



# The New **Freedom Rider**

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## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

As a number of you know, I recently completed a tour of "The Great Southwest," similar to the one **Mike Brown, David Hurt, Ed Majors** and **Dan McDonald** just completed. For me, it was almost entirely new since I've never been to any of the states I visited by motorcycle, and only one of them by car. What I got out of this trip, besides some great riding and time off from work, was a vast appreciation, no, make that awe, for the great country we live in.

The roads and scenery in Colorado were unbelievable. Then I got to Utah. It was totally different scenery but just as awesome in its own way. The same was true for Arizona and New Mexico. All of my travels in the past have been through the mid-west and a few of the eastern states. They also have their own charm and splendor and some additional great, though different, riding..

The depth and variety of scenery and land formations in this country is something that has to be seen to believe. I can't think of a better way to experience it than from the seat of a motorcycle. On the bike, you actually experience the landscape around

you. You have the feel of the wind and the smells of the countryside. If at all possible, find a friend (or two) and find a way to travel on your bikes through parts of this country you've never seen before. It is truly a joyful thing that only we bikers can experience.

As the holiday season approaches, people tend to get busy. Holiday planning and shopping fill our minds. Holiday parties become a recurring theme. Please be careful as you're out there in your car or bike. I want to see ALL of you safe and healthy throughout the holiday season and into the new year.

Along with the holiday season are a number of events oriented around this time of year. First on the calendar is the International Motorcycle Show, a great place to check out the new models and buy more accessories. Next up will be the annual Christmas party at the DFW Honda dealership and of course the toy rides. Following this will be the Progressive Dinner and Christmas Light Ride. I look forward to seeing many of you at one or more of these events.

Ride Safe!

**Ken**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**10-20-2005**

**by Dan McDonald**

**WOW!!** President **Ken Frazer** called the meeting to order and wel-

comed the **76** members and guests present. Among the guests were, **Jeff Libby, Rachel, and Betty Libby** with **Bob & Betty Mann; Cora, Shaun, Ashton, Jessica and Emily** with **Charlie & Linda Brock; Archie & Betty Beasley, Charlie Wetzel, Jim Cox; and Tony, Barry, Chris, Aubrey, Bart, Chris, Pat & Charles** from DFW Honda.

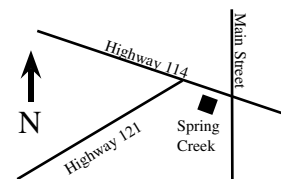
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### **November 2005 Meeting**

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



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### Meeting Minutes - Continued

Vice President **Kevin Vardaman** discussed upcoming rides, including the Arlington Police Association Santa Cops Poker Run on Oct 22nd, The Lone Star Rally in Galveston on Nov 3rd, the International Motorcycle Show in Fort Worth on Nov 5th, Santa Cops Toy Run on Dec 3rd, Lewisville Parks Toy Run on Dec 3rd, GWRRA Toy Run on Dec 10th, and the Big Texas Toy Run on Dec 18th. **Kevin** also reminded everyone that the Saturday rides are now leaving from DFW Honda at 10am, and that the next evening, the 21st, is Sonic Bike Night in Grapevine.

**Dan McDonald** discussed the upcoming Fall Colors Ride to Jefferson on Nov 11-13, and plans for a Progressive Dinner Ride. A tentative date for the progressive dinner ride was discussed for Nov. 20th. (Editor's Note: See article on Page 4 for an update and a date change.)

**David Dendy** discussed the new Honda models for 2006, and has offered to give away fifty (50) certificates for free labor on oil changes at the November meeting.

**Bob Nolden** gave an update on **Rich Deiss'** condition. He is out of the Denver hospital and is now off oxygen, but still having some medication problems. Everyone wishes him well in his recovery.

Treasurer **Mike Brown** presented the club financial report, with a current balance of \$1157.82. He also conducted a 50/50 drawing with **David Hurt**, **Tim Wallace**, and **Toby Burgess** winning.

A speed round of drawings was

conducted with DFW Honda giving away cleaning supplies, hats, and some other goodies. Certificates were given away for over 50 very nice quality, long sleeved Tee Shirts. Then, everyone who had not won something received the extra Tee Shirts. See what you missed by not being there. EVERYONE walked away a winner this night.

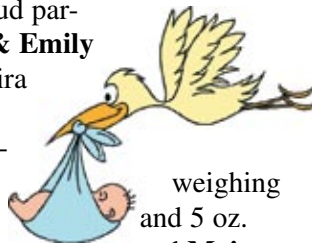
A great round of appreciation was extended to **Mark Lamb** and **David Dendy** of DFW Honda for their generous and continuing support of this group.

The meeting was adjourned and everyone stayed around and socialized for a period of time.

### New Members

Welcome to our new members for the month; **Bill Hartmann** from Hurst and **Mark, Ginger, & Christina Harris** of Bedford. We look forward to many miles of riding with you all.

A special welcome for our very newest "member" **Moira Faith-Marie Baggett**, proud parents **Aaron & Emily Baggett**. **Moira** reported for duty on October 26th, weighing in at 8lbs. and 5 oz. Both **Emily** and **Moira** are doing well. Keep **Aaron** in your thoughts as he is being deployed to Afghanistan and Pakistan shortly following the birth of their daughter.



### SAFETY PRIORITY #1 Dumping a Bike is No Sin by James R. Davis

I have a suspicion that many here think that dumping a bike is to be avoided at all costs. That dumping a bike is extremely dangerous. That experienced riders simply don't do such a thing.

Nonsense! I do not know anybody who has a few years of experience on two-wheels who has failed to dump their bike, or who will not sooner or

later do so.

To dump a bike should be an embarrassment, and is the stuff we kid each other about, but it need not be dangerous.

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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)

**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

**Flower Mound** - Motorcycle Safety Instruction - (972) 247-5011 - Marcus High School, 5707 Morris Rd. Discount offered to DFW Freedom Riders. [www.veridesafe.com](http://www.veridesafe.com)

**Fort Worth** - Moto-Ed (817) 239-6686 - American Ironhorse Motorcycle Company, 4600 Blue Mound Rd. [www.moto-ed.com](http://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](http://www.texasrider.com)

**Lancaster** - A+ rider Course 1-800-410-4549 - Cedar Valley College, Lancaster, Tx. - [www.aplusrider.com](http://www.aplusrider.com)

**Southlake** - Motorcycle Safety Instruction - (972) 247-5011 - Dragon Stadium, 1085 S. Kimball Ave. Discount offered to DFW Freedom Riders. [www.veridesafe.com](http://www.veridesafe.com)

### Safety Priority #1 - Continued

After a very long ride, I have seen very experienced people stop, get off their bikes and start to walk away from them - without having put their side stands down. I have seen people mount a bike that was parked on a right-biased slope and have the bike fall over to the right as a result. I have seen loose gravel cause a foot to slip away and the bike lay down before an eye could blink. But in virtually every case, there was neither damage to the bike nor to the rider.

It is no sin to dump a bike, but it is stupid and dangerous to end up under that bike!

The VERY FIRST riding lesson I give a person who is moving up to a larger bike is how to dump it. If they are not yet riding a big bike, I let them learn this lesson using my GoldWing.

I have them take the bike onto a grassy area with relatively firm ground and, with the engine turned off, I have them lean the bike slowly over to the left. I have explained

before we do any of this that what I want them to learn is that there comes a point in leaning the bike where the center of gravity of the bike will move past the side of their tank and that most of the weight of the bike will be on their 'down' leg. That at this point NOBODY can hold up a GoldWing and that to try to do so can result in injury! That they are to decide for themselves when they have reached that point and then to STOP TRYING TO HOLD UP THE BIKE. They are to let go of the lower grip, QUICKLY step on the high peg and step as wide away from the bike as possible with their 'down' leg as the bike lays down.

If they do this correctly they will find that they remain standing, one foot on the ground, the other on the high peg, with the bike between their legs on its side.

It usually takes no more than two tries to get this right - the first try usually finds them landing on their hands. (If they do, I remind them that they might want to let go of the lower grip before it pulls them to the ground. But by the second time they get the idea that they have to let go of the lower grip, shift their weight VERY FAST to the high peg and step away with the other leg. This 'move' tends not to be forgotten long after it is learned.

With the bike down, they then observe, at least for Wings, that it usually does not even leave its wheels because of the engine and saddlebag guards, and that neither is there damage to the bike. This goes a long way towards increasing confidence.

The next part, of course, is how to pick up a 900 pound bike.

The smaller the angle of lean (relative to vertical), the easier it is to make that angle still smaller. In other words, it is the first inch or so of movement that is the hardest. So, the very first thing you should do is try to get the lean angle to be as small as possible. If you are on an incline, for example, twist the bike until its tires are facing downhill.

If the bike happens to be on its left

## THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS



4	Terry Morgan
5	Teresa Mulkey
8	Keith Johannessen
11	David Cothren
11	Tom Grezeszak
11	Ida Schoonover
12	Troy Rice
14	Linda Foster
14	Sonia Wilson
17	Donald Macleod
17	David Meadows
19	Richard Hoffman
19	Louis Morris
20	Kelly Wilhelmi
21	Robert Christopherson
27	Greg Cox
27	Ken Frazer
28	Olmedo Aguilar
29	David Patton
30	Deloris Capps

side, you should check that the side stand is up, if possible. If it is on its right side, you MUST make sure the side stand is down (before you pick up the bike!.)

If possible, insure that the bike is in a low gear or, in the case of some GoldWings, in reverse, so that there is minimal chance of the bike rolling when you get it back on its wheels.

Next, you are going to plant your butt (not your hip) on the seat. So, face away from the motorcycle and lean against the seat such that the top half of your cheeks are above your contact with the seat and the bottom half are pressed solidly against the seat. Your feet should be spread no wider than your shoulder width and planted FIRMLY (you are wearing RUBBER SOLED boots, right?) on the ground away from the bike by about three feet.

### Thought for the Month

Strangers are just friends waiting to happen. *Author Unknown*

## FOR SALE OR TRADE

### Four Wheelers for Sale

**Two 2003 TRX 250 EXs**, Great Condition. 1.5 years of extended warranty left. Full service just completed and ready to ride. \$ 3,795.00 each / Friends Price \$ 2900

**One 2005 TRX 90**. New Demo Model, ridden once. As New with an extra year warranty \$2795.00 Friends Price 2400. No Taxes. No Freight. No Make Ready. Contact **David Dendy** at DFW Honda, or 214-808-8797 10/05

### QWIK-KAMP CAMPER TRAILER COMPLETE

Very good overall condition. Recent heavy duty upgrades and additions, along with numerous factory and personal options makes this camper a pleasure to own. \$2000.00 Inquire for details. **Bob & Betty Mann** - 940-479-0394 bbmann@webtv.net 11/05

**Black T Bag back seat travel bag** for cruisers. Includes top roller bag also. Original T100 model. \$50.00.

**Black Marsee expandable magnetic mount tank bag** and map holder. \$20.00.

**Blue nylon travel cover** for medium to large cruiser. \$15.00.

**Red garage cover** for medium to large cruiser \$20.00.

All items in excellent condition.

**Ken Frazer** 972-393-0776 11/05

To add or remove items for sale or trade, contact Dan McDonald by e-mail at newsletter@dfwfreedomriders.org, or by the phone number listed on page 2. Items will be removed after two months, unless renewed.

### **Safety Priority #1 - Continued**

Now you need to grasp your motorcycle with your hands on both sides of your body. You need to hold onto firm structures, but because you should not be doing anything with your hands other than guiding and possibly a little lifting when you start, they can be parts of your fairing, a firmly mounted part of your backrest, a passenger handrail, under your seat, or handlebar. What you hold is not very important except that it is firmly attached (no give) and is conveniently located.

Now simply walk backwards as you PUSH against the seat. (I remind you that if the bike has a lean angle of 45 degrees or more you must also LIFT - be careful!)

As you approach vertical the vast majority of the bike's weight will be on the tires. Proceed slowly so as to prevent going too far and causing it to fall over on its other side. Once vertical, still facing away from the motorcycle, fish for the side stand with your left foot and bring it down. Then just let the bike lean over onto the stand.

If the bike had been on its right side when you started you already made sure that the side stand was down. So, in this case you simply ease the bike past vertical and let it come to rest on that side stand. Please note that if you are on an incline, my earlier instruction had you twist the bike such that the wheels face down slope. In this case you will need to be VERY careful about how fast you let the bike go past vertical, or you may find yourself having to pick it up again.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Fall Colors Ride**

**November 11-13, 2005**

We will be leaving from DFW Honda for Jefferson on Friday November 11th at 9:30am. This is a slight change in departure time, as I had previously said 10am. This will give us time for a leisurely ride to the Dairy Palace in Canton for lunch, then on to Jefferson by mid afternoon.

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## **Cycle Club of Fort Worth Annual Turkey Run**

**November 20**

The CCFW is holding their annual Turkey Run. For more information, contact LC Gilstrap (817)284-7204

## **DFW Honda Party**

**Friday December 2, 7:00pm**

Join us for the annual DFW Honda customer appreciation night with food, fun and prizes. Festivities will start at 7:00pm. The food will be catered by Anna Mia's this year.

## **2005 Toy Runs\***

December 2005

- 3 - Santa Cops Mesquite \*\*
- 3 - Lewisville Parks & Leisure
- 4 - Wise County Toy Run
- 4 - Johnson County Toy Run
- 4 - For the Kids - Denison
- 10 - GWRRA North Texas Toy Run
- 11 - Ellis County Toy Run
- 18 - Big Texas Toy Run

Dallas & Fort Worth

\*\*There will be a group ride from DFW Honda at 9am to the Mesquite Santa Cops Toy Run for anyone that wants to go. The admission is a new, unwrapped toy, or \$10.

\*If you are aware of other toy runs, please let the editor know.

## **Progressive Dinner and Christmas Light Ride**

**Sunday Dec 11th**

This year we are trying something new. We will combine the Progressive Dinner Ride with the annual Christmas Light Ride on Sunday, December 11th. This date will allow for fewer conflicts than the weekend before Thanksgiving and will add an extra twist to the Progressive Dinner.

We will have Appetizers and Salads at one or two homes, then go to the Christopherson's for a main course. After the main course, we will take a Christmas Light Ride, then wind up at **Ken & Julie Frazer's** home for Dessert.

The club is providing the meats,

and you can sign up to bring a side dish. We will have a sign up sheet at the November meeting for Appetizers, Salads, Side Dishes, and Desserts.

The ride will leave from the Chevron/ McDonald's in Grapevine at 2:00pm for the first location and should wind up around 9:00pm. This will be a rain or shine event. If the weather doesn't cooperate, then come in four wheelers.

## **Annual Polar Bear Ride January 1, 2006**

New Year's Day is time for our annual Polar Bear Ride, which last year was more of a Grizzly Bear Ride, since it was so warm.

We will leave from the Chevron / McDonald's in Grapevine at a time to be determined and go for a ride. We will wind up at the McDonald's home for a late lunch or early dinner of Stews, ham, Blackeyed Peas, and other side dishes.

Sign up to bring a salad, side dish or dessert. We will be supplying the main stuff. There will be a sign up sheet at the next two meetings.

This will also be a rain or shine event, with four wheelers as emergency backup.

## **BE THERE - DO THAT SHORT LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Nov 4-6** - Int'l Motorcycle Show

**Nov 11-13** - Fall Colors Ride

**Nov 17** - DFWFR Meeting

**Nov 18** - Sonic Bike Night

**Nov 20** - CCFW Turkey Run

**Dec 2** - DFW Honda Party

**Dec 3** - Santa Cops Toy Run

**Dec 3** - Lewisville Toy Run

**Dec 4** - Wise County Toy Run

**Dec 4** - Johnson County Toy Run

**Dec 10** - GWRRA Toy Run

**Dec 11** - Progressive Dinner and  
Christmas Light Ride

**Dec 11** - Ellis County Toy Run

**Dec 18** - Big Texas Toy Run - DFW

# WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

## Monthly Calendar of Events



### Sonic Bike Nights

Cycle Club of Fort Worth - 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

### 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.

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### 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.

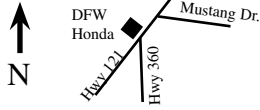
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00PM CMA FISHERMEN MEETING	2	3 7:00PM Dinner Ride	4	5 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE  SPECIAL RIDE TO THE MC SHOW. IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR 10AM RIDE  INTERNATIONAL M/C SHOW - FORT WORTH
6  INTERNATIONAL M/C SHOW - FORT WORTH	7	8	9	10 7:00PM Dinner Ride	11 SONIC 7:00PM - CCFW SONIC BIKE NIGHT PRECINCT LINE ROAD IN HURST	12 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE  JEFFERSON TEXAS FALL COLORS TRIP
13  JEFFERSON TEXAS FALL COLORS TRIP	14	15	16	17 7:00PM DFWFR MEETING	18 SONIC 7:00PM - DFWFR GRAPEVINE SONIC BIKE NITE	19 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE 9:00AM GWRRA U-2 MEETING
20  CYCLE CLUB OF FORT WORTH ANNUAL TURKEY RUN	21	22	23	24 THANKSGIVING DAY NO DINNER RIDE	25 SONIC 7:00PM - GWRRA U2 GRAPEVINE SONIC BIKE NITE	26 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE
27	28	29	30 7:00PM GWTA CHAPTER B MEETING	1 7:00PM Dinner Ride	2 7:00PM - DFW HONDA CUSTOMER APPRECIATION NIGHT	3 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE  MESQUITE SANTA COPS TOY RUN GROUP LEAVING DFW HONDA AT 9AM
4  WISE COUNTY TOY RUN, DECATUR  JOHNSON COUNTY TOY RUN	5	6 7:00PM CMA FISHERMEN MEETING	7	8 7:00PM Dinner Ride	9 SONIC 7:00PM - CCFW SONIC BIKE NIGHT PRECINCT LINE ROAD IN HURST	10 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE  NORTH TEXAS GWRRA TOY RUN

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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**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.  
**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> (817) 421-4663</p> <p><small>Coupon must be presented prior to purchase.        Coupon expires end of November 2005.</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> (817) 421-4663</p> <p><small>Coupon must be presented prior to service.        Coupon expires end of November 2005.</small></p>
<small>Coupons cannot be combined with any other coupon or offer.</small>	

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 Bill Fultz - reddog13@sbcglobal.net - (817) 283-5622

**Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA)**  
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**Meeting Location**

This month's meeting will be at  
 Spring Creek Barbecue