



The New **Freedom Rider**

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I would like to begin by saying a big Thank You to the people who were so instrumental in not only keeping this club going this past year, but who were also responsible for helping it grow. That would be **Dan McDonald, Steve Wedgeworth, Lisa Hurt, David Cothren** and **Ken Frazer**. It should go without saying, but often does, that they were able to do such a wonderful job with the best support possible, that being **Rose Ann, Sheila, David and Julie**. As for **Cadillac**, well, we all pitched in there!

I would like to welcome the other "new kids on the block", too. Your new Vice President is **Ken Frazer**, who will be doing double duty this year by his willingness to serve in that position as well as keep us looking great in our club shirts. **Rick Smith** is your new Treasurer, and all will be well with him as soon as we get him a briefcase. You'll have to ask him about that, I bet he will be more than happy to tell you about the box! Last, but certainly not least is **Judy Ray** as Secretary. I have to say that last but not least thing, you know...let's not forget who I go home with after all these rides! I would be remiss not to say a continued THANK YOU to **Dan McDonald** for keeping us all connected by maintaining our website and publishing our newsletter every month.

As for myself, I appreciate the confidence you have displayed by voting me into this position, and I will do my very best to live up to what you should expect from me, and what I will expect

from myself. After all, I undoubtedly have had very good examples set for me the last couple of years by **Dan** and **David**. Even though there are Officers placed in positions of leadership, this club is nothing without the support, attendance and assistance of each and every one of you.

We will continue with Thursday night dinner rides, Saturday morning rides, Full Moon rides and Sonic Bike Nights following the 3rd Thursday meetings at Spring Creek. For now, we will continue to leave on Saturdays from the Chevron station at 8:00 am, but Saturday, October 2nd, we'll move to a 10:00 am departure from DFW Honda. We are going to continue with the sign up sheets for those of you who are not only willing, but EAGER to find us places to ride and EAT.

I'd like to remind you, if you haven't made reservations for the Fall Colors Ride to Mena, Arkansas there's still time. The deadline for reservations is September 8th. We will leave Friday, October 8th and return Sunday, October 10th. As always, with a three day trip, a second group will probably leave on Saturday for those who can't take off work Friday. **Judy** and I have been to Mena this time of year, and we can say that you're in for a treat.

We have an opportunity to help a very worthy cause on Saturday, October 23rd. There will be more details forthcoming, but briefly we are planning a ride to The Kaufman County Children's Emergency Shelter. Some of you went with us when we did this before, and

I'm sure can vouch for this cause. We will be talking about this in greater detail at the next meeting and will have some literature for you at that time.

Thanks again, and I am anticipating a fun year...Ride Safe!

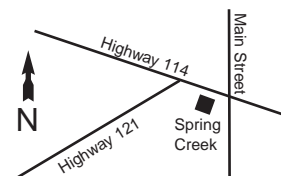
Steve

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September 2004 Meeting

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



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Meeting Minutes - Continued

MEETING MINUTES

8-19-2004

by Lisa Hurt

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

Everyone was welcomed and guests **David & Cheryl McMillan, Jim Myres, Sarah Christopherson, Nick & Montana Stickeler, David Dendy** and **Steve & Sean** from DFW Honda were recognized along with new members **Jim Leslie** and **Bob Nolden**.

Lee Hickey reported that **Doug Slusher** is to begin artificial interferon treatments in September and to keep him in our thoughts.

The standing rides were discussed and it was noted that the Saturday rides will continue at 8am from the Chevron station until the first weekend in October, when they will move to 10am from DFW Honda.

The trip to Mena Arkansas on October 8-10 was discussed. A group will leave on Friday, and there will probably be another group on Saturday. Reservations should be made soon, as the guarantee expires on Sept. 8th.

Steve from DFW Honda discussed plans that the dealership has for obtaining a large vehicle capable of being used as a "chase" vehicle on long trips. He presented everyone at the meeting coupons for a free T-shirt at DFW.

JJ Jean announced that he needs additional escort riders for a bike race at Joe Pool Lake on Sept. 12th.

Dave Cothren presented his final Treasurer's report indicating that we have \$601.56 in the treasury. A 50/50 drawing was held with **Nance Christopherson, Phil Starnes** and **David**

Dendy winners.

Plaques were presented to all of the outgoing officers.

The election of officers for the 2004-2005 year was held.

Judy Ray was nominated by **Kevin Vardaman** for Secretary and was elected by acclamation.

Rick Smith was nominated by **David Cothren** and **Pat Beard** was nominated by **Judy Ray** for Treasurer.

Ken Frazer was nominated by **Rick Smith** for Vice-President and was elected by acclamation.

Steve Ray was nominated by **Steve Wedgeworth** for President and was elected by acclamation.

A paper ballot vote was taken for the Treasurer's position and **Rick Smith** was elected by ballot.

The meeting was adjourned.

SAFETY PRIORITY #1

"Rain" is a Four-letter Word

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One word that can raise the hackles on the neck of any rider is "rain." Though no one goes out riding just because it's raining, you do get stuck in the rain at times. What can you do to improve your riding in the rain?

The first things you can do are done well ahead of the first few drops of rain. Much as you hate to think about it, selecting and purchasing a rainsuit is something that must be done. A rainsuit should serve two purposes. First, it should keep you dry. Second, and equally important, it should increase your visibility. When your evasive maneuverability is reduced by lack of traction, you want to be sure other drivers see you.

Maintaining all your lights also helps you to be seen in the rain. Of course, you keep your lights clean, but have you checked all your lights lately to see if any have burned out? Do you carry any spares with you?

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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

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.

Thought for the Month

If Wal-Mart is lowering prices every day, how come nothing is free yet?
Author Unknown

Safety Priority #1 - Continued

Next time you take your bike in for service, why not restock any spare bulbs you might be missing? You should stock spare fuses as well.

The other important part that needs maintaining ahead of time is your tires. Have you looked at them lately? If any of the wear bands are showing, it's time to replace the tire. One of the major causes of hydroplaning is worn tires. It's too late to check them after the rain starts falling. The sole purpose of the tread design on a tire is to carry off the water, but it can't do its job if you don't allow it enough tread depth to work with.

Hydroplaning occurs when the tires are not in full contact with the road. They ride on a thin layer of water, and sometimes oil, on the road. Hydroplaning occurs frequently in light mist or drizzle. Proper tread depth and tire pressures, slowing down, and riding in the tracks of other vehicles all help reduce the chance of hydroplaning. The cessation of a slushing sound, or any decrease in steering or braking may indicate hydroplaning. If this happens, slow down without braking and avoid any sudden moves.

Plan alternate routes in case of rain. Scenic, twisty asphalt roads are a lot of fun when it's dry. When the rain starts to pour, the scenery turns gray, the turns aren't nearly as much fun, and the asphalt doesn't provide the traction you really need. It's time to look for an alternate route along a duller, but straighter, concrete road.

Once it starts raining, there are still things you can do to increase your safety, if not your comfort. Pull off the road as soon as you find a place to get out of the rain. This gives you a dry place to put on your high-visibility rainsuit, and more important, it puts you off the road during the most dangerous first fifteen minutes of rain. When the water first enters the pores of the road, it forces up the oil that has been collecting

there. A few more minutes of rain will wash this oil off the road.

Though the main danger of rain is hydroplaning, increasing your following distance, taking curves more slowly, and increasing your scanning distance all help your rain riding.

Riding in the rain may never be pleasant, but it can be safer.

Mena Arkansas Deadline

The deadline for making reservations at the Sun Country Inn in Mena for the October trip is Sept. 8th. Rooms may be available after that time, but rates are not guaranteed. See page 4 for phone numbers.

Cycle Raffle

A non-profit agency, Community Lifeline Center, provides emergency financial assistance to families in crisis. We are having a fund raising event on October 8th and 9th. We are conducting a motorcycle raffle to help raise \$\$\$\$. It is a raffle limited to 600 tickets at \$50.00 each. The prize is a pair of Harley-Davidson XL 1200 Roadsters. Please see attached document.

Bill Robertson, Executive Director - Community Lifeline Center, Inc.- 503 North Kentucky St., Suite A - McKinney, Texas 75069 - web site: www.communitylifeline.org - Tele: 972-542-0020 - email: lifeline@airmail.net

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 to order. Orders are to be pre-paid and we will not stock any shirts.

THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Peggy Brown
- 2 George Crow
- 6 Larry Oswald
- 8 Joyce Brown
- 8 Bob Bullington
- 8 Mike Hentz
- 9 Angela Anderson
- 9 J.P. Copeland
- 9 Lisa Hurt
- 14 Eloise Fenton
- 14 Veronica Woodward
- 15 Connie Brown
- 15 Jackie Fenton
- 20 Bunny Ferguson
- 21 Liz Chavez
- 21 Robert Stockburger
- 23 Chad Hickey
- 25 Rose Ann McDonald
- 25 Anita Slusher
- 28 Milli Honaker
- 30 Chris Hutchison

UPCOMING EVENTS

Panther City Rally

Sept 11, 2004

A rally is being held in Fort Worth to try and get the largest number of motorcycles together and support

Guinness is supposed to be there to verify the count to get in the book. Bunch of folks are going to be out of town but anyone who can participate would be appreciated....benefiting Peace Officer & Firefighter Memorial of Ft. Worth

www.panthercityrally.com

Arizona Trip

Doug Slusher is arranging a trip to Arizona on September 11-19. If you are interested in going, contact Doug at (817) 656-2749. The phone number listed in the July newsletter was incorrect.

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Full Moon Rides

The September Full Moon Ride will be on Saturday the 25th and will leave from the Chevron / McDonalds in Grapevine at 9pm.

As with all of the standing rides, inclement weather will override any "optional" activities.

Southlake Department of Public Safety Police Motorcycle Rodeo.

Southlake DPS will be hosting the 2nd Annual Southlake Showdown Police Motorcycle Rodeo on October 2 - October 3, 2004 at Southlake Town Square. All proceeds from this event benefit Special Olympics Texas. For more information regarding registration, sponsorship, or membership to this event, contact Angelique York at (817) 251-9181 or log onto www.myeventcentral.com/eventdetails.asp?id=111

South Padre Anyone?

Anyone interested in attending the South Padre Island Bike Fest Rally October 14-17th, contact **Ralph Tucker** at 817-896-1508.

Sonic Bike Nights

The mild weather on August 20th meant a great turnout for Sonic Bike Night. There were 14 bikes and almost 25 people enjoying the mild summer 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.

Mena Arkansas

October 8-10, 2004

It's been a while, but we're gonna head for the Arkansas Hills in October. Mena is always a favorite biker destination, with great roads.

We will be leaving on Friday, October 8th and returning on Sunday the 10th. As always with our three day trips, a second group will probably leave on Saturday for those that can't take Friday off. We are always flexible and allow for those that can't go for the full time.

There are 15 rooms blocked for Friday the 8th and Saturday the 9th. They will hold the rooms until September 8th. The Hotel is the Sun Country Inn, Mena, AR. The phone number is **479-394-7477** or for reservations only, the number is **877-394-7477**. The rooms are under DFW Freedom Riders or they can mention **George Crow's** name and DFW. The cost is \$70.00 per night, tax included. It is very clean, new, great paved and flat parking lot and is just about a block away from Wal-Mart on the north side of town.

This should be a fun trip, so make your reservations soon. If you have any questions, contact Dan McDonald or George Crow, gecjec@texoma.net

NEW MEMBERS

I would like to welcome our new members for the past month; **Bob Nolden** from Euleess, **Jim Leslie** from Arlington, and **Nick & Montana Stickeler** from Bedford.. Everyone is looking forward to meeting you personally.

FOR SALE OR TRADE

2001 Honda Accord EX 4Door Moonroof, All Power, 6CD changer ,67k miles ,4cyl 5speed 30MPG!!!!
Contact: **David Hurt** Hm#
817.281.4545 cell#817.228.2407 09/04

"Bananas & Balloons" - Inspirational stories of motorcycling adventures by **Hilda E. Hatter** puts 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 09/04

2003 Honda Shadow 750 equipped with windshield, driving lights, engine case guards, and a passenger backrest, only 64 miles. Asking \$6,800.00
Robert Christopherson 817-514-9084
robertc26@charter.net 08/04

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
robertc26@charter.net 08/04

Like new Honda EU-1000 generator (little red one) Used very little. VERY QUIET, perfect for camping. asking \$550.00
Ken Foster 817-291-7915 08/04

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.

BE THERE - DO THAT

SHORT LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 11 - Chapter R Rally, Gainesville
Sep 11 - Panther City Rally, FW
Oct 2-3 - Southlake M/C Rodeo
Oct 8-10 - Mena Arkansas Trip
Oct 23 - Kaufmann Children's Ctr

2004 RALLY SCHEDULE

Date	City	Event	For Information
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

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

Lambs DFW 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



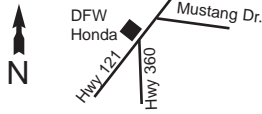
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			1	2  7:00PM DINNER RUN	3	4  8:00AM SATURDAY RIDE	
						FOUR CORNERS RALLY - IGNACIO, CO	
5	6	7 7:00PM CMA FISHERMEN MEETING	8	9  7:00PM DINNER RUN	10  7:00PM - CCFW & SOUTHERN CRUISERS BIKE NIGHT - PRECINCT LINE ROAD IN HURST	11  8:00AM SATURDAY RIDE	
FOUR CORNERS RALLY - IGNACIO, CO							
12	13	14	15	16  7:00PM DFWFR MEETING	17  7:00PM - DFWFR GRAPEVINE SONIC BIKE NITE	18  8:00AM SATURDAY RIDE 9:00AM GWRRA U-2 MEETING	
						GOLDEN ASPEN RALLY - RUIDOSO, NM	
19	20	21	22	23  7:00PM DINNER RUN	24  7:00PM - GWRRA U2 GRAPEVINE SONIC BIKE NITE	25  8:00AM SATURDAY RIDE  FULL MOON RIDE	
GOLDEN ASPEN RALLY							
26	27	28	29 7:00PM GWTA CHAPTER B MEETING	30  7:00PM DINNER RUN	1	2  10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE	
						SOUTHLAKE M/C RODEO	
3	4	5 7:00PM CMA FISHERMEN MEETING	6	7  7:00PM DINNER RUN	8	9  10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE	
STEVIE RAY VAUGHAN MEMORIAL RIDE							
SOUTHLAKE M/C RODEO							
						FALL COLORS TRIP - MENA, AR	

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.



2350 William D Tate (SH 121) • Grapevine, Texas
 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 September 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 September 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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 James Weaver - RedRyder@outdrs.net (940) 736-3952

Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA)
 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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 (817) 399-0903



Dan & Rose Ann McDonald
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 Hurst, Texas 76053

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Meeting Location

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