



Texas Chapter "U"

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"Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge"

in Eastern San Antonio

Including Bracken, Bulverde, Canyon Lake, Cibolo, Converse, Floresville, Garden Ridge, Kirby, Live Oak, McQueeney, New Braunfels, Pleasanton, Poth, Sattler, Schertz, Spring Branch, Seguin & Universal City



From the CD's

Happy New Year

2007 was a great year for Chapter U. Check out the pictures and the 2007 Chapter U photo story on our website, www.texaschapteru.org! But all of that is history. Let's focus now upon 2008 and make the FUN in Chapter U even greater! 2007 was FUN but 2008 will be even more FUN! And it is all up to you! The stage has been set. We have a super ride schedule through May. A staff that is working overtime to come up with great ideas. A rally that is in the making for the fall and more and more new folks are finding Chapter U is *THE* place to have FUN!!! All we need is you to come on out and participate!

2008 has started out great! We had 10 bikes and 13 folks for a *cold* showing at the Blessing of the Bikes on 1 January! The event was well attended by other groups as well with probably 300+ bikes total! Weather can create problems this time of year, mostly the cold. But be patient! We will try and get out every chance we get! If a ride gets cancelled, we will send out an email and put it on the web site. If the weather looks iffy, always check the website before you show for the ride! Oh! Don't forget to register for the District Rally plus get your Bike and the dinner on the Lexington in May! (Flyer on page 22) They can take only so many and just a few seats are still left!

Our gatherings are becoming so well attended that we may have to find another place to go. The Golden Corral has treated us great for the last 22 months but with 30 or more folks in that little room, it becomes very tight! The Longhorn Café may be a good choice. It is just down the street from the Golden Corral and it offers a great menu at very reasonable prices. No buffet, you just order what you want off the menu. Best of all, it should be able to seat 40+ and won't cost the chapter anything! Let me know what you think! cd@texaschapteru.org.

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Website: www.texaschapteru.org

Ride Meeting Location

Unless otherwise specified, all rides depart from the Wal-Mart on the northwest corner of I-35 and FM 3009.



Check our website often!
www.texaschapteru.org

Chap "U" Gatherings

3rd Wednesday of each month. Our next Gathering will be 16 January 2008 at the Golden Corral Restaurant; 2301 Pat Booker Road; Universal City. We "Meet-to-Eat" at 6:00 with "Information Sharing" beginning at 7:00 pm. Hope to see "U" there!

Friday Night Rides

Meet at the Wal-Mart on the northwest corner of I-35 and FM 3009 at 6:15 and we will decide where we want to go!

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Rider Education

The attitude of a Biker vs a Biker Attitude

For sometime now I have been thinking about how much enjoyment Candy and I get out of touring on the motorcycle and what it is that makes it so enjoyable to us. Our experience has been based on the principle that we take the road less traveled, now we have had our share of super slab touring but more recently we take the back roads everywhere and look for the small towns with that special personality that fits our definition of the "Attitude of a Biker". It helps if the town personality fits in the parameter that we call Biker Friendly but it is okay if it is just not biker unfriendly. We look for smiles and waves as we ride through town, we look for friendly people who are willing to share their town with us. Not just the restaurant, the motel, and the scenery but share the warm feeling of exploring the unique qualities that determine the character of the area. That magic quality that says come on in have a cup of coffee and sit a spell. Let's talk a while about the town and what makes it unique. They are usually more than willing to share stories of great experiences and funny tales and the community usually has several characters that have starring roles in the melodrama. Learning about the roles that these characters play is what makes the inquisitive attitude of a Biker so much fun, We have also experienced the hard core Biker Attitude where a group of Bikers work hard to destroy the warm welcome we get when we show up just hoping to relate to residents and share some of their life. Help us preserve the Biker Friendly aspect of the Attitude of a Biker. It is all about life! Just check out this link: <http://www.lindwa.com/Train.htm>

Happy New Year, Here we are into another year of safe operation, I wonder how many safe miles we had last year, I know that Candy and I had our mileage reduced this last year due to medical concerns. It is depressing when you have to check your doctor appointments before you schedule a ride. It might be interesting to keep track of miles for the chapter this year and see how many safe miles we can turn as a chapter this year.

This is also the time of year that we make New Year Resolutions. I am bad about making resolutions and even worse at keeping them but still it is what you do this time of year and as bad as I am about making resolutions, I have made a list of **Ten News Years Resolutions for 2008** just so you don't have to. Here are The Chapter New Year's Resolutions:

1. I resolve to Ride as though I am invisible to all other traffic for all of 2008.
2. I resolve to leave more space between me and other traffic.
3. I resolve to maintain my scan and anticipate future problems.
4. I resolve to watch out for Caged Big Boys making Left Turns in front of me.
5. I resolve to ride my own ride and not ride beyond my capabilities.
6. I resolve not to let a bend in the road be the end of the road,
7. I resolve not to give in to road rage,
8. I resolve not to tailgate or be tailgated.
9. I resolve to be extra cautious when riding at night.
10. I resolve to wear protective gear anytime I ride.

Happy New Year to all and to all a safe ride. This has been a very good year for the chapter with lots of participation and fun rides, meetings and safe miles. New Year's Resolutions are fine and a way to focus on safe riding but there is no substitute for Practice, Practice, Practice and Rider Education.

What are your riding experiences and what have you learned from them that you can share with us. Be sure and send us your write up of "I LEARNED ABOUT RIDING FROM THIS:"

Remember Our Safety Is Your Responsibility.

Candy and Charlie Brown
Senior Chapter Educators
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Rider Education Level Achievement

Congratulations!!!

No new levels this month
Get with Charlie Brown to Enroll Today!



NEW FEATURE IN THE CHAPTER U NEWSLETTER

I LEARNED ABOUT RIDING FROM THIS...

"I had just read Charlie's request for us to send in short articles on safety items that have happened to us so that we may all learn something from them. The next day's ride to work gave me time to think back and realize that I have been pretty lucky over the years. Okay, maybe that is just how I remember things and I am sure that if I think hard, some not to smart things on my part will come to mind. We'll just skip over those!

I was traveling west on 90, radio on, singing, and just having a good time. I was doing everything right to the best of my knowledge: a safe following distance, exit paths, and staying away from those big trucks. Just ahead of me was a pickup pulling a loaded flat bed of gravel. The fact that it was uncovered did not register as a hazard until it was too late. The trailer went over some bumps in the road and you guessed it, a barrage of stones flew my way. I didn't have much time to think, but I ducked down behind the windshield and accelerated past him. I got past with only minor damage and a pretty bad temper. The moral of this story is that we not only have to watch what other drivers are and might do, but assess their loads as well. Think back how many times have you seen a pickup traveling on I35 with a load piled high – was it secure?"

RECOUNT YOUR EXPERIENCES SO THAT ALL CAN BENEFIT

I LEARNED ABOUT RIDING FROM THIS...

Articles should be short 1 to 2 paragraphs and should be personal experiences related to safe riding. Please submit articles to Charlie Brown at: ace@texaschapteru.org by the 15th of the month. Help us all learn from your experiences.

Chapter U Rally

One of the chapter's goals is to put on a rally. A well planned rally will benefit us, a charity that we select and will be great FUN to do! With J.D. Kvapil volunteering to head the effort and with the help from many of you, we can make it happen. There are dozens of little things that need to be done and lots of jobs for lots of folks but first we need to nail down a few things. First we need a date. Our thoughts are fall, maybe 1st week of October. Then we need a location to have the rally. Let us know your ideas on where you think we should have it and why. Keep in mind that we are going to try and use a place we can get for free, donated or very small cost. It should also be a place people would want to come to! It needs a building and bathrooms. We can't have it the same time as another chapter rally or the district rally. It is also best not to have it when the region or the other districts in the region have their rallies. It should also be a time when most riders would want to come. Finally, we need a theme for the rally. This can vary depending upon where and/or when the rally is. For instance, an October Rally in New Braunfels could be a "HalloWing Rally"! Anyway, we need your input! Ok, maybe it wasn't clear the first time. Hey, we really do need your input! We also will need volunteers to run the rally. Here are some of the areas where you can volunteer to help: Food, Rides (poker runs, etc) games, vendors, registration, silent auction, publicity/marketing and probably other areas! Please let us know where you would like to volunteer! You can also let us know any other ideas you may have from your rally experiences. **We will have a rally meeting 2 Feb at a place to be determined!** Come on out! cd@texaschapteru.org.

We need your input!!!! What you think makes a difference!

Motorcycle Oil Filters Exposed

Well, I am back at it again, searching the Internet for additional information that will help me maintain my bike in top condition. My interest is in having my motorcycle run forever, never break, and be easy to maintain. Honda took care of the latter but the first two? There are many unbiased web sites such as: http://www.tobycreek.org/oil_filters/hastings.shtml and <http://motorcycleinfo.calsci.com/Filters.html#OilFilters> that provide information on different oil filters. Have you ever wondered if the money you pay for that OEM Honda element is worth it? Oil Filters come basically in three qualities: very good, with excellent filtration; normal; and really incredibly bad. This last category, really incredibly bad, should obviously be avoided. I am not going to advocate one filter over another in this article since I have not done any testing myself but you can find ratings on the web sites I mentioned.

What do oil filters really do? Wisdom tells us that our bike would simply die a horrible death in about 3 minutes without a filter. The single most interesting piece of information you could consider when choosing a filter is the filtering efficiency versus particle size. Unfortunately the manufacturers don't readily release this information. Thank goodness for the Internet and those mechanics with an undying thirst to find the best product at the best price. In many cases all the legwork has been done for us. They cut open the filters and looked at things such as the element, the bypass/drain back valve, as well as the end cap construction.

The filter element is normally a paper element and fairly standard across the board between manufactures. However, the end cap in many cases is made of cardboard, which is substandard in my opinion. Most paper elements are effective down to about 40 microns. The advanced filters have composite elements made of paper, cellulose, and fiberglass, and are effective down to 15 microns or less. Typically these advanced filters also have more surface area on their elements, and therefore more capacity. So in this case size may matter. Some companies claim that even particles as small as 1 to 5 microns cause premature engine wear, but it's hard to find documented evidence on this topic, either for or against. Standard paper filters are considered marginal by many but are maintained as an industry standard. The paper filters let through about 10 to 20 times as much 25-micron stuff as the synthetic filters do. Remember that no filter is 100% effective.

Filters may also have a relief or bypass valve. These valves are set to trigger if the filter element is making too large a pressure drop. Normally, this would be because it is clogged. If your relief valve ever opens up you're either using really cheap oil on a really cold day, the wrong type of oil, or you haven't changed your oil filter since the last time you saw Robert E. Lee. Because filters can clog up and saturate with junk, your oil filter should be changed about every 5,000 miles but follow your owner's manual to be sure.

Finally, some oil filters come with an anti-drain back valve. This is not necessary in a filter, which is mounted vertically, with the opening pointed up. However, most motorcycles mount their filters horizontally, so this is very important to us. This is typically a piece of silicon rubber which blocks off the filter oil inlets unless there is positive pressure into the filter. After you have used a filter for a while, if it's doing its job, the filter is full of these 20 to 50 micron particles which could spell death for your bearings. When you turn off your engine, if the filter has no anti-drain back valve, the oil in the filter would drain back into the oil pan, bringing with it a whole bunch of really evil junk. So, we want filters with good anti-drain back valves: stuff that's in the filter should stay there!

To wrap things up, all filters have to undergo SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) tests to prove that they meet the engine manufacturer's requirements. As I paraphrased the information above from the web sites, it quickly became clear to me that your manufacture's recommendations become very important in ensuring you have purchased the best suitable filter for your motorcycle. There are some very noticeable differences in construction and in many cases these differences are directly indicated by the filter price. Maybe this is just another case of you get what you pay for but why not make sure. Visit the web pages and see for yourself!

Ride Safe!
Dave Weaver
#249682

***If at first you don't succeed,
skydiving is not for you.***



Ron DeLaughter	5 January
Joan Custer	13 January
Joyce Fitzgerald	23 January

If we don't have your birthday listed please let us know!

Co-rider Corner

2008 promises to bring lots of opportunity to have fun with Chapter U! Not only will we continue to have an interesting and varied ride schedule, but we are planning our first Chapter U rally! Co-riders, please come and make a difference. Everything is more fun when co-riders attend...I think the riders think so as well! Co-riders attending the chapter staff meetings, ride coordination and rally meetings have a chance to make a difference, both inputting what they think would be fun for themselves and for other co-riders! What seems to be unique with GWRRA is the partnership between the rider and co-rider making contributions at every level of the organization. Trust me, after 20 years in "this man's Army," having co-riders participate just increases the enjoyment I derive from having fun with Brad during Chapter activities! We hope that 2008 will bring lots of fun and rewarding opportunities for riders and co-riders to participate.

This last year we saw an increase in the number of activities oriented towards supporting those in special need. Some of our chapter members participate in the Patriot Guard, rode in the Ride for the Troops, Texas Honor Ride, brought their bikes and trikes to a Fisher House Christmas Party, and brought toys to Joe Harrison's Toy Run for Blue Santa. We have great people in Chapter U who are always willing to participate to benefit others so if you find out about any special event, please let Mike Mills our Ride Coordinator know and let's get it on the ride schedule. Of course, our first rally will also benefit a non-profit group we select so if you are interested in this special aspect of riding, please bring your suggestions and most importantly get involved in the first Rally Coordination meeting that will be 2 February 2008!

Hoping to see lots of co-riders this coming year! Dress warm and in layers to deal with our varying seasonal temperatures!

Co-riders can always email me directly at Majsevere@aol.com.

Hope to see you soon!

Jill Severe
Co-Riding Chapter Director



Make Your Own Chapter Business Cards!!!

**It's easy, just go to this link on our website and follow the instructions!
See Brad at the next meeting for some business card paper!**

<http://www.texaschapteru.org/ChapterUCards.htm>

Please Welcome New Chapter U Participants



Long time GWRRA member Harrel Scott drops back in to check us out! Welcome!!

Membership Enhancement Corner

I have come to realize that Lana has been playing a vital role in determining what I will write about each month. Not only does she have great ideas, she helps guide my thoughts and keeps me on track as to what is important to the majority of our membership. Contemplating this month's newsletter topic has caused me to look at what my actual responsibilities are to you as the Chapter "U" MEC. I quickly realized that there might be a lot more I could be doing, but what?

My holiday break allowed me time to search the national, region, and district web pages for MEC information. The first thing that came to mind is that our Chapter web site could use an MEC page. On this page we could put things of interest, such as, recruitment and retention, prospective member welcoming guide, or a historical account of our chapter's activity and awards. There are many possibilities and I will look to you for which items to be included. My draw back is that I am not web page savvy so it may take some time to get things going. Thanks for the help Brad and Reynaldo!

Next, I noticed a lot of information on doing parades, mall shows, and game type activities. We even have had talk of doing a yard sale or flea market table to raise funds for our first chapter rally in October. These are definitely some things to explore this upcoming New Year! So many things, where do we start? Our chapter staff has a tremendous responsibility in keeping us focused and introducing things slowly. As we concentrate our efforts on a few goals each year, and with everyone's help, there will not be anything we can't accomplish.

There, that's the secret! How will we grow Chapter "U"? With everyone's help! That sounds great, but, I still haven't learned what my job really is as MEC. That's when Brad's weekly email update came, reminding me about the Mid-Winter Round up in Kerrville, on January 5th. Last year I attended, but really had no idea why other than Brad and Jill said I would have a good time learning about GWRRA. They were definitely right! They said "If you choose to come then the worst thing that can happen is you will have some fun with good friends you have yet to meet, and by the way, a great ride getting there."

This year I have a better understanding of what to expect. To those of you who made the trip; I think it is safe to say we had a great time. That's the standard for Chapter "U." To those who could not make it, talk with someone who did. You'll get an idea of what went on and quite possibly pick up some information that will inspire you take on some part of our chapter's activity. Every bit helps!

The best part of Mid-winter Roundup is the increased knowledge through shared experiences. So mark your calendars for next year and be part of the fun! I am glad that I have a better understanding of what GWRRA is both inside and outside the area of MEC so that I may better serve you, the membership, of the greatest chapter in GWRRA! Ride Safe!

See ya at the next gathering!

Dave Weaver
Membership Enhancement
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New! Member Spotlight

**Tom & Nancy Byrd
San Antonio, TX**



I was born in Port Arthur, TX, and Nancy was born in Longview, TX. At a very young age, my family moved to Shreveport, LA. In 1957, I joined the US Marine Corps, and after completing basic training in San Diego, CA, was assigned to the US Naval Destroyer Base, at 32d St and Highway 101, San Diego, CA, where I served as a Military Policeman (MP). I was honorably discharged in 1960 and returned to Shreveport. In early 1960, Nancy and her family moved to Shreveport. I worked several jobs in Shreveport and purchased a Harley Davidson motorcycle, which I spent more time working on than riding. I took a job as a truck driver, driving between California and Florida, hauling produce. At this time, Nancy was still attending high school and working part time at a drug store soda fountain. A friend of mine and I stopped by to get a soda, I liked what I saw in Nancy, and convinced her to go on a date with me. I quit my truck driving job and went to work at a water well drilling company in Shreveport. In 1961, I proposed to Nancy and she accepted, and we got married. About a month later, I joined the US Army, and was assigned to Fort Hood, Texas, as an MP. In 1962, I received orders for France. At this time, Nancy was pregnant with our first son. We stayed in France for three years, and during this time, purchased a Vespa scooter that we toured the area on. Our second son was also born in France. In 1965, we returned to the good old USA and were stationed at Ft Sill, OK, where we remained for a little over a year before being reassigned to Ft Polk, LA. At Ft Polk, I was a Drill Sergeant for two years and an MP for about one year. We expected to come down on orders any time and in Dec 68, I received orders assigning me to an MP unit in Korea. While in Korea, I was an MP, Physical Security NCO, and near the end of my tour, Chief, MP Investigations. While in Korea, my supervisor suggested that I apply to be Special Agent with the Army CID Command, which I did. In 1970, I returned to the USA and was stationed at Ft Leonard Wood, MO, where I was accepted into the CID program and sent to school at Ft Gordon, GA. I was sent to Korea again in Dec 1972, where I worked with the Korean Narcotics Agents for the bulk of my tour. I returned to Ft Leonard Wood in 1974, and remained there until retiring in 1978. During the time in the military, Nancy was mostly a housewife/mother, but did work several part time jobs. After our retirement from the military, Nancy worked for Alamo Savings, Builders Square, and Xerox Corp, until she was ready to be a stay at home wife. I on the other hand, worked as a buyer for after market automobile parts and accessories for ten warehouses, night warehouse manager for an automotive warehouse, and for the last 20 plus years, as a Physical Security Specialist at Ft Sam Houston, TX. I only mentioned one motorcycle. There were more, mostly 360 cc or less, and a Vespa or 2 while in the service. They included Honda, Yamaha, Suzuki, and one Hodaka, which I raced. Both the boys also raced motocross in the 100 cc class. After retiring, I purchased a 750 Honda, a 2001 Yamaha Venture, 2002 Goldwing, which is now a trike, and a 2005 Yamaha V Star 1100.



Who wants to be next in the spotlight?

Email Brad Severe at CD@texaschapteru.org

Our Chapter U Veterans!!!!



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Dave Weaver



Harrel Scott



Wayne Fuquay



Mike Edmonds



Steve Ochs



Guy Custer

***Not pictured:* Tony Stokely, Bill Rutan, Juan Busanet Jr**

December FUN!!

8 December JHMS Blue Santa Ride



11 December Staff Meeting



18 December 07 Impromptu Ride



More December FUN!!

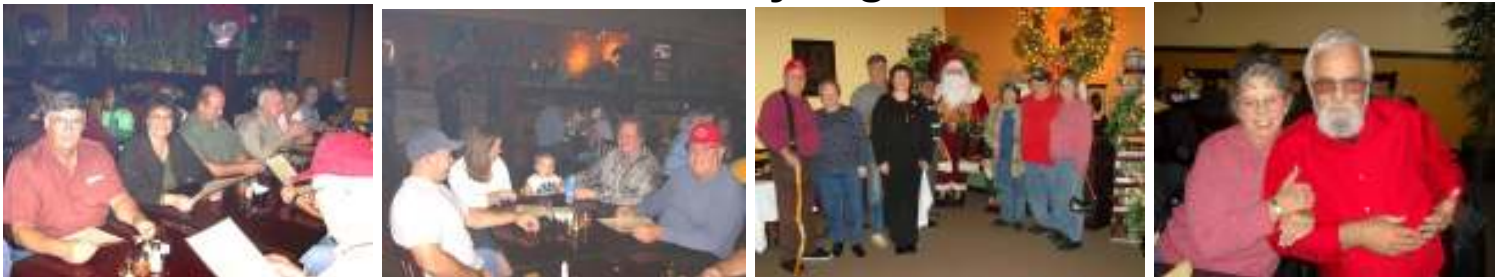
19 December Gathering!



Fisher House Ride 20 Dec 07



December Friday Night Rides!



7 December

14 December

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No matter what situations life throws at you. No matter how long and treacherous your journey may seem.....

Remember, there *is* a light at the end of the tunnel !



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From The CD's Continued:

Chapter U has 29 veterans that I am aware of and I am sure we have more who have not stepped forward. I have 25 pictures that I turned in to District. There still should be time to get yours in! They really want to have them of you in uniform! So send it to me!!! I can't imagine any chapter in Texas having more vets than ours! Check out our veteran's page on the website at <http://www.texaschapteru.org/Veterans.htm>.

Miscellaneous announcements:

Buddy & Debbie Todd are packing up and going to Mexico to be missionaries this summer! It will be a tough move but we wish them the best! BTW, Buddy is selling his classic 1966 Mustang convertible! Check it out on page 18.

Update on the November Texas Honor Ride..... \$118,138 in cash and material was raised to support the Family Assistance Center at BAMC. There were 693 bikes on the ride to San Antonio, escorted by 47 marked units (including 18 Police Bikes) from 35 different Law Enforcement Agencies. How great is that???? We will make sure this ride is a chapter priority in 2008!

Friday night rides are still every Friday night! We know everyone can't make every one. It is a social event more so than a ride event so come on out! It is also a great way to get to know your fellow Chapter U participants without having to do it in a crowd!

Just a reminder to please visit our sponsors. Both **Joe Harrison Motor Sports** and **Cycle Rider** support us with great gift certificates every month. **2WingNuts** provides paid advertising. Tell them you appreciate their support when you drop by!

Speaking of sponsors, thanks to Ron Delaughter's efforts, we may be picking up **I-35 North Honda** as a sponsor! I just need to contact Alan Kent and work out the details! We can use all the help we can get, especially with the possibility of a rally this year!

Ride Safe & Have Fun!!

Brad & Jill Severe

cd@texaschapteru.org

Recommended Riding Apparel for all Chapter U Rides:

- 1. Safety approved helmet.**
- 2. Proper eye protection**
- 3. Boots, jeans or leather pants, riding suit, rain gear, gloves. (Shorts and tennis shoes are not proper clothing when riding a motorcycle. Do so at your own risk and preferably not on a chapter ride.) This protocol is only a suggestion and for your safety in an activity that is inherently risky.**

Ride Schedule

Schedule is subject to change so check the website for updates.



Tuesday 1 January – New Year’s Day, Blessing of the Bikes. More information to follow.

Friday 4 January – Friday Night ride 6:15pm, Wal-Mart at 3009 & IH35

5-6 January – Mid-Winter Roundup, Kerrville. Schedule of events on page 16. See the website for more information

Friday 11 January – Friday Night ride 6:15pm, Wal-Mart at 3009 & IH35

Saturday 12 January – No chapter ride scheduled

Wednesday 16 January –Wednesday 19 December – Chapter “U” Meeting, Golden Corral Restaurant; 2301 Pat Booker Rd; Universal City. “Meet-to-Eat” at 6:00 pm. Information Sharing begins at 7:00pm.

Friday 18 January – Friday Night ride 6:15pm, Wal-Mart at 3009 & IH35

Saturday, 19 January – Ride to Shiner, TX and museums. Meet at 8am at the Wal-Mart 3009 & IH-35.

Monday 21 January – MLK Birthday

Friday 25 January – Friday Night ride 6:15pm, Wal-Mart at 3009 & IH35

Sunday 27 January – Berclair Mansion, Meet at 8:30 at the Wal-Mart 3009 & IH-35.



Friday 1 February – Friday Night ride 6:15pm, Wal-Mart at 3009 & IH35

Saturday 2 February – Rally Meeting, location TBD

Friday 8 February – Friday Night ride 6:15pm, Wal-Mart at 3009 & IH35

Saturday 9 February – Ride to the Painted Churches of Schulenburg

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Thursday 12 February – Staff meeting, Lion & Rose Pub, 700 E Sonterra Blvd, San Antonio, TX, San Antonio, TX

Thursday 14 February – Valentine’s Day

Friday 15 February - Friday Night ride 6:15pm, Wal-Mart at 3009 & IH35

Monday 18 February - President's Day

Wednesday 20 February - Chapter "U" Gathering, Golden Corral Restaurant; 2301 Pat Booker Rd; Universal City. "Meet-to-Eat" at 6:00 pm. Information Sharing begins at 7:00pm.

Friday 22 February - Friday Night ride 6:15pm, Wal-Mart at 3009 & IH35

Saturday 23 February - Enchanted Springs Ranch, Boerne

Friday 29 February - Friday Night ride 6:15pm, Wal-Mart at 3009 & IH35

Chapter Moisture Wicking Long Sleeve Shirts

As a result of last couple chapter gathering when we talked about ordering moisture wicking tee shirts with chapter logo. We have indications of interest in 36 shirts already. This is the shirt that we are thinking about with the following colors. There may be other options and colors, I have seen other options at other sites but this will give you an indication and I know the quality of this shirt. If you are interested, please contact me at ace@texaschapteru.org

8401 UltraClub Adult Cool-N-Dry Sport Long-Sleeve Tee

8401 UltraClub Adult Cool-N-Dry Sport Long-Sleeve Tee

Wicking fabric lets moisture evaporate so you look and feel your best. Features: 100% polyester moisture-transfer mesh; 4-oz.; UPF 40 sun protection; Loose fit; Athletic cut; Tagless. Sizes: S through 3XL. Care Instructions: Machine wash cold with like colors. Only non-chlorine bleach when needed. Tumble dry low. Cool iron if needed.



Size	Neck Width	Chest	Front Length	Sleeve Length
S	7 ¼	40	28	34
M	7 ½	44	29	35
L	7 ¾	48	30	35 ½
XL	8	52	31	36 ½
2XL	8 ¼	56	32	37 ½
3XL	8 ½	60	33	38 ½

Measurement Notes:

Chest is measured 1" below armhole. Front length from highest point of shoulder. Sleeve length from center of the back.

From Texas Chapter E December Newsletter

Did someone say that the USS Lexington was haunted? A former crew member says that is true. Ghost hunters on the science fiction channel ran a special on the USS Lexington.



USS Lexington Ship Texas

Lexington CV 16 is a World War II aircraft carrier. The ship was commissioned in 1943, she was the longest serving ship in America and set more records than any other in naval history. The ship was originally called USS CABOT, and was constructed at the Massachusetts Fore River Shipyard. After news was received that the Lexington CV 2 had been sunk in the Coral Sea, there was a campaign to change the new ship to Lexington which was successful. The Lexington spent 21 months in combat. She was given the name 'The Blue Ghost' by the propagandist Tokyo Rose, (the ship was painted a dark blue colour) this was due to Japanese reports that she had been sunk on at least four different occasions, yet she kept returning to do her duty. After the ship was de commissioned in 1991, with thanks to an active fund raising campaign and community support, the USS Lexington was awarded to Corpus Christi; it first arrived in 1991 and was kept at The Naval Station Ingleside. On 8th June 1992 the ship was officially signed over to the city officials and on the 17th she was towed to the Corpus Christ Beach where she still remains. USS Lexington was opened to the public in October 1992 as a museum and educational facility. Many soldiers died on the ship and a few of their ghosts continue to wander on board. Strange noises are heard as well as voices, taps turns on by themselves, and people have reported being followed by heavy, loud footsteps.



About the Lexington Ghost

by Diane Richbourg Caller-Times
October 31, 1994

He's polite, knowledgeable and kind. Smartly dressed in a summer white Navy uniform, he's good looking, too, with light hair, a clear complexion and piercing blue eyes that haunt like a good ghost story.

An apparition to write home about-

Those who have seen him say he might be found in the engine room of the Lexington Museum, although none of the museum staff has seen those blue eyes for themselves. He wears no nametag, but is known solely by description.

Gold Wing Road Riders Association Chapter E. Wichita Falls, Texas December 2007 <http://www.geocities.com/gwrratexase/> Page 11 His character so impressed a couple from Peoria, Ill., that they told tour guides David Deal about it. "The woman says, "You know, I really did appreciate that knowledgeable young sailor down there in the engine room who gave us all that information on how the engines work,"" Deal said. Deal, who had gone up to the hangar deck to get coffee on a quiet Friday, had been in the engine room and knew no one else was there. So he probed for more details. The couple said the seaman was 19 years old, maybe 20, and wore a white uniform. He had a slight limp to his left leg. He had memorable blue eyes. And he knew all about the engines, their horsepower and the use of steam. Deal, which had first shipped on the USS Lexington in 1959-60, checked out what the couple had learned. "This apparition told things about the engine that I don't even know," said Deal, who made the rank of airman on the Lexington and retired in 1976 as a catapult chief. "It's fascinating because I'm one of these hard nuts to crack on something like this," said Deal, who judged the couple to be adamant about what they said and without reason to fabricate the story. So he ran to the engine room, calling "Anybody home?" and searched for a hidden uniform. He found nothing.

For the rest of this story visit the link below:

<http://www.caller2.com/multimedia/cams/ghostcam/about.html>

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New Honda 1800 rear mounted tire, asking \$150.00

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Check out all the want ads at: http://www.texaschapteru.org/want_ads.htm

2008 Texas District Rally



Registration Form at the back of this newsletter.

The 2008 Texas District Rally will be held in Corpus Christi May 8th - 10th. Join us Friday night for a once in a life time evening, we'll start with a parade down the sea wall then over to the USS Lexington where we'll board for a special dinner. Oh and don't worry about where to park your bike during dinner, we'll be parking on the deck of the USS Lexington and to prove you did it, we'll have a special fly-by picture taken. ***Space is limited so please pre-register now!***

The Chapter hotel is the Drury Inn 2021 N Padre Island Dr, Corpus Christi TX 78408, (361) 289-8200. It is located across the street from the rally site, the Holiday Inn! Reservations are almost gone so make yours today! Most reservations can be cancelled up to the day of arrival. Make sure you check the cancellation policy before you reserve your room. There are only 450 slots for the Lexington and dinner!



<http://www.region-h.org/08rally/RallyFlyer.pdf>

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2008 Texas District Rally Registration Form



Corpus Christi, TX – May 8, 9 & 10

Rally pins limited to first 750 pre-registered

All pre-registrations must be postmarked by April 28, 2008 After April 28th--Register at Rally

No refunds of registration fees or Lexington fees after April 28th

	Pre-registration		Lexington & dinner (Friday night) Requires Full Registration	Sub-Total
GWRRR Member (ea)	#	x \$20	#	x \$10
Non-Member (ea)	#	x \$30	#	x \$10
Child 15 or under (ea)	#	Free*	#	x \$10
Grand Total				

GWRRR Membership Cards Will Be Checked

*Children 15 and under free with registered adult.

Rider: _____

GWRRR #: _____ Exp: _____ **Optional:** birth date (mm/dd/yr) _____
for award consideration (most senior/most junior)

Co-Rider/Second Rider: _____

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Additional Participant: _____ **Optional:** birth date (mm/dd/yr) _____
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Street Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Region: _____ District: _____ Chapter: _____ Direct Miles: _____

Check Applicable Boxes: RIDER/MALE RIDER/FEMALE CO-RIDER

Pre-Registered ONLY will be available to win prizes for Longest Distance Male Rider, Longest Distance Female Rider, 2 Up, Oldest & Youngest Male & Female Riders, Largest Pre-Registered Texas Chapter, Largest Pre-Registered out of state Chapter, Largest TX Chapter as a %, and 1st Pre-Registered.

Level IV breakfast requires a \$5 co-pay. For planning purposes, please indicate below if you will be attending:

Level IV Breakfast (Master Tour Riders) # attending Level IV # _____ Level IV # _____

Level IV Breakfast (Master Tour Co-Rider) # attending Level IV # _____

Note: You will pay the \$5 and pick up you Level IV tickets at the Rider Education Table at the Rally

Waiver: I/we agree to hold harmless the GWRRR, the Co-sponsoring Organizations, City of Corpus Christi, Holiday Inn Airport and any other property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/We may become involved by reason of participation in this event.

Rider Signature: _____ Date _____

Co/Second Rider Signature: _____ Date _____

Print and sign form -- Make checks payable to GWRRR TEXAS - Mail Payment & Pre Registration Form To:

**Pamela Meyer, Texas District Treasurer
20906 Auburn Trace Ct
Katy, TX. 77450**



** The Rally is in Corpus Christi. The feature event is riding our motorcycles up onto the aircraft carrier USS Lexington, having an aerial photo taken, and having dinner on the Lexington.



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April 17, 18, 19, 2008

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Tentative schedules and other up to the minute information will be posted on the Region website - <http://gwrta-h.org>

Pre-register by March 31, 2008 and be eligible for \$250 cash.

Registration Form			
Category	Quantity	Pre-Reg	On-Site
Full Registration Includes all days and all events			
GWRRA Member		\$25.00	\$27.00
Life Member		\$12.50	\$13.50
Non Member		\$30.00	\$32.00
Totals			
Day Passes Includes all events on the day of purchase			
GWRRA Member			\$15.00
Non-Member			\$18.00
Totals			
Children under 12 FREE! Must be registered to compete for prizes			

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Rider _____ GWRRA # _____
 Age _____ Birthdate _____ Expires _____
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 Age _____ Birthdate _____ Expires _____
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I/We agree to hold harmless GWRRA, any co-sponsoring organizations, and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property by reason of participating in this Rally. I/We also agree to assume responsibility for any property which I/We knowingly damage.

Rider _____ Date _____
 Co-Rider _____ Date _____

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