

# WHITE RIVER RIDERS

**GOLDWING ROAD RIDER ASSOCIATION**  
**Region H Chapter AR-P Charter Date: 4-15-1995**

June 2008



## Promoting " Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge

HEY There Folks! It looks like it is our turn to do the honors in the "Meet the Chapter Members" section. It has been a while since we have done this so here goes nothing! I was just a young girl of 16 when I met this long haired ( Yes, I said LONG haired) young man in my sophomore year of high school. He was a junior. We met in band. He played the baritone and I played the flute. He had originally come from Illinois to Mountain Home in 1972 and I had been in West Helena, Arkansas before moving here in 1974. We met and started dating and were married in 1977. Eric worked at Bass Cat Boats and I worked at Wal-Mart until in 1978 Eric joined the Army. We spent the next 20 years going from Georgia to Germany, then to Louisiana to Hawaii. Then it was back to Louisiana for a year and then on to the place Eric retired from, Ft. Hood, Texas, after 5 years there. In 1996, while in Texas, we were looking for a new car for me. I knew he had always wanted a Gold Wing and decided to give the go ahead around Father's Day. There was one stipulation, he had to keep my car running while we were paying for the bike. Well, THAT put a big smile on his face!!! We finally wound up buying our Pearl Blue 1996 Wing in Austin. The day we picked it up Eric rode it back home and was baptized with a rain shower along the way. He was so nervous being on the bike for the first time and riding in the rain. I was driving the car behind him and felt sorry for him, but we did make it home. After that we rode almost every weekend and rode with a group out of Austin a few times.

After moving back here in July of 1998 we joined Chapter P in November of that same year. Bob Burris was heading things up then. Ezra Roberts was the Assistant Chapter Director and became Director in January of 1999. He asked Eric and I to become his Assistant Directors and we agreed. Eric and I became Directors from January 2002 until January 2004 when Larry and Pat took over the reigns. I was asked to become Treasurer by Larry and Pat Seuling and have been Treasurer since that time at the request of Roy and Pam Behrens and now Mike and Pat Williams. I am humbled at the confidence and trust they have all placed in me.



This year promises to be a great one for Chapter P and I hope you all join in on the fun every once in a while at least!

I know we have really enjoyed being members of this group of crazy, wacky, fun loving and caring people we call the "White River Riders".

Take Care --- Eric & Gay Betts

## TELL IT TO YOUR EDITOR



Have anything to share with the group? Send it to [ropa@suddenlink.net](mailto:ropa@suddenlink.net). Your editor doesn't care about spelling or content. Your editor will fix it up for you. Your articles and information are important to everyone in the chapter. Dead line for each month is 25th. Submission after

that date will go into the next month. Think; kids, anniversary, birthday, special event, silly stuff, jokes, something you did or you plan to do, your best vacation, your worst vacation. Something to sell, suggestions.

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**LADIES NIGHT OUT**

6:00 p.m.

- January 10 -- Pizza Hut -- Mtn. Home
- January 24 -- Diamond Head -- Mtn. Home
- February 14 -- El Charro's -- Mtn. Home
- February 28 -- Steak House Mtn Home
- March 13 -- Fireside Grill -- Mtn. Home
- March 27 -- House of Pizza -- Mtn. Home
- April 10 -- Back Forty -- Mtn. Home
- April 24 -- Bella Cucina -- Mtn. Home-on the square
- May 8 -- Whispering Woods -- Hwy 177 Jordan
- May 22 -- Sodies -- Flippin
- June 12 -- Fox's Pizza -- Toward Gassville
- June 26 -- Deigo's Mexican -- Flippin
- July 10 -- TBA

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- July 24 -- Roscoe's -- Near the Dam-Norfolk
- August 14 -- TBA #
- August 28 -- Chinese Palace -- Mtn. Home
- September 11 -- A & W -- Gassville
- September 25 -- Blue Pig BBQ -- Toward Henderson
- October 9 -- TBA #
- October 23 -- House of Pizza -- Mtn. Home
- November 13 -- Back Forty -- Mtn. Home
- November 27 -- No night out -- Thanksgiving
- December 11 -- El Chico's -- Mtn. Home

If any new restaurants open and anyone would like to change up any of the plans please let me know in advance. Hope to see everyone there!!!

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##TBA means to be announced

**The Wing Nut was awarded to:**

**No change since last month**

**Keep watching your friends.....so that they too can earn this honor!**



**June Meeting 50/50 Winners**

50/50 First Place

Cheryl Blasingame

50/50 Second Place

Jr Treat

50/50 Third Place

No third place









June Meeting Free Dinner Winner

Gay Betts



# JUNE 2008



1 Wanna Tass HAPPY BIRTHDAY 	2	3	4 MCDONALDS 8:30 A.M. GASSVILLE BREAKFAST/COFFEE 	5	6 Camp at Bull Shoals in preparation of the Rally Cornbread and ice cream	7 CHAPTER P RALLY NOTE: CHAPTER P HELPERS BE THERE AT 8 A.M.
8 CHAPTER P WEEK END OVER HEAD FOR HOME	9 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY JUNIOR AND PATSY TREAT	10	11 MCDONALDS 8:30 A.M. GASSVILLE BREAKFAST/COFFEE 	12 LADIES NIGHT OUT FOX PIZZA TOWARD GASSVILLE HWY 62	13 <i>Happy Birthday</i> PATSEY Treat 	14 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY HAROLD AND WANDA DISSMEYER
15 <i>Susan Sparks</i> HAPPY BIRTHDAY 	16 Mary Ann Hasenbach HAPPY BIRTHDAY	17	18 MCDONALDS 8:30 AM. GASSVILLE BREAKFAST/COFFEE 	19	20	21 CHAPTER P REGULAR MEETING NIGHT AT WESTERN SIZZLIN
22	23	24	25 MCDONALDS 8:30 A.M. GASSVILLE BREAKFAST/COFFEE 	26 Harold Dissmeyer HAPPY BIRTHDAY Happy ANNIVERSARY ROY & Pam Behrens DELGO'S MEXICAN IN FLIPPIN 	27 Pat(Ann) Williams HAPPY BIRTHDAY	28
29	30					

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**MARCH**

8 Chapter L Rally (Conway)

27 - 29 Louisiana District Rally (Lafayette, LA)

**APRIL**

11 - 13 Rider Education Weekend (Morrilton)

17 - 19 Region H Rally (Marshall, TX)

**MAY**

8 – 10 Texas District Rally (Corpus Christi, TX)

17 Chapter R Rally (Van Buren)

23 – 25 Arkansas District Rally (Harrison, AR)

31 Chapter A Rally (Little Rock)

**JUNE**

7 Chapter P Rally (Mountain Home)

**JULY**

3 - 6 Wing Ding 30 (Greenville, SC) see GWRRA site for details

**AUGUST**

9 Chapter B Rally (Rogers)

**SEPTEMBER**

13 Chapter J Rally (Russellville) Hobo Fest

20 Chapter D Rally (Jonesboro)

26 - 27 Kansas District Rally (Abilene, KS)

**OCTOBER**

9 -11 Oklahoma District Rally (Muskogee, OK)

18 District Memorial Picnic (Little Rock)

(Burns Park, Pav #10)

25 Chapter X Rally (Clarksville)

**NOVEMBER**

**DECEMBER**

13 District Toy Ride (Little Rock) (Tentative)

(NLR Honda to Children's Hospital)

13 District Christmas Party (Location TBA)

(Tentative)

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## Carl Corwin Chapter P Educator



Sharon found a very good article on the internet and I want to forward part of it in this month's article. It is the Hurt study, published in 1981. Although more than 25 years old; it has some very interesting information. I think it also shows how the GWRRRA has moved in the correct direction with the Rider Education Program. The Hurt study was of 3,600 motorcycle accidents in one geographic area.

I will only put a small part that I think pertains mostly to us.

- Approximately three-fourths of these motorcycle accidents involved collision with another vehicle which was most usually a passenger automobile.
- Approximately one-fourth of these accidents were single vehicles accidents involving colliding with the roadway or some fixed object.
- Vehicle failure accounted for less than 3% of these accidents, and most of those were due to lose of control due to puncture flat.
- Motorcycle riders between the ages of 16 and 24 are significantly overrepresented and riders between the ages of 30 and 50 are significantly underrepresented.
- Almost half of fatal accidents show alcohol involvement.
- Passenger carrying motorcycles are not overrepresented in the accident area.
- Roadway defects (pavement ridges, potholes, etc.) were the accident cause in 2% of the accidents; animal involvement was 1% of the accidents.
- Weather is not a factor in 98% of motorcycle accidents.
- Conspicuity of the motorcycle is a critical factor in the multiple vehicle accidents, and accident involvement is significantly reduced by the use of motorcycle headlamps (on in daylight) and the wearing of high visibility yellow, orange or bright red jackets.
- The motorcycle riders involved in accidents are essentially without training; 92% were self-taught or learned from family or friends. Motorcycle rider training experience reduces accident involvement and is related to reduce injuries in the event of accidents.
- More than half of the accident-involved motorcycle riders had less than 5 months experience on the accident motorcycle, although the total street riding experience was almost 3 years. Motorcycle riders with dirt bike experience are significantly underrepresented in the accident data.
- The large displacement motorcycles are underrepresented in accidents but they are associated with higher injury severity when involved in accidents.
- Motorcycles equipped with fairings and windshields are underrepresented in accidents, most likely because of the contribution to conspicuity and the association with more experienced and trained riders.

The use of heavy boots, jacket, gloves, etc., is effective in preventing or reducing abrasions and lacerations, which are frequent but rarely severe injuries.

The above is just a small part of the study, and is very old but still used by MSF instructors. It tells us that anytime we expose ourselves to any safety classes we are lessening the chance for an involvement in an accident. That is why the GWRRRA has a Rider Education program. That is also why the GWRRRA is so successful.

## CAN YOU ALL BELIEVE IT: SHARON WENT TO CALIFORNIA...AGAIN!

Excerpts from a terrific trip!

Carl drove me to the Airport on May 1st, and then he went to Little Rock Airport to pick up his buddy Bob the next day.

My first day in California was at the ball park because my grandson's play Varsity Baseball. What a game I yelled and hollered and we won! After the game we went to their house to spend that night with grand-sons, my son and daughter-in-law. She is a kick. They keep me laughing. Next day I went over to my sister's to set up tables, for our Annual Cousin's Luncheon. **Girl cousin's only. (No Men Allowed)** 21 cousins were there. What a great time that was playing catch-up. Plus food, food, food. Why when there is a pot-luck is there always so many deserts? 🤔 Gained weight and yes I'm wearing it well.

I was not worried about Carl he and his Buddy Bob were fishing, caught a 15 lb cat fish. He did not even miss me. Sunday I headed to Pismo Beach, CA, to the beach and my former home the only way my cousin and I know how to get there is through the wine country. It is such a beautiful drive. Lot's of Motorcycles on the road, probably because of gas prices it was \$4.01 a gallon or maybe they just like to ride. Go figure.

Cleaned and cleaned the place so it was looking good. My sister in law came over and stayed four days with me, love her to death. We shopped and shopped. Then on Friday four girl cousins plus another sister came over, and we walked the beach, sat on the sand and watched the sun go down, sipping on our grapes. Carl was still not missing me, by now he and Buddy Bob have caught a wall-eye, going out to breakfast, and whatever men do. Saturday night I went to Melano (what ever) Drama. Fifteen of us were there and I have more cousins' that live there. We laughed so hard it was so funny. The next day some of the cousins head home, which left me with a quiet night to enjoy more grapes. Carl was still enjoying Buddy Bob. Harold Dissmeyer takes them on the river and they catch trout. He's glad I'm away. Last day after good-bys and tears and yes I will see all cousins next year they are gone. I tell Carl I have to come home so he takes Buddy Bob to Little Rock airport. He picked me up in Springfield on Tuesday. House is clean when I get here. I am amazed. The trip was fun and good times for all. Ah! Till next year.

*BY THE BOOK*  
*By: Dale Wingrove*  
*Region H Trainer*

“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 Guide-book. Please feel free to reprint these articles in Region, District and Chapter newsletters. This article is a reprint of the May 05 article written by Harry Dollarhide.

Be a part of the **TEAM**.

One of the essential keys to the success of GWRRA is – **TEAMWORK**.

Since GWRRA is so large, complex and diverse, no single person can accomplish it all. We must all focus our special skills and talents on a portion of the task at hand. This piece-by-piece, component-by-component approach requires a significant amount of dependency. Being a **TEAM** player allows us to take these pieces and mold them into an effective organization.

At the national level of GWRRA the **TEAM** is Rider Education, Leadership Training, Member Enhancement, Motorist Awareness and Media Communications division’s. The National Directors under the Chief Executive Officer guide the **TEAM**. They strive to increase the membership base by creating an atmosphere that provides fun, promotes safety, heightens knowledge, and by offering a full range of desirable services and benefits for the members.

At the chapter level the **TEAM** consists of the officers and members that work together for the success of the chapter. At this level the **TEAM** includes the officers: Chapter Director, Assistant Chapter Director(s), and Rider Education and other positions that are not officers but are also essential elements of the **TEAM**. The Chapter Director guides this **TEAM**.

The Chapter Director’s effectiveness is multiplied many times by the **TEAM** approach. The ability to manage large tasks is increased, and the chapter operation is streamlined and simplified. (Read Delegation). Further, the **TEAM** takes advantage of knowledge and expertise that may be available within the chapter. Everyone shares the vision; is on the same page; and communicates. The additional benefit of this approach is the chapter participants feel an integral part of the chapter. As **TEAM** members they are vested in the chapter, not just bystanders.

GWRRA in Region H has a rich history of **TEAM** effort. That team effort is continuing in today with new initiatives and enhancements being added (it seems like) every month.

We are all part of the GWRRA **TEAM** whether officer or participant. While GWRRA core values serve us well, it is applying these core values through a team effort that brings the biggest success. Working together, we will continue to ensure we remain the world’s greatest Gold Wing Association.

Together Everyone Accomplishes More  
**TEAM**