW SONIC BIKE NIGHT PRECINCT LINE ROAD IN HURST	11 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE
12	13	14	15	16 7:00PM DFWFR MEETING	17	18 9:00AM U-2 MEETING 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE
19	20	21	22 7:00PM GWTA CHAPTER B MEETING	23 7:00PM Dinner Ride	24	25 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE
26 GROUP RIDING CLASS	27	28 7:30PM GWRRA-R MEETING	29	1 7:00PM Dinner Ride	2	3 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE
DAYTONA BIKE WEEK						
4	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 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE
DAYTONA BIKE WEEK						

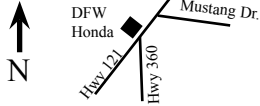
Year Calendar - Go to www.dfwfreedomriders.org and click on the Newsletter link. There is a downloadable calendar in PDF form for the remainder of the year.



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



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.
- 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)
Fuddrucker's in Bedford - Hwy 183 & Forest Ridge

Parts & Accessory Special

10% Off

Any Parts & Accessory Purchase

DFW Honda
(817) 421-4663

Coupon must be presented prior to purchase.

Coupon expires end of February 2012.

Coupons cannot be combined with any other coupon or offer.

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10% Off

Any Service Related Parts
Does Not Apply to Labor

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Coupon must be presented prior to service.

Coupon expires end of February 2012.

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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