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**Chapter “R” Meetings**
When: 4th Sat. of each Month
Where: Western Sizzlin’, Van Buren, AR
Time: 9:00 A.M. Breakfast 10:00 A.M. Meeting
How: 2 or 3 or 4 Wheels

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**December & January Birthdays**
Dec. 19th Carolyn Hammontree
Jan. 1st Garry Floyd
Jan. 15th Twig Branch
Jan. 24th Debbie Seay

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**December & January Anniversaries**
No December Anniversaries
No January Anniversaries

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**Rallies and Meetings**
Dec. 11th Chapter R Christmas Party,
Dec. 13th District Toy Ride/Christmas Party in Little Rock
Dec. 25th Christmas Day
Dec. 31st New Years Eve
HELLO ROADRUNNERS

This November has proved to be not only exciting but also an historical event. There will be many pages in the future history textbooks describing the events leading up to the election of the first African American to the office of the President of the United States of America! The people have spoken! Come January 20, 2009, Barack Obama will occupy the Oval Office on Capital Hill. Once sworn in, he will be OUR president. Whether you voted for him or against him doesn’t matter anymore. We must respect the OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!! We must use all our power to help him make all the right decisions for this country. Hoping he will fail is the same as hoping this country, that means you, will fail. He has a responsibility and obligation to make the people of this country safe, healthy and help able-bodied men and women to find work to provide for their families. God bless our President, God bless our President Elect and GOD BLESS AMERICA!!

I hope each and every one of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Most of all, I hope that you were able to count all the many blessings that you enjoy everyday of the year. Don’t take it for granted. Cherish the life that you have.

We are starting the count down of days until Christmas. Have you done all the shopping for family and friends? Have you planned the menu for that special day? Have you spent any time thinking about what December 25th really means? Have you given much thought to the Man who was born on that day so many years ago? Do you think that maybe He was born and later died so that you can have eternal life? Think about that as you are out riding those beautiful Gold Wing bikes/trikes.

Ending on a personal note, a few weeks ago, Byron and I rode our Gold Wing Trikes with a group of friends in the beautiful east Texas country. We enjoyed the company of Mike Patrick and Leonard and Jessica Keese who are members of Chapter X in Corpus Christi. Also, Frank and Joanie Wyatt members of Chapter W in Houston, Texas, were with the group and rode their beautiful trikes. Friends and Gold Wings, you can’t beat that combination.

Lets hit the road!!
Zoe Branch
MEETINGS, EATINGS AND RIDES

This month’s newsletter is packed full of important information, so this section on “MEETINGS, EATINGS AND RIDES” will be brief.

Chapter R took several rides in November. Of course we can’t ride without eating. Scheduled for November 1st was a ride through Talimena Drive and lunch at Queen Wilhelmina Lodge. On November 6, members rode to Big Jakes in Van for an evening meal. On November 20, a short ride to Greenwood to visit the Log Cabin Restaurant for an evening meal. Wow, if you are a big eater, visit this place. Several members carried food away in “doggy bags.” The food was great.

Four members of Chapter R attended Horizon Weekend of Learning in Morrilton. Randy and Vonelle Vanzant and Jerry and Diania Nixon attended this very important event for the first time. I understand they learned a lot and had some fun at the same time.

Plans to ride in the Fort Smith Christmas Parade fail through. Maybe next year plans will be successful.

Even though the attendance was down, Chapter R had a productive monthly meeting on November 22, 2008. With Horizon and other conflicts, we were a small, but cozy group. We discussed future event coming up in December and had a safety discussion about the simple things riders can do to be safer on the road.

On December 11 the Chapter R will have its Christmas Party at the Golden Corral at 6:30. Bring a gift for Dirty Santa. Bring a man’s gift if you are a man and a women’s gift if you are a women. The gift should not exceed $10.00.

The District Christmas Party and Toy Drive in Little Rock will be on December 13. Bring a gift for a child.

Our birthday and anniversary dates are not up to date. Please send your dates to Zoe Branch at mrstwigb@cox.net.
The New Year is just a few weeks away. Wow! Where did 2008 go? It seems like only yesterday we were bringing it in and now we are already into the holiday season and planning our activities to bring in 2009.

As we look forward to bringing in 2009 and all of the rides and rallies just waiting for us to take part in. There are still a few activities during the month of December, besides Christmas shopping, which will allow us to end the year with our GWRRA friends and extended family.

Most of us have our Chapter Christmas parties to look forward to. And, of course we still have a couple of District events planned to make your holiday season more enjoyable.

If you don’t already have it on your calendar, it is not too late to plan on taking part in our annual “Toy Run to Arkansas Children’s Hospital”. The children really look forward to our visit each year and those that are able get to sit on the bikes we take inside and have their pictures taken. It is really heartwarming to see the smiles we bring to them. Grab a toy or two and come on out, you won’t regret the time you spend to make a child’s Christmas a little brighter.

And, of course since you are already out and about you won’t want to miss our annual District Christmas Party. All of us in attendance always have a great time! It is really a blast to see some of the shenanigans during our “Dirty Santa” gift giving. Good food, great friends and lots of fun makes the District Christmas Party a great way to end the year with your GWRRA extended family.

Until next time, ride safe and “Ride With Pride”.

Dale & Carolyn
All Arkansas District Members,

As many of you are aware Carolyn and I have served as District Directors since May 2006. Therefore, we have decided to step down as Directors at the closing of the District Rally in May of 2009.

With that in mind our incoming Region Director, has ask me to help in him search for a replacement by sending this message to members in the District. He will be "thinking out-side the box" by considering not only past or present officers and staff members but also others who might be willing to serve as District Director.

If interested please email me so I can provide your contact information to our incoming Region Director.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at any time by phone at 479-229-3370 or by e-mail at director@argwrra.org.

Until next time, ride safe and “Ride With Pride”.

Dale & Carolyn

a. **Our Goals**
   - Train our members to reduce risk.
   - Improve motorcycling image.
   - To increase motorist awareness

**Our Motto**

(ii) Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge
SECTION 1.02  GWRRA - ARKANSAS DISTRICT

Christmas Party

Browns Country Store & Restaurant

18718 Interstate 30
Benton, AR
Phone: 501-778-5033

Saturday – December 13, 2008
5:00 p.m.

(After the Toy Run to AR Children’s Hospital)

This is a dinner event (Buffet)
($13.93 per person includes drink & tax – subject to change)
$10 Gift Exchange – Bring a gift for someone of your own gender

Dirty Santa!
This is really a fun event… Let’s everyone make plans for attending.

Gold Wing Road Riders Association

2008 Arkansas Children’s Hospital Toy Run

Saturday
December 13, 200
North Little Rock Honda
4524 MacArthur Dr.
North Little Rock, AR
501-758-1339

Group Gathering 12:30 p.m.
Door prize giveaway and 50/50 at 1:30 p.m.
Leave for Hospital at 1:45 p.m.

For more information contact
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http://www.argwrra.org/
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**Infants:**
- Sippy cups
- Shape sorters
- Stacking rings
- 4 oz and 8 oz bottles
- Rattles
- Teethers

**Leah Henderson**
Program Coordinator, Child Life & Education
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**Arkansas Children's Hospital**

2008 Wish List

All items must be new and in original packaging
(not gift-wrapped)

**Infant/Toddler Items**
- Star Stacking Toy (lights up and plays music when you stack the stars)
- Crib music/light toys (unfortunately Fisher Price Aquarium Wonders do not work for our cribs)
- Infant musical and light/sound toys
- Pop-Up Toys
- See-n-Says
- Stacking Rings
- Shape Sorters
- Infant Rattles
- Infant links
- Toddler Balls
- Hardcover books for infants
- Pacifiers
- Bath Mitts
- Bottles
- Sippy Cups
- Preemie clothes
- Infant - 2T clothes
- Onesies (packs, gender neutral)
- Receiving Blankets (packages of 3)
- Baby Wipes/Lotion/Shampoo (no baby powder)

**School-age Items**
- Etch-a-Sketch/MagnaDoodles
- 24-piece puzzles
  - Mr. Potato Head
  - Handheld games (Yahtzee, Wheel of Fortune, Fishing and Sport Games)
- Lego "Single Project" type boxes (where there is one item to build - small boxes)
- Fisher Price Medical Kits
- Barbie dolls
- Yo-yos
- Hot Wheels (individual packs)
- Matchbox Cars
- Children’s flashlights
- Bubbles (4 oz or 8 oz bottles)
- Playdoh packs
- Crayola crayons (8, 16 or 24 pack)
- Crayola markers (big)
- Art Sets
- Card games for children (Uno, Go-Fish, Old Maid, etc.)
- Candyland/Chutes & Ladders, Uno Attack, Guess Who?
- Packaged underwear (girls and boys sizes 4-14)
- I Spy books
- Children’s books in Spanish

**Teen/Adult Items**
- Sports Bottles/Travel Mugs
- Sports caps
- Popular music CDs (current NOW versions)
- Wallets or other gift items
- Sport watches
- Word Search/Crossword Puzzle books
- Journals/Diaries
- Model Airplane/Car sets & Model Glue/Paint
- Photo Albums
- Jewelry/Bead kits
- Make-up, nail polish and nail polish remover
- Jewelry and hair items
- Bath gels and lotion
- Fabric paint
- Checkers/Yahtzee, Clue, Sorry, Monopoly, Trouble, other board games
- Card games - Playing Cards, Skip-Bo, Phase 10, UNO
- Plain white undershirt t-shirts (adult sizes)
- Women’s underwear (smaller sizes)

**Other Items**
- Wireless XBOX 360 controllers
- Sweatpants (all sizes – child and adult – neutral, solid colors for boys and girls)
- Sweatshirts (all sizes – child and adult – neutral, solid colors for boys and girls)
- T-shirts (all sizes – child and adult)
- Scrapbook Materials (including scrapbooks- 8X8 size)
- Telephone Calling Cards
- Wal-Mart Gift Cards (for gas vouchers)
- Target Gift Cards
- Toys R Us Gift Cards
- Disposable cameras
- Polaroid 600 film
- Batteries (AA, AAA, C, and D)
- Portable "boombox" CD players
- Popular music CDs for all ages
- Soothing Sounds CDs (ocean sounds, etc.)
- DVDs rated G and PG
- DVDs with the Spanish option also rated G and PG
- Beanie Babies
- Family packs – small, travel-size toiletry items in a Ziploc bag (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo/conditioner, lotion, razor, shaving cream)
Please Remember...  

- Due to infection control policies, we are unable to accept used items.  
- Avoid toys with sharp edges, or toys made of glass or brittle plastic.  
- We do not accept toys that depict violence in any way. No guns, swords, "action" or fighting figures will be accepted.  
- Only non-toxic paint, glue or craft supplies can be used.  
- We cannot accept Latex balloons.  

Please call the Volunteer Services office at (501) 364-1825 to inform us of your donation.  
You may park at the main entrance to the hospital and come in our lobby. The Welcome Center desk will direct you to the correct place. Please note that donated items must be new, and should NOT be gift-wrapped in order for us to distribute the items.  

District Trainers  
Larry & Brenda Penepent  
Volume 3 Issue 7  

BY THE BOOK  

By: Dale Wingrove  
Region H Trainer  

The “By The Book” articles are intended to help familiarize Volunteer Leaders and GWRRA Members with the guidelines, policies, procedures, and information contained in the GWRRA Officer’s Guidebook. This Month’s article was written by Gail Carr of Chapter O in Austin TX. It did not come from the OGB but is a great article about what makes GWRRA work. Please share with your members.  

Volunteer Leadership in A Volunteer Organization  
Submitted by Gail Carr  
Well … this is a deep subject we’ve all had to consider at one time or another as members of GWRRA … isn’t it? Let’s look at the reality of the situation: the organization is built on a motto of “Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge”, right? The “Friends” part comes easy. People generally gravitate towards other people with similar points of view or common ground and will either become friends or they won’t. Our Goldwings offer us at least one point of common ground, it’s up to us to make the “friends” part of the motto a reality. For the “Fun”, “Safety”, and “Knowledge” parts of the motto though, we quite often look to the volunteer leaders and their volunteer helpers in the organization to pave the way. As members, we’re looking for meetings, day rides, safety and leadership seminars, rallies, poker runs, dinner events, overnight events, fundraisers, parties, chapter visitations and all the trimmings to be planned and organized and placed on our menu for us to choose how we want to make the most out of our membership in the organization. Somebody needs to do all that work for us, but who? Consider this: since everyone is a volunteer, up to and including all but a very few people at the National level, what inspires a volunteer leader to inspire volunteer helpers to inspire the members to have fun, and make motorcycle safety and knowledge a priority in their busy daily lives? Remember … there is no salary at the end of the week, no leverage that can coerce cooperation
where none already exists. Sound challenging? It is. The spirit of volunteerism is a very personal thing. First, individual circumstances can dictate whether someone who might otherwise be willing is able to dedicate themselves to a volunteer endeavor. Free time may be a key factor, for example. Or, if time is not an issue, then maybe the appeal of the opportunity itself must be right. In other words, some folks may only volunteer for tasks or roles they think they will enjoy performing. Some folks may volunteer as a means to enrich their spirit and because they feel good when they can work with and help others. And yet others may volunteer because they enjoy a sense of accomplishment, and a challenge, regardless of the task at hand. The point is, everyone is different, and everyone volunteers in GWRRA for different reasons. Few, I wager, ever really dig deep into their personal motivation. They just jump in when it feels right. Truth is, GWRRA depends on volunteers and the spirit of volunteerism to be successful. Volunteer leaders and staff at all levels ... Chapter, District, Region, and National must be there to support and serve the membership and to offer up their time and skills to make it possible for the members to maximize their enjoyment and benefit from the organization. Current volunteer leaders must always be on the lookout for others who might also volunteer to help out. Some tasks are small, and might require only a small commitment. Other tasks or roles might require a greater commitment. Regardless, someone’s got to do “it”, whatever “it” is, and one or two people cannot possibly do “it” all. As a member of GWRRA, be appreciative of the work done by the volunteers at the respective staff levels. They’re members too, and want all the same things you do. Offer up your skills and enthusiasm and step up and “give back” from time to time to balance the load and make it possible for everyone to have fun. There’s a lot to do. The GWRRA Leadership Training Division offers members at all levels the opportunity to take advantage of training that will maximize the enjoyment and lessen the load of being a volunteer or a volunteer leader. For more information, contact any of your District or Region Trainers.

Together Everyone Accomplishes More
Team

Training for 2009

GWRRA Leadership Training Division has two new programs that I would like to present to the Arkansas GWRRA Members. The first one is called Chapter Life Program. There are 8 seminars in the program. They are,
Flyers for fun and Profit,
What is a CD,
What is the Rider Ed.
Program, How to show/Judge a Bike,
Planning a Chapter Event,
Chapter Structure & Organization,
Training the Members,
Basic PC Maintenance.

The second is Member Orientation. There are 8 seminars in the program also. They are,
Helpful Info for New Members,
Member Benefits Overview,
GWRRA History,
Structure of GWRRA,
How to Have Fun AT A Rally,
How Can I Participate in GWRRA,
Training The Members,
This past weekend the Arkansas District hosted the Horizons Program. We had a good time and a lot of training was done. I would like to build on that excitement and do a Chapter Life Program. On February 21 2009 at the Arkansas District will host a Chapter Life Program at the Morrilton Campus of the UACCM. We will start at 8:00 AM and lunch at 11:00 AM, and be finish about 5:00 PM. Upon completion you will receive a Hanger Bar and a Certificate.

The Chapter leadership Program will be later in the year and Membership Orientation Program will be brought to the chapters. Chapter Directors please send me an email, phone call or something and I’ll get an LTD Instructor to you and your group and do the seminars where and when you like, but YOU need to get in contact with me so we can get it done for you and your members. Have them the LTD Instructor sign off on your training record and when you have 7 out of the 8 seminars signed off you will receive a Hanger Bar and Certificate.

If anyone in Arkansas District or anyone in the Region would like to become an LTD Instructor, RED Seminar Presenter there will be a course offered as soon as we have enough people interested and signed up. If you are interested in becoming a GWRRA Rider Course Instructor or any of the other programs or need information on any training Please contact the District Trainer.

Larry Penepent
District Trainer

ONE LAST WORD

Debbie Seay, a Chapter R member, sent this to me. Thanks Debbie, this is the perfect closing for the last Chapter R Newsletter of 2008.

MERRY CHRISTMAS....

On the way home last night, we were listening to the radio when a newscaster called his little 91 year old granny to talk to her about the 'Holidays'. He mentioned that he had noticed that Christmas has become so 'politically correct' that no mention of Christmas is made by most retailers, we now wish people 'Happy Holidays.'

His granny said she missed the Old Fashioned Christmas when everyone wished each other 'Merry Christmas'.

We thought about it and agree...so this year we will be making a conscious effort to wish everyone Merry Christmas...our way of saying that we are celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. So we are asking our e-mail friends, if you agree with us, to please do the same.

And if you'll pass this on to your e-mail friends, and so on...maybe we can prevent one
more treasured tradition from being lost in the sea of 'Political Correctness.'

God Bless and **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**