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# GWRRRA CHAPTER - M



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Can you believe it? A whole year has gone by since we took over as the CD's of Chapter M. Actually Gary and Bev Lewis officiated over the December meeting last year, and then handed the ropes to us. At that time, we really didn't know what to expect, but knew that we had big, big, big shoes to fill, and that we were going to need a lot of help. Well, I mean to tell you - Chapter M stepped up. The staff members that stayed on with us as the CD's and those who stepped up to fill the gaps have proved to be a creative, fun, helpful, and well qualified team.

Things have changed since we last held the CD position 10 years ago. Back then our chapter was not nearly as big, but people were not nearly as eager to step up and participate in the inner goings on of the chapter. There were a few key people that kept the chapter held together, but each of us worked ourselves into a frenzy trying to do so. Each of us held 2 or 3 staff positions and just tried to do the best we could.

This past year as the CD's of Chapter M has made us appreciate how the Chapter has evolved. Thanks to the fun and friendly people in our membership, our Chapter continues to grow with participants and people who continually step up to help or to offer fun ideas. We are amazed at how well an organization as large as we have become continues to operate like a "greased wheel".

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With this being said, let us remind you that this chapter and being a part of GWRRA is a hobby, not an obligation. We hope that you are having as much fun participating in the Chapter as we are in trying to help organize it for the good of all. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the staff, please come to any staff meeting and join in. This meeting is open to all participants of chapter, we call it a staff meeting because we need our staff there to plan the upcoming events, but it could just as easily be called a 'Planning Meeting' if that makes anyone feel more comfortable joining in. We would love to see new faces with new ideas. (220430)

Thank you for making 2007 a great year for Chapter M. We wish each and every one of you a Wonderful Holiday Season and a Prosperous New Year!

Warren and Cyndi

## 2008 Pin Design Contest for Texas District Rally May 8,9,10, 2008 Corpus Christi, Texas

The Pin Design should reflect the Naval theme "Wings Ahoy"

- The design should not contain more than (6) six colors
- submit your designs in a 3 x 5 presentation
- use of gradient colors is discouraged due to problems in reproduction

Along with the Rally Theme the pin design should contain the following

- GWRRA designation
- Region H designation
- Texas designation
- Date of the Rally - May 8 - 10, 2008
- Location of the Rally - Corpus Christi

Please submit your designs as follows


- by Email - use jpeg or pdf type files to kenandbarbie@wb4me.com
- by snail mail - to Ken & Barbie Peterson, 2004 Jackie Dr. Burleson, TX 76028
- The Cut Off date is 15 Dec 2008

Design Winners will receive two free registrations to the Texas District Rally to include dinner on the Lexington.

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### Thought for the Month:

The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other.

-Burton Hillis (Better Homes and Gardens)



# December 2007



## GWRRA CHAPTER M EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Food Drive @ Kroger (see web for details)
2 New Black Trike Ride LVFINA 9 am	3	4	5	6 Chapter Meeting Springcreek 7 pm	7	8 North Texas Toy Run (see web for details)
9	10	11	12 Staff Meeting Springcreek 7 pm	13 Deliver Food Baskets (see web for details)	14	15 Chapter Christmas Party Kirby Creek 5 PM
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Christmas Light & Dinner Ride LVFINA 5pm
23	24		26	27	28	29
30	31					



# January 2008



## GWRRA Chapter M Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Years Day Ride TBD	2	3	4	5 Mid Winter Round Up Kerrville
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Lunch Ride 11 AM LVFINA	14	15	16	17	18	19 Lunch Ride 10 AM LV TS
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Bowling @ 2PM See Web For Details	28	29	30	31		



## CHAPTER M RIDE SCHEDULE DECEMBER

Food Drive @ Kroger	Saturday Dec.1 <sup>st</sup>	Kroger (Mansfield TX) 9:30 - 4:00 Debbie Lane @Matlock
New Black Trike Ride	Sunday Dec.2 <sup>nd</sup>	LVFINA 9 AM
North Texas Toy Run	Saturday Dec.8 <sup>th</sup>	See web site for details
Deliver Food Baskets	Thursday Dec.13 <sup>th</sup>	See Web site for details
Chapter M Christmas Party	Saturday Dec.15 <sup>th</sup>	Kirby Creek 5PM
Christmas Light & Dinner Ride	Saturday Dec. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	LVFINA 5PM

## JANUARY

New Years Day Ride	Tuesday Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>	Details to follow
Mid Winter Round Up Kerrville	Saturday Jan 5 <sup>th</sup>	See District Web Site for details
Lunch Ride Jim C. Leads	Sunday Jan 13 <sup>th</sup>	LVFINA 11 AM
Lunch Ride Warren Leads	Saturday Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>	LV TS 10 AM
Bowling	Sunday Jan 27 <sup>th</sup>	Details to follow 2 PM

**FINA Station - 1721 FM 157 West of US-287, Mansfield, TX**  
**TS Touring Specialties 2730 N. Main 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**



### 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, Spring Creek 317 Hwy 377 @ Overton, 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

# SPECIAL DAYS



## Happy Birthday M'ers

Sylvia Andrews	Jan 4 <sup>th</sup>
Beverly Couch	Jan 8 <sup>th</sup>
Beverly Lewis	Jan 10 <sup>th</sup>
Lou Ann Walker	Jan 10 <sup>th</sup>
David Topley	Jan 30 <sup>th</sup>



## Happy Anniversary M'ers

Dan & Jane O'Hair	Jan 17 <sup>th</sup>
Bill & Martha Barron	Jan 21 <sup>st</sup>
David & Ginny Topley	Jan 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Dayle & Shelia Penny	Jan 24 <sup>th</sup>
David & Angie Bowen	Jan 29 <sup>th</sup>

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## SUNSHINE REPORT

Happy Holidays Chapter M!!!! Lonnie and I wish you the very best of the holiday season. 2007 has been a wonderful year for our Chapter participants, as well as for the Chapter as a whole. We joined together numerous times to lift one another up, to raise funds and to show support for worthy causes, and of course we RODE!!! We have had many successful themed rides, as well as some wonderful day events. Our numbers continue to grow as we are embracing our new participants with warmth and acceptance. I am so proud of you all. What a very special group of people we have at M. As "Sunshine Lady" I must admit that the amount of time and effort I have been able to give to Chapter M, has only been possible because of my "Sunshine Man"...Lonnie is such a big supporter of M, that to be around him and not share the vision for M, is impossible. His enthusiasm and love for this chapter is contagious. Perhaps that is why so many that he invites to attend rides and meetings, do attend and like what they experience.

It is my hope and prayer that the year ahead will be one filled with love, laughter and peace for all of our Moonlighters. May all your rides be glorious and may your bike stay shiny side up. See you on the next ride .... Until then, please let Lonnie and I know how we may better serve the Chapter.

Sunshine

Did you find your GWRRR Number in this Newsletter. If so you can win a free Raffle Ticket if you show a current GWRRR Membership card to the CD at the Chapter M meeting. There are two GWRRR numbers in this newsletter.



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## DECEMBER PROJECTS

Don't forget the charity projects that M is working on this season...

Dec 1st 9:30 - 4:30 pm Meet at Kroger in Mansfield 3001 Matlock, corner of Debby Lane and Matlock to raise cash or cans for HEADSTART Families. We hope to feed at least 20 families with a large donation of various groceries. Lonnie will be there as Santa and their will hopefully several trikes and bikes there to gather attention. An article in the Mansfield Mirror will remind the public to come out and support us. We are encouraging the public to bring their cameras and take a photo of their kids on the bike with Santa. (Tell your family and friends too... help spread the word)

Bring your canned goods to the Dec. meeting and we will add it to the supplies, with plans to divide the donations among as many families as possible.

We will deliver these food baskets to HEADSTART on Thursday afternoon of the 13th. Marvin Andrews is coordinating that event (thank you Marvin) as Sunshine has to work. For more information check the calendar or call Marvin.

Once again this year, Chapter M is being asked to participate in Chapter R's Toy Run on Dec. 8th. Check the web site for more details. Chapter M is always so supportive of this special day.

If you have questions about these events... please do not hesitate to call me @ 972-310-9892  
Sunshine



# 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NORTH TEXAS TOY RUN

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## Myths and Legends

I was trying to come up with something informative and interesting enough that everyone would want to read when I came across this during my research: *The Deadly Dozen: 12 Motorcycle Safety Myths and Misconceptions*. When science meets urban legend and imperfect logic, some of the "facts" motorcyclists think they "know" about motorcycle safety, crashes, and riding turn out to be dangerous myths and misconceptions. From the February 2006 issue of *Motorcycle Cruiser* magazine. I know it was written for cruisers but the information is pertinent to all who ride on pavement whether cruising or touring. Get a group of motorcyclists talking about crashes and safety, and you will almost certainly hear some of them—popular misconceptions, incorrect assumptions, urban legends, and intuitive explanations about motorcycle safety that turn out to be wrong when you actually check out the facts. The problem is that believing these misconceptions can increase your chances of being involved in an accident or getting hurt when you do crash. Maybe you know BS when you hear it, but maybe you have heard some myths repeated so often or by people whose expertise you respect that you think they are actually true. Unfortunately, there are a lot of motorcyclists who do believe them. We thought that some of these fallacies should be brought out into the light of day so that riders have the right information upon which to make informed riding-safety decisions. We also hope it will keep more motorcyclists from repeating such misconceptions to riders who turn to them for advice.

These are the Deadly Dozen, the motorcycle safety myths and urban legends ones that we hear most frequently.

### **Myth 1: Other Drivers Don't Care About Motorcyclists**

It may seem hard to believe at times, but other drivers almost never actually want to hit you. Most of those near-misses come about because they don't always know you are there, even when you are right in front of them, seemingly in plain view. You can be obscured or completely hidden by glare, by other things on or along the road, by the cars roof pillars, the handicap hangtag, or by other traffic. Of course, not all drivers "think motorcycles" and make the effort to look that extra bit harder to see if there might be a motorcyclist hidden by that obscuration or in their blind spot. Instead of assuming that they will ignore you even when they see you, you should help make it easier for drivers to spot you, especially as the population ages (not that any of us are getting older) and more drivers have greater difficulty in picking you out. To overcome the fact that you might be hard to see and harder to notice, wear bright colors, especially on your helmet and jacket. Run your high beam during the day. Think about things that can hide you and your bike from other drivers, things that can be as common as the sun behind you, the car ahead in the next lane, or a couple of roadside poles that line up on the driver's line of sight toward you. Make an effort to ride in or move to a location where drivers with potentially conflicting courses can see you before they stray your way.

### **Myth 2: Loud Pipes Save Lives**

Yeah, there are a few situations—like where you are right next to a driver with his window down who is about to change lanes—where full-time noise-makers might help a driver notice you, but all that noise directed rearward doesn't do much in the most common and much more dangerous conflict where a car turns in front of you. Maybe it's the fatigue caused by the noise, maybe it's the attitudes of riders who insist on making annoying noise, or perhaps loud bikes annoy enough drivers to make them aggressive. Whatever the reason, the research shows that bikes with modified exhaust systems crash more frequently than those with stock pipes. If you really want to save lives, turn to a loud jacket or a bright helmet color, which have been proven to do the job. Or install a louder horn.

### **Myth 3: Motorcycle Helmets Break Necks**

It seems logical—you put more weight out there on the end of your neck and when you get thrown off the bike, that extra weight will create more pendulum force on your neck. Turns out, it doesn't work that way. In fact, the energy-absorbing qualities of a DOT motorcycle helmet also absorb the energy that breaks riders' necks in impacts. Studies show that helmeted motorcyclists actually suffer fewer neck injuries when they crash compared to riders who crash without helmets. (202855)

### **Myth 4: Helmets Block Your Ability to See or Hear Danger**

The thing you learn when you dig into the research is that motorcycle riders who use reasons, wearing a helmet clearly does not increase a motorcyclist's risk of having an accident and wearing one correlates to reduced likelihood of an accident.

### **Myth 5: A Helmet Won't Help in Most Crashes**

People look at the seemingly low impact speeds used in motorcycle-helmet testing and assume that if you are going faster than that, the helmet will no longer be up to the job. That ignores a few critical facts:

Most accidents happen at relatively low speeds. Most of the impact energy is usually vertical—the distance your head falls until it hits. Helmets (or at least helmets that meet DOT standards) perform spectacular life-saving feats at impact speeds far above those used in testing.

When a helmeted rider suffers a fatal head injury, it frequently doesn't matter, because, to hit hard enough to sustain that fatal injury, he sustained multiple additional fatal injuries to other parts of his body. In other words, the fact that the helmet didn't prevent the head injury was of no consequence.

The numbers clearly say that riders using DOT helmets simply survive crashes more successfully than those without them.

**Myth 6: A Helmet Will Leave You Brain Damaged in a Crash When You Would Have Simply Died**

Of course that's possible—your helmet attenuates the impact energy enough to keep the injury from being fatal but not enough to keep all of your eggs from getting scrambled. However, that's rare, and if you hit that hard, you are likely to get killed by some other injury. It's actually the un-helmeted rider who is likely to cross from animal to vegetable kingdom, and often from a relatively minor impact that would have damaged nothing but his ego if he'd been wearing a DOT helmet.

That's it for this month, I know it was only six; ya'll will have to wait till next month for the rest.

Jim Carpenter

Rider Educator

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Sherry and Fred Myers  
Newsletter Editor

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