



The New **Freedom Rider**

Lamb's DFW Honda Freedom Riders Motorcycle Club

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Okay! Enough is Enough! This is supposed to be Texas, not Kansas!

January ended with a promised 60+ degrees on the 31st. We promised that we would have a ride that morning, only to get up and find the temperature was in the mid 30's. Well, we had about 12 people show up, shivering and cold, then decided a ride of about two blocks to La Madeline's for a late breakfast was in order to see if it was going to warm up. Well, it didn't get above 42 that day, so it was a wash. The next Saturday dawned with rain, then the 14th we had our 5 inches of snow. Saturday the 21st was finally good enough to get in a Saturday ride and get out of the house for a change.

Looking ahead, if you are thinking at all about going to Fredricksburg, then you need to make reservations **NOW!** Any rooms not reserved by March 1st will be returned to the hotel. Steve checked with the Holiday Inn and they are totally booked for Saturday night outside our block of rooms. If your plans change, you can always cancel your room even up to the first of April. If you don't reserve one now, there won't be any "room at the inn".

There has been a tremendous response to the Experience Rider Course. **Steve Wedgeworth** set up a course with Texas RIDER on March 27th for up to 12 people. It is now full. You may be able to get on a waiting list in case someone has to cancel. Contact Steve to see if that is possible.

Steve W has also set up another overnight trip to east Texas and Shreveport. There is a benefit poker run at H&W Honda in Marshall on May 1st. Plans are made to attend this poker run, then go on to Shreveport to spend Saturday night. For more information, see the article on Page 3.

Our Denison trip postponed from October is rescheduled for May 8th. This will be a fun trip up to the Lake Texhoma area with **George Crow**. He has some great roads laid out for the trip and the wildflowers should be in full bloom by then.

Steve Ray is also in the preliminary planning stages of an overnight trip to Oklahoma City. This would be leave on a Saturday morning and return on Sunday. Plans are being made to attend the Oklahoma memorial and possibly some other attractions. At this time, we are tentatively scheduling it for June 12-13.

This is shaping up to be a fun filled Spring and Summer. Get involved, ride with us as often as you can, but RIDE!

Ride Safe!!!

Lt. Dan

MEETING MINUTES

2-19-2004

by **Lisa Hurt**

The meeting was called to order by **Dan McDonald**. New members **Phil & Dee Starnes** and visitor **Jim Myres** were recognized.

The standing rides were discussed, leaving from DFW Honda at 10:00am on Saturday mornings and at 7:00pm on Thursday evenings. A reminder was made about Sonic Bike Night being the following evening.

Ken Frazer submitted the latest order for logo shirts. Shirts can be ordered at any time since we have no

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March 2004 Meeting

Thursday March 18, 7:00 pm
at **Spring Creek Barbeque**
315 Highway 114 West @ Main, Grapevine
(817) 416-6250



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minimum order. The polo style short sleeve shirts are \$24 and the denim long sleeve or short sleeve are \$26.

The inclement weather and lack of riding time was discussed, along with hopes for better to come.

Steve Wedgeworth announced that the March 27th Experienced Rider course is full up. There may be a waiting list in case someone has to cancel. Steve can be contacted for information.

The upcoming Spring Wildflower ride to the Texas Hill Country was discussed. This will be a two tiered ride, with one group leaving on Friday morning and a second group leaving on Saturday. The two groups will join up in Fredricksburg on Saturday. Reservations must be made immediately as the hotels are full.

Steve Ray discussed the preliminary planning of an overnight trip to Oklahoma City in May or June to visit the Oklahoma Memorial. No date has been set at this time.

“Cadillac” **Dave Cothren** presented the treasurer’s report, showing that we have a total of \$432.11 on hand.

The meeting was adjourned.

NEW MEMBERS

I would like to welcome our new members for the past month. **Phil & Dee Starnes** and **Greg Cox**, all from North Richland Hills. We look forward to having you all out on some of our activities.

Thought for the Month

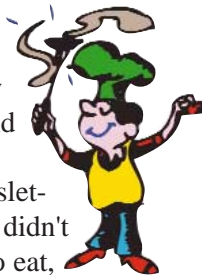
Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.

Old Chinese Proverb

BIKER GOURMET

by **Dave Musgraves**
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Jim Bowie Restaurant
Highway 287
Bowie, TX

I feel like I owe you guys an apology for not getting around to writing an article for last month's newsletter. It wasn't that we didn't go to a good place to eat, because we did, and had a nice ride doing it. I simply failed to find the time to write it all down. January was a hectic month for us with lots of travel including my first ski experience. (Ask me about it sometime in person!)



You know, we really should be in church on Sunday morning and not riding the bike, but I think God understands when we occasionally skip church and head out on the bikes on a sunny Sunday morning. Often times, riding down a back road I can't help but wonder at the beauty He has provided us. Such was the case a few weeks ago when we headed out for a Sunday morning lunch ride.

I'm sure some of you have eaten at the Jim Bowie Restaurant on Highway 287 in Bowie, Texas. **Dena** and I have been there a couple of times on Sunday and they have a great buffet for only \$7.95. You get your choice of one meat, two salads, vegetables, bread, and a desert. Everything is "homemade" and the portions are ample. The food is very good and I do not think you will go away hungry.

Getting there? Take your pick. If time is a factor head north on Hwy 287 and simply watch for and follow the signs. In about an hour and forty-five minutes you should be there or real close. Now since we are an eating club who likes to ride bikes....no, no, wait, I got that backwards....anyway, I know most of you will not want to go Hwy 287 all the way so here's a plan. We all know that FM

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 HRC 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

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

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

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

Lancaster - A+ rider Course 1-800-410-4549 - Cedar Valley College, Lancaster, Tx. - www.aplusrider.com

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

407 runs east and west and is a great road to ride, so ride it west. Only turn north on FM 2264 BEFORE you get to Highway 287. (2264 takes you to Hwy 287 anyway, only further north.) Then

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ride 287 to Decatur, or stay on it the rest of the way to Bowie, your choice. Or better yet, just north of Decatur, take FM 1810 west (it's a left turn that comes up quick after crossing over Hwy 380) then pick any FM road headed north (that would be a right turn). At this point, I would suggest you take a look at your map and decide how much time you have and how long you want to ride. You can make your way to Bowie from just about anywhere out in this part of the country. I would suggest that you get to the restaurant by around 11:30 am to beat the church crowd. Also, watch the parking lot as some of it is paved and some is gravel. Not hard to ride on, just be aware.

Getting home? Well that's the hard part. Your belly will be full and you might be a bit sleepy. Again refer to your map, pick your route east and south. You'll find several familiar FM roads that will lead you home. Just DON'T fall asleep. Instead, look around and think about what God has given you. And, somewhere along the way, it wouldn't hurt a thing to say a prayer of worship. After all, isn't that why we should have been in church? How many of us in our club have been touched this past year and have so much to be thankful for?

Remember, keep the shiny side up and those two round black things down in contact with the ground!

Dave Musgraves

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Flower Ride

April 2-4, 2004

Steve Wedgeworth

The club will be doing a two night wildflower ride to Fredricksburg, TX on April 02, 2004. Due to the amount of people who visit the Hill Country during this time of year, I felt it was important to get a jump on reserving hotel rooms in the area.

One group will leave at 10:00am on Friday morning, spend Friday night in Kerrville, then ride some Hill Country

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Roads on Saturday morning. A second group will leave at 8:00 AM on Saturday and get into Fredricksburg early afternoon. The Kerrville group will meet the second group in Fredricksburg on Saturday afternoon.

There are 10 rooms blocked at the Y.O. Resort in Kerrville for Friday night under the name DFW Freedom Riders. The reservation number is **800-531-2800**. You will need to confirm your own reservation prior to March 1. The rate is \$89 for two queen beds. All rooms are alike.

I have 25 rooms (10 King/15 Double) reserved at the Holiday Inn Express in Fredricksburg for Saturday Night under DFW Freedom Riders. You will need to call the Holiday Inn at **830-990-4200**, make a reservation in your name and with your credit card. The cost of the room is \$99 + tax. This is the group rate for this time of the year. **Rooms that are not reserved by March 1 will be returned to the hotels.**

You should have time to get in some shopping or additional riding if that is what you want to do. I have dinner reservations at Andy's Steak and Seafood Grill that night. On Sunday Morning, we will ride the Willow City Loop and then head for home. After you make your reservations, please let me know so I can keep a running tally on what we have left. You can email me at swgoldwing@1scom.net or call me at **817-741-1333**.

Big Bend Trip

April 12-16, 2004

JJ Jean

JJ is taking a group to Big Bend, leaving on Monday, April 12, 2004 and staying at the Fort Davis State Park. Campers will stay in the camping area, and the motelers will be staying at the Indian Lodge. Reservations should already be made, but you can contact JJ to see if there is still space available. jjjean99999@msn.com

Ride for the Fallen

April 24, 2004

There will be a Ride for the Fallen, honoring officers killed in the line of duty in Austin on Saturday, April 24. Proceeds from the run will go for the

THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS



8	Lyle Anderson
8	Ken Foster
19	Sue Kyer
19	Mitch Mitchell
20	Mary Cobb
20	David Hurt
21	Bob Greene
23	Doyle Landers
24	Dan McDonald
24	Sam Paschal
25	Pat Brown
29	Steve Wedgeworth

upkeep of the Peace Officers Memorial in Austin. **Cathy** and I did the ride last year and there were about 400 motorcycles on a beautiful ride through the Hill Country. We plan on taking a group this year from our church leaving Friday after work and coming back Saturday afternoon. Flyers and more information will be available later.

Lee Hickey

Marshall, TX Poker Run & Shreveport Overnighter

May 1, 2004

Steve Wedgeworth

On Saturday, May 1. I will be departing the McChevron on Hwy 114 and Main Street in Grapevine at 7:00 A.M. to ride to Marshall, TX for the Poker Run and "Hope For Joshua Benefit." This event is sponsored by the East Texas Road Runners and H & W Honda of Marshall, Texas. I have talked to one of the coordinators and the poker run will be approximately 80 miles in length thru the East Texas country side.

First bike out is 10:00 A.M. and Last Bike in is 1:00 P.M.

After the Poker Run and Festivities, we will head over to Shreveport where I have 15 rooms reserved at the Isle of Capri Casino with a group rate of \$89.00 + tax. (The requirement for a group rate is 10 rooms) You can't

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stay in a regular hotel for this rate. I have stayed at the Isle before and it is VERY NICE. You will need to call the Hotel @ 1-877-465-3711 and tell them you are with the DFW Freedom Riders and make the reservations in your name with your credit card. You can specify if you want a room with a King bed or 2 Queens when you make your reservations. Any rooms not reserved by April 1 will be released back to the hotel. We can have dinner as a group or do your own thing. You can gamble or just enjoy the rest and relaxation of the luxury rooms. After breakfast Sunday morning, we will have a leisurely ride back home.

If you are so inclined, you can just make this a day ride and head home after the poker run. If you are interested, please let me know so I can keep a head count. You can call me at 817-741-1333 or email me at swgoldwing@lscm.net

Steve Wedgeworth

Texhoma Day Trip

May 8, 2004

George Crow

We will be making a day trip to the Denison and Lake Texhoma area on May 8th. This is the day trip that was postponed in October because of inclement weather. We will head into Denison for lunch, then **George** has picked out some

scenic back roads across Lake Texhoma. This is shaping up to be a realxing, fun filled, scenic trip.

We will leave from DFW Honda at 10:00am, and this will be the Saturday ride. We should return to the Grapevine area by around 7:00pm.

Anyone wishing to participate in just the first part of the ride is welcome to do so. Just like all of our rides, you can ride as much or little of the route as you wish. Just let the group leader or tail gunner know you are leaving and try to do so only at a rest or lunch stop.

Oklahoma City Memorial

June 12, 2004

Steve Ray is in the preliminary planning stages of an overnight trip to Oklahoma City to visit the Memorial and other points of interest.

We will leave from the McChevron and Highway 114 and Main Street at 8:00am and take a leisurely back road trip to Oklahoma City, stopping somewhere along the way for lunch. We should get into OKC by mid afternoon, in time to take in some sights. The memorial is supposed to be especially nice after dark.

After an overnight stay, we will return on Sunday. Hotel accommodations will be announced shortly, but mark your calendars for this one. It should be a great trip.

FOR SALE, WANTED OR TRADE

2003 Honda Shadow 750

equipped with windshield, driving lights, engine case guards, and a passenger backrest, only 64 miles. Asking \$8,500.00 negotiable

Robert Christopherson 817-514-9084 robertc26@charter.net ^{01/04}

Shoei RF-700 large full face black helmet with J&M head set, asking \$250.00 **HJC M90** medium full face black helmet with J&M head set, asking \$200.00 **Robert**

Christopherson 817-514-9084 robertc26@charter.net ^{01/04}

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 ^{2/04}

To add or remove items for sale or trade, contact Dan McDonald by e-mail at newsletter@dfwfreedomriders.org, or by phone (817) 284-2251. Items will be removed after two months, unless renewed.

2003 RALLY SCHEDULE

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

BE THERE - DO THAT

SHORT LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 2-4 - Hill Country Trip

Apr 12-16 - Big Bend Trip

Apr 24 - Ride for the Fallen - Austin

May 1 - East Texas Poker Run

May 8 - Denison - Texhoma Day Trip

Jun 12 - Oklahoma City Memorial

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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CB CHANNEL 39**



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

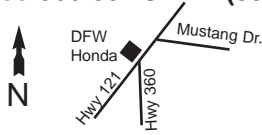
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7:00PM CMA FISHERMEN MEETING	3	4 7:00PM DINNER RUN	5	6 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE
DAYTONA BIKE WEEK						
7 DAYTONA BIKE WEEK	8	9	10	11 7:00PM DINNER RUN	12 7:00PM - CCFW & SOUTHERN CRUISE- RS BIKE NIGHT - PRECINCT LINE ROAD IN HURST	13 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE
14	15	16	17	18 7:00PM DFWFR MEETING	19 7:00PM - DFWFR GRAPEVINE SONIC BIKE NITE	20 9:00AM GWRRA U-2 MEETING 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE
21	22	23	24	25 7:00PM DINNER RUN	26 7:00PM - GWRRA U2 GRAPEVINE SONIC BIKE NITE	27 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE EXPERIENCED RIDER COURSE TEXAS RIDER - IRVING
28	29	30	31 7:00PM GWTA CHAPTER B MEETING	1 7:00PM DINNER RUN	2	3 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE HILL COUNTRY WILDFLOWER TRIP
4 HILL COUNTRY WILDFLOWER TRIP	5	6 7:00PM CMA FISHERMEN MEETING	7	8 7:00PM DINNER RUN	9 7:00PM - CCFW & SOUTHERN CRUISE- RS BIKE NIGHT - PRECINCT LINE ROAD IN HURST	10 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE ALL DAY RIDE WITH A LUNCH STOP AROUND 1:00, LED BY JJ JEAN AND MICHAEL WOOD ARIZONA 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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 817 421-HONDA (421-4663)
 or Toll Free 866-83HONDA (834-6632)



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>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 March 2004.</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 March 2004.</small></p>
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Coupons cannot be combined with any other coupon or offer.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER MOTORCYCLE GROUPS, CONTACT

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 JJ Jean - jjean99999@aol.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



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Meeting Location

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