Chapter R’s Monthly Gathering

**When:**
- 4th Tuesday of every month. Dinner at 6:00. Meeting starts at 7:00.

**Where:**
- Fuddruckers in Grapevine, near Bass Pro Shop. See website for map and address.

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Well it's January 2012 and it's time to close out the past year. When we took on our roles as Chapter Directors a year ago, we did so with the idea of Doing It R Way.

In the past year we've posted over 100 rides and events on our calendar and seen our roster grow by about 20 or so new members, We've celebrated birthdays, weddings and new family additions. Mostly we have shared a lot of laughs and good times. Part of our mission was to give back to the members, and I hope we were able to accomplish that.

Sadly, because of the increasing demands of business and home, Amy and I have decided to step down after serving a year as your chapter directors. Needless to say, it has been a fun and hectic year for us. While directing the activities of the chapter, we have found it to be both a challenging and rewarding experience.

While we are stepping down, we are not stepping away. It's pretty hard to turn your back on family, and we feel Chapter R is our family. We will still continue to serve the chapter, but in a smaller role.

We, especially want to thank our support team this past year. The chapter's accomplishments are the direct result of their hard work and commitment.

To Jim & Tish, our new incoming Chapter Directors, we want to say thanks for stepping up and congratulations on exemplifying "Been there, done that!". We know the chapter is in great hands and look forward to your future leadership of Chapter R.
A New Year = More Training + Education

Many people make New Year's Resolutions, as a New Year means a fresh start.

Last year we had a lot of fun and learned a lot with our chapter friends in a wide variety of training opportunities. Many of your participated in Nation, Region, District, and Chapter events which provided you with on bike and seminar courses geared toward the rider, co-rider, and just about anything else you can think of.

We also had good turn-out for other training opportunities as well,. David Dendy with DFW Honda set up discounted Accident Scene Managements Courses (ASMI) for us. Kenny Martin with Cycle Center of Denton hosted several Ladies Nights. We also had dedicated MSF Experienced Rider Courses, and an “Air Filter Change” tech day.

Our goal is to continue with great training events in 2012. We started off the new year on the right foot with a Video Training Date and the district hosted the Mid-Winter Round Up. If you missed either of these events, there will be many more GWRRA Rallies (sorry Conventions) coming up. Check the calendar for dates and times.

We are also looking into interesting supplemental opportunities:

- Track Day (yup on your Gold Wing in Cresson)
- “Ride Like a Pro” (Houston)
- Lee Parks Total Control Workshop (Dallas).
- We've finally purchased a trailer and have had a request for a demo on "How to Tie Down your Goldwing" demo along with a “Pick up your Wing” demo.

Do you have any other ideas? Send us an e-mail and let us know about it!

We are looking forward to another great year with our Chapter R (R-R-R-R-R-R) Friends.
As many of you know, Bill and I took a cruise to South and Central America and Mexico.

Our first stop was Machu Picchu, in Peru. The ancient ruins of the Inca’s was on my (Jo’s) bucket list and was not a disappointment. It does not quite cover it to say it is a spiritual experience.

It is beautiful and so much bigger than any pictures can depict. We were over prepared both for how strenuous it was supposed to be and for the weather. The weather was perfect with the sun shining the whole time and the temperatures were very mild and enjoyable. Although we spent five days preparing for Machu Picchu, we only spent three and a half hours at the ruins.

The altitude is eight thousand feet so breathing becomes a bit of a challenge so any exertion takes its toll. We climbed over the ruins learning about the culture and finding a lot of what we had been told wasn’t true at all. It was worth every minute of it and I highly recommend it.

We left there and went back to Lima to get onboard our ship. A small trivia fact here. It only rains in Lima on average of once every 25 years. Yes, and it is right on the coast of the Pacific Ocean! They water the trees and grass in the parks with watering trucks and a hand held hose everyday! It is a desert!!! Everything is covered in a thick coat of dust. Trees, buildings, cars, everything. We didn’t see any indication of car washes either. Guess water is too precious to waste on keeping cars clean.

After Peru, we made our way up the western coast of South America to Ecuador. One of those stops was in Guayaquil. From here we could take a tour to the city where Panama hats are made. We didn’t know they weren’t made in Panama!!

Next in Ecuador was Manta. It is a fairly large city but the only thing there for us was just a lot of craft booths for tourists. It was kind of disappointing.

After Ecuador was Costa Rica. We took a city tour that showcased churches and city parks along with views of fishing vessels coming into the docks with their catches. It seems to be a big industry there.
Next was Nicaragua for a day then on to Guatemala. We really did like Guatemala. The place we stopped was very picturesque with lots to do. We saw Iguanas sunning themselves on the beach and there were lots of pretty yachts in the harbor.

Our next country was Mexico and we made our first stop in Huatulco. (pronounced Wah-tul-co) This place was beautiful. It is a fairly new village, built in the late 1980’s. It was so pretty and relaxing. Bill found a nice little hotel that had Wi-Fi and sat for over an hour catching up on correspondence while I walked around and bought souvenirs. We found a tiny little restaurant that served cold Coronas with limon for $2.00 US. It was so nice under the palm trees watching the lady make a fire on an open grate using sticks she found on the ground. She made a nice charcoal fire then put a griddle on it. Then she cooked tortillas for her lunch customers. This was probably our favorite stop of the cruise. If it weren’t for the language barrier, I could retire there. Coronas under palm trees, yep!

There was a very nice beach which we decided to take advantage of, but after wading in a bit, I found the water too cold for my liking but Bill did take a short swim.

Next was Puerta Vallarta, Mexico. Bill and I had been there back in the 1980’s but we did not even recognize it now. It has grown so much. We went into the heart of the old city and walked along the beach. There are nice churches and beautiful parks to visit. It is both quaint and modern at the same time. There were beautiful statues along the beaches. It was a nice stop.

Next stop was Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. We had also been there several years ago and for the most part did not recognize a lot of it. It has become a major resort area with lots of water sports available. We saw jet skiers and banana boat rides and parachute gliders along with lots of excursion boats to take tourist to see almost anything including sea lions. We did see some ourselves just taking the launch from the ship to the docks. The big deal in Cabo is the end of land. You may have seen pictures of the big rocks coming straight out of the water and including the one with the arch in it. There were many vendors trying to get us to take their offer to go by boat to see them. BTW, that is the ONLY way you can see them. It is not possible to get to them by land.

It was a trip to remember! We have lots of pictures, so just let us know when you want to sit down and look at about 800 photos!!!
Saying Good-Bye to a Dear Friend

Alice Meyer

It was love at first sight when I met Haole Girl in March 2004.

Since then we have traveled to and through 45 of the contiguous states, even a Canadian province. We’ve been to national parks and monuments, big cities and tiny specs of towns. We’ve ridden together in rain, sleet, snow, dust, wind, gravel, dirt, and mud, even the remains of a few tropical storms. We’ve been in parades, a few MSF ERC Courses, and even a track day.

I can’t say I’ve been as good to her as she has been to me, as I have dropped her at least a half a dozen times and have been in two accidents. She, on the other hand, has never let me down.

I invested a lot of blood, sweat, and tears as I learned how to "wrench" with Haole Girl. We started with simple oil changes, moving on to other fluids, and brakes, up to a 100K maintenance bonanza which left her on the lift for a month. All of which came with the help and education of my friends. I spent a lot of money on her though – her “jewelry” consisted of progressive suspension, lighting, a Corbin seat, and many more that I have forgotten.

All in all I’ve thoroughly enjoyed almost 8 years with this girl. With her I have learned so much about riding, the country, traveling, and people. I never thought this day would come, but it’s time to say good-bye. I am hoping she will find a home that will allow her to continue to travel and tour, as I know she misses those long trips and is ready to get back on the road.

I will miss traveling with her, but it is time for a new adventure. ...more on that later.
**Polar Bear Ride**  
1/1/2012

Jim & Tish Jones  
Gary & Alice Meyer  
Bill & Jo Moody  
Brian Neal  
Chuck Thomas  
Don Soper  
Charlie Garalis  
Rod & Kim Hassett  
Austin Hutton  
Larry Staton  
Jeff & Liz Chavez  
Don Baker

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**Burger Night Five Guys**  
1/6/2012

Deb & Greg Scott  
Murray & Amy Allen  
Joe, Marcy & Gunnar Helms  
Terry & Leona McDade  
Preston Rushford  
Don & Cheryl Baker  
Dave & Carrie Stokes  
Austin Hutton  
T C Gilmore  
Tommy & Janet Davis

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**Greenwood Grocery and Grill**  
01/07/2012

Murray Allen  
Chuck Thomas  
John Fulls  
Bill & Jo Moody

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**Dinner Ride Joe’s Crab Shack**  
01/10/12

Bill & Jo Moody  
Joe & Sandy Levengood  
Hank & Marolyn Hetrick  
Austin & Pat Hutton  
Brian & Lois McManus

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**RCBC Ham & Eggs**  
01/15/2012

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GWRRA NORTH TEXAS CHAPTERS
BOWLING CHALLENGE

Brought to you by GWRRA CHAPTER “P” GRANBURY, TX

February 19, 2012, Registration 11:00 AM, Bowling time 12:00 PM
City View Lanes 6601 Oakmont Blvd., Fort Worth, TX
COST IS $15.00 PER PERSON & INCLUDES SHOES IF NEEDED

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May 17-19
New Braunfels, TX
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