



# The New **Freedom Rider**

**Lamb's DFW Honda Freedom Riders Motorcycle Club**

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## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Well, it's that time of year when things start warming up. While the warmer temps allow for more riding, there are certain precautions that you need to take when things really heat up.

Always drink plenty of non caffeine fluids. Plain old water is still the very best way to avoid dehydration. Caffeine drinks can act as a diuretic and cause you to become dried out faster than if you just drink water. A good rule of thumb is if you don't need to use the restroom each time you stop, then you aren't drinking enough fluids.

Use cool collars to help keep your neck cool and rest in the shade or in air conditioning whenever possible. One of the best things we have found are the pump up mist sprayers available at Wal Mart for around \$8.00. These can be worn around your waist, then sprayed onto your face and neck to lower temperature and increase your comfort.

Take plenty of breaks when you are riding in the heat. More frequent stops, even if they are short ones, will help alleviate the heat.

Know the signs of heat stroke or heat exhaustion. If you begin to feel dizzy or faint, or if you stop sweating, then seek a cool place immediately. Use cool water over your neck and arms to help lower your core temperature.

Our Saturday ride to Denison on May 8 was a great success. **George Crow** led us up to the area to Arlene's Catfish for lunch, then across the Red River on a one lane bridge into some nice Oklahoma back roads.

The Oklahoma Memorial Trip is coming up next weekend and should be a fun trip. **Steve Ray** has set up accommodations at the new Marriott Courtyard Hotel just a few blocks from the memorial and the downtown area. This is going to be a fun trip, so come if you can. There may still be rooms available, so contact the Marriott Hotel.

We instituted a new program last month that is working very well. **Steve Ray** suggested that couples or individuals become the "hosts" for our dinner rides. The host doesn't necessarily have to lead the ride, just come up with a place to go and get with a group leader to arrange for the ride. This has been met with great enthusiasm as we get to try new restaurants, or go to old haunts. Sign up sheets will be available at the meetings, or you can contact me directly if you want to host a dinner ride.

Last but not least, our Saturday rides will be moving to 8am starting this Saturday, June 5th. This is anticipation of the warmer weather so we can ride in the morning hours before it gets too oppressively hot. The rides will leave from the Chevron / McDonalds at Highway 114 and Main Street in Grapevine for the summer.

Ride Often and Ride Safe!!!

**Lt. Dan**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**5-20-2004**

**by Rose Ann McDonald**

The meeting was called to order by **Dan McDonald**.

The standing rides were discussed with a reminder that Sonic Bike Night was the following evening.

The Saturday day ride to the Denison area was discussed. We had 13 bikes and 20 people turn out for a great Saturday ride. Also discussed was the fun ride to Shreveport on May 1st.

A report on the new dinner ride "hosts" was made. Couples or individuals sign up to host a Thursday night

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### **June 2004 Meeting**

Thursday June 17, 7:00 pm  
at **Spring Creek Barbeque**  
315 Highway 114 West @ Main, Grapevine  
(817) 416-6250



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### Meeting Minutes - Continued

dinner ride then choose the restaurant or make arrangements. The host does not necessarily have to lead the ride to the restaurant if they don't want. A group leader can take care of getting the group there, all the host has to do is arrange for the dinner. It has been met with enthusiasm and great success.

The change in the Marshall poker run to the 29th and the overnight trip to Oklahoma City on June 12th were discussed.

**Dave Cothren** presented the Treasurer's report and a 50/50 drawing was held..

The meeting was adjourned.

## Shreveport Trip

by **Judy Ray**

There was a hearty group of 11 of us who took a little overnight trip to Shreveport the first weekend in May. I say hearty because we awoke that morning to some pretty intense weather. The group that left from McChevron was **Steve & Sheila Wedgeworth, Ken Frazer, Kevin & Pam Vardaman, David & Nanette Meadows** and **Steve Ray**. They then made a quick stop in Duncanville to pick up **Glen & Pat Beaird**. I think the original departure time was 9:00 am and that got moved to 11:00 am due to the weather conditions.

I was waiting in Grand Saline for them to make yet another stop to get me. I admit, I was rather skeptical

### Thought for the Month

Birthdays are good for you; the more you have, the longer you live.

that there would be a trip at all due to the rain I was still seeing down there! By the time they got to East Texas the rain had stopped, but it was cold! I had packed everything the night before I thought I might need, but knew it must be a lot colder on the bike when Steve handed me my chaps! And, they did feel good!

We warmed up with Mexican food and took off further East. It didn't really rain much more, just a heavy mist. I did learn a couple of things that I had been wondering about, though. Leather chaps won't melt and Frogg Toggs which are basically made of paper won't catch on fire when sitting on a heated seat. Not that any of you were wondering about that, but if you are the one wearing the above it might cross your mind!

When we got to Shreveport, it was immediately worth the cooler riding conditions as soon as we saw our rooms. Steve was rather amusing, when he came in and took a look at the bathroom and was concerned that we didn't have a tub. All he had to do was take a few more steps into the bedroom area to see a hot tub that would probably hold at least 4 adults. We had a separate sitting room, a very large bath/dressing area and 3 TV's all together. I never thought I would really care for a TV in the bathroom, well, I do! Next project, honey! We travel quite a bit, and obviously were very impressed and pleasantly surprised by the room, especially for the price.

That night we had the hotel bus take us to dinner at Ralph & Kacoo's..WOW!...what a treat! The food was wonderful, and the cheese-cake decidedly the most decadent I have ever tasted!

Then, off for some fun in the Casino. It really didn't seem to be about spending a lot of money, just having fun. Steve did one of those quirky gambling things, dropped \$50 real fast at the blackjack table and then recouped it on nickel slots!

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## 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.

## NEW MEMBERS

I would like to welcome our new members for the past month. **Ty & Lisa Hardt** from Dallas. Everyone is looking forward to meeting you personally.

## Shreveport Trip - Continued

We left Sunday morning in much prettier weather. It was still cool in the morning, but clear skies and lots of sunshine. We rode to the big metropolitan city, better known as Mineola (well, once we got on 80 East...you really would have to have been there!) for hamburg-



ers at a little place called East Texas Burgers. Not knowing there was a large group of young men, coaches and families in town for a softball tournament, we didn't eat hamburgers, but, we did go just next door and were served some very, very tasty East Texas home cooking.

Next stop was Grand Saline again so I could get off the bike and pick up my four wheel mode of transportation. I followed the others back home, and can say without any question that I really didn't like doing that. First of all, it isn't as much fun by yourself in a pickup truck, and secondly, it's hard to watch all the less fortunate people (those on 4 wheels!) and the way they drive, darting in and out of the group.

We did all eventually make it to our respective homes, and I would like to conclude this by saying a special thank you to **Steve & Sheila** for planning the trip, and then to all who took that trip.

The reason I was in Grand Saline was because my Dad had been taken from the nursing home to the hospital with pneumonia and my Mom wasn't



strong enough to stay the night with him. Not only did they stop to get me, but took me back, and waited for me to go in and say a quick hi to my parents again. I guess that is what really made this particular trip



so special to me...spending time with some really nice people, the kind of people who truly understand the meaning of "family". I

am happy and proud to be a Freedom Rider, because so far, everyone I have met in this group has shown me they are that kind of people...the nice kind! Thank you for letting me share this special weekend with you.

**Judy Ray**



### Photo-Op at Lake Texhoma Dam

From Left: Dan & Rose Ann McDonald, Steve & Sheila Wedgeworth, Steve & Judy Ray, Frank & Linda Brzozowski, David Patton, George Crow, Glenn & Pat Beaird, Phil & Dee Starnes, Ken Frazer and Eddie Murphy.

Not Pictured: Larry & Betty Oswald, Mike Brown and Arnie Fenton.

## THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS



- 3 Brenda LeBlanc
- 3 Dena Musgraves
- 4 Donald Perry
- 6 Kevin Vardaman
- 6 Gayle Weaver
- 7 Cathy Setinsek
- 9 Jack Sides
- 14 Lynda Brock
- 14 Cindy Ricker
- 17 Judy Ray
- 18 Carol Keller
- 20 Andrea Hutchison
- 20 Betty Oswald
- 20 Ralph Tucker
- 22 Art Hazel
- 22 Judy Rigney
- 23 Diana Etchison
- 30 Betty Mann

## Denison Day Trip

A fun day was had by all 20 who went for an extended ride on Saturday May 8th. The weather was picture perfect and George Crow had laid out a great route of back roads to Denison. We stopped for lunch at Arlene's Katfish in Denison. The food was good and the comraderie was abundant. Some opted to head back home for various reasons after lunch and the remainder headed into southern Oklahoma. We crossed the Red River on an old, converted railroad trestle

that is now a one lane car bridge off of FM 120. If you are ever in the area, try it. The road surface is good, you just have to wait for oncoming traffic to clear.

This was a fun day of riding and friendship that we will have to do again.

## Do You Know Someone Who Has Been Under the Weather?

If you hear of anyone in the club who has lost a loved one, is ill, had surgery, or recuperating from surgery, please let one of the officers know so we can forward the information to **Sheila Wedgeworth** and **Rose Ann McDonald**, who have volunteered to keep in touch with those who may be out of touch.

## 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Full Moon Rides

The June Full Moon Ride will be on Friday June 4th. and will leave from the Chevron / McDonalds in Grapevine at 9pm.

As with all of the standing rides, inclement weather will override any activities. We can all ride in the rain when we have to, but fun rides aren't fun if the weather is bad.

## Sonic Bike Nights

The mild weather on May 21st meant a great turnout for Sonic Bike Night. There were 18 bikes and almost 30 people enjoying the spring weather and each other's company.

Sonic Bike Nights are the third Friday evening each month. Normally, they are the night after the meeting, but occasionally will be the week before. Mark your calendar or check our monthly calendar for exact dates.

## Oklahoma City Memorial

**June 12-13, 2004**

Courtyard by Marriott (Downtown Oklahoma City), 2 West Reno, Oklahoma City. **800-468-3571**

Note: Be sure and tell them the Downtown Marriott Courtyard.

The block of rooms that was set aside has expired, but rooms may still be available for those last minute travelers. If you are interested in going, contact the hotel for rate and availability information.

This hotel is located within three blocks of Bricktown, an area very much like Sundance Square with a canal and approx. 8 blocks from the "Oklahoma City National Memorial and Memorial Center Museum."

Please call or e-mail me so I can keep track of number of rooms taken. **(817) 267-7684** or [SCRay@cvs.com](mailto:SCRay@cvs.com)

Thanks....

**Steve Ray**

## FOR SALE OR TRADE

**2003 Honda Shadow 750** equipped with windshield, driving lights, engine case guards, and a passenger backrest, only 64 miles. Asking \$7,800.00 negotiable

**Robert Christopherson** 817-514-9084  
[robertc26@charter.net](mailto:robertc26@charter.net)

**Shoei RF-700** large full face black helmet with J&M head set, asking \$175.00 **HJC**

**M90** medium full face black helmet with J&M head set, asking \$175.00 **Robert Christopherson** 817-514-9084

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**2001 Kawasaki Vulcan**, 1500 CC, Fuel Injection, shaft drive, 19,000+ Miles, Warranty Expires 9-2005, Dunlop Elite II Touring Tires, TourMaster Soft Saddle Bags, Engine Crash Bars w/Leather Chaps for winter riding, driver and passenger back rest, short windshield, rear air shocks, 5 gal. gas tank, J&M CB radio mount w/Maxon 40 channel CB. Never been in shop except for tires, throttle lock cruise, two 12V outlets, all factory and all accessories Kawasaki, and a tank bag. Always garage kept. Asking \$7200. **Dennis Adams** Phone # 972-438-8562 or

[Dennis.Adams10@verizon.net](mailto:Dennis.Adams10@verizon.net) 3/04

**2001 EZ Hauler** motorcycle trailer. Trailer cranks down to ground level so a heavy bike can be loaded, then cranks back up and locks into place. 2000lb capacity. Asking \$1495. Call or e-mail **George Crow**, [gerow@aiscn.com](mailto:gerow@aiscn.com), or [gecjec@texoma.net](mailto:gecjec@texoma.net), or call anytime at 903-271-3768. 04/04

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

**Jun 12-13** - Oklahoma City Memorial

**Jun 3-6** - ROT Rally, Austin

**Jun 23-26** - Honda Hoot, Knoxville

**Jul 4-8** - Wing Ding, Grapevine

## 2004 RALLY SCHEDULE

Date	City	Event	For Information
Feb 27-Mar 7	Daytona Beach, FL	Daytona Bike Week	<a href="http://www.officialbikeweek.com/">www.officialbikeweek.com/</a>
May 20-23	Ruidoso, NM	AspenCash	<a href="http://www.motorcyclerrally.com/">www.motorcyclerrally.com/</a>
Jun 3-6	Austin, TX	Republic of Texas	<a href="http://www.rotrally.com">www.rotrally.com</a>
Jun 7-12	Lake George, NY	Americade	<a href="http://www.tourexpo.com/">www.tourexpo.com/</a>
Jun 12-19	Los Angeles, CA	Mother Road Rally	<a href="http://www.hhjm.com/rally">www.hhjm.com/rally</a>
Jun 23-26	Knoxville, TN	Honda Hoot	<a href="http://www.hondahoot.com">www.hondahoot.com</a>
Jul 4-8	Grapevine, TX	GWRRR Wing Ding	<a href="http://www.gwrra.org/wingding">www.gwrra.org/wingding</a>
Jul 19-22	Baraboo, WI	GWTA Gold Rush	<a href="http://www.gwta.org">www.gwta.org</a>
Jul 29-31	Marysville, OH	Honda Homecoming	<a href="http://www.ohio.honda.com">www.ohio.honda.com</a>
Aug 9-15	Sturgis, SD	Strugis Bike Week	<a href="http://www.rally.sturgis.sd.us">www.rally.sturgis.sd.us</a>
Sep 3-6	Ignacio, CO	Four Corners	<a href="http://www.fourcornersrally.com">www.fourcornersrally.com</a>
Sep 15-19	Ruidoso, NM	Golden Aspen	<a href="http://www.motorcyclerrally.com/">www.motorcyclerrally.com/</a>
Oct 21-24	Daytona Beach, FL	Biketoberfest	<a href="http://www.biketoberfest.org">www.biketoberfest.org</a>

# 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 Lamb's

DFW Honda at 10:00 am 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

**Lambs DFW Freedom Riders** - 3rd Friday - 7-9 pm Grapevine Sonic, West of Main on Northwest Highway

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

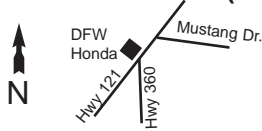
## June 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00PM CMA FISHERMEN MEETING	2	3 7:00PM DINNER RUN	4 FULL MOON RIDE	5 8:00AM SATURDAY RIDE
					R.O.T. RALLY, AUSTIN	
6 R.O.T. RALLY, AUSTIN	7	8	9	10 7:00PM DINNER RUN	11 7:00PM - CCFW & SOUTHERN CRUISERS BIKE NIGHT - PRECINCT LINE ROAD IN HURST	12 8:00AM SATURDAY RIDE TO OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA CITY MEMORIAL OVERNIGHT TRIP MOTHER ROAD RALLY - LA, CA
					AMERICADE, LAKE GEORGE NY	
13 OKLAHOMA CITY OVERNIGHT TRIP	14	15	16	17 7:00PM DFWFR MEETING	18 7:00PM - DFWFR GRAPEVINE SONIC BIKE NITE	19 8:00AM SATURDAY RIDE 9:00AM GWRRA U-2 MEETING
					MOTHER ROAD RALLY - LA, CA	
20	21	22	23	24 7:00PM DINNER RUN	25 7:00PM - GWRRA U2 GRAPEVINE SONIC BIKE NITE	26 8:00AM SATURDAY RIDE
					CMA NATIONAL RALLY - MENA, AR	
					HONDA HOOT - KNOXVILLE, TN	
27	28	29	30 7:00PM GWTA CHAPTER B MEETING	1 7:00PM DINNER RUN	2 FULL MOON RIDE	3 8:00AM SATURDAY RIDE
4 Independence Day	5	6 7:00PM CMA FISHERMEN MEETING	7	8 7:00PM DINNER RUN	9	10 8:00AM SATURDAY RIDE
					GWRRA WINGDING - GRAPEVINE, TX	

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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**Chapter #364**

Rider's Club of America™

**Motorcycle Association Monthly Meetings**

**Lamb's DFW 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  
**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</b> <b>(817) 421-4663</b></p> <p><small>Coupon must be presented prior to purchase. Coupon expires end of June 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</b> <b>(817) 421-4663</b></p> <p><small>Coupon must be presented prior to service. Coupon expires end of June 2004.</small></p>
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Coupons cannot be combined with any other coupon or offer.

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**June 2004**

**Meeting Location**

This month's meeting will be at Spring Creek BBQ in Grapevine at Highway 114 and Main St.