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January 2006

## CD'S Corner

### HAPPY NEW YEAR "M"

Let me start by wishing everyone a happy and prosperous year in 2006. As I reflect back on '05, there were some "not so perfect moments and even sad moments" but there were many, many fun and happy moments. Your chapter has grown in number and attitude; we had 61 people at the chapter meeting in December. Your officers and staff are dedicated to providing events that will make your sport of biking more fun. After all, "more fun" is what it is all about. If you hang with Chapter M, you will have fun.

Beverly and I want to thank each and every one of you who have been a part of the M experience. Participation has made the last year a success. Remember that this is your

Chapter; and, it will be what you make of it. We are always open to suggestions for improvement. Just remember that we have the good of the whole organization to consider as we discuss the activities being planned and put forward. If during this next year, you have something that you would like to bring to the attention of the staff, you are welcome to attend our staff meetings. Our staff meetings are not secret in any way. The meetings are published in our newsletters and are open to any GWRRA member who wishes to attend.

For the most part, the officers and staff will remain the same. I would like to thank Jim and Sandy Lindsay for their service as ACD's for the past year. We all welcome Marvin and Sylvia Andrews as your new ACD's for this year. They will be working with Don and Charlene

Vickers as co-ACD's for '06. Harolyn Ellis will be our Sunshine Girl. Many thanks to Cindy Burt for the job she has done in this capacity. Sylvia has been working on our Scrapbook and will enter it at the District Rally in Kerrville. At this time, the new Historian will take over the Scrapbook. Beverly and I decided that it was only fair that Sylvia be allowed to finish and present her book at the District Rally. She has spent many hours working on this project. If you would like to see the Scrapbook, it is displayed at our regular meetings. A Historian has not been officially appointed but will be named shortly. I would like to thank Warren and Cindy Burt for their service as your Couple of the Year for the past two years. They both were great representatives of Chapter M.

Our new COY's will be Fred and Sherry

Myers. We are not required to have a COY but I thought it was neat to have these special people represent Chapter M as our ambassadors.

If you have not noticed, we have many new members. Gene made the comment that we had so many newcomers that he can't remember their names. We are all having the same problem so, if you are new to our Chapter, don't be offended if we can't remember your name. Just keep coming around and we will learn. Of course, age has nothing to do with the memory problem.

Let's remember those of our number who are sick; and, the ones that have been lost. We will look forward to a new year of good friends in safety and knowledge.

Ride safe and ride often,  
Gary and Biker Bev

## Ye Ole Ride Schedule

### January 2006

New Year's Day Ride (Sam Leads)	Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>	LV IHOP	10:00 AM
Chapter Meeting	Thu	5 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Creek BBQ	7:00 PM
District Staff Meeting Kerrville, TX	Sat	7 <sup>th</sup>		ADLIB
Lunch Ride	Sat	7 <sup>th</sup>	LV IHOP	10:00 AM
CPR/1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Class	Sat	14 <sup>th</sup>	Meet at	1:00 PM -
Kirby Creek Village, Grand Prairie, TX			Location	4:30 PM
Staff Meeting	Wed	11 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Creek	7:00 PM
Lunch Ride	Sat	21 <sup>st</sup>	LV IHOP	10:00 AM
Brunch Ride to Niesters, Granbury	Sun	15 <sup>th</sup>	LV IHOP	9:30 AM
Lunch Ride to Catfish Plantation	Sun	29 <sup>th</sup>	LV IHOP	10:00 AM

### February

Chapter Meeting	Thu	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Spring Creek BBQ	7:00 PM
Staff Meeting	Wed	8 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Creek	7:00 PM

OTHER RIDES FOR FEBRUARY WILL BE ADDED AT THE JANUARY STAFF MEETING

IHOP - On US287 South of FM157, Mansfield, TX

**Chapter Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM,**

**Dinner at 6:00 PM**

**Meeting at 7:00 PM**

**Spring Creek Barbeque, 1724 HWY 287 (at Debbie Lane), Mansfield, TX**



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## GWRRA Chapter M Event Calendar



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7:00 PM Chapter M Meeting at Spring Creek Barbeque; US 287 and Debbie Lane, Mansfield

Groundhog Day

7:00 PM Chapter M Staff Meeting at Fire Mountain

Lincoln's Birthday

Valentine's Day

President's Day

Washington's Birthday

## SPECIAL DATES

January 2006

### Birthdays

Sylvia Andrews	6th
Beverly Lewis	10th
Lou Ann Walker	10th
Mack Cook	22nd

### Anniversaries

Bill and Martha Barron	21st
Dayle and Sheila Penney	24th
David and Angie Bowen	29th

## Dan Roady

First, let me THANK EVERYONE for your get well cards, your phone calls, good wishes and your prayers. You will never know how much they mean to me and how well they make me feel. I must admit you do really get depressed when you can do nothing but lie around and hurt and say to yourself; "...why me?" Your cards and phone calls and visits really do help turn that stuff around and gives one hope for things to come.

This all started the morning after Thanksgiving, I had my Wing setting in the center of the garage all packed up to go on the hill country ride. I woke up at midnight with what I thought was indigestion and tried to sleep the rest of the night in a recliner. At

6:00 am, the indigestion had changed to chest pains and pains on the right side of my chest and into my arm and neck; it was not going away. Frances and the girls had gone to San Antonio for the weekend since I was going on the hill country ride. I called her and told her what was going on and she told me to call 911, Well cheap as I am and determined nothing was going on, I decided to drive over to Baylor Hospital in Waxahachie. I told them i was having some chest pain and they had me on a table in 3 minutes. I called Shelly, my oldest daughter to come be with me.




To make a long story short they told me I was having a heart attack and they sent me up to Baylor H. downtown. The surgeon started to do a stint but backed up when they got inside; they had to do a 4-way by-pass; the doctor said the heart was good but the pipes were stopped up.

I went to see the heart surgeon; and, he said I still have a little fluid on my lung/heart; they are giving me medications for that. I've started rehab and am feeling good about that, it is all walking right now; no lifting anything over 5 lbs for now.

This episode messes up my winter riding for now, so I will be looking forward to the spring. My Wing will probably be polished up nice and shinny by then so you better have your sun glasses on when I ride up. Ha! Ha!

To ALL, thank you again for your support, it means so much to me. I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!

Love you all.  
Dan Roady



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## 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Run

On behalf of The Salvation Army, the many children, families and victims of hurricanes Katrina and Rita that will benefit from the toys, clothes, household good items, financial donations in the form of cash or checks and the proceeds raised at the Saturday's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Run on 10 December 2005. We would like to say Thank You to all who participated in any form!

Due to the 26 degree temperature, attendance for the ride was down but according to Breeze and Carolyn, this year was their best year ever financially. Proceeds from the auction, 50/50 drawing and raffle ticket sales totaled \$3824.50 to date.

Thank You to everyone that supported this project in every way, especially those that braved the very cold weather. To see the expressions of joy on the faces of all the children and families at the Salvation Army as all the bikes (and a few cars) and Santa arrived and unloaded the donated

items were priceless.

We must recognize and give special thanks to the many chapters, groups, individual bikers and GWRRA members that supported our efforts with their active participation in Saturday's event. We will not call you out by name for fear of omitting someone but you know who you are. Our hats off to all of you!

Thank you to the many people that collected toys for kids, household items and financial donations for hurricane victims from the various vendors, businesses, employers, church groups, friends and relatives. Without your efforts, this year's toy run and hurricane relief drive would not have been as successful as it was.

We hope all of you had as much fun as we did. We look forward to your support again for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Run in 2006.

John & Lena Bryant  
Volunteer Santa Helpers  
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## TRIKER NEWS

**GROUP RIDING....**Where should you ride in the group? In the front, in the middle, or in the back, **in my opinion**, it is all the above. Now let me qualify that statement. When trikes first started showing up for group rides, it was common practice to "put the trikes in the back", that is not necessary. There is no reason a trike cannot lead the group. There is no reason you cannot ride in the middle of the group. True, you may be able to stop quicker than a bike but if everyone keeps their safe distance, there should not be a problem. If you are new to Triking, you may want to ride in the back or even outride so you don't hold up the group.

Make your desires known to the group ahead of time. If you are a conservative rider and don't want to carve through the twisties on the ragged edge or ride above the speed limit, let them know. Usually, there are those that want to cruise slowly and smell the flowers and those that can't wait to get there. Find the right group or just outride. Most good leaders will ride to accommodate the least experienced rider. Even if you take off and later find that the

group is going too fast for you, just drop out. Whatever you do, don't ride above your capability.

More and more trikes are getting together for various activities. Before you start organizing any group rides, make sure you understand the rules and practices of group riding. Remember you cannot stop traffic. You have no authority to block an intersection so everyone can get through it without stopping.

**A MESSAGE FOR ALL EDUCATORS.....** We need your help! With the explosion of Trikes in our organization, we are asking that you include trikes in your articles, chapter talks and PLPs. There is no reason the trikes cannot participate in your PLPs. All you have to do is spread the cones a little bit. Learn the differences between trikes and bikes and share this knowledge with your Region, District and Chapter.

Trikers, talk to your Educator and help him work out the details for including you in all Rider Education activities.

Ron Tolson

## Other Area Chapter Meetings

- "B" 7:30 PM on 1<sup>ST</sup> Tuesday **Raymond's BBQ, 10920 Garland Road, Dallas**
- "F2" 7:00 PM on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, Luby's Cafeteria, 251 University Dr. Ft. Worth
- "N" 7:30 PM on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, Spring Creek BBQ, 12835 Preston Rd, Dallas
- "R" 7:30 PM on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, Spring Creek BBQ, 315 HWY 114, Grapevine
- "U2" 9:00 AM on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, Golden Corral, SW Corner of I-820 and HWY 26, Keller
- "W2" 7:30 PM on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, **Peels Steak House, 2004 Howard Rd, Waxahachie**
- "Z2" 7:00 PM on 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, **Steak Kountry Family Restaurant, McKinney**

## Hill Country Ride - 2005

Fourteen "bikers" riding nine bikes/trikes took off Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> from the town square in Granbury for a fall ride through the hill country. What a beautiful ride it was. We headed south about 9:00 AM with Bev and Gary Lewis leading the way. Riding behind our leaders we had the pleasure of riding with David and Angie Bowen, then came Dick and myself followed by Craig and Mary Watkins (who we invited along to 'try out the group' and will now be joining Chapter M, Jim and Vickie Carpenter, Robert and Pam Furr, and pushing us all the way were Sylvia and Marvin Andrews.

We left the Granbury town square pretty much on time. The hills were covered with the most beautiful colors most of us had ever seen in this area. There must have been hundreds of shades of crimson and gold. We went through Lampasas down to Austin where we took Anderson Mill Road and the start of the real twisties. Bev and Gary advised the route we were going to take is noted in the bikers guide of Top 10 rides. We were prompted by Gary to 'ride our own ride' and to be cautious. The hills were picture perfect and the 'oohs' and 'aahs' were heard from everyone.

Wildlife was abundant with deer everywhere 'living and dead'. Sylvia and Marvin were our official DDATR reporters and they reported 18. I believe they would have been the official CGWAC counters as well but didn't realize they were worth counting until it was too late. For those of you not familiar with the acronym DDATR and CGWAC, they are otherwise known as 'dead deer along the road' and 'cattle guards without any cattle' respectively. They also had the awesome

task of handling the tail gunner slot and keeping their eyes on all of us.

On Friday, Mary Watkins spotted a goat caught in a fence along the roadside. It had obviously been looking for 'greener pastures.' It caught itself in the wire fence, and because its horns turned backward, once it got its head through the fence, there was no possible way, without human assistance, that the poor thing could pull its pretty little head back through as its horns would not allow it. Mary, after a sleepless night finally owned up to us that she worried all night long about that little fella. In fact, she was still bemoaning its probable fate on the ride home. Now, anyone that can spend sleepless nights worrying about 'Billy the Goat' .....has got to be a good addition to Chapter M, right?

We rode the Anderson Mill Road toward Marble Falls. The weather was absolutely beautiful and by the time we reached Marble Falls, we needed to start shedding our layers. To the delight of many of us, there was a Dairy Queen. Our intention was to leave Marble Falls lighter....but not all of us did! We proceeded to Fredericksburg with a much treasured side trip to Luckenback. There were a lot of Willie's friends there and, as always, it was good to see everyone enjoying the smallest little 'music city' in Texas.

We left there to find our lodging for the night. We pulled in to Fredericksburg and discovered a full house. Not a room left due to an apparent new festival in town. Some of the crew was thinking about our options, one being the fact there were two Mary's on the trip and that should account for something (it didn't), others drifted toward unlocked storage units on the outskirts of town. Our leaders, however, were busy working

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with one of the employees associated with one of the full motels to find adequate rooms in Kerrville. Within a short time, we all headed down the road again. We pulled into the Best Western shortly after the sun had set and, albeit we were tired, we were most happy to be off the roads with so many of those four legged friends roaming around. Dinner that night was at the hotel's restaurant, Casa de Agua. The food was good, but the camaraderie was outstanding.

Thunder and lightning woke most of us during the night. We had breakfast at the Casa de Agua and procrastinated until mid-morning until the roads were dry. About 10:30, we started out riding the beautiful route to Bandera. We stopped at the Cider Mill in Medina. That certainly is a must do stop, quaint and friendly. Many of us had 'brunch' ..... like we needed it but the home baked goodies, cookies, apple turnovers, ice cream along with countless other treats were just too good to pass up. We proceeded on to Bandera for lunch at the Old Santa Fe Trail restaurant. The OST (Old Santa Fe Trail) must be the place to eat because we were all 'forced' to do some 'window shopping' before they could accommodate us. Even

then, we were not able to all set together. Tommy Renken and Jan Brocious were at the restaurant also and Bev, Gary and Jim bellied up to the bar on their saddle seats to enjoy a meal with them. After lunch, we headed to Lost Maples State Park for viewing some real color. Once there, we were informed there was less than a mile of pavement to ride but a long hiking trail. After a picture taking session in front of the maple tree **in the parking lot**, we decided we'd rather ride than walk, well; Vickie might have wanted to walk as the ride was taking a toll on her lower back. At times, she would ride behind Pam on Pam's trike and I do believe Jim will need to rethink the back seat on his bike. We left the park with vivid visions of what was probably 'down that walking trail.'

We got back on the road again and wound our way back to Kerrville. Most of the Saturday ride was led by Biker Bev. Watching 'Ruby Sue' slide through those hills and handle the peg grinding turns certainly insured that the motto on the back of her shirt was legitimate. For those who have not seen it, it says, 'bad \_\_\_ toys ain't just for boys.'

Sunday morning found us ready to move

out with the sun shining. Breakfast was again at the hotel's facility where we had the usual three choices. We all had a real good chuckle when Pam ordered. Instead of just ordering 'item number 2' (pancakes) she advised the waitress she would have the 'patty cakes.' It was a great way to start our final day.

As we traveled north we encountered our welcome home committee....Rowdy and Joanne Hickox, as well as, Larry Rogers. They fell in tow and we rode on to Comanche where we stopped for lunch. We finally were able to get enough tables together to seat us all and had our final meal as a 'team.'

At Highway 51, the group started breaking away to head home. Oh, what a wonderful weekend it was. Thank you again Gary and 'biker Bev' for allowing us to join you. See you next year!

**Dick and Mary Reedy**

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## **WHY?**

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?

Why do banks charge a fee on "insufficient funds" when they know there is not enough?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

## IN MEMORY



*Twyla Davis Cook*  
*14 Aug 1966 – 07 Dec 2005*

Twyla Davis Cook was born Aug. 14, 1966, in Gainesville, the daughter of Robert Henry Davis and Linda Jo Doffing. She married Mack Cook Jr. on May 1, 2005, in Mansfield, TX. She was very active in Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A) in both the Dallas and Fort Worth chapters, and was the former state merchandiser in Texas for Bikers Against Child Abuse.

Twyla was also a member of the Chapter M Gold Wing Road Riders Association.

On Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, only four months after her 39<sup>th</sup> birthday, God received a new Angel, not just an ordinary one but a great one. God received an angel with great will power, and unbelievable faith and dedication. In my 45 years, I have never met anyone with more will to live and more determination to fight in the battle against the cancer that ravaged her body than Twyla had. Through this whole ordeal she never wavered and never gave up. I loved her very much and I will miss her greatly, she was the air of my every breath; and, the reason I got up everyday; she was like having a whole football stadium full of fans cheering you on.

No matter if you fumbled or fell, she was always there; and, she only spoke of encouragement.

There have been a lot wonderful people supporting our family through all of these tough times that we have been going through; cards; prayers; and just being there for us. Thank you from the bottom of my heart; you don't know how much it has meant to us having you there. The Biker World as a whole has been so gracious in everything they have done to help and support, and I am so proud to be apart of this world; all of you are true family. For our B.A.C.A. family, Twyla lived and breathed B.A.C.A., and she loved each and every one of you very much. I appreciate all of you.

Memorial Services were conducted for Twyla "Miss Kitty Davis Cook on December 17th at the First Baptist Church of Mansfield. Todd Groo former pastor for the Confederation of Clubs conducted the memorial service. Following the service, there was an open microphone for anyone that wanted to say a word. Each of the people that spoke recalled a person more concerned with the welfare of others than of her own. They talked of a person that was a leader in organizing the Bikers Against Child Abuse and of a person with a zest for life that carried her well past the time when the doctors had given up. Even when times were the darkest for her, she was a ray of sunshine for her family and for those who visited her. Twyla loved each and everyone she met.

I would like to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for all your help and prayers through this time.

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