



# The New **Freedom Rider**

**DFW Honda Freedom Riders Motorcycle Club**

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HRCA Chapter #364

**December 2004**

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

### **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!**

December will be a very busy month for us. With the customer appreciation open house, our club meeting, and toy runs sprinkled throughout, we have full calendars. The open house on Friday 12/3 is a great time had by all with fellowship, music, and food. The staff and owners of DFW Honda have invited us Thursday the 16th to have our monthly meeting here at the dealership starting at 7pm. Also check the calendar on the last page to see what toy runs are planned to ride to.

Colder weather is here and now is the best time to check things out. How are your tires and battery? Are your fluids in need of a change? Do you keep cold weather gear on the bike? Do you need heated vest or coats to ride comfortably? I know riders on both sides!! For those tougher than myself riding in freezing temps be cautious riding when companies leave their sprinklers on. YIKES!!!

We have a lot of new members and visitors that may not have been to a toy run before. Here is a heads up: Sometimes you are riding parade style (side by side), you may have people waving at you (in their yards, from other cars, and on top of bridges), you may have a 4 wheeler get impatient, you may have to look

## **DECEMBER MEETING TO BE AT DFW HONDA 12/16**

at your rpm's to see if the bike is started. Please take this update in the manner it was intended. Toy runs are fun and you get to meet some really cool people with BIG hearts. Just be careful.

I look forward to meeting up with you to ride and share some stories. Lisa and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!

God Bless,  
**Super Dave**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**11-18-2004**

**by Kevin Vardaman**

The meeting was called to order by President, **David Hurt**. David began by welcoming our visitors, **Jesse Dawson, John and Susan Lenheiser, Bob Greene** (DFW Honda), and our newest member, **David Stokes**.

**David** then let the club know that this year's Progressive Dinner Ride has been modified to be more of a dinner ride, ending at the home of **David and Lisa Hurt** for dessert. The ride will begin at the Grapevine McChevron at 5pm on Sunday (11/21).

**David** then briefed the member-

ship on the highlights of our ride policy (have fun, ride safe, eat, etc) and weather cancellation guidelines. We were reminded that even if a ride is 'officially' cancelled, if members want to meet on their own and then ride, we have the 'freedom' to do so.

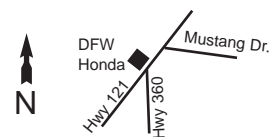
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### **December 2004 Meeting**

Thursday December 16, 7:00 pm  
at **DFW Honda**  
This month only, Dinner furnished by  
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### Meeting Minutes - Continued

**Bob Greene** welcomed the club, on behalf of DFW Honda, to hold our December club meeting at the DFW Honda store, beginning at 7pm. DFW Honda will provide refreshments and a light meal. He also let us know that the Toy Drive box will be in the shop until December 11, for those wishing to donate.

**Ken Frazer** then ran down the awesome list of rides scheduled for the next two months. With too many to list here individually (refer to the club calendar for a complete listing), the notable ones are:

- **'Super Dave'** will lead a ride from DFW Honda, beginning at 9am to the International Motorcycle Show in Dallas on Saturday (11/20). **Bob Greene** brought \$2 off coupons, and mentioned that motorcycle parking is free. Show times are 4pm - 9pm Friday, 10am - 9pm Saturday, 10am - 5pm on Sunday

- **Mitch Mitchell** discussed a Poker Run, which will be to benefit the troops serving in Afghanistan. The ride will begin at the Sonic in Justin, on Sunday (11/21) at 1pm, with the last bike returning about 5pm. Entry fee is \$10.

- **Ken Frazer** will lead a ride to Corsicana on Saturday (11/27), weather permitting. This ride will be longer with a return ETA of around 4pm. \*\*\* THIS IS A DATE CHANGE FROM THE MEETING \*\*\*

- On December 12, **Dan McDonald** will lead our Christmas Light and

Dinner ride beginning at 6pm starting with dinner at Fuddruckers. This ride will take place, rain or shine.

Next, **Kevin Vardaman** discussed the concept of having scheduled, rotating dinner ride locations, with one Thursday per month being "Leader's Choice", with the members. A large positive response was expressed. The next step will be to prepare a list of the possible choices and some thoughts on how the concept will work. Kevin also passed around the ride sign up sheet for November / December.

**Rick Smith** provided the financial status, showing that after last month's 50/50 pot (\$33.50), and the expenses for breakfast at the Officer's meeting (\$51.00), the club started our meeting with a balance of \$623.50. We then held our 50/50 pot drawing and the winners were; **Judy Ray**, **Bob Greene**, and **Cadillac Dave Cothren**, who donated his share to the club treasury.

**'Super Dave'** then reminded the members that if they know of someone who is ill or just needs some friendly outreach from the club, to let **Rose Ann McDonald** know. This month's prayers go out to **Pam Vardaman**, being treated for swollen discs and pinched nerves in her back, **Rhonna Smith**, also being treated for swollen discs and pinched nerves in her shoulder, and **JJ Jean**, who is mending well from his shoulder surgery. We also ran through the list of November Birthdays, but thankfully, no singing ensued.

Before adjourning the meeting, **David** took the opportunity to thank the other officers and staff for their efforts in helping to make things run smoothly.

## 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](http://www.texasrider.com)

**Bedford** - Motorcycle Training Center (972) 918-9807 - Super 8 Motel & Pennington Field

**Burleson** - A+ rider Course 1-800-410-4549 Burleson High School, 100 NW John Jones Rd - [www.aplusrider.com](http://www.aplusrider.com)

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

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

**Garland** - Motorcycle Training Center (972) 918-9807 - South Garland High School)

**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](http://www.texasrider.com)

**Lancaster** - A+ rider Course 1-800-410-4549 - Cedar Valley College, Lancaster, Tx. - [www.aplusrider.com](http://www.aplusrider.com)

**McKinney** - Motorcycle Training Center (972) 918-7807 - Spring Creek Mall, Highway 5 & Spring Creek in Plano.

### Thought for the Month

Watch your thoughts; they become words. Watch your words; they become actions. Watch your actions; they become habits. Watch your habits; they become character. Watch your character; it becomes your destiny." *Old chinese proverb*

## **SAFETY PRIORITY #1**

### **Two Up = Heads Up**

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The person who occupies the back seat of a motorcycle has always been called the passenger. Now they're called co-riders and it isn't simply to be politically correct. The word passenger suggests a person who has no responsibilities for the operation of the machine; one who is simply along for the ride. A co-rider, on the other hand, shares some of the responsibilities for the safe operation of the motorcycle.

Sitting in the back seat means a lot more freedom to enjoy the scenery without worrying about the technical part of the ride. But with the freedom comes the responsibility. A co-rider does not have the right to bury herself in a book or to take a nap. A blanked out person on the back seat is of absolutely no help and may even be an additional danger if the ride has to brake or swerve suddenly. Her reflexive actions (such as to grab the rider wherever she can or to lean away) will probably be exactly the wrong ones.

The co-rider should ride as exactly that, a co-rider. Not a passenger, but a second rider. While it is always preferable that the co-rider has had a motorcycle safety course, even the normal street skills used in everyday driving will help in spotting hazards. Being an extra pair of eyes for the rider doesn't mean being a back-seat nag. It means spotting hazards and knowing how the rider normally reacts and being ready to help in that effort. If the rider does not show that reaction, the co-rider should speak up. An experienced co-rider knows how hard her rider brakes during normal braking, and whether hard-line braking will be necessary. She prepares herself by holding the grab rails and bracing her feet. She does not slide forward, banging helmets and pushing

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the rider onto the tank. When she spots a pot hole or a large piece of rubber, she knows her rider will soon swerve, and she is prepared to let the bike move under her. She knows when it's OK to move around, and lets her rider know when she will make a move, such as scratching her ankle, which will affect the balance of the bike.

The rider also has the responsibility to communicate with his co-rider. He should let her know when a nasty bump is coming or if he wants to counterweight a turn. He shouldn't play "surprise" just because he finds her reactions funny.

Two-up riding is a team sport. And that means working together to make the ride fun and safe for both.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

I would like to welcome our new members for the past month; **Don & Melody Sims** from Fort Worth, and **David Stokes** from Southlake. Everyone is looking forward to meeting you personally.

## **CLUB LOGO SHIRTS**

Club logo shirts are available and orders are being accepted by **Ken Frazer**. There are two styles of shirts, long sleeve and short sleeve denim and golf style short sleeve. The golf style shirts are available in Tan, Black, Yellow, and Royal Blue. The total costs are \$26 for the denim shirts and \$24 for the golf type, including tax. Contact **Ken** at (972) 393-0776 or [apparel@dfwfreedomriders.org](mailto:apparel@dfwfreedomriders.org) to order. Orders are to be pre-paid and we will not stock any shirts.

## **Wisdom of Will Rogers**

Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.

Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.

## **THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS**



- 1 Bill Wilhelmi
- 2 Beverly Hentz
- 2 Jerry Honaker
- 2 John Smith
- 2 Donna York
- 3 Larry Francis
- 5 Harry Woodward
- 6 Jim Jolley
- 8 John Etchison
- 8 Karrie Harmon
- 12 Dennis Thompson
- 13 Len Diegel
- 14 Michael Brown
- 16 Linda Brzozowski
- 18 Tim Hobbs
- 21 Karen Grezeszak
- 22 Alvin Capps
- 25 Carol Johannessen

There are 2 theories to arguing with a woman... neither works.

Never miss a good chance to shut up.

Always drink upstream from the herd.

If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back in your pocket.

There are three kinds of men; the ones that learn by reading, the few who learn by observation, but the rest of them have to pee on the electric fence for themselves.

Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

If you're riding ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.

Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it back.

I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DFW Honda Party

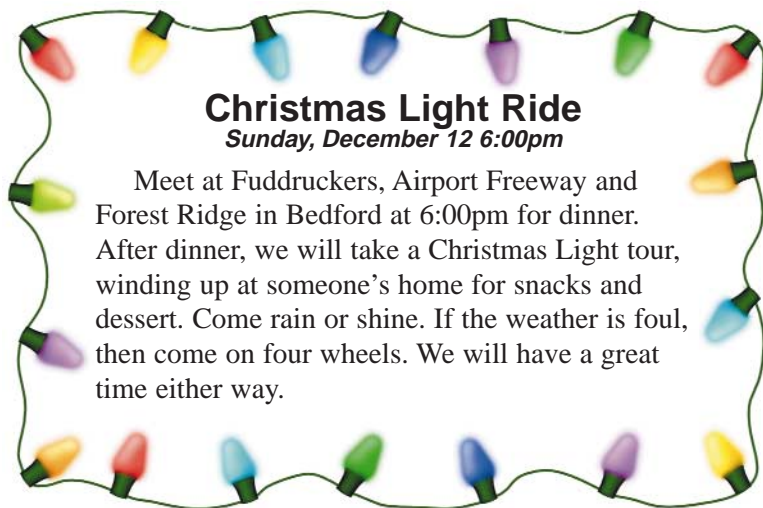
**Friday, December 3rd**

The annual DFW Customer Appreciation Party will be held on Friday December 3rd, starting at 6pm. Come on out for food, fun and prizes.

### December Meeting to be held at DFW Honda

**Thursday, December 16**

DFW Honda has offered to host our December meeting and include dinner for everyone in attendance. This will be held at DFW on Thursday December 16th, starting at 7:00pm. Come on out and enjoy the meeting time and a FREE dinner!



### Toy Runs

**December 4 - Saturday**

Mesquite Santa Cops - group leaving from DFW Honda at 9:30am

**December 5 - Sunday**

Wise County Toy Run - a group led by Mitch Mitchell will be leaving from the Whataburger in Roanoke at 9am

**December 11 - Saturday**

GWRRA North Texas Toy Run - group leaving from DFW Honda at 9:30am.

**December 11 - Saturday**

Cross Timbers Cruisers Toy Run leaving from Cross Timbers Church in Argyle.

**December 12 - Sunday**

Ellis County Toy Run Ennis - Mitch Mitchell will lead a group, contact Mitch for gathering place.  
[mitch-bev@comcast.net](mailto:mitch-bev@comcast.net)

**December 19 - Sunday**

MHMR Toy Run Fort Worth - Mitch Mitchell will lead a group, contact Mitch for gathering place.  
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### Polar Bear Ride

**Saturday, Jan 1 2005**

The traditional Polar Bear ride will be held once again on New Year's Day. We will leave from the Chevron / McDonald's at 114 and Main Street in Grapevine at 10am



to go for a ride, then end up at the McDonald's home for lunch. This has been a lot of fun in the past, so come on out and ride. This will take place rain or shine. Last year, the weather was cold and rainy, but we had a great lunch anyway.

We will have a sign up sheet at the December meeting if you would like to bring a covered side dish for lunch. As in the past years, meat and stew will be provided.

## FOR SALE OR TRADE

**Nylon Cruiser II Sissybar Bag** - \$80 (Retail \$149) Dimensions: XLARGE: 18"(H) x 22"(W) x 11"(D) Used Once - Perfect Condition **214-298-8327**  
[terry.skodack@capgemini.com](mailto:terry.skodack@capgemini.com) 12/04

**"Bananas & Balloons"** - Inspirational stories of motorcycling adventures by **Hilda E. Hatter** put sunshine into your life. The stories are an extraordinary and true account of her many journeys over 30 years as a lady biker. Acquire an appreciation for those you meet along the way - nature, animals, road travelers, and townsfolk. 300+ pages. \$15.99 + \$1.95 S/H per book. Texas residents must add 8.25% sales tax per order. Shipments outside U.S.A. add 40%. Print name/ address clearly, include area code/ daytime phone number. Mail check or money order to TIGO & Company, P.O. Box 210066, Dallas TX 75211-0066. 214-330-4420 11/04

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**Shoei RF-700** large full face black helmet with J&M head set, asking \$125.00  
HJC M90 medium full face black helmet with J&M head set, asking \$125.00  
Robert Christopherson 817-514-9084  
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To add or remove items for sale or trade, contact Dan McDonald by e-mail at [newsletter@dfwfreedomriders.org](mailto:newsletter@dfwfreedomriders.org), or by phone (817) 284-2251. Items will be removed after two months, unless renewed.

## BE THERE - DO THAT

### SHORT LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**12/3** - DFW Honda Party

**12/4** - Mesquite Santa Cops Run

**12/5** - Wise County Toy Run

**12/11** - GWRRA Toy Run

**12/11** - Cross Timbers Toy Run

**12/12** - Ellis County Toy Run

**12/12** - Christmas Light Ride

**12/19** - MHMR Toy Run

**1/1/05** - Polar Bear Ride

# 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 -

Friday or 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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### Sonic Bike Nights

**CCFW & Southern Cruisers** - 2nd Friday -

7:00-8:30 pm Hurst Sonic - 1308 Precinct Line Road

**DFW Honda Freedom Riders** - 3rd Friday - 7-9 pm

Grapevine Sonic, West of Main on Northwest Hwy

**GWRRA U-2** - 4th Friday - 7-9 pm

Grapevine Sonic, West of Main on Northwest Hwy



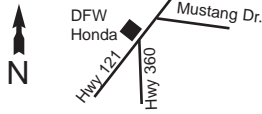
## December 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 7:00PM DINNER RUN	3 6:00PM - DFW HONDA CUSTOMER APPRECIATION NIGHT	4 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE SANTA COPS TOY RUN MESQUITE HILL COUNTRY TOY RUN JOHNSON CITY, TX
5 FOR THE KIDS TOY RUN DENISON, TX WISE COUNTY TOY RUN, DECATUR JOHNSON COUNTY TOY RUN	6	7 7:00PM CMA FISHERMEN MEETING	8	9 7:00PM DINNER RUN	10 7:00PM - CCFW & SOUTHERN CRUISERS BIKE NIGHT - PRECINCT LINE ROAD IN HURST	11 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE CROSSTIMBERS CRUISERS TOY RUN NORTH TEXAS GWRRA TOY RUN
12 ELLIS COUNTY TOY RUN CHRISTMAS LIGHT DINNER AND RIDE	13	14	15	16 7:00PM DFWR MEETING	17 7:00PM - DFWR GRAPEVINE SONIC BIKE NITE	18 9:00AM GWRRA U-2 MEETING 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE
19 TARRANT/DALLAS COUNTY MHMR TOY RUN	20	21	22	23 7:00PM DINNER RUN	24 7:00PM - GWRRA U2 GRAPEVINE SONIC BIKE NITE	25 CHRISTMAS DAY
26	27	28	29 7:00PM GWTA CHAPTER B MEETING	30 7:00PM DINNER RUN	31	1 NEW YEARS DAY FREEDOM RIDER POLAR BEAR RUN
2	3	4 7:00PM CMA FISHERMEN MEETING	5	6 7:00PM DINNER RUN	7	8 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE

Year Calendar - Go to [www.dfwfreedomriders.org](http://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.  
**GWRRRA U-2** • 3rd Saturday - 9 am meeting  
 (8:30 buffet) Golden Corral - Hwy 26 @ Loop 820  
**GWTA B** - Last Wednesday - 8 pm (7 pm Dinner)  
 Logan's Road House, 820 & Pipeline Rd.

<p><b>Parts &amp; Accessory Special</b></p> <p><b>10% Off</b> Any Parts &amp; Accessory Purchase</p> <p><b>DFW Honda (817) 421-4663</b></p> <p><small>Coupon must be presented prior to purchase. Coupon expires end of December 2004.</small></p>	<p><b>Service Parts Special</b></p> <p><b>10% Off</b> Any Service Related Parts <small>Does Not Apply to Labor</small></p> <p><b>DFW Honda (817) 421-4663</b></p> <p><small>Coupon must be presented prior to service. Coupon expires end of December 2004.</small></p>
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 JJ Jean - jjean99999@msn.com - (972) 255-4525

**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 DFW Honda