

Member Spotlight

Steve & Susan Ochs, Schertz, TX



Steve was born and raised in Aberdeen, South Dakota. He joined the Air Force in 1970 and was stationed at Lackland AFB. His love of motorcycles came in 1973 when he bought a used Harley Davidson 125 Dirt Bike. He bought the bike while he was at Lackland. In 1974 he decided to sell that one and buy a newer Harley Davidson 125 Dirt Bike. In 1975 he bought a Honda 454. In the early 80's, he bought a used police bike that was a Honda Goldwing 1000. He had that bike for 4 years and drove it with friends in and around San Antonio before moving to Houston and he then sold the bike. In 2004, he was in need of transportation and he decided it would be cheaper to buy a bike than a vehicle, so we began our search. We finally decided on a Yamaha 650 Classic. A friend/co-worker of ours who belonged to GWRRA in Victoria, invited us to a meeting. We finally went to one and at the time we didn't feel we were ready to join. A few months later he asked us to another meeting and when we met one of the members, he told Steve that he had a '89 Goldwing 1500 that he wanted to sell. We became GWRRA Associate Members at this time. He had always wanted another one and we told him we want the bike but we would need to sell our Yamaha. Steve was working as a detention officer for Victoria County, so he decided to park the bike in the parking lot near a busy street. The first weekend he had it out there, a gentleman called and wanted to purchase the bike. We rode the 1500 until May of 2006. Steve had his eyes set on the pearl white 2005 Goldwing 1800 at the local dealership in Victoria for quite awhile. In April 2006, he had gone on the yearly man's trip the local chapter had planned and experienced some problems with the bike. We decided it was time to get a newer bike and we bought the new bike just in time to go to our first Wing Ding in Nashville, TN. We had so much fun.

I was born in Yorktown, TX but lived in Cuero until 1975, when I moved to Victoria. My love for motorcycles started when I was in high school and a boy I dated in high school had one. I don't remember what type of motorcycle it was but it was fun and I was hooked. My brother had a motorcycle for a little while after I had left home. He had a wreck on the bike the day before my daughter was born. He was very lucky to have just suffered some bruises and scrapes, it could have been much worse; he had flown over the car that hit him and the bike went underneath. In later years, I worked with a cousin who rode a Harley and he would take me riding with him. We had so much fun. I met Steve while he was working at an armored car company in Houston in 2003 and I worked at the home office in Victoria. I had several co-workers in Victoria that rode motorcycles and our security alarm manager needed someone to go with him to pick up a vehicle for him but they would have to ride on the back of his Harley. No one wanted to ride with him, so I went to everyone's amazement. Steve and I got married in May of 2005 and we have ridden to many places on our motorcycles. I think our greatest treasure is the 2005 Goldwing. We love riding and I really love the idea that he had while we were at our first Wing Ding. We started purchasing magenta color matched pieces for the bike because my favorite color is purple. Steve has been in San Antonio since September of last year and I just moved here in May. We have met many people that we consider friends since becoming GWRRA members. We love to travel and we love to plan trips on the bike because you are able to really see things that you don't in a vehicle.

