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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Whew!!! December went by quickly. A note of thanks to DFW Honda for hosting our December meeting. We enjoyed the food, fellowship, and freebies. I hope everyone got a chance to participate in a toy run. It warms my heart to see the expressions on the children's faces when they receive a present. I pray that we were all able to visit with family and friends during the Christmas Season. Goodbye 2004 and Hello 2005!!!!!!

We start with a clean slate (right?) Any resolution makers? I am, but I know plenty of friends that say, "Heck No!" I've been off the snuff for weeks now and have been going to the gym several times a week. Let's see how long I make it. With our motto of "We ride to eat" maybe we need to start a "fitness run". Just kiddin', Anyone for Krispy Kremes?

The new year brings new possibilities and opportunities for us all. I've really never been into the numbers game, however, I really enjoy riding with the DFW Freedom Riders and have been known to advertise in some unique ways. IE: having Lisa lean out the car window to give some info to a couple on a wing at a signal light. Mingling through the bikes and vendors at the Int'l Motorcycle Show and

handing out newsletters. Lisa calls it "My Zone" I enjoy being in my zone because I love to talk about riding motorcycles and the friendships that we have in the club. We have some really cool people to get to know. Why would you not want to share that experience with others? Simply put, that is my request. Invite your friends to ride with us.

I would also like to put out an open invitation to the friends that haven't ridden with us for a while. I was introduced to you from 1998 and shortly after. You were the ones that I look to for answers on group rides when Lisa and I were new to the club. We shared a table and conversation over a dessert on a full moon ride. I watched you to see how to lead or tailgun a group. We've ridden hundred of miles together. I liked what I saw and wanted to be a part of that. I miss that a lot. I understand busy-ness, hectic schedules, and responsibilities. If you have the opportunity, please consider riding with us again.

Whatever your schedule allows I hope to see all of you on our Thursday and/or Saturday rides. The January Meeting is back at Spring Creek BBQ this month. Come be a part and experience the fun we have being **DFW Freedom Riders!!!!!!**
God Bless!!!

Super Dave

MEETING MINUTES

12-16-2004

by Kevin Vardaman

The meeting was called to order by the 'Super Dave' (President), who began by welcoming our visitors; **Scott & Connie Kendall**, and **Daryl**.

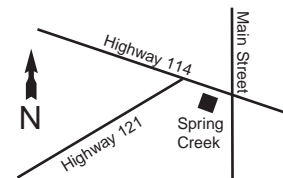
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January 2005 Meeting

Thursday January 20, 7:00 pm
at **Spring Creek Barbecue**
315 Highway 114 West @ Main, Grapevine
(817) 416-6250



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He then thanked DFW Honda for their wonderful generosity for allowing us to hold this month's meeting at the shop, and providing the food, drink, and several speakers!

When then heard a short message from **David Dendy** of DFW Honda, who outlined their recommitment to the club, its future, and helping to make it a bigger, more diverse organization. We of course loved this idea! He then drew our attention to "Bart's Masterpiece" proudly on display by the parts counter; a dressed out 30th anniversary, Silver Goldwing. Great job Bart! David, on behalf of DFW Honda, also offered up several door prizes; seven shirts, two cans of spray polish, a Super Brace hat, and two Sport Shirts.

Ken (Vice-President) then discussed several of our most recent rides. These included the Thanksgiving ride to the Cotton Patch, culminating in dessert at the **Hurt's** residence. The Corsicana ride ended up being very windy but those who went enjoyed a great meal at a restaurant recommended by **Ed and Peggy Majors**. Of course we can not forget the glorious Christmas Light ride led by **Lt. Dan**, which started off by visiting the Gaylord Texan (over a million lights) and ending at the McDonald's for dessert, tours of the new addition, visiting with each other, meeting the dogs, did I mention dessert, and **Ro's** Santa collection!

Ken also reminded us that Sonic Bike Night was the next evening, the Big Texas Toy Run being led by **Mitch Mitchell**, the Polar Bear ride

being led by **'Lt. Dan'** on January 1st and ending with a carry in dinner at the McDonald's (rain or shine).

Ken also reminded us of the club shirts and nametags available for purchase. There are two styles of shirts and multiple colors. Review the website (www.dfwfreedomriders.org) for more information and pricing.

'Gorilla' (Secretary) then discussed the new rotating dinner ride list of restaurants, and the schedule. Each dinner ride has a scheduled location planned in advance, with the last Thursday of the month being 'Leaders Choice'. On that Thursday, the leader may go to the scheduled location, or pick one of their own. **Kevin** forwarded a copy of the list and schedule for everyone to review, as well as emailed it to the entire membership later. Also discussed and routed around where the latest sign up for ride leaders (Dec/Jan), and the Polar Bear Ride Dish sign up.

Rick (Treasurer), provided the membership with the current state of club finances. After a donation of \$6.50 to the club, and the November 50/50 proceeds of \$28.50, the December balance was \$658.50. He then drew for the 50/50 pots, with **Bobby** winning \$24, and **David Stokes** taking home \$20; congratulations guys!

'Super Dave' then talked a little bit about the importance of taking a rider safety course, as well as reminding us of a few group riding "Do's":

- Ride Staggered, unless Single File has been called, leaving 2 seconds between you and the bike directly in line in front of you.

- At stops, bunch up into a 'parade' formation, and then proceed across the intersection in parade style; this speeds us getting through and lessens the chance of others getting mixed

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

We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors....but they all exist very nicely in the same box. *Author unknown*

Meeting Minutes - Continued

into the group.

· Always perform your own 'head checks' when changing lanes or turning; regardless of what the group leader or tail gun and communicated on the radio.

· Single file may be called for from time to time, denoted by a single finger raised in the air by riders in front of you.

'**Super Dave**' then introduced us to the New Tucker Rocky reps (**Terry and Brent**) who gave us an overview of their business. Did you know they are probably the largest supplier of clothing and accessories for bikes? We now also know, they have 8 warehouses around the country, with over 200 sales reps, and are based out of Alliance Airport. Tucker Rocky is also the supplier of all Honda line clothing sold in the U.S. They gave us demonstrations of the several of the First Gear and Kilimanjaro Air product features; VERY interesting!

DFW Honda's own **Pat Brown** talked about pre-ride safety. Things you should do before every ride; check for fluids leaks, check tire pressure, check chain play, check hi/low beams, check signals and lights, etc. He then discussed points to remember for safe riding in traffic, or like he calls it; 'dodge car'. Since we are much smaller, we are invisible, so we need to be in control of our bikes and the situation, at all times. We do this by remembering we are a smaller target, we can go places to avoid trouble that others cannot, we can accelerate out of danger much more quickly, or stop to avoid trouble more quickly. To be effective we must always use our mirrors, routinely practice panic stops and clutching, relax, watch your 'opponents' wheels not their eyes, and when stopped, place ourselves in the lane in a way to give us the best avenue of escape. He also reinforced that everyone should take the Advanced Rider course once every couple years and to wear the right

gear for the weather. If you're not properly attired and comfortable, then you are distracted which is not a good thing!

DFW Honda's **Billy Orr**, Goldwing Technician, talked about 'easier' methods of swapping out our own headlight bulbs in the GL1800, without bringing it into the shop. The Low Beams can be done by reaching in front of the handlebars (probably requires the co-rider's arms to get in there), and the High Beams can be reached by removing the corresponding fairing pocket and then reaching in. He then reminded everyone that the CD/CB equipment on your bikes is not covered under the Honda extended warranty, so if you're having problems, bring it in before the basic warranty expires.

Billy then discussed proper inflation pressure on the OEM Dunlop tires for the GL1800. While Honda recommends a lower inflation to help with the ride of the bike, Dunlop actually recommends a higher pressure to help with the wear and reduce cupping inherent in those tires. Each bike's weight is different so check directly with Billy or a Dunlop rep. He also touched on the new Elite III tires from Dunlop, which are supposed to address the low tire life of the GL1800 OEM tire, and eliminate the 'cupping' problem.

Billy also reminded us that when we've been working on our bikes and had the battery disconnected, that when we first start the bike, we need to let it run at least 90 seconds (Honda's recommendation), and up to three minutes (Billy's recommendation), without touching the throttle to let the ECM re-initialize.

'**Super Dave**' then again thanked DFW Honda for their hospitality and generosity, and closed the meeting.

How Good Were You?

David Sayre was good enough this year that his wife **Jeannie** presented him with a surprise 2005

THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS



| | |
|----|-----------------|
| 3 | Kelly Bowyer |
| 3 | Melody Sims |
| 7 | Lee Hickey |
| 9 | Caron Jean |
| 15 | Chris Kyer |
| 15 | Bob Nolden |
| 16 | Marlene Butz |
| 16 | Rick Landers |
| 17 | Joe Griffith |
| 17 | Simone Nowell |
| 18 | Charles Caffey |
| 18 | Pam Vardaman |
| 19 | Paula Lawrence |
| 19 | Dennis Setinsek |
| 20 | Don McConaghie |
| 21 | Steve Hedgpath |
| 22 | Carol Warren |
| 24 | Gwen Richardson |
| 24 | Terry Skodack |
| 27 | Dee Starnes |
| 31 | Rhonna Smith |

Goldwing for Christmas. This was much wanted after they had rented one for the trip to Mena, Arkansas back in October. Way to Go **Jeannie and Dave!**



Christmas Light Ride

We gathered together at Fuddrucker's on a picture perfect winter evening for food, fun and a light ride. After stuffing ourselves thoroughly on burgers, salads and such, fifteen bikes and four 4-wheelers set off on a tour of the neighborhoods. Our first foray was through the Brookside addition in Bedford, which is always decorated in a storybook theme. Then, it was on to the Gaylord Texan for a drive through tour of their one million plus lights. If you missed this one this year, be sure to catch it next. From there it was on to Southlake Town Center, Timarron, and North Richland Hills Town Square to take in the sights. We finished the night off with desserts and snacks and everyone left with both their Christmas Sprits lifted and their tummies full!



FOR SALE OR TRADE

1990 Gold Wing SE with 42,000 miles, pearl white, tires good, \$6,500 call **John Etchison** 817-468-2212 1/05

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** 12/04

"Bananas & Balloons" - 307 page book - is an ideal gift for birthdays, special days, when you can't ride due to inclement weather or just want some R&R time. True motorcycling adventures, from a lady rider's perspective. From cover to cover, you'll be inspired by events and situations Hilda Hatter faced crisscrossing USA soil in all types of weather and road conditions. Go to <http://bananasand-balloons.homestead.com/index.html> for ordering instructions or call (214) 330-4420, Dallas, TX. 1/05

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

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.

2005 RALLY SCHEDULE

| Date | City | Event | For Information |
|------------|--------------------|-------------------|--|
| Mar 4-13 | Daytona Beach, FL | Daytona Bike Week | www.officialbikeweek.com/ |
| April 1-10 | Scottsdale, AZ | Arizona Bike Week | www.azbikeweek.com |
| May 19-22 | Ruidoso, NM | AspenCash | www.motorcyclerrally.com/ |
| Jun 2-5 | Austin, TX | Republic of Texas | www.rotrally.com |
| Jun 6-11 | Lake George, NY | Americade | www.tourexpo.com/ |
| Jun 11-18 | Los Angeles, CA | Mother Road Rally | www.hhjm.com/rally |
| Jun 21-25 | Ogden, UT | CMA West Rally | www.cmausa.org |
| Jun 22-25 | Knoxville, TN | Honda Hoot | www.hondahoot.com |
| Jul 4-7 | Fort Wayne, IN | GWRRR Wing Ding | www.gwrra.org/wingding |
| Jul 18-21 | Grand Junction, CO | GWTA Gold Rush | www.gwta.org |
| Jul 19-23 | Otisville, MI | CMA East Rally | www.cmausa.org |
| Jul 28-30 | Marysville, OH | Honda Homecoming | www.ohio.honda.com |
| 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 |

NEW MEMBERS

I would like to welcome our new members for the past month; **Steve & Sandy Barrett** from Watauga, **Jim & Lynne Cunningham** from Hurst, **Scott Kendall** from Grand Prairie, **John & Susan Lenheiser** from North Richland Hills, and **Darrell Prichard** from Coppell. Everyone is looking forward to meeting you personally.

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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CB CHANNEL 39**



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



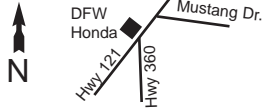
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1  FREEDOM RIDER POLAR BEAR RUN |
| 2 | 3 | 4 7:00PM CMA FISHERMEN MEETING | 5 | 6 7:00PM Dinner Ride Angelo's | 7 | 8 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 7:00PM Dinner Ride Babe's | 14  7:00PM - CCFW & SOUTHERN CRUI- SERS BIKE NIGHT - PRECINCT LINE ROAD IN HURST | 15 9:00AM GWRRA U-2 MEETING 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 7:00PM DFWFR MEETING | 21  7:00PM - DFWFR GRAPEVINE SONIC BIKE NITE | 22 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 7:00PM GWTA CHAPTER B MEETING | 27 7:00PM Dinner Ride Nut House or Leader's Choice | 28  7:00PM - GWRRA U2 GRAPEVINE SONIC BIKE NITE | 29 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE |
| 30 | 31 | 1 7:00PM CMA FISHERMEN MEETING | 2 | 3 7:00PM Dinner Ride Feed Store | 4 | 5 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE |

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

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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| <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 January 2005.</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 January 2005.</small></p> |
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Coupons cannot be combined with any other coupon or offer.

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 JJ Jean - jjean99999@msn.com - (972) 255-4525

Gold Wing Touring Association (GWTA)
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Meeting Location

This month's meeting will be at
 Spring Creek Barbecue