

Next Gathering is: 15 February 12



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Texas Chapter "U"
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We have some bad news and some good news to announce. Maria DeLaughter has stepped down as our Ride Coordinator and Sam Morris has volunteered to take this position. Maria has been coordinating rides for the Chapter for a couple of years and has done a very good job. We appreciate her efforts. Now Sam will try to fill her shoes. We know Sam will keep this Chapter just as happy with rides all around the area.

We were fortunate to have some pretty decent riding weather for January. You can check out the Chapter webpage for pictures and write-ups. Be sure to send any suggestions you may have for rides to Sam Morris at samj@gvec.net or to Ken Jordan.

Also, we have rescheduled the Road Captain/Co-Rider course. It will be held on Saturday, February 28 at 9:30 a.m. at Kent PowerSports (aka YOSA)—our meeting spot for rides-- with lunch following. This course discusses many safety issues for the rider AND the co-rider to consider when on a motorcycle, riding alone or with a group. Notify Court van

Sickler or Ken Jordan to sign up so we can have a head count.

Several people in our Chapter will be riding to the Region H Rally in Marshall, TX to be held March 29 through March 31. We will be leaving Thursday, March 29 and returning Sunday, April 1. Anyone who may be interested should make their own room reservations very soon. Rooms fill up quickly. You usually can cancel the reservation if you later find that you are unable to go.

Remember to check the webpage daily for updates and additional information. The next meeting will be on February 15.

Be sure to join us on our next ride and Chapter meeting **AND BRING A FRIEND.**

Ride safe,

Ken and Connie Jordan, 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 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 15 Feb 12.

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From the ACDs

**Court & Diane
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Long to Live

This biker lady has a heart attack and is taken to the hospital. While on the operating table, she had a near death experience. Seeing God, she asked, "Is my time up?" God said, "No, you have another 43 years, 2 months, and 8 days to live."

Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a facelift, liposuction, and tummy tuck. Since she had so much more time to live, new roads to ride, she figured she might as well look even nicer.

After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While riding her motorcycle home, she was run into by a delivery truck and killed. Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 40+ years? How come you didn't pull me out of the path of that freakin' truck?"

God replied, "I didn't recognize you."

**Court & Diane VanSickler,
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Biker and his Babe



Rider Education

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Summer fuel? Winter fuel? What are they talking about?

I thought I knew a great deal about cars, motorcycles and engines, now I find the more that I think I know, the more I really don't know. I went to Kent Power Sports because I found my bike had lost some of its low end power and the gas mileage was less than I had expected. I went back to the service department and was asking the service manager what the cost was to have the carburetors synchronized (yes, my 1800 riding friends some motorcycles still have carburetors). It was at this point they suggested a fuel additive to help me combat the effects of winter gasoline on my motorcycle. So I went home and did some research on winter gasoline.

One of the first things I found in my research is that summer gasoline is different and actually is more expensive to produce than fuels sold in the winter. Twice every year in the United States, the fuel supply changes. It's known as the seasonal gasoline transition. This change is the biggest reason for the price hike in summer gasoline depending on the time a year, gas stations switch between providing summer grade fuel and winter grade fuel. The switch started in 1995 as part of the Reformulated Gasoline Program (RGP), which was established through the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments. The Environmental Protection Agency EPA started the RFG program in order to reduce pollution and smog during the summer ozone season, which occurs from June 1 to September 15.

In order to reduce pollution, summer blend fuels are different oxygenates, or fuel additives. These blends, the EPA claims, burn cleaner and also help compensate for a limited oil supply. The EPA says this practice of using seasonal blends also encourages the development of alternative fuels. Gasoline isn't just made up of processed crude oil, it's a blend of refined crude oil and different compounds and additives.

So what's the difference between summer grade fuel and winter grade fuel? Summer grade fuel is more expensive for two reasons, because of the

ingredients it contains and because refineries have to briefly shut down before they can begin processing it. Summer grade fuel also burns cleaner than winter grade fuel. This just means that it produces less smog and releases less toxic air pollutants. During the summer, pollution is a frequent concern due to increased levels of smog and ozone, which can harm the lungs. Summer heat boosts the formation of ozone, while the appearance of an inversion layer, and a mobile layer of air, can trap pollutants in the lower atmosphere. Summer grade fuel has a different Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) than winter grade fuel, which contributes to its being more eco-friendly. RVP evaporates more easily than those with lower RVP. A particular fuel blends RVP is based on the combined RVP of the ingredients that make up the blend.

Gasoline must have an RVP below 14.7 psi, which is normal atmospheric pressure; if a fuel's RVP were greater than 14.7 psi, excess pressure would build up in the gas tank and the fuel could boil and evaporate. Depending on the part of the country, the EPA's standards mandate an RVP below 9.0 PSI or 7.8 PSI for summer grade fuel. Some local regulations call for stricter standards because of these of varying RVP standards, up to 20 different types of boutique fuel blends are sold throughout the US during the summer. Because RVP standards are higher during the winter winter grade fuels use more butane, with its high RVP of 52 psi, as an additive. Butane is inexpensive and plentiful, contributing to the lower prices.

So what does all of this mean to you and me as motorcycle riders. What happens in our fuel tanks is a process called phase separation. Where we know that oil and water do not mix very well, we know that both of them are in our fuel in our fuel tanks. So what has to happen is the corn oil that makes up our fuel and water have to mix with the butane to be burned as fuel. So how do we facilitate this action. The service manager and parts manager both suggested using the fuel additive called Star-tron. I know what you're thinking the same thing I was I don't believe in fuel additives, but at their suggestion I tried the product. I've found that after half a tank of fuel with the additive added my bike warmed up faster, had a smoother idle, and my fuel mileage increased by 5 miles per gallon. I did not change my riding style in any way.

Lets be safe as we enjoy our motorcycles and the friendship they bring into our lives.

Safe riding to you and we will see you at the rides.

Skip and Beth

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Thanks to Maria & Ron Delaughter and Jack & Linda Dowda for helping us put together our Chapter “U” rides and Meet & Eat get togethers!!!

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, 4 February -
Impromptu ride. Depart from Kent Power Sports at 9:30 AM.

Saturday, 11 February -
Valentine Day's Ride with lunch to La Mandola in Driftwood. Depart from Kent Power Sports at 9:30 AM.

Wednesday, 15 February - “Chapter Gathering” at La Cabana Restaurant at 170 Buffalo Pl Cibolo, TX 78108. Meet to eat at 6:00 PM.

Saturday, 18 February - Hill Country Ride. Depart from 281/46 Exxon at 9:30 AM.

Saturday, 25 February - Chapter "U" is sponsoring a Road Captain/Co-Rider Course. The course will be held at Kent PowerSports in Selma and will begin at 9:30 AM.





February

Tim Gressler	10 th
Reynaldo Espinosa	11 th
John McClinton	13 th
Brad Severe	17 th
Connie Jordan	19 th
Joyce Whitside	22 nd
Earl Bartolomeo	22 nd
June Stewart	23 rd
Hilmer Mertz	25 th

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



February

Randy & June Stewart 14th

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



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