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## CD's Corner

It's hard to believe this is my third newsletter article as CD of Chapter M (this time around). Time seems to fly when you're having fun, and although the weather hasn't been as good as we like, we've been able to have some fun rides and enjoy being with people we like. On February 4<sup>th</sup>, Jim Carpenter led us to good lunch in Weatherford, and some country roads to Millsap and Lipan before heading back to Mansfield. The following Saturday Sylvia lead us on a very interesting trip up 287 and Riverside Dr. to Fort

Worth, then north on Jacksboro Highway thru Sansom Park to Lake Worth and Ginger Browns Restaurant. We saw a lot of places and people we don't see very often, and some places I hadn't seen in a long time. It turned out that most of us had some ties from years ago to lots of the places we saw. It made for a very fun trip, even though none of it was on country roads. We got good service at Ginger Browns, and the food was great. On Sunday, February 11, we had our Road Captains Course at Kirby Creek, and Ken Olsen led his

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first ride, to Cedar Hill and a stop at a Dairy Queen. Then Fred and Sherry Myers led us to lunch at The Cotton Patch. In a span of eight days, we had four different leaders! To me, this is so great. When you have different ride leaders you get different ideas, making for new and different scenery and destinations. This translates into more fun, and a good reason to ride with Chapter M. (200376-01)

Looking ahead, we have three rides the first three weekends of March, by three different leaders. Then we have the ride to Marshall and the Region H Rally. So do whatever you need to do to get your bike ready for lots of miles. Better weather is just around the corner, and Chapter M will be on the go more than ever. Be ready to ride!

Warren

Find your GWRRA Number in this Newsletter and you can win a free Raffle Ticket if you show a current GWRRA Membership card to the CD at the Chapter M meeting. There are two GWRRA numbers in this newsletter.

Did You Know:

The St. Patrick's Day custom came to America in 1737. That was the first year St. Patrick's Day was publicly celebrated in this country, in [Boston](#).

Beginning in 2007, most of the United States begins Daylight Saving Time at 2:00 a.m. on the second Sunday in March Beginning in 2007, most of the United States begins Daylight Saving Time at 2:00 a.m. on the second Sunday in March.

More daylight for riding.

## Ye Ole Ride Schedule

### March

Chapter Meeting	Thurs	1st	Spring Creek	7:00 PM
Lunch Ride Larry Rodgers leads	Sat	3rd	LV FINA	10:00 AM
Staf Meeting	Wed	7 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Creek	7:00 PM
Birthday Ride Marvin Leads	Sun	11th	LV FINA	10:00 AM
St. Patrick's Day Parade Dublin TX.	Sat	17 <sup>th</sup>	LV FINA	TBD
Region H Rally Marshall TX.	Thurs-	22 <sup>nd</sup> -	LV FINA	TBD
Impromptu Ride	Sun	25 <sup>th</sup>	LVFINA	11:00 AM

### April

ERC Course Burleson High School	Sat	1st	LV FINA	1:00-5:00
Chapter Meeting	Thurs	5th	Spring Creek	7:00 PM
Lunch Ride	Sat	7 <sup>th</sup>	LV FINA	TBD

See web site for future rides and activities

**FINA Station - 1721 FM 157 West of US-287, Mansfield, TX**

**Chapter Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month,  
Dinner at 6:00 PM Meeting at 7:00 PM**

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



# March 2007



## GWRRA Chapter M Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Chapter Meeting 7:00PM Spring Creek BBQ	2	3 Lunch Ride Larry Rodgers Fina 10:00AM
4	5	6	7 Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Spring Creek BBQ	8	9	10
11 Birthday Ride Marvin leads Leave Fina 10:00 AM	12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Parada Dublin TX.
18	19	20	21	22 Region H Rally Marshall TX. (See Web Site for more infomation)	23	24
25 Inpromtu Ride Leave Fina 11:00 AM	26	27	28	29	30	31



# April 2007



## GWRRA Chapter M Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ERC Course Burleson High School	2	3	4	5 Chapter Meeting 7:00 Pm Spring Creek BBQ	6	7 Lunch Ride LVFINA TBD
8 Easter Sunday	9	10	11 Staff Meeting 7:00pm Spring Creek BBq	12	13	14
15 Ride time to be Determined	16	17	18	19 Possible 4th day of Big Bend Ride	20 Ride to Big Rowdy Leads	21 Bend Hickox
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Chapter o2 Brownwood Rally
29	30					

## SPECIAL DATES

March 2007

### Birthdays

Beth Hendrickson	1st
Sam Smith	7th
Marvin Andrews	11th
Nancy Terry	11th
Judy Popko	16th
Randy Simpson	27th

### Anniversaries

Butch & Susie Hicks	16th
Dennis & Carolyn Martini	19th
James & Bodil Overtree	20th
Hylon & Carman Alford	26 <sup>th</sup>
Gary & Beverly Lewis	26th

## SUNSHINE REPORT.....

Well the month of "love" has come and gone and I certainly hope it was a good one for you all. We did have some moonlighters that experienced various illnesses, colds or flu, in addition to those who underwent major surgeries. Thankfully everyone appears to be recovering nicely. Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers for continuing recovery:

Hilda Hatter, JD Walker's dad, Bob Norton, & Donald Vickers.

As for Lonnie and I, we would like to thank those who came out for our "Love, Luck and other foolishness" themed ride. It appeared that everyone had a wonderful time and the event was punctuated with much laughter and



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camaraderie. Special thanks to our three couples that "volunteered" to be victims/ participants in the "not so newlywed" game. (Ken & Karen Olsen, Marvin & Sylvia Andrew, and CB & Elaine Bratcher) They're good attitude and sense of humor, kept us all in stitches as they answered those "embarrassing" questions. Musical trivia was fun with Vance and his guests showing off their musical IQ with 7 out of 10 correct answers. Hey those questions were tough!!! They sure did enjoy the free dessert that came with that victory.

February was certainly busy and March appears to be equally packed with great rides and fellowship. Hope to see as many of you as possible at the Region Rally!!!!

As always, please let us know how Lonnie and I can better serve the participants of Chapter M.

Until next month, love to all....

Sunshine

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**News to use:** I've known for sometime that AARP offered a Defensive Driving course. Yesterday I discovered that they offer it online for \$15.95 for members and \$19.95 for non-members. (Membership is free) This will give you a sizeable discount on your Auto Insurance. It is an eight-hour course and you can take it at your leisure. You can check it out at: [AARP.org](http://AARP.org) and search for Defensive Driving.

Also, yesterday I discovered that Allstate insurance is offering very competitive rates for motorcycles. Give a call to Ron Inman at 972-283-4662, or Anita Embry at 972-206-0920 for a quote. I'm sure our membership would appreciate this info.

Regards,  
Ron Tolson

**CHAPTER "M" YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED!**

**WE WOULD BE HONORED TO HAVE MEMBERS OF YOUR CHAPTER ATTEND OUR "Luck O' the Irish" RALLY ON MARCH 10th.**

**For more information contact Robert & Angela Cherry 281-573-2384 or [rcherry4@houston.rr.com](mailto:rcherry4@houston.rr.com)**

*Signed: Members of TX Chapter "C"*

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Recently chapter members had the opportunity to participate in a Road Captains Course. As a result Jim has offered the following information with regards to the Rider Education Program Levels:

### Rider Education Program

The Rider Education Program is a fundamental part of GWRRA's commitment to safety through education. The goal of the Rider Education Program is to make the rider and co-rider more aware and knowledgeable of safer practices, skills and awareness for motorcycling in reducing fatalities and injuries. The Rider Education Program is for any card carrying GWRRA member or Associate member in good standing.

**PARTICIPANTS ARE STRONGLY URGED TO WEAR PROPER RIDING GEAR WHILE RIDING**

The Rider Education Program (REP) has four levels:

### Level I: "Safety By Commitment"

This is a \$6.00 enrollment fee (make check to GWRRA Texas Rider Education for Levels I-III). You will receive a Safe Miles Patch, and a Rider or Co-Rider Rocker, along with a 5,000 safe mile pin.

There are no requirements to meet. All one has to do is simply make a commitment to making riding safer for yourself and for those you ride with.

### Level II: "Safety By Education"

This is a \$5.00 enrollment fee, in which you will receive your Triangle Patch - Tour Rider/Co-Rider.

To advance to this level you must be signed up at Level One, achieve at least 5,000 safe miles since becoming a GWRRA member and have taken an approved riding course (rider) or an approved co-rider course (Co-rider: seminar, video or a 2 Up riding course within the last 3 years).

**Renewal:** No renewal fee: \$2.00 charge for year bar if desired.

### Tour Rider/Co-Rider."

To advance to this level you must be current in Level II, have a CPR **or** First Aid training certification and carry a First Aid kit on your motorcycle.

**Renewal:** Must maintain all of the above and renew at highest level every January. No Renewal Fee: \$2.00 charge for year bar if desired.

### Level IV: "Safety by Enhanced Preparedness & Experience"

This is a \$35.00 enrollment fee (make check to GWRRA Masters Program), in which you will receive your Master Tour Rider/Co-Rider patch.

To advance to Level IV you must be **enrolled and current in Level III at least one year**, have 25,000 Safe Miles **on record**, complete an Experience Riders Course within the past three years, must be certified in **both** CPR and First Aid. Co-rider must meet the same requirements with the substitution of a Co-Rider Seminar or a 2-Up riding course. Must carry a first aid kit on the motorcycle and **must** wear protective riding gear.

**Update:** Must maintain all of the above and update as required to stay current in a level. No renewal fee, \$2.00 charge for year bar if desired. Updates to Safe Miles, CPR, First Aid etc... can be submitted anytime using a N.10 Data Update form. Just give me a copy of the form, a copy CPR, First Aid etc... and any fees. Make check payable to GWRRA Texas Rider Education.

This is a condensed version of the requirements; more information is available on the Chapter M web site under Rider Education. See me on a ride or at the chapter meeting I will be happy to discuss any questions you may have.

Ride Safe  
Jim and Vicki Carpenter

Life's Journey is not to arrive at the grave safely in a well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, totally worn out, shouting " holy cow .... What a ride!!"

### Other Area Chapter Meetings

- "B/N" 7:00 PM on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, Spring Creek, Garland, Dallas
- "F2" 7:00 PM on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, Luby's Cafeteria, 251 University Dr., Ft. Worth
- "P" 7:00 PM on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, Golden Corral, 1300 S. Morgan (HWY 144), Granbury
- "R" 7:30 PM on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, Fuddruckers (near Bass Pro Shop), Grapevine
- "U2" 9:00 AM on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, Golden Corral, 1120 William D. Tate, Grapevine
- "W2" 7:30 PM on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, Fire Mountain, 1400 N. HWY 77, Waxahachie
- "Z2" 7:00 PM on 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, Steak Kountry, 153 Westgate Shopping Center, McKinney

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Today, Feb. 17, Sat., was a wonderful ride, with our Road Captains, Big Daddy and Sunshine (Lonnie & Harolyn).

We left Fina at 11:00AM with 19 bikes and a couple of 4 wheelers. Lonnie led us all on backcountry roads to lunch, at Suzanne's in Cleburne.

When we arrived at the restaurant, we were led to the private room in the back. When we walked in, all the tables had "chapter green" tablecloths, with green napkins, and little cups of mixed nuts and green M&M's at each place setting. Plus a "Welcome Moonlighters" signs on the walls and tables.

Harolyn then handed tickets to everyone for the many, many gift drawings. All gifts pertained to the title of our ride---LOVE, LUCK, and other foolishness.

Harolyn then passed out a game to each table with 12 questions to answer. The winning table all got free desserts. We all tried really hard on this game, as Suzanne's is known for their cobblers.

After lunch, Harolyn and Lonnie, set up 6 chairs in the middle of the room, and picked 3 couples. Each husband and wife had to sit back to back, so they couldn't see their spouse's answer.

Harolyn asked the questions, and they were to hold up an A card, B card, or C card. A lot of WRONG answers. We laughed so hard.

Last question, they had to write their answer.

" What is your wife's favorite perfume?"

Marvin and Sylvia got it right. Ken and Karen missed this one, even though he had just bought her some for Christmas. Clarence and Elaine got this one right, cause she doesn't wear perfume.

Was so much fun to watch.

After lunch we broke into smaller groups, each heading for home.

Harolyn and Lonnie planned a great ride, and it was enjoyed by all.

Craig Watkins

## SPOTLIGHT ON THE CHAPTER



*Warren and Cindy Burt*  
*Chapter Directors*

Warren and I met in 1993 while bowling on a church league. We began dating early in November of 1994, and I went on my first motorcycle ride and had my first encounter with Chapter "M" later that month. The weather was cold and rainy, but all the people in chapter were warm and friendly, and I was hooked! Warren had been an active member with the chapter for a couple of years before we started dating, holding the position of Road Captain and was currently holding the position of Asst. CD. The next year as the staff changed, Warren moved up to CD, and I became his co-director! What a blast we had.

After dating a little over a year, Warren and I were married in February of 1996 with all of our friends and family present. We had a beautiful wedding in the church where Warren and I both attend, and we had a fun and memorable wedding reception.

Warren has 3 grown children and 7 grandchildren, while I have 2 grown children and 2 grandchildren. We also have 2 dogs who think they are our kids!

Warren held the position of Warehouse/Purchasing Manger for The House of Pet Supplies for 25 years, then last year after

after the owner pasted away, Warren inherited the majority ownership of the business and is now General Manager. We hope to be able to sell the business in the next few months, and at that time plans to retire, and I plan to give him a big list of "Honey-dos!!

I work for StyroChem US, a plastic company in Haltom City & Saginaw, where we make the raw materials for foam cups. Most people know this product as "Styrofoam", but the proper name is polystyrene foam; as "Styrofoam" is a trademark name established by Dow Chemical. I have been employed by StyroChem for 27 years, and currently hold the title of Customer Service/ Logistics Manager. I think this translates to "doer of all"! It seems that if there is a problem, I am called upon to help with the fix!!! (I am sure many of you know exactly what I'm talking about).

After Warren and I stepped down as the CD's 10 years ago, we continued to ride and support Chapter M in every way we could. We have taken many enjoyable road trips with the chapter members, and many vacations where we ventured off on our own. We racked up over 107,000 miles on the first Goldwing we owned, and are now working on racking up many more on the current Goldwing Warren rides. I have been riding my own bike now for over 3 years, and currently own a 750 Shadow Aero, named Rambling Rose. I love riding "The Rose", and have enjoyed being a rider!

In 2004 and 2005 Warren and I were honored to represent Chapter M as the Couple Of Year. We met many new and interesting people while holding this position, and it was a pleasure being ambassadors for a

very well known and respected Chapter.

In 2006 we found ourselves off of the Chapter M staff, but as 2007 approached, we stepped into the role of Chapter Directors once again. We feel extremely honored and fortunate to be in this leadership role, but are more amazed at the support and staff that the chapter currently has. This is truly a team effort, and everyone on the staff makes this a wonderful and fun chapter, and makes our role of Chapter Directors a truly enjoyable one. (096151)

Warren and I hope to bring as much fun and pleasure to the Chapter as we have gained from it over the past years. We look forward to many, many more miles and fun times with our Chapter M friends and riding partners.

Warren and Cindy Burt  
Chapter M - Chapter Directors 2007

Recently Fred and I had the chance to participate in the Road Captain's Course conducted by Ken Peterson. The information was very informative and I actually learned a few things I did not know. Ken spoke on Hand Signals, Pre Ride responsibilities both as an individual and ride leader and how to ride with a group.

Everyone gathered at Kirby Creek (thank you to Sylvia and Marvin for arranging the use of the club house) and enjoyed good company of fellow chapter M'ers. In some cases a lot of good-natured ribbing was had. Ken gave a great program giving a lot of good information. After the classroom portion it was time to decide where the group would ride to practice what we had learned. With a decision made everyone bundled up to stay warm and we mounted up. Across Joe

Pool Lake and in to Cedar Hill, the group stops at the Dairy Queen and a discussion was held to go over how we had done. Ken was satisfied we were competent to ride and it was quickly decided to go for lunch. A vote was taken and it was decided to go to the Cotton Patch. Fred agreed to lead and we headed out. Now the Cotton Patch was only about a mile from where we were and you would think that it would not be possible to lead folks astray but it can happen. Actually all that happened was Fred missed his turn into the parking lot and we had to go around the block. But we had a good time teasing him about it. We had to wait a bit for a table but the food was good and the company better. After lunch everyone mounted up and headed home. Thank you chapter M for arranging the course and to Ken for conducting it.

Sherry Myers

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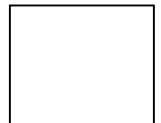
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