



The New **Freedom Rider**

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings,

I hope all of you are well. Hello to all our current members who we see regularly and hello again to all who haven't visited in a while. We miss you and look forward to seeing you again soon. And of course, welcome to anybody out there in cyberspace, or to those who've picked up a copy of the newsletter at DFW HONDA. To those new guests we extend a hearty and warm invitation to join us at any of the regularly scheduled rides. Don't worry about your bike being the wrong style size or make. Take the step to come out and find out what a truly friendly and great group of folks we have in the club. Check the website, but in a nutshell we have a Thursday night dinner ride and a Saturday morning ride every week (weather permitting).

As for weather, it has gotten a bit better in the last week or so, but I understand we may still be in for a little chill thru March. Remember our cutoff for rides is 45 degrees at the time the ride begins. Anyone in the club of course is still welcome to get together for a ride any time if you want to. As we all know a 45 degree morning can turn into a 65 degree noontime. So,

layer the clothes and enjoy the ride.

Again to all our new visitors, either on the web or in print, be sure to check out all of our web site. **Dan McDonald** does a great job keeping it current, attractive and working. I have to say again a special thanks to Dan because, I, like many of you, first heard about the club through the website. Not only did the frequency of rides during the week attract me, but also the fact that it was current. Many sites in the area are still sporting their most recent photos from rides in 2003. We would also invite anyone who has been riding with another group to come out and join us anytime. No, we're not trying to steal anyone away from another group. Some in our group are members of other clubs or ride with a regular group of friends.

I have had several calls from interested folks who bought a new Honda (usually because they hear about us from DFW) or other make and caught our site on the web. They are obviously looking for someone to ride with. I understand. I personally don't like the lone wolf riding experience, so I always tell them we are a group of "Safe, Sane and Sober" riders, professionals each in our own right who love to ride. A few make it out to visit, but some go elsewhere. I'm often told, "you don't look like a biker." Well no, I hope not. I ride bikes. It's a thing. It's a luxury. It's a hobby. So I have to say that I (and many in our group) don't view riding bikes as a "lifestyle". We

wear leather, yes; more as a function of warmth and protection than to make a statement. Many of us are proud of the patches and pins on our vests. We ride for the fun, for the beautiful day, for the roads, for the food and for the fellowship.

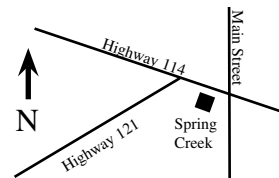
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March 2007 Meeting

Thursday March 15, 7:00 pm
at **Spring Creek Barbecue**
315 Highway 114 West @ Main, Grapevine
(817) 416-6250



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President's Corner Continued

I hope everyone has been getting geared up for the upcoming trip to Kerrville. This is the spring ride to attend the HRCA regional meeting, dinner and dance at the Y.O Ranch Resort. It's a great venue for a great event. I'm looking forward to seeing some folks that we don't get to see enough of on the weekly rides. The ride will leave Friday morning from DFW Honda at 10:00 am on Friday April 20th and return on Sunday the 22nd. The Y.O. is offering rooms for \$80 per night and tickets to the dinner/dance are \$20 for HRCA members and \$30 for non-members. Be sure to get those early. There are a limited number of tickets available at DFW Honda and must be paid for with cash. The Y.O. can be reached for reservations at 1-800-531-2800. Club Vice-President **Toby Burgess** is the contact person for other info and to give a friendly RSVP to if you will be along on the ride that morning. There are some great roads to ride and most lead to Leakey and the Frio Canyon Motorcycle Stop. Last year myself and **Randy Mason** rode "The Three Sisters" (those are roads) on Saturday and made it back in plenty of time for the dinner. There's shopping in Kerrville or Fredricksburg and several other towns. Of course, if you haven't already, you must visit Luchenbach Texas (where there ain't nobody feeling no pain). So, pick your poison when you get there, join up with somebody and forget everything else for a few hours, you deserve it.

Thought for the Month

The road most traveled is usually the easiest course, but the traffic is terrible - Unknown

Enough for now, but we do have some new items to discuss at the next meeting; including member photos, a proposed Saturday or Sunday evening ride to replace Sonic Bike night, upcoming Full Moon Rides, scheduling with the early Daylight Savings time and I'm thinking about a Summer Time Ride to organize. So be at the next meeting.

Until we meet again, ride safe,
Scott Kendall

MEETING MINUTES

by **Larry Harmon**

Scott Kendall called the February Dinner meeting to order and announced we had members that we expecting. **Tim and Patsy Wallace** are Grandparents-to-be. They recently found out their daughter is now an expecting mommy. Congratulations to Tim and Patsy, may our warmest well wishes be with your daughter and her husband. With that announcement, Scott welcomed the 40 members and guests that were present. New guests in attendance were **David Childress**. Member **Jim Cole** had encouraged David to attend. Making the drive from Stephenville, TX was **Pam Boyles**. She found our club on the net and really loved our website and how active we are. She is looking forward to making the trip to Kerrville with us. **James and Shirley Richardson** also joined us at our dinner meeting. James is newly retired and now has more riding time available. We look forward to our new friends joining us on our Thursday night Dinner ride or Saturday morning Rides.

Scott reminded that the trip to Kerrville is Friday April 20th – Sun 22nd. Please make your reservations at the YO Ranch Resort. HRCA has a block of rooms reserved, so be sure to mention that you are with this event to get the \$80 per night rate. Also, Dinner tickets can be purchased at DFW Honda for \$20 HRCA members and \$30 for non-members. Proof of HRCA membership is needed, and CASH ONLY. Be sure to get your tickets early as last year they

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. www.veridesafe.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. www.veridesafe.com

ran short and had to call around to get more tickets.

With the onset of cold weather we have been having, now is a good time to get the Extras done on the bike. A new set of tires for the upcoming riding sea-

Miracle Product for Bikers

Thanks to wayward NASA Astronaut Lisa Nowak, the secret is now out. A brand new product, NASA Knickers, will soon be available from the makers of Pampers® for the adult traveler's comfort.



Guys, can you imagine what it would be like to be able to travel without those pesky potty stops every few miles, not to mention having to listen to constant whining from

the co-riders when you push to cover 200 plus miles without stopping? Imagine how many more miles of twisty bike roads you can cover in a day without having to stop between gas fill-ups.

Coming to a retailer near you. Watch for this miracle product of space age research, soon to be available for the diehard bikers and the not so diehard co-rider.

Fine Print: For use by serious, long distance riders only. NASA and Pampers are not responsible for misuse by individuals and/or domestic disputes. Not intended for use if you want to keep peace in the family, if you don't want to go through a divorce, or if you have even a tiny bit of common sense. Intended for use by idiots and jealous astronauts only and not intended as a substitute for sane rest stops. In case you haven't figured it out by now, THIS IS A GAG!!!

Meeting Minutes Continued

son, an oil change or that service check-up you have been putting off. Also, nothing gets you in the mood to take the bike out and show it off as some new shiny piece of "Safety" Chrome.

Our Vice President **Toby Burgess** reminded that our Full Moon rides start in April. It's the Friday or Saturday closest to the Full Moon. Check our calendar or newsletter to see when the ride is scheduled. Also, June is Blue Moon month with two full moons occurring. Toby said to look for something special happening on our June Full Moon Rides.

Scott handed the floor over to Club Secretary **Larry Harmon**. Larry told the members that the Members Page that had been discussed back in October had not been forgotten. This project has been pulled out and he is starting to work on it with our Webmaster **Dan McDonald**. We will schedule a Sunday in March that we will setup in front of DFW Honda to take a picture of our members and their bike for the website. If you want a pretty picture, bring a pretty face. Look for more schedule

winners were **Karrie Harmon, Bob Nolden and Toby Burgess**.

Kevin Vardaman also won a pair of Fingerless Riding Gloves.

As our meeting drew to an end, Scott reminded everyone that March brings not only warmer weather but Daylight Savings Time. President Bush signed the Energy Policy Act of 2005 which changed the time change dates beginning in 2007. Daylight Savings happens earlier this year on March 11 and ends later in the year, Nov 4th. Be sure to set your clocks and also update any computers with the latest operating system updates. These new time changes will only occur automatically if you have the new Daylight Savings Patch. Of course you can manually update the time on your computer.

New Members

Welcome to our new members for the month; **James & Shirley Richardson** from Hurst, **Christina Bass** from Grapevine, and **Pamela Boyles** from Stephenville.

We look forward to many miles of riding with you.

information and also a profile form coming to you in email very soon.

Mike Brown filled in for our vacationing Treasurer **Dan McDonald**. On our February Treasury Report, we had an ending balance of \$1214.04. Mike also conducted the 50/50 drawings.

Cash prize

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dallas Stars Run March 11th

Ride with Dallas Stars Alum and Stanley Cup Champion **CRAIG LUDWIG** on March 11th. Lower Level Tickets @ \$40.00 (valued at \$69) and Upper Level Tickets @ \$20.00 (valued at \$37) Park and display your motorcycles in the South Plaza of American Airlines Center

11:00am - Registration & Brunch provided at Texas Harley-Davidson - 1839 Airport Freeway, Bedford, TX 76021

12:30pm - Stage for Ride/Depart for American Airlines Center - 2500 Victory Avenue, Dallas, TX 75219

2:30pm to 5:30pm - Park on South Plaza at American Airlines Center

Dallas Stars vs. Los Angeles Kings

6:00pm to 8:00pm - Post Party at Jack Daniel's Old Number 7 Club on the Plaza Concourse of American Airlines Center. Drinks and Live Music by Velvet Love Box, and Silent Auction Benefiting Dallas Stars Foundation. Join this all day event and experience the food, the ride and the greatest sport. Only 200 tickets available! Event time is subject to change. Tickets are subject to availability.

For additional information, contact **Dan Fitzsimmons**, 214-387-5641 or at dfitzsimmons@dallasstars.com.

Police Officer Benefit Saturday Mar 17

A benefit ride for Southlake Motorcycle Officer **Robert Hodges** will be held at Texas Harley Davidson in Bedford. Officer Hodges has been diagnosed with inoperable brain cancer. The doctors don't give him much hope and he may only have a few months to live. He lives in Keller with his wife and 8 year old son.

Registration for the ride starts at 9:00am with a ride scheduled at 11:00am. There will be live music, food and drinks at Texas Harley from

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THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS



- 3 Ty Hardt
- 4 Verna Yates
- 8 Lyle Anderson
- 8 Ken Foster
- 9 Pauline Drewry
- 18 Montana Stickeler
- 19 Sue Kyer
- 19 Mitch Mitchell
- 20 Jim Blakeman
- 20 Mary Cobb
- 20 David Hurt
- 20 John Lenheiser
- 21 David Stokes
- 22 Jim Park
- 23 Doyle Landers
- 24 Dan McDonald
- 24 Sam Paschal
- 25 Pat Brown
- 29 Steve Wedgeworth
- 30 Chuck Reynolds

Upcoming Events Continued

12:00 to 5:00. Cost is \$20 per plate. Donations and proceeds go directly to Officer Hodges and family.

Emory Fun Run

April 14

The Emory, Texas Police and Fire Departments Annual Law Enforcement Benefit Barbeque and Fun Run will be held on April 14, 2007. Sign in is from 9:00 – 11:00 AM at the Rains County Fairgrounds located at the intersection of Hwys 69 and 19 in Emory. There will be great food, live music and a 90 mile fun run with some great prizes for winners.

The event is by donation only with an event pin given for each donation of \$20.00 or more. The proceeds benefit local law enforcement, firefighter and EMS personnel and we are hoping to start an annual scholarship. Please help spread the word about the event, we had over 300 riders last year and hope to be bigger and better this year. Feel free to forward this to anyone. Thanks and Ride Safe

Bruce Feagin - Chief of Police
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Hill Country Trip

April 20-22

Once again we are venturing to the Texas Hill Country, also known as Biker Paradise! HRCA is holding their regional rally in Kerrville on April 21 at the YO Ranch Resort Hotel in Kerrville. This is a very nice, big hotel and the same one we were in last year.

We will leave from DFW Honda to go to Kerrville on Friday, April 20th at 10am. Tentative plans now will be to stop for lunch in Stephenville at the Hard Eight BBQ (always a favorite) and Friday night dinner at Mamasita's in Kerrville. You will have all day Saturday to ride the Hill Country roads, shop, prowl around Kerrville, or just kick back and relax at the hotel.

Make your reservations at the YO Ranch Resort now by calling **(800) 531-2800** and telling them you are with the HRCA group. The group rate is \$80 per night, which is a great deal for the Hill Country in Spring time. Rooms must be reserved by March 19th for the reduced rate.

There will be a HRCA sponsored dinner and dance with a live band on Saturday evening at the hotel. Tickets for the dinner will be available from DFW Honda and must be purchased in advance. Prices for tickets are \$20 for HRCA members and \$30 for non-members.

After you have made your reservations, contact **Toby Burgess** by e-mail at vice-president@dfwfreedomriders.org to let him know you are going.

Party in the Pines Motorcycle Rally

May 25-27

The Party in the Pines is back for another year in Longview, Texas on Memorial Day weekend, May 25-27. Benefiting Longview Child Development Center

New this year:

Easyriders Teresi Dyno-Drag – an interactive race utilizing a pair of dynos, Christmas tree starting lights and a computerized timing system,

FOR SALE OR TRADE

Widder Electric Vest & Chaps. Two tone, light grey and black. Includes new battery hook up and thermostat to keep you toasty warm in the coldest weather. Collar can be zipped all the way up and is heated. Like NEW! Chest size 44. Chaps are a small, but waist is fully adjustable to 32". New the set is \$292.00 (per web site). Asking \$165.00 for the set. You can add components like electric gloves, etc. We are not done with the cold weather! Contact **Mike Sherwin** at 817-296-2276. 3/07

2004 Honda CMX250C Rebel, 2-Cylinder, 4-Stroke only 2,800 miles. Asking \$2400 Contact Alicia Shaeffer at 817-355-5151 or adsregal@sbcglobal.net. 1/07

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.

where riders can test their racing skills and find out how fast their bikes really are – all in the safety of a stationary environment. Covered Pavilion for tent camping with 110 outlets and restrooms! Hot showers onsite – Men's and Women's, air conditioned! FREE. More shaded seating areas outside...eat & drink table area in the air conditioning. Great guided ride on Sunday morning...check out the website for details. We've added a one-day pass this year – Weekend pass \$30, One day pass \$15 We've planned great music this year, are giving \$600 out for the Joker Run and \$500 out in bike games on Sat & Sun. Door prizes almost every hour The Patriotic Bike Parade on Sunday will be bigger & better with flags furnished for each bike. We have a great police escorted route that lets us travel about 40 mph or more throughout the route...no bikes will overheat on this parade. Wear your country's colors. Check out the website and register online!

Ride safe and see you there,

BE THERE - DO THAT SHORT LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 6 - Irving Fund Raiser

Mar 15 - DFWFR Meeting

Mar 17 - Fundraiser for Officer

Apr 14 - Emory Fund Raiser

April 21 - HRCA Regional Event

May 25-27 - Party in the Pines

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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.

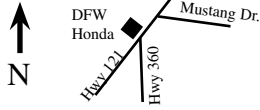
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CB CHANNEL 39**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00PM Dinner Ride	2	3 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE
DAYTONA BIKE WEEK						
4	5	6 7:00PM CMA FISHERMEN MEETING	7	8 7:00PM Dinner Ride	9 7:00PM - CCFW SONIC BIKE NIGHT PRECINCT LINE ROAD IN HURST	10 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE
DAYTONA BIKE WEEK						
11 DALLAS STARS RIDE	12	13	14	15 7:00PM DFWFR MEETING	16	17 9:00AM GWRRA U-2 MEETING 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE BENEFIT RIDE FOR SOUTHLAKE OFFICER HODGES TEXAS HARLEY DAVIDSON REGISTRATION 9:00AM
18	19	20	21	22 7:00PM Dinner Ride	23 7:00PM - GWRRA U2 GRAPEVINE SONIC BIKE NITE	24 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE
25	26	27	28 7:00PM GWTA CHAPTER B MEETING	29 7:00PM Dinner Ride	30	31 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE
ARIZONA BIKE WEEK						
1	2	3 7:00PM CMA FISHERMEN MEETING	4	5 7:00PM Dinner Ride	6 7:00PM - CCFW SONIC BIKE NIGHT PRECINCT LINE ROAD IN HURST	7 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE
ARIZONA BIKE WEEK						

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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 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.
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 March 2007.</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 March 2007.</small></p>
<small>Coupons cannot be combined with any other coupon or offer.</small>	

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Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA)
 JJ Jean - jjean99999@msn.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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Meeting Location

This month's meeting will be at
 Spring Creek Barbecue