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**Texas Chapter "U"**  
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**From the CDs**

**Duke & Chela  
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I have a little black pup named Chico.  
 We went to class together and I learned a lot.  
 I learned from the instructor and Chico.  
 So I thought what if a dog were your teacher?  
 These are some of the lessons you might learn...

- When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
- Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
- When it's in your best interest practice obedience.
- Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
- Take naps and stretch before rising.
- Run romp and play daily.
- Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
- Avoid biting, when a simple growl will do.
- On warm days stop to lie on your back on the grass.
- On hot days drink lots of water and lay under a shady tree.
- When you're happy dance around and wag your entire body.
- No matter how often you're scolded don't buy into the guilt thing and pout, run right back and make friends.

- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
- Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.
- Stop when you have had enough.
- Be loyal.
- Never pretend to be something you're not.
- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it
- When someone is having a bad day, be silent .....  
 ...sit close by.  
 ...and nuzzle them gently.

**Don't forget our next "Chapter Gathering" is  
 Wednesday, 20 July!!**

**Ride safe,**

**Duke and Chela Thompson, Chapter "U" CDs**



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## Ride Meeting Location

Unless otherwise specified, all Saturday rides depart from Kent Power Sports, (YOSA), 15564 I-35 N between Evans Rd and Olympia Parkway. Check the website at [www.texaschapteru.org](http://www.texaschapteru.org) for ride information.

## Friday Night Rides

Meet at your favorite place to eat, all are pre-destined rides that are scheduled every other Friday of the month. So be sure to let Jack and Linda know where you would like to see the Chapter meet up for a Friday night dinner ride!

## Chap "U" Gatherings

3rd Wednesday of each month at the La Cabana Restaurant, just outside of Cibolo, TX; 170 Buffalo Pl, Cibolo, TX. 78108. We "Meet-to-Eat" at 6:00 with "Information Sharing" beginning at 7:00 pm. Hope to see "U" there! Next Chapter Gathering is 20 July 11.

<p><b>From the ACDs</b></p> <p><b>Ken &amp; Connie Jordan</b></p> <p><a href="mailto:Kenj1@att.net">Kenj1@att.net</a></p>	
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The weather has been so uncooperative lately—hot and humid—and will continue this way for another couple of months. Maria has scheduled short, breakfast, or impromptu rides so we can still get some riding in and visit with everyone; then head home before it gets too hot. Kenny left mid-June with our older daughter and her family for a trip out west, north, east and south. He's been in every kind of weather there is—loves some, hates some. At this time, he has racked up over 5,000 miles and he's not home yet. Wing Ding and area roads in Tennessee are his final destinations before coming home and it's hot there also.

You know, GWRRA is not for Gold Wings only anymore. We need to try to encourage more riders/participants to come see what Chapter U is all about—to come to our gatherings and on our rides. One-on-one contact with a person is more sincere than just sending out e-mails or flyers. Yes, summer vacations and weather tend to keep people away right now, but if we show our enthusiasm about riding

with our group, we can bring more friends in to join us in whatever plans come up. Our monthly meeting, our rides and our Friday night "Meet & Eat" all tend to bring different people out. You can never predict who will show up where. You have to admit that we are a pretty sociable group. So, use your personal charisma to interest newcomers in checking Chapter U out.

Please be thinking of places to go and things to see that you would be interested in or have wondered about and let Maria or Ken/Connie know so we can keep the FUN in Chapter U.

For those who have not heard, Duke and Chela are leaving the position of Chapter Directors as of September 1. They stepped up when the Chapter truly needed them and we greatly appreciate this. Hopefully, they will continue to be part of Chapter U, as their schedule permits.

## Ken & Connie Jordan, ACD's – TX Chapter U

<p><b>Rider Education</b></p> <p><b>Brad &amp; Jill Severe</b></p> <p><a href="mailto:txeducator@aol.com">txeducator@aol.com</a></p>	
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## Rider Education Seminars

Jill & I had a great trip out West last month. We were in 6 states, the 4 great US deserts and covered 3600 miles in 13 days. We were in at least 7 National Parks, Forests and Monuments as well as countless other historic sites. The temperature ranged from a high of 112 in Phoenix to a low of 41 (and snowing!) in Utah! When they say "Utah Rocks!" they mean it! We saw flat deserts with almost nothing, to a mountain pass at 9800 feet. We descended a steep canyon (Utah RT 261) with a 10 degree grade and 1200 ft over just 3 miles! Did I mention the road was gravel all the way down? The trip was great and safe, largely due to Rider Education lessons we have learned over our last 6 years with GWRRA!

One of the greatest and quite often unused benefits of GWRRA membership is Rider Education.

Chapter U has been fortunate to have a number of folks who have given their time to help make you a better rider. Charlie Brown, Randy McBay, Skip Surre, Court Van Sickler and others have given countless hours to help you. Few chapters in GWRRA had the capability to provide free ERCs, First Aid/CPR, Road Captains courses, and various other seminars. Most folks in GWRRA have to travel sometimes hundreds of miles to various conventions (rallies) to obtain that training. Jill and I are trying to carry on that tradition as your Chapter Educators as we firmly believe in Riding Safe!

GWRRA Rider Education has recently expanded their list of seminars. They now cover a much broader selection of topics. Jill and I are both qualified and would be happy to present any of the following seminars. Just let us know which ones you would like to have. District has cancelled the Education Day originally scheduled for 15 October so it will be very difficult to get any Rider Ed from District until next year's convention in May! Most of these can be done in an hour or less. Here is the complete list:

**Co-rider Seminar-** This is highly recommended for anyone who is a Co-rider. It is also good knowledge for the Riders as well! Many folks in the chapter need a refresher on this for the Rider Ed levels program. This seminar must be taken every 3 years to stay current in the levels program.

**High Side Scenarios-** This is a brand new seminar that talks about the factors involved in high siding on your bike. There are several good videos as part of this seminar!

**Riding With Inexperienced Riders-** This is a great opportunity for both the inexperienced and experienced Rider to find out things they may not be aware of! It also covers many of the basic principals in group riding. We suggest everyone attend this seminar.

**Dealing With Different Elements-** If you are only a fair weather Rider then this seminar is not for you! This seminar covers a big range of topics from rain to night to extended riding. It will be well worth your time!

**Going, Going Gone!-** This seminar is all about trip planning, mapping and packing. If you make trips on your bike or trike, then you need to take this seminar!

**Night Riding-** This is just what it says! Night riding can be a very scary proposition, especially in the Hill Country! This will help you prepare!

**Motorcycle Crash Scene Response-** Be prepared for the unexpected! Most of us who have lots of mile traveling cross country have run into a motorcycle accident at one time or another. This helps you help others. This seminar is just the classroom version.

**Motorcycling for Mature Riders-** I think we can safely say about 95% of us (age 50 & above) in Chapter U are mature Riders yet how many of you have taken this seminar?

**Road Captains Course-** We probably have more Road Captains in Chapter U than any other chapter in Texas! If you like to ride, then this is for you! It is really a 2 part course. It can be a great experience to lead a group. This course helps you gain that confidence. First part is the classroom seminar and the final part is hands on out on the road! You can also purchase a patch to display on your vest! Jill & I are both registered with the State of Texas to present the driving portion of this seminar.

**Team Riding Seminar-** If you ride with the chapter, you should attend this seminar! It covers the planning, preparation, responsibilities and conduct of a team (group) ride. There is even a handbook you can keep!

**Trailer Seminar-** Trailering seems quite easy. Goldwings are so powerful you rarely know the trailer is there. But that trailer can have quite an effect of how a bike rides in many circumstances! If you tour on your bike, you probably have a trailer. This course is for you.

## **Ride Safe & Have Fun! Brad & Jill Severe TX-U Educators**





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### JOKE OF THE MONTH - Edna's Plane Ride

Fred and his wife Edna went to the state fair every year. Every year Fred would say, "Edna, I'd like to ride in that there airplane." And every year Edna would say, "I know Fred, but that airplane ride costs ten dollars, and ten dollars is ten dollars." One year Fred and Edna went to the fair and Fred said, "Edna, I'm 71 years old. If I don't ride that airplane this year I may never get another chance." Edna replied, "Fred that there airplane ride costs ten dollars, and ten dollars is ten dollars." The pilot overheard them and said, "Folks, I'll make you a deal. I'll take you both up for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say one word, I won't charge you, but if you say one word it's ten dollars." Fred and Edna agreed and up they go. The pilot does all kinds of twists and turns, rolls and dives, but not a word is heard. He does all his tricks over again, but still not a word. They land and the pilot turns to Fred, "By golly, I did everything I could think of to get you to yell out, but you didn't." Fred replied, "Well, I was gonna say something when Edna fell out, but ten dollars is ten dollars."



### Upcoming Events

**Friday, 8 July** - Meet "N" Eat will be at **Sea Island Shrimp House**. Meet at 6:30

**Saturday, 9 July** - Meet at YOSA at 7:30 AM. Ride to Grumpy's Mexican Café

**Saturday, 16 July** - Meet at Exxon 281/46 at 7:30 AM. Ride to Blanco, breakfast at Blanco Bowling Alley.

**Wednesday, 20 July** - "Chapter Gathering" will be at the **La Cabana Restaurant**

**Friday, 22 July** - Meet "N" Eat will be at **Bill Miller's on Pat Booker Rd**. Meet at 6:30 PM.

**Saturday, 23 July** - Meet at Exxon 281/46 at 7:30 AM. Ride to Comal County Taco for breakfast.

**Plan to keep all Chapter "U" rides early and short during July & August due to high temps. Please make sure you bring plenty of water for your ride, keep those cool vest handy, and make sure you have your sun block on.**

**Thanks to Maria & Ron Delaughter for helping us put together our Chapter "U" rides!!!**





**July**

**Dave Weaver                      21st**

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



**July**

**Wes & Nancy Lewis      1st**

**If we don't have your anniversary  
listed, please let us know!**

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