



The New **Freedom Rider**

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This year has really blown by quickly. We've had great rides with great friends. As the outgoing president, I again want to thank all the officers and staff for their assistance and time. I would also like to encourage the membership to ride safe, ride often, and get involved.

Riding in the metroplex has its pros and cons. Whether you have been riding 2 days or twenty years, a rider needs to practice, practice, practice. There are safety courses listed in this newsletter. I highly suggest taking a course at least every other year. With that practice comes learned skills that can get you out of a "jam". If you are a HRCA member, the tuition is reimbursed.

While we are on safety, please remember to keep yourselves hydrated this summer. If you don't have a cup that you can drink while you are riding, make sure to drink plenty of water at each stop.

I completely understand being busy, however when you are absent from several rides you are sorely missed. Our membership is diverse.

We have young and old; new and experienced riders; slow and fast riders; and it benefits the club to have everyone present as much as possible.

Webster defines a volunteer as a person that undertakes some task or service of his/her own free will. Why not serve as an officer of the club? You love people, love to ride, and have a "want to spirit" even if you do not know how. It's true when people say, "You get out of it what you put in it!!" The third Thursday in August will be our nomination and election meeting. Please bring your HRCA cards and support our new officers and staff.

In conclusion, Lisa and I will still be a part of our club. We love you guys and enjoy riding with you. I'm really excited about the future of this club and I am anticipating the ideas of the new leaders. I am a proud member of the DFW Freedom riders and I pray God richly blesses each and every one of you.

Super Dave

MEETING MINUTES

7-21-2005
by Kevin Vardaman

Well, this month we had an excellent showing with 62 folks in attendance. Once again, let me remind everyone that any month we get 100 people to attend the monthly

meeting, D/FW Honda will buy dinner for each person who attends the following month's meeting. There are many members we haven't seen in a while and miss very much. We would love for you to show up and help us take advantage of D/FW's offer.

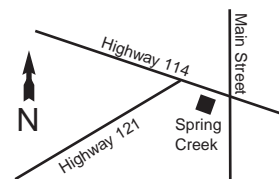
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August 2005 Meeting

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



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Meeting Minutes - Continued

The meeting was called to order by **'David 'Super Dave' Hurt** (President) who introduced our visitors; **Kathy Sherwin, Ryan Stokes (David Stokes' son), Larry Braun, and Brady Rawlison**. New members this month are **Donald Macleod, Gary and Sherry Littierre**. Let's all make these folks feel welcome!

Ken Frazer then discussed several upcoming rides and events:

- Texoma ABATE Dad's Party; Bells, TX Jul 22-24
- Honda Homecoming; Marysville Jul 29-30
- Howdy Rally; Tyler Sep 5

More information about these and other rides are on our website (www.dfwfreedomriders.org, and that of Motorcycle Events (www.motorcycleevents.com))

Next, **Kevin "Gorilla" Vardaman** made his monthly plea for folks to sign up to lead rides during the months of July and August, and this month, due to several folks stepping up to lead, we actually filled the sheet!

Rick Smith (Treasurer) gave the Treasurers report showing a club balance of \$1,070.32 from last month. This month's 50/50 pots were (\$25), (\$15) and (\$8.50).

David 'Super Dave' Hurt then reminded everyone that next month's will include the election of new officers for the coming year. Some items to remember are:

- Only current HRCA members may nominate & second nominations, and

vote (bring your cards)

· Existing officers may not serve consecutive terms in the same position

Next **David** announced that **Pam 'Skeeter' Vardaman** has completed her beginning rider class and PASSED! She also rode her new Blue and Black '05 Shadow Aero 750 to the meeting.

David then thanked everyone for the time they give to this club, the efforts of the officers and congratulated us all on a great year!

David concluded the meeting by expressing his thanks to the current officers and staff of the club, and a special thanks for those who have volunteered to lead and tailgun rides.

This month we continue to remember **Bobby Wilson, Pam Vardaman, Rhonna Smith** and others we haven't heard about or seen in a long while, as they deal with their challenges. Please remember all these members as you go through your month!

Have a joyous and prosperous month, and ride safe!



GUESS WHO???

Answer to July's member spotlight is **Scott Kendall!!!**

This month's spotlight member was born Jan 15, 1932 in Paris, Texas. Went to Polytechnic High School in Ft. Worth. Served in the Army; active for 2 years and reserve for 6 years.

Interesting fact; he has flown cargo and passengers over Africa. He was employed by Braniff International for 36 years. He married his wife on Sept. 7, 1991. His first bike was a Cush-

man. From there he moved up to a 1942 45 cubic inch Army Harley. Now he rides a 1990 Wing.

Do you have a guess???

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

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

Flower Mound - Motorcycle Safety Instruction - (972) 247-5011 - Marcus High School, 5707 Morriss Rd. Discount offered to DFW Freedom Riders. weridesafe.com

Fort Worth - Moto-Ed (817) 239-6686 - American Ironhorse Motorcycle Company, 4600 Blue Mound Rd. www.moto-ed.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. weridesafe.com

SAFETY PRIORITY #1

Practice Makes Perfect

by Robert Vaughan

Your skills are good. You ride every week. Last year you took the Basic Rider Course and this year you took the Experienced Rider Course. Turning around in the street, two-up, is a breeze. And you do your SIPDE so well, watching 12–15 seconds ahead, that you can't remember the last time you had to do an emergency braking or swerving maneuver.

But perhaps the problem is that you are so good at avoiding using emergency maneuvers that you're out of practice. If you ride properly, you don't get to practice some of your skills on the street. That doesn't mean you should let them deteriorate until the next time you take a rider course.

That's why they make parking lots. And you thought those painted yellow lines were just there to corral the cars. Their real purpose is to provide a marked area to practice so you can keep all your skills sharp—not just the ones you use every day. The same skills which degrade in a few months can be retuned in a few minutes of practice.

Quick stops are easy to practice on

FOR SALE OR TRADE

N41 Nolan O/F helmet large with J&M Headset \$225.00, **HJC-CL10 F/F helmet** small with J&M Headset \$250.00, **Set of the new Avon Venom-R tires** for 1800 \$300.00, **J&M Dyna Port clamp style head set** for F/F helmet \$125.00 **Robert Christopherson** 817-514-9084 **robertc26 @ charter.net** 7/05

Maps of Motorcycle Routes can be found at www.lonestarloops.com. They offer maps for self-guided day trips on the backroads where you will find interesting scenery, great roads with lots of twisties, places and people along the way. 6/05

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.

a good parking lot with a good surface. Bring your speed up to 15–20 mph, look at a distant object straight ahead, and squeeze the front brake while you press on the rear brake. You squeeze quickly, progressively and hard. Do not grab the front brake. If you keep the speed the same for several tries while you start braking at the same yellow line, you can measure your progress.

Now comes the fun part—swerving around an object. Recently, one study found that an expert rider could swerve as sharply on his Gold Wing as he could on a much smaller bike. You won't believe just how quickly you can swerve. Try swerving around an eight-foot wide obstruction (tennis balls cut in half) at 15 mph. Remember, do not brake or downshift while swerving.

Once you bring these two skills up to par, it's time to put them together. Quick stops on a curve require you to (1) straighten up before you (2) brake hard to stop. Let's look at that order again. First press on the handlebar near the outside of the curve. (If you're turning right, press left.) Press until the bike is completely vertical. Be sure to straighten the handlebars as the bike straightens up. Once you are straight, all your traction is available for stopping. Look at a distant object straight ahead, and quickly and progressively squeeze the front brake while you press on the rear brake.

You have just put two skills (swerving and stopping) together (but not too closely) to practice quick stops on a curve. Now you're ready to go out and face the world again, much better prepared than when you rode into that parking lot. You've tuned yourself up for another few months.

You Are Getting Very Sleepy...

by Robert Vaughan

It's our two archenemies, fatigue and drowsiness, talking to us again in

THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS



- 2 Cheryl Francis
- 2 Steve Ricker
- 3 Larry Mundy
- 5 James Weaver
- 6 Marti Waldrop
- 7 Doug Slusher
- 7 Jorge Varona
- 9 James Rogers
- 10 Nanc Christopherson
- 11 Bob Mann
- 13 Bill Fultz
- 13 Mike Sexton
- 17 Keith Goolsbee
- 20 Kristin Hurt
- 23 Benny Vaughn
- 25 Steve Ray
- 29 Carl Lee

their usual monotones. They are indeed powerful, but they can be beaten with a little knowledge and planning. Let's practice the old adage—know your enemy. What are fatigue and drowsiness?

Fatigue is a weakness or weariness resulting from physical exertion or prolonged stress. It can be both physical and mental. Drowsiness is a state of lowered consciousness, reduced alertness, and dulled perception.

Knowing what they are is only the first part. We also need to know what causes them and how to fight them. They usually occur in prolonged riding because of monotony, tight schedules, heavy traffic, or bad weather. After two to four hours of continuous riding, the central nervous system becomes fatigued, senses become dulled, and perception is lowered.

Highway hypnosis can sneak up on you. Highway hypnosis is the drowsiness caused by lack of visual and physical stimulation while riding. Several things contribute to it—straight, unvarying roads, riding alone at night, few riding operations and being surrounded by the monotonous

Safety Priority #1 - Continued

engine sound.

How can you fight these enemies? If you've had a hard day, physically or mentally, you need plenty of sleep before riding. Don't plan to start for Big Bend after work. Go home. Sleep. Leave the problems of work behind and get a fresh start in the morning. Plan the trip for no more than two hours of straight road at a stretch. Vary your speed, lane, and lane position. Listen to the radio, or better yet, talk on the CB or to your co-rider. Take rest breaks. They help to raise alertness levels.

Riding demands more attention and requires more skills than driving. You need that extra edge--not just when you start your trip, but always. A little planning can keep you sharp and safe for the whole trip.

CLUB LOGO SHIRTS

Starting this month, we will institute a new procedure for ordering shirts. We will only order one time per quarter, with advance notice given when the order is coming up. This will keep from only ordering one or two shirts at a time.

The next order will be placed on the first of September, so get your requests in now.

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.

First Impressions of the New Dunlop Elite 3 Tires

by **Dan McDonald**

After having ridden through at least six sets of Dunlop Elite II tires, I was anxious to try out the all new design Elite 3. While I have only about 500 miles on this set, and can't at this time report on tread mileage, I am very impressed with the handling, ride, and quiet of these tires. They are not as noisy as the Elite IIs and ride smoother. They do not have the tread line going down the center of the front tire like the IIs, so they ride over the grooves in pavement without the "wobble" of the IIs. They are a class C load rating, which is a heavier load rating than the IIs.

They are available in a bias ply construction for the GL1500 and radial construction for the GL1800.

Time will tell about tread wear, but they are supposed to be equivalent to the Elite IIs for the GL1500 and a 10-15% increase for the GL1800 version.



New tread pattern for the bias ply GL1500 tire, which is similar to the GL1800 radial tread.

Thought for the Month

Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Trikes & Bikes "HOWDY" RALLY

September 2-4, 2005
Tyler, Texas

Don't Labor on Labor Day Come Join the Fun

For additional information call 817-485-1903 or visit:

www.southerncentraltrikers.com

ADVANCE REGISTRATION \$25 per person

ONSITE REGISTRATION \$30 per person

DAY PASS \$15 per person

Hospitality Room - Ice Cream Social - Rally Pin (first 300) - Door Prizes & Seminars Trike & Bike Games - Trike & Bike Show - Discounts to local attractions and Great Vendors. 50/25/25 Daily, Mystery Tour (Poker Run) - (Purchase on Site)

HOST HOTEL Holiday Inn Select, 5701 South Broadway, Tyler, Texas 75703, 1-903-561-5800 Special Rally Rate \$69.00

CAMPING Tyler State Park, 789 Park Road 16, Tyler, Texas 75706, 1-903-597-5338

NEW MEMBER

I would like to welcome our new member for the past month; **Don Macleod** from Bedford.

Everyone is looking forward to meeting you personally.

BE THERE - DO THAT

SHORT LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 19 - Sonic Bike Night

Aug 19 - Next Full Moon Ride

Sep 1 - Next Shirt Order

Sep 2-4 - Howdy Rally - Tyler

2005 MAJOR RALLY SCHEDULE

Date	City	Event	For Information
Aug 8-14	Sturgis, SD	Sturgis Bike Week	www.sturgisrally.net
Sep 14-18	Ruidoso, NM	Golden Aspen	www.motorcyclerrally.com/
Oct 19-23	Hatfield, AR	CMA Colors Rally	www.cmausa.org
Oct 20-23	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

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

Grapevine Sonic, West of Main on Northwest Hwy

GWRRRA U-2 - 4th Friday - 7-9 pm

Grapevine Sonic, West of Main on Northwest Hwy



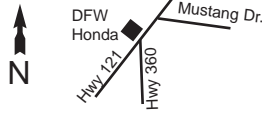
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7:00PM CMA FISHERMEN MEETING	3	4 7:00PM Dinner Ride Filly's	5	6 8:00AM SATURDAY RIDE
7	8	9	10	11 7:00PM Dinner Ride Angelo's	12 7:00PM - CCFW & SOUTHERN CRUISE- RS BIKE NIGHT - PRECINCT LINE ROAD IN HURST	13 8:00AM SATURDAY RIDE
STURGIS BIKE WEEK - STURGIS, SD						
14	15	16	17	18 7:00PM DFWFR MEETING	19 7:00PM - DFWFR GRAPEVINE SONIC BIKE NITE	20 8:00AM SATURDAY RIDE 9:00AM GWRRRA U-2 MEETING
STURGIS BIKE WEEK						
21	22	23	24	25 7:00PM Dinner Ride Babe's or leader's choice	26 7:00PM - GWRRRA U2 GRAPEVINE SONIC BIKE NITE	27 8:00AM SATURDAY RIDE
28	29	30	31 7:00PM GWTA CHAPTER B MEETING	1 7:00PM Dinner Ride	2	3 8:00AM SATURDAY RIDE
TRIKES & BIKES HOWDY RALLY -- TYLER, TX						
4	5	6 7:00PM CMA FISHERMEN MEETING	7	8 7:00PM Dinner Ride	9 7:00PM - CCFW & SOUTHERN CRUISE- RS BIKE NIGHT - PRECINCT LINE ROAD IN HURST	10 8:00AM SATURDAY RIDE
HOWDY RALLY						

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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Chapter #364

Rider's Club of America™

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.

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Coupons cannot be combined with any other coupon or offer.

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Gold Wing Touring Association (GWTA)
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Meeting Location

This month's meeting will be at
 Spring Creek Barbecue