



# The New **Freedom Rider**

## DFW Honda Freedom Riders Motorcycle Club

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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well, where to start? We had another outstanding meeting in October. Good food and friends make it a nice night out whether you ride your bike or not. I think our head count was around the mid-50s. We talked in generalities about a lot of different happenings. That seems like about all we have time for, since there is so much going on. We had some good prizes and happy winners.

If you're like me, you have a lot on your personal plate anyway, so Freedom Rider activities are powerful competition for your time. So, thanks to everyone for cutting a slice of your time to make it to the meetings and other activities.

Speaking of activities, here we go. November 10, 11 and 12 is the Fall Colors Ride to Jefferson. We will leave from DFW Honda at 9:30 am on Friday morning. We'll stop for lunch again this year at a great burger place, the Dairy Palace in Canton. Then it's on to Jefferson through some of those piney woods.

When I first started planning this trip I considered trying to go somewhere else. Since we have a lot of new folks, and it was such a good

trip last fall, I recalled my law school research class. We were advised to "let someone else do the research." In other words, sometimes it's okay to do what others have already done. The idea being to build on it and find new things to look at. I took that easy way out and decided another trip to Jefferson, doing some (most) of the same things we did last year, would be okay. It's mainly because I had such a fun time there last year that I think we'll have a repeat of that, and secondly because it's really the first trip I've planned. I don't want to "surprise" anyone with a lackluster location and activities. I promise next time I plan a trip I will make it new and different.

To all the folks out there who haven't been to any club rides, meetings etc. in a while (for whatever reason), here's a special invitation to you, asking you to try to make it on the Jefferson trip. I know you still read the newsletter and keep up with what's going on, so just come on out to a ride or the next meeting. A lot of your friends would love to see you. We're long since passed the cutoff for the reserved rooms, but it's a big hotel and not the only one in town. So try to make it to Jefferson, and if not, come out and see us for Thursday dinner or a Saturday morning ride. The weather's great right now.

It was an extreme pleasure to see **Kevin "Gorilla" Vardaman** at the last meeting. He looked great and had

obviously been missing his opportunities to spout off during club meetings. I've really missed that. Thanks for coming out Kevin, try to be there whenever you can.

The week after we come back from the Jefferson Trip is the International

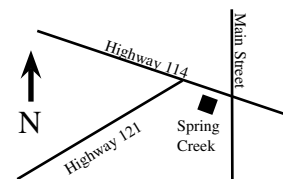
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### November 2006 Meeting

Thursday November 16, 7:00 pm  
at **Spring Creek Barbecue**  
315 Highway 114 West @ Main, Grapevine  
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### President's Corner Continued

Motorcycle Show in Tarrant County. Their site is <http://motorcycleshows.com/motorcycleshows/>.

Click on the Fort Worth button for specifics. I've gone the last two years and it's always fun. There's enough to keep you occupied all day. Speaking of which, I said at the last meeting that I'd lead a ride from DFW Honda to the show. So, Saturday November 18, anyone who wants to go, meet at DFW Honda at 9:00 am and we'll head to downtown Ft. Worth. If you've never been, come for the bikes, the people (no I don't mean the girls at the door) and the products. And be sure to bring your moolah, 'cause you're bound to spot something you can't live without (again, I don't mean the girls at the door). Catch the BOSS Freestyle Stunt Show. It's only about 30 minutes long and its lots of fun to watch. Plan to ride down with us or be there on your own. Parking is free for bikes.

We are always getting new folks to ride with us and come to our meetings. More people are buying bikes and they want someone to ride with. Remember to meet and greet an unfamiliar face so you get to know the club and the club gets to know you. We had one couple (**Jack and Robyn**) come up right after the last meeting ended. We talked and invited them back. Nice folks and we hope to see them again. They came the next night to the Sonic Bike Night. With that mentioned, we have announced and remind everyone

### Thought for the Month

Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once .

that the Sonic Bike Night has been discontinued, with the October event being the last. Thanks to the folks at Grapevine Sonic for hosting us all this time. The attendance (actually the lack of attendance), caused it to become an obsolete event. We are planning a replacement event for a weekend afternoon or evening once a month. We'd welcome any input.

Remember, the officers are here to help out in anyway we can. If you have a question call or e-mail us. We might not have an answer for you right away but we'll get you one as soon as we can.

Until we meet again, ride safe.

**Scott Kendall**

## MEETING MINUTES by Larry Harmon

Our October Dinner meeting was called to order to by President **Scott Kendall**. Scott welcomed another large crowd of 59 members and guests. Our special returning member of the night was **Kevin Vardaman**. Kevin was able to join us for part of our meeting and so many people were happy that he was there to join us.

**SCOTT** showed off more of the items that **Nanc Christopherson** has available from her embroidery shop. He showed hats and patches with different designs. **Nanc** is also able to do almost any embroidery work, not limited to only monograms, hats and patches. She talked about a Bra cover she had made for **Bob Mann's** motorcycle trailer. She also makes a leather tool pouch that can be embroidered to make this item special to you. **Nanc** also does "One of a Kind" digitized embroidery. Please contact **Nanc** or see her website at <http://www.nancs-designs.com> .

**Dan McDonald** spoke about the decline of participation in Sonic Bike Night. With the lack of attendance for the last several months, averages of about 4 bikes were participating. **Dan** talked about possible events that could replace the ailing Bike night, such as

## 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. [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. [veridesafe.com](http://www.veridesafe.com)

a Sunday afternoon ride or a Saturday evening ride. A motion to discontinue Sonic Bike Nights was made from the floor. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Dan** also talked about the Progress-

### **Meeting Minutes Continued**

sive Dinner Ride that is done before Thanksgiving and the Christmas light ride. Dan suggested that we combined the two rides into a Dinner and Christmas light ride. The Progressive ride would make three stops and would feature large Party Sub sandwiches from Subway. A motion from **Tim Wallace** was made that the club pay for the main dinner course. **Larry Harmon** seconded the motion, which carried.

Scott turned the floor over to the club Secretary **Larry Harmon**. Larry explained how several club members had express interest in adding a Members Page to the DFW Freedom Riders web site. The idea is to have a dedicated page with a picture of the member, the co rider and his or her bike along with the members' names. Other possibilities include the members email address and phone numbers if the members so desired. **Scott Kendall** suggested that we schedule a time on a Saturday where members can come to DFW Honda with their Bikes and pictures could be taken in front of the Honda Sign. Larry called for a show of hands from members who would be interested, and a large portion of the crowd responded in favor.

**David Dendy** mentioned that the sign-up list for the DFW Honda T-shirt was being passed around. This was the last chance to get your name on the list. The DFW Honda Christmas Party will be Friday Dec. 1st at 7pm and if you or your family members signed up for a T-shirt, you must be present the night of the party, or your T-shirt will go back into the door prize drawing. **David** also mentioned that the HRCA Spring event in Ker-ville is still in the planning stages. The event is to be moved to later in April, pending availability of the YO Ranch and Resort.

**Scott** talked about the upcoming Fall colors ride to Jefferson, TX. The trip will be Nov 10 - 12th (Friday thru Sunday). There is great riding, great

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food, and gambling in Shreveport with just a short ride.

**David Hurt** spoke to the group about the upcoming Trunk or Treat that will be held on Halloween night, Tuesday Oct 31st, at the FBC-Hurst. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Colonial Savings at the corner of Hwy 121 and Norwood at 6pm. For anyone that has not participated in this before, it's a chance to put a smile on the children's faces as the bikes ride in. Not to mention make the dads drool and also hand out candy to the children.

**Dan McDonald** presented the club financial report with an ending balance of \$1,310.77.

Dan also conducted the 50/50 drawings along with additional prizes.

A Knife went to **Bill Crow** and a Freedom Rider Cap (donated by Nanc) went to **Larry Oswald**.

Cash prize winners were; **Tim Wallace, Jim Leslie, Randy Mason, and Jerry Honaker**

### **Patriot Guard Riders**

Some of you have probably heard of the Patriot Guard Riders but don't know what they do. They are a group of veterans and non-veterans dedicated to honoring and protecting the families of fallen soldiers from protesters. What you ride doesn't matter, the only prerequisite is respect for the soldiers and their families. For more information, go to [www.patriotguard.org](http://www.patriotguard.org).

### **Trunk or Treat**

**Oct 31st**

I would like to express my gratitude to all of those who participated in the Trunk or Treat at the First Baptist Church in Hurst on Halloween night. We had 17 people come help distribute candy and goodies to the kiddos.

There was a great turnout of youngsters and the evening was enjoyed by both the young kids and the "Old Kids" alike.

**"Super Dave" Hurt**

### **Sonic Bike Nights**

A long standing event for the Freedom Riders has come to an end, at least for now. The attendance at Sonic Bike Nights has steadily declined over the past couple of years. In years past we would have 15-25 bikes show up for Sonic Night, the past two years have averaged about 5 bikes, with some months only one or two.

The membership discussed the event and a vote was taken on whether to continue or discontinue it. A unanimous consensus of the membership was to discontinue the Sonic Night and replace it with another monthly event, such as a dessert ride, a weekend dinner ride, or some other function to be determined by the officers.

Our last Sonic Bike night was held on Friday October 20, with only five bikes and seven people in attendance. For those of you that enjoyed Sonic Nights, you are urged to support the other two Sonic Nights; Cycle Club of Fort Worth on the second Friday, and the GWRRA U-2 event on the fourth Friday night of each month.

### **New Members**

Welcome to our new members for the month; **Jim & Sandra Park** from Flower Mound, **Lisa Martin** from McKinney, and **David & Machele Noel** from Arlington.

We look forward to many miles of riding with all of you.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Run To The Wall**

**Saturday, November 4**

Ball Park In Arlington, TX

Event Description: Ride from the Ball Park in Arlington to Texas V.N.Memorial at Fair Park in Dallas. Ride departs at Noon. Police escort. Proceeds go to "Friends of the Texas Vietnam Memorial". Contact Info: e-mail: [Griedi@aol.com](mailto:Griedi@aol.com)

## THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS



- 2 Chris Keeth
- 4 Terry Morgan
- 5 Teresa Mulkey
- 8 Keith Johannessen
- 11 David Cothren
- 11 Tom Grezeszak
- 12 Randall Mason
- 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 Archie Beasley
- 30 Deloris Capps
- 30 Mabelle Noel

### Upcoming Events Continued

#### Teddy Bear Run Sunday November 5

McKinney High school parking lot, TX

Event Description: Registration begins at 9:00 am. Parade to Children's Advocacy center in Plano begins at 11:00 am. Registration fee is \$10 or a new Teddy Bear. Benefits the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center.

#### Fall Colors Ride

November 10-12, 2006

We will be leaving on Friday, November 10th for a two night stay at the Inn of Jefferson. The group will leave from DFW Honda at 9:30 am SHARP, so be there by 9:00.

#### 38th Annual Turkey Run Sunday, November 19

Cycle Club of Fort Worth is sponsoring their 38th annual Turkey Run. It will start at Eurosport Cycles, Highway 121 and Riverside in Fort

Worth. Registration opens at 9:00am and the last bike out is at 11:00am. Coffee and donuts will be served before the run and "Hobo Stew" will be served at the CCFW club house in Fort Worth at the end of the run.

#### DFW Appreciation Party Friday December 1

DFW Honda is again hosting its customer appreciation party on the first Friday evening of December. There will be door prizes and food catered again this year by Anna Mia's restaurant in Southlake. You will be able to pick up the FREE T-shirts that you signed up for at the meetings in September and October. Come out and enjoy the hospitality that DFW Honda offers to us during this holiday season.

#### Annual Progressive Dinner and Light Ride Sunday, December 3

Last year's combined Progressive Dinner and Christmas Light Ride was such a success, we decided to do it again this year. There will be one little twist, everyone is burned out on Turkey after Thanksgiving, so we are going to do an appetizer stop, the main course consisting of Subway Party Sub sandwiches, and a final stop for dessert after a Christmas Light ride.

We will have a sign-up sheet at the November meeting so you can commit to bringing either an appetizer or a dessert. The club is supplying the sub sandwiches and condiments.

#### Annual Polar Bear Ride Monday, January 1, 2007

It's time to lay out the plans for the Annual Polar Bear Ride on New Year's Day. Once again, the McDonalds will host a lunch of stews, ham, and other goodies after a ride to welcome in the New Year. We will have a sign-up sheet at the November and December meetings for you to commit to bring any side dishes or desserts that you want to supply. The club will be supplying the stews and meats.

## FOR SALE OR TRADE

'99 Suzuki VZ800 Marauder, excellent condition \$3260. Contact Toby George at 214-223-2377 or by e-mail at toby.george@verizon.net 11/06

'01 Kawasaki ZX600E Ninja ZX6, excellent condition, 5700 miles, \$3500. Contact Toby George at 214-223-2377 or by e-mail at toby.george@verizon.net 11/06

2001 GL1800ABS, 27k miles, with uni-go trailer. Tulsa windshield and belly pan, new tires, other extras. Garaged and very clean. \$13,995. Pictures can be sent. Contact George Crow at gcrow@aiscn.com, or by cell phone 903-271-3768. 9/06

Tulsa Belly Pan for an 1800 Gold Wing. Will take \$30.00. Installed for a couple of weeks. Call Mike Brown 817-379-5007 9/06

To add or remove items for sale or trade, contact the newsletter editor at the e-mail address or phone number listed on Page 2. Items will be removed after two months, unless renewed.



#### 2006 Toy Runs\*

December 2006

- 2 - Santa Cops Mesquite \*\*
- 2 - Lewisville Parks & Leisure
- 3 - Wise County Toy Run
- 3 - Johnson County Toy Run
- 3 - For the Kids - Denison
- 9 - GWRRA North Texas Toy Run
- 10 - Ellis County Toy Run
- 17 - 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.

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

Nov 19 - CCFW Turkey Run

Dec 1 - DFW Honda Customer  
Appreciation Party

Dec 2 - Mesquite Santa Cops

Dec 3 - Progressive Dinner & Christmas Light Ride

Jan 1 - Polar Bear Ride

# WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

## Monthly Calendar of Events



### Standing Rides

### Sonic Bike Nights

**Thursday Dinner Run**, except 3rd Thursdays.  
Leaves from DFW Honda in Grapevine at 7:00pm

**Cycle Club of Fort Worth** - 2nd Friday - 7:00-8:30 pm  
Hurst Sonic - 1308 Precinct Line Road

**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.

**GWRRA Chapter U-2** - 4th Friday - 7-9 pm  
Grapevine Sonic, West of Main on Northwest Hwy

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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.

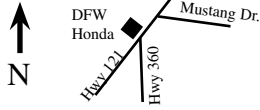
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 7:00PM Dinner Ride	3	4 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE
5	6	7 7:00PM CMA FISHERMEN MEETING	8	9 7:00PM Dinner Ride	10 7:00PM - CCFW SONIC BIKE NIGHT PRECINCT LINE ROAD IN HURST	11 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE
					JEFFERSON TEXAS FALL COLORS TRIP	
12	13	14	15	16 7:00PM DFWFR MEETING	17	18 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE 9:00AM GWRRA U-2 MEETING
JEFFERSON TEXAS FALL COLORS TRIP						
19	20	21	22	23 THANKSGIVING DAY NO DINNER RIDE	24 7:00PM - GWRRA U2 GRAPEVINE SONIC BIKE NITE	25 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE
CYCLE CLUB OF FORT WORTH ANNUAL TURKEY RUN						
26	27	28	29 7:00PM GWTA CHAPTER B MEETING	30 7:00PM Dinner Ride	1 7:00PM - DFW HONDA CUSTOMER APPRECIATION NIGHT	2 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE
						MESQUITE SANTA COPS TOY RUN GROUP LEAVING DFW HONDA AT 9AM
3 PROGRESSIVE DINNER AND CHRISTMAS LIGHT RIDE 4PM WISE COUNTY TOY RUN, DECATUR JOHNSON COUNTY TOY RUN	4	5 7:00PM CMA FISHERMEN MEETING	6	7 7:00PM Dinner Ride	8 7:00PM - CCFW SONIC BIKE NIGHT PRECINCT LINE ROAD IN HURST	9 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 2006.</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 2006.</small></p>
<small>Coupons cannot be combined with any other coupon or offer.</small>	

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**Meeting Location**

This month's meeting will be at  
 Spring Creek Barbecue