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TEXAS CHAPTER Z2



GWRRA Region H MCKINNEY, TEXAS

Meeting the fourth Thursday at Fuddruckers,
2045 S. Central Expy. McKinney, Texas
Dinner at 6:30 PM Meeting at 7:00 PM



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From the Directors' Chair.....

Another milestone in the Goldwing has unfolded. We had the opportunity to get an "up close" look at the newest addition to the Goldwing family – the long awaited 2012 edition.

We happened to be visiting Maxim Honda on Saturday, May 14th – and as we pulled into the parking lot, the Maxim sales team was giving the final instruction to the new owner of the first 2012 Goldwing to arrive at Maxim. It was on the show room floor for a total of 1 hour!!

It is indeed a beautiful machine. If a motorcycle can be much the same – yet totally different... Honda has accomplished it.

It is a look that will take some time to get used to, but the upgrades to the electronics and layout of the control panels won me over immediately. Many of the radio controls are now on the fairing panel, and in their former place on the center console is a glove box.

The new look sports a lot less bling – but probably a lot more zing. The two tone paint is one of the traits that, at least for us, will take some time to adjust to. The chrome engine side covers have now become flat black, as have the lower half of the new style saddlebags.

The new fairing is a lot wider, and gives a much wider look to the Wing. The headlights are now blacked out, which adds a different look to the front of the bike. The seat on the new beast sports a much higher lower back support for the rider, and even though we didn't get the chance to sit on it – it looks to be quite comfortable.

Hopefully, the Chapter members that went to the District Convention in Killeen got the opportunity to give the new Goldwing a much closer look – and can give us an update at our monthly meeting.

We have made contact with several new potential members for our Chapter, and look forward to seeing them at our meetings. Let's keep recruiting and increasing our numbers. The more the merrier!

We are looking forward to hearing all about the District Convention, and to hear about how many new trophies and prizes Z2 has brought home!

See you at the meeting!

Ride Safe!

Rick & Dorinda

Chapter Talk

The Lonestar Z2 Chapter of GWRRA meeting was called to order by Chapter Director, Rick Maier at 7:03PM. The Pledge and Moment of Silence were recited and observed, respectively. Rick welcomed guests from Pottsboro—Glenn Spelis and Reba Browning. Hopefully, they will consider joining our group! The ride for Saturday to Ennis, to see the Blue Bonnets, needs to be changed as there are no longer any Blue Bonnets to see!!! It was decided to cancel the ride altogether, since no one could make it, anyway! It was rescheduled as a tour of Fannin County for June 11, 2011. Ed Neal, acting Riders Education Director, talked about “Heat Exhaustion.” MOST IMPORTANT TO STAY HYDRATED!!! Symptoms of dehydration may include: confusion(mentally), seizures, headaches, dizziness, light headedness, weakness, fainting, mood changes. Need to pay attention to co-riders and others with whom you’re traveling. If someone suffers dehydration, here are some things to do for them: put person in shade lying down...do not leave them alone. Elevate feet if lying on back. If nauseous, lay on right side. Loosen or remove clothing...put wet towels on wrists/forehead. Towel rolled with ice is good to put on back of neck. Give very little water...only in small amounts. Seek medical attention if person doesn’t get better in short time. To prevent dehydration...be sure to drink plenty of water before you need it! If you’ve ever suffered from dehydration before, you are more susceptible to another attack. Use common sense...get out of the sun/heat in intervals. Remember: monitor yourself...know how you react! CPR/First Aid Training is tentatively set for September 17, 2011. It will be \$20/person. There will also be a Crash Scene Response Course. Bring canned goods or dry food goods for Food Pantry...if one would like to...on-going charity...all year...rather than just around the holidays. The Chapter really needs: Riders Education Director, Treasurer, and Membership Director. Please volunteer!!! Discussion about one or two meetings a month...decided to keep to present schedule...2nd Thursday is Business and Planning Meeting, and the 4th Thursday will be the Chapter Meeting. Prizes and 50/50 were awarded. Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.

Our Trip To Texas District Convention

When we left on Thursday, the weather was OK. Going through Temple we did have a few sprinkles. Before we got to Waco, the clouds were getting pretty black, and the the wind was very strong. We stopped in Waco, put our bikes under the roof of a Blockbuster store that was closed, then went and had lunch. By the time we finished lunch, the clouds were looking better! We went on to Killeen without any more rain.

We arrived in Killeen about 2:00 PM, picked up our registration pack at the Convention Center, then had dinner. That was about it for Thursday. On Friday, we checked out all the vendors – all 14 of them – so that didn’t take long! Saturday, we had to be at the registration table at 8:00 AM where we worked for two hours. This gave us a chance to see some of our friends as they passed by! The bike show started after we finished working. Ed & Debbie Neal, James & Nancy Smith and Charles & I won first place in our respective divisions!!!

We entered our “Hero.” We started out with the Lone Ranger, but that didn’t work for me. I changed it to Audie Murphy. It didn’t look all that great, but at least we had an entry! Debbie Neal entered “When I grow up I want to be Hat.” We weren’t able to stay for closing ceremonies, so we don’t know who won. I am sure it wasn’t our Audie Murphy “Hero.” We had a good time, and everyone made it home safely. We had good food except for one meal which I won’t get into!!!! Ask Ed Neal where we ate, and maybe he’ll tell the story!!!

Helen Dunn