

Delta Wing Gazette



G W R R A R E G I O N H A R K A N S A S D I S T R I C T C H A P T E R W

CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Well it's a new year, which always brings new changes. First, we want to thank Johnny & Mildred on a great job leading our chapter for the last 3 years. Bryan & I have come up with a few new ideas that we hope everyone will enjoy and we hope it will help our chapter grow. One of the first changes is our meeting place and time. Please make plans to attend our monthly gathering on the 3rd Saturday of the month. We will eat at 9 AM and meet at 10 AM at the Plum Point Inn in Osceola. We attended a New Years Eve party with Chapter C and had a blast! There was a lot of good food, a great fire, and a wonderful time with some of our friends. We've got a lot coming up so please look at your calendar and if there is anything you would like to do, let us know and we will do our best to work it in to the calendar.



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Wing Wisdom Whittles

January 2011



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Success

I once heard about a young man who, in his eagerness to make it to the top, went to a well-known millionaire for advice about how to get there.

“What is the first reason for your success?” he asked. “Hard work,” the millionaire replied. Disappointed, the inexperienced fellow responded, “What is the second reason?”

We laugh at this young man’s desire for a quick-and-easy formula, but his response brings up a much more serious question for people who aren’t doing what they know they’d like to do: Are you willing to pay the price to get there?

You don’t get fulfilling success at a bargain-basement price. In fact, the cost is often much higher than many people are willing to pay. People may embark on a new path with energy and enthusiasm, only to fizzle out when they realize how much effort is involved.

The way to avoid this scenario, of course, is to count the cost of doing what you’d like to do before you begin. So, what does the price tag include? Here are just a few items:

1. **Hard Work**. There’s no way around this – you can’t fulfill your dream without a lot of blood, sweat, tears, and maybe even a little elbow grease. You might also have to spend time – perhaps large quantities of time – working diligently at jobs you don’t particularly like in order to prepare yourself for the job you want.
2. **Learning**. Doing what you love might require you to acquire some new skills, polish existing abilities, or listen and learn from others. Are you willing to devote the time, money and energy to making that happen?
3. **Discipline**. It takes focus and commitment to pursue your goal without getting sidetracked or giving up. Success doesn’t just happen. You have to be intentional about it, and that takes discipline.
4. **Change**. At the surface, this might not seem like a significant price. After all, you wouldn’t be engaging in this if you didn’t want a change in your life, and to help others. And yet, as we all know, change isn’t easy. It can cause stress, anxiety, uncertainty, and a host of other uncomfortable emotions.
5. **Emotional stamina**. On your way toward doing what you love, you’re going to stumble and you might even take a few hard falls. When that happens, you’ve got to have the intestinal fortitude to pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and get going again.



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Now the ball is in your court. If you know what you want to do - but aren't doing it yet, stop making excuses and start taking steps to make it happen. In today's economy, many of our friends have had to take these steps, and they will succeed because of it.

Don't wait until everything is perfect to begin, because everything will never be perfect. Don't put it off until tomorrow, because tomorrow you will be tempted to put it off until the next day. Don't wait for your ship to come in – swim out to meet it!

How many **New Year's Resolutions** do people make, and then are not able to keep them? Their intentions are in the right place, and it does take effort to make changes.

Just start. And as you begin, remember these three truths about the end result:

Doing what you want to do will be different than you imagined it would be.

It will be more difficult than you ever imagined.

And, it will be better than you ever imagined.

I can assure you that when you're doing what you really want to do, it's not work. It will be fun, because you're reaching your potential, and helping others to reach theirs. It just doesn't get any better than that. We call it **success** – and you will enjoy it, because you did it!

An old saying is: “A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step”. Go ahead and take that first step, and we wish you great success in your endeavors.

SAFETY

RIDER ED 'GIMME 5'

TOPIC: Why Should I Take a Rider Course?

This question is one that many of us find easy to answer. What we may not understand is why anyone would need to ask it. There are some riders in each of our chapters that choose not to participate in an instructed Rider Course. Let's examine this and try to understand why, and look at what a Rider Course can do for you.



Some may say, "I've been riding for years. I don't need to take a class." Others will boast about the miles they have accumulated on two wheels and ask "what can they teach me?" Have you ever tried to persuade someone with that attitude that a Rider Course might help them be an even better rider? Their position can be so negative and so strongly put that you don't want to talk to them about the benefits of rider training. Sometimes, people hide their self doubt behind a curtain of confidence and bluster. Is it possible to have all the knowledge and skill necessary to avoid any accident? Well, if one chooses not to ride very far or very often, then perhaps it is possible. But I wouldn't want to bet *my* life on it!

Do you remember a single season in your riding career without at least one close call or near miss due to another motorist's driving behavior? How about a single *month*? If you ride around the state or across the country, you expose yourself to many different situations that require anticipation of all the possible actions of other drivers. You have to be prepared to counter with the proper response – *whatever their action* – and do it in a split second! A motorcycle Rider Course helps prepare you mentally and physically to execute the kinds of maneuvers called for by a driver's unexpected actions. We look upon these classes as an opportunity to learn and improve our riding skills in a safe environment.

The instructors are trained to spot the little techniques during range exercises that riders tend to forget to employ on the road. They provide reminders to all students in a positive manner. Their trained eyes and constructive comments are geared to put each of us on the path to being the safest riders we can be. This can help with your attitude and performance on the road. Being reminded of the best techniques to execute different skills does not hurt at all. It is painless. The practice and coaching helps to improve our skills, whether we never knew the technique to use, or just need the occasional reminder. Hey, who doesn't appreciate a reminder from time to time? Especially when it is about something you want to do correctly and safely, but may have just forgotten the best method.

In athletic training we are taught that practice makes perfect. And when you practice something you enjoy doing, it's just a lot of fun! Practicing motorcycle riding maneuvers in a closed parking lot with someone else (the instructors) monitoring the range to protect the riders from outside hazards helps you focus your attention on the task at hand – becoming a better rider!

On another level, taking a Rider Course will help you qualify for advancement in the Rider Education Levels Program, to Level II or above, or keep you current in your present level. And there is one more thing to remember about *all* GWRRA Rider Course offerings. Nobody fails! Everyone who completes the course receives a course completion card. There are no minimum performance requirements. You are asked to push yourself to improve your abilities. You won't get better at it if you don't try. Sign up for a Rider Course today. You will thank yourself later!

Ride Smart & Be Safe!

Bruce & Melissa Thayer

Former MI Asst. District Rider Educators

The Big Bad Wolf



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Hope everyone had a great holiday season. Now let's start talking about riding. I'm patiently waiting, is it time to ride yet???

I have heard a lot of talk about going to upcoming events. The first event being a trip to Morrilton, AR this month for the district paperwork meeting, this will have to be in a car but at least we can all get together and start planning.

I've heard about the 40 to Phoenix and the Region Convention in Texas both in March, Bryan and Emily will be competing for Region Couple of the Year. Let's all go show our support!! Then there is Louisiana District Convention in Lafayette, LA and Rider Ed Weekend in Morrilton, AR both April, we all need to keep up on the safety issues

with riding and you will have a great time with them Louisiana folks. I can't wait to go to Rogers, AR again for the AR District Convention. And of course let's not forget about all the chapter events that will be happening also.

I hope that Chapter W has a great riding season and have FUN. Sugar Bear, Smoky and I will all be FRIENDS and we will leave you two legged human folks to keeping us SAFE with all the KNOWLEDGE you have and will practice during the upcoming riding season.

Hope to see everyone at Chapter W's new gathering at the Cotton Inn in Osceola the 3rd Saturday for breakfast at 9:00AM to eat and meet at 10:00 AM.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mildred Glasscock January 3rd

Brianna Dunham January 16th

ANNIVERSARIES

none

GWRRA JOIN DATE

Jimmy Smith 1/18/06

Daryl Johnson 1/19/06

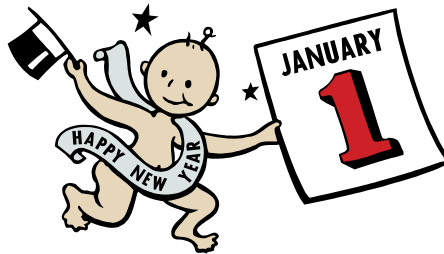
Bobby Stabbs 1/29/08

Billy Stabbs 1/30/06

NEW MEETING TIME &
PLACE!!!

*GWRRRA Chapter W-Blytheville
Delta Wings
Meets the 3rd Saturday of the Month
At Plum Point Inn & Restaurant
On Highway 140 in Osceola*

MEC-MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITMENT COORDINATOR



Mark your calendars!!!! Chapter W has a new meeting place and time.

Meet: 3rd Saturday

Breakfast at 9:00AM

Gathering starts at 10:00

At the Plum Point Inn in Osceola

Happy New Year!!!! Hope everyone is planning on having a great year. I know I am looking forward to the upcoming riding season. We sure had a good time at the annual Business Meeting, AKA: paperwork meeting, in Morrilton this month. Several of us went, we have gotten a van the last to events that the chapter has went to. We may not always be able to do this but we sure have a lot of laughs when we ride together. Hope to see everyone at the next event.

Well everyone should be aware of the changes in the TEAM. Bryan and Emily have a lot of good ideas. There is a new chapter team, let's give them all our support.

We are going to put together some recruiting packets to keep in our motorcycles and have at our gatherings or whenever we find someone that likes to ride. Let's invite anyone we see to our gatherings, chapter events and dinner rides. Let's make this year the year that Chapter W grows!!! I know that we all like each other but we need to work on recruiting. Any suggestions you may have on ways to do this please let me know.

Be sure to check the monthly calendar for all the events for the district. Don't forget the monthly dinner ride. It may be a little chilly for a bike ride but we can take cars and carpool.

FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE!!!!

Mildred Glasscock

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From your

ARKANSAS

District Directors



It appears that the New Year is upon us. Every year I think it has gone by way to fast, but it is just about 2011, so I guess that means it is time. Everyone has different ideas about bringing in the New Year, and I guess however you decide to bring it in is up to you, but what we would like to see the New Year bring is an association of Gold Wing Motorcycle riders closer than ever. I know it is an easy thing to hope for, but it is something that everyone has to help with in order for it to be a reality. We are going to do all that we can to make it a reality in 2011. I hope that each of us will put forth the effort to draw closer to one another.

The New Year also is time for our paperwork meeting in January at the college in Morrilton. The District Team is looking forward to a great day. Bring a smile and a good attitude and let's start everything out on the right foot.

We also have new directors coming in the New Year, they are Roy Dellinger at Chapter C, Richard Penuell at Chapter E, Bryan Dunham at Chapter W, and Rob Dolanski at Chapter X. As you see these men and their wives encourage them as they take on these new responsibilities.

We also would like to introduce a new District team member, Johnny and Mildred Glasscock have joined the Team as Assistant Directors, we look forward to working with them.

However you usher in the New Year, please be safe and remember that is a time of New beginnings, so bring it in with a bang and aim towards the goals that you have set and as the year rolls on we will see how close we come.

We wish you a Happy New Year and hope that the year brings great things to all.

Remember,
If it looks like a good day to ride,
it probably is.
Chris and Pam DePriest

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By the Book

By: Steve Cotton
Region H Trainer

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Standards of Conduct

Last month's article was on INTEGRITY, and how we as GWRRA Officers and Members need to remember that integrity is a characteristic that we need to exhibit in everything we do. How well we "**Keep Our Word**" measures the respect our Members have of us as their leaders. In this month's article, I want to go a little further with this idea of trust and respect.

As a preliminary example, think of someone in your past that has made a commitment or promise to you, and then not followed through with that commitment. I recently had a friend tell me a story about buying a new pickup truck, and the salesman said they would provide a \$9.95 oil change for the life of the truck. Sounded like a good item to seal the deal, and they reached an agreement for him to purchase the truck.

Well, you can probably guess what happened. He went in for the first oil change, and they had raised the price to \$19.95. When he contacted the salesman to question this, the salesman said that the owner had raised the price, and there was nothing he could do about it. After some very serious discussion with the salesman and owner, the original price was honored. But to my friend, it sure left a sour taste about that dealer and the obligations he agreed to.

This is not the situation we want to happen with our Members in GWRRA. We need to display Honor, Integrity, and Commitment – and then follow through by keeping these obligations we agreed to.

With that idea in mind, the STANDARDS OF CONDUCT for GWRRA Officers has been adopted to promote and maintain the highest of standards for association service and personal conduct among its Officers. Adherence to these standards is necessary, and will further serve to assure Member confidence in the integrity and fairness of all GWRRA Officers. (Page B-2 of the Officers Handbook)

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AS AN OFFICER OF THE GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION, I PLEDGE TO:

1. **MAINTAIN** loyalty to my Association and aggressively help it to achieve its objectives and goals.
2. **HOLD** inviolate the confidential relationship between the individual Members of our Association and myself, and all confidential information entrusted to me through my Association office.
3. **SERVE** all Members of our Association impartially, and provide no special privilege to any Member, nor accept any special personal compensation for the performance of my duties.
4. **NEITHER** engage in, nor countenance, any exploitation of our Association, and safeguard and protect all its Marks.
5. **RECOGNIZE** and properly and fairly perform my responsibilities to our Association, uphold all rules and policies relating to its activities, with skill, courtesy, honor, good will, and especially to uphold exemplary service to the Membership.
6. **EXERCISE** and utilize sound "people principles" in the conduct of the affairs of my office.
7. **USE** only fair, moral and ethical means when seeking to influence opinion.
8. **ALLOW** no false or misleading statements to be made to the public or Membership.
9. **NOT** disseminate any malicious information concerning this or any organization.
10. **ACCEPT** responsibility for cooperating in every reasonable way with all Association Officers and Members.
11. **USE** every opportunity to improve public understanding of the positive principles of motorcycling, especially GWRRA.
12. **MAINTAIN** high standards of personal conduct, and make efforts to improve my management skills, my character, and my communication techniques.

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Yes, these are indeed very high ideals that are expected of our Officers. But remember that as an Officer, more is expected of you than just an ordinary Member. You are in the leadership role, and people will follow leaders they trust and honor. If you lose his or her trust, and even though you are in a leadership position, you are only “out for a walk” – no one is following you, so you are not leading!

As an Officer or a Member, here are a few things to DO:

- DO have patience – we are working with people, and they have many different personalities and viewpoints.
- DO promote fun activities – this is why we joined the organization.
- DO promote safety – so we can continue to enjoy times with our fellow Members.
- DO communicate with other Officers and Members – keep people informed!
- DO provide proper example – lead by example, and people will respect you more.
- DO take surveys, and listen to other people’s input – get another person’s ideas and viewpoints.
- DO provide and care about the Members – they are your friends, and friends care about each other.

Learn Something New...Then Teach Someone!

Steve and Carolyn Cotton
Region H Trainers



February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
						Chapter W Meeting
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
					Dinner Ride~TBA Johnny Glasscock Birthday	
27	28					

GWRRRA Chapters in Arkansas

<i>CHAPTER</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>CONTACT /PHONE</i>	<i>MEETING DATE/ TIME</i>	<i>MEETING PLACE</i>
<i>AR-A</i>	<i>Little Rock</i>	<i>Pending</i>	<i>3rd Saturday Eat 8am Meet 9am</i>	<i>Frontier Diner, LR I-30 W frontage rd near Baseline</i>
<i>AR-B</i>	<i>Springdale</i>	<i>Frank & Sharon Maxwell (479)855-2278</i>	<i>2nd Saturday Eat 9am Meet 10am</i>	<i>Golden Corral, Rogers I-540 Exit 81 Pleasant Grove Rd</i>
<i>AR-C</i>	<i>Cabot</i>	<i>Roy & Georgia Dillinger (501)944-4705</i>	<i>1st Saturday Eat 9 am Meet 10 am</i>	<i>The Diner 3286 S. 2nd St #B Cabot</i>
<i>AR-D</i>	<i>Jonesboro</i>	<i>Pending</i>	<i>1st Sunday Eat 1:30 Meet 2:30</i>	<i>Western Sizzlin</i>
<i>AR-E</i>	<i>Hot Springs</i>	<i>Richard & Jean Penuel (501)922-4185</i>	<i>4th Saturday Eat 9am Meet 10am</i>	<i>Hester's Restaurant Travel Lodge Grand & Central</i>
<i>AR-H</i>	<i>Batesville</i>	<i>Tom & Chris Wammack (870)307-8661</i>	<i>Varies, Please check latest Newsletter or Call</i>	
<i>AR-J</i>	<i>Russellville</i>	<i>Pending</i>	<i>1st Saturday Eat Noon Meet 1pm</i>	<i>Western Sizzlin 105 E Main-Hwy 64</i>
<i>AR-L</i>	<i>Conway</i>	<i>Bud & Jan Danner (501)730-0827</i>	<i>3rd Saturday Eat 5pm Meet pm</i>	<i>Smitty's BBQ 740 Harkrider (Hwy 365)</i>
<i>AR-P</i>	<i>Mountain Home</i>	<i>John & Susan Sparks (870)424-2529</i>	<i>3rd Saturday Eat 12pm Meet 1 pm</i>	<i>Western Sizzlin Mountain Home</i>
<i>AR-R</i>	<i>Van Buren</i>	<i>Garry & Phyllis Floyd (479)474-1560</i>	<i>4th Saturday Eat 9am Meet 10am</i>	<i>Sister's Bistro 719 Main</i>
<i>AR-W</i>	<i>Blytheville</i>	<i>Bryan & Emily Dunham (870)278-5530</i>	<i>3rd Saturday Eat 9 am Meet at 10 am</i>	<i>Plum Point Inn Osceola, AR</i>
<i>AR-X</i>	<i>Clarksville</i>	<i>Robert & Paula Dolonski</i>	<i>4th Saturday Eat 5:00pm</i>	<i>Western Sizzlin Meet 6pm</i>