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April 2011 Newsletter

Chapter Meeting: Thursday, April 14th, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
Location: *The Plaza* at 2101 S Soncy, Amarillo

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CD'S CHATTER-RAY LATTA-CHAPTER DIRECTOR —



CD Chatter

Welcome to springtime. The time of year for allergies and improved riding weather. Many things in life are about compromise. With the warmer temps come the bugs. With springtime comes the wind. We must appreciate the good while tolerating the nuisance.

The staff and I have engaged in conversations over the last year related to the mailing of the newsletter. We have discussed the pros and cons. We have talked through the potential issues. We have consulted with the District Leadership and observed what other Chapters are doing or not doing as the case may be. All this is to say we have not taken this issue lightly. We have decided it is time to stop mailing hard copies via "snail mail". We will continue to make the newsletter available via the internet and our website. We will also make it available in print to whoever would like a hard copy at the monthly gathering. The printing and mailing of the newsletter is both costly and time consuming. This change will save us approximately \$100.00 per month.

With that said, if anyone has a special circumstance that needs to be addressed please speak to me or one of the staff members. We will do our best to accommodate everyone's needs. You can reach me at 806-336-4570 or ray.latta@suddenlink.net

If you live in Burkburnett, Dalhart, Pampa, Channing, Tulia, Dimmitt, Clarendon, or Christiansted, VI (Virgin Islands) and cannot get the newsletter via I mail I want to talk to you. And "Yes, we are mailing a newsletter to the Virgin Islands." I am volunteering to personally deliver this one. Would anyone like to accompany me?

Thanks again to all the staff members who work so hard so I don't have to.

Ray

Bill Hisey, the Topwing's club and Texas Department of Transportation extends its gratitude to Ray Latta, Sean Latta, Gene Rogers and Glen Tyler for participating in the annual Trash Off on April 2nd.

THE GWRRA



Are you a member of the *Gold Wing Road Riders Association* (the *GWRRA*)? If not, then you should check it out. The *GWRRA* is the reason why TX - Chapter "A" *Top Wings of Amarillo* exists today!

With membership in the *GWRRA* you receive the following:

Wing World magazine, the *Gold Book Member Directory*, Towbusters Emergency Roadside Assistance Program, Affinity Credit Card Program, USA hotel discounts, and much more...

Ask a *Top Wings* Staffer how you can become a member of the *GWRRA*!

TIRE SAFETY AND CARE

Tire Inflation

Always keep the motorcycle manufacturer's recommended air pressure in both tires. This is an important requirement for tire safety and mileage. Your motorcycle owner's manual will tell you the recommended cold inflation pressure. On some motorcycles, the recommended front and rear tire pressures will be different. The pressures stamped on the sidewall of the tire are only for maximum loads. On some occasions, these pressures will also be the manufacturer's recommended settings as well. Riding on tires with too little air pressure is dangerous. The tires will build excessive heat. This can cause a sudden tire failure. Under inflation may also:

- Damage the tire, leading to tire failure
- Adversely affect vehicle cornering
- Reduce tire life
- Increase fuel consumption
- Cause fatigue cracking

Riding on tires with too much air can be dangerous. The tires are more likely to be cut, punctured, or broken by sudden impact. Do not exceed the pressure indicated on the tire sidewall. Consult your owner's manual for the recommended inflation and other tire information. Never inflate a tire unless it is secured to the motorcycle or a tire-mounting machine. Inflating an unsecured tire is dangerous. If it bursts, it could be hurled into the air with explosive force.

Valve Stems, Cores & Caps

Old or damaged valve stems and cores may cause air loss. Replace them when mounting new tires. Use caps (finger tight) on the valve stems to keep dust, dirt, and moisture away from the valve.

Tubes

When fitting a new tire on a rim requiring a tube, a new tube should be fitted at the same time. Old tubes become stretched, and if an old tube is fitted within a new tire, it can crease and fail due to thinning of the tube rubber. Tubes should be repaired only by an expert. Secure tube valve assembly to rim with care. Inspect rim band, and consult motorcycle dealer for correct rim band replacement. Always check the size markings on the tube to ensure that the tire size appears on the tube. Do not fit tubes in radial motorcycle tires, nor fit radials on rims requiring tubes, unless the tubes bear matching size and radial (R) markings. Keep in mind that hard cornering, passengers, heavy loads, and sustained high speeds will require higher pressures (up to that indicated on the sidewall).

Matching Front and Rear Tires

Correct matching of front and rear tires is critical to obtaining optimum performance and handling. Never mount a rear tire in front or vice versa. Combining a new tire with a worn rear tire may cause instability. Always consult your manufacturer before modifying your motorcycle's tires from stock.

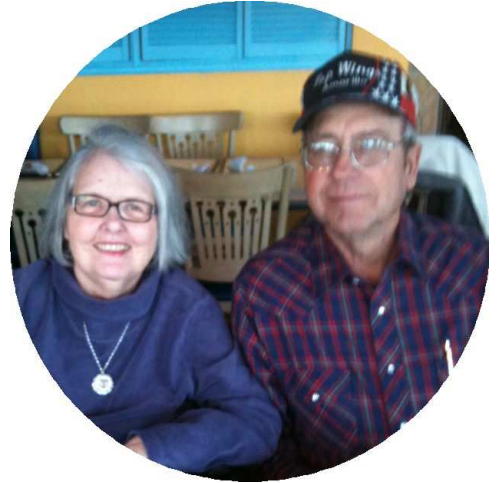
Checking Tire Inflation

Check your tire air pressure at least once a week and before long trips. Be sure to use an accurate pressure gauge. Check your air pressure when the tires are "cold." The tires are "cold" when your motorcycle has been ridden less than a mile at moderate speed or after being stopped for three or more hours. Never release air from a hot tire in order to reach the recommended cold tire pressure. Normal riding causes tires to run hotter and inflation pressure to increase. If you release air when your tires are hot, you may dangerously under inflate your tires. If your tires lose more than two pounds per square inch (2 psi) per month, the tire, the valve, or wheel may be damaged. Consult your local dealer for an inspection. Use valve caps to keep valve cores clean and clear of debris and to help guard against air leakage.

(Continued in May newsletter)

Top Wings Member Spotlight

1. Name(s): Gene and Suzanne Rogers
2. AKA: Mister Rogers
3. Happily Married for _51+__ years.
4. Children/Grandchildren: We have three daughters, three fun sons-in-law and seven grands.
5. Occupation(s): After thirty years working as a maintenance mechanic at Owens Corning, Gene retired in 2009. Suzanne previously worked for a non-profit organization.
6. How many years have you been riding: Gene has been riding since he was in junior high. Suzanne doesn't ride (unbalanced!?).
7. Years in GWRRA/Top Wings: Early 90's back when we met at Luby's
8. Position(s) held in Top Wings: Road Captain. Suzanne did advertising collection last year.
9. Tell us about your current bike(s): I have an '04 1800 Goldwing (my fifth Goldwing) and also have an '83 Silverwing that Bill Hisey once owned that I bought to resell.
10. What previous motorcycle do you wish you still had: My first '52 Harley.
11. What is your favorite motorcycle accessory: Backrest
12. What is your favorite riding destination: Hwy 207 to Lookout Point
13. What is your favorite food/restaurant: Logan's Roadhouse and The Plaza
14. What other hobbies do you have besides motorcycling: Buying and selling used cars that I do minor repairs and clean-up before resale. And El Caminos for sure!
15. What happened during your "15 minutes of fame"? We shook hands with President George Bush when Suzanne was recognized as MS Mother of the Year back in 1992 in the Oval Office. President Bush and I talked about hunting quail and pheasant in the Texas Panhandle.
16. Do you have a website? Facebook? Other internet connection? Gene doesn't do computers, but Suzanne enjoys Facebook—esp. the Games.
17. What else should your GWRRA friends know about you: Love where we live!
18. What Top Wings couple or member would you like to know more about? Alex and Mona Hochstein.



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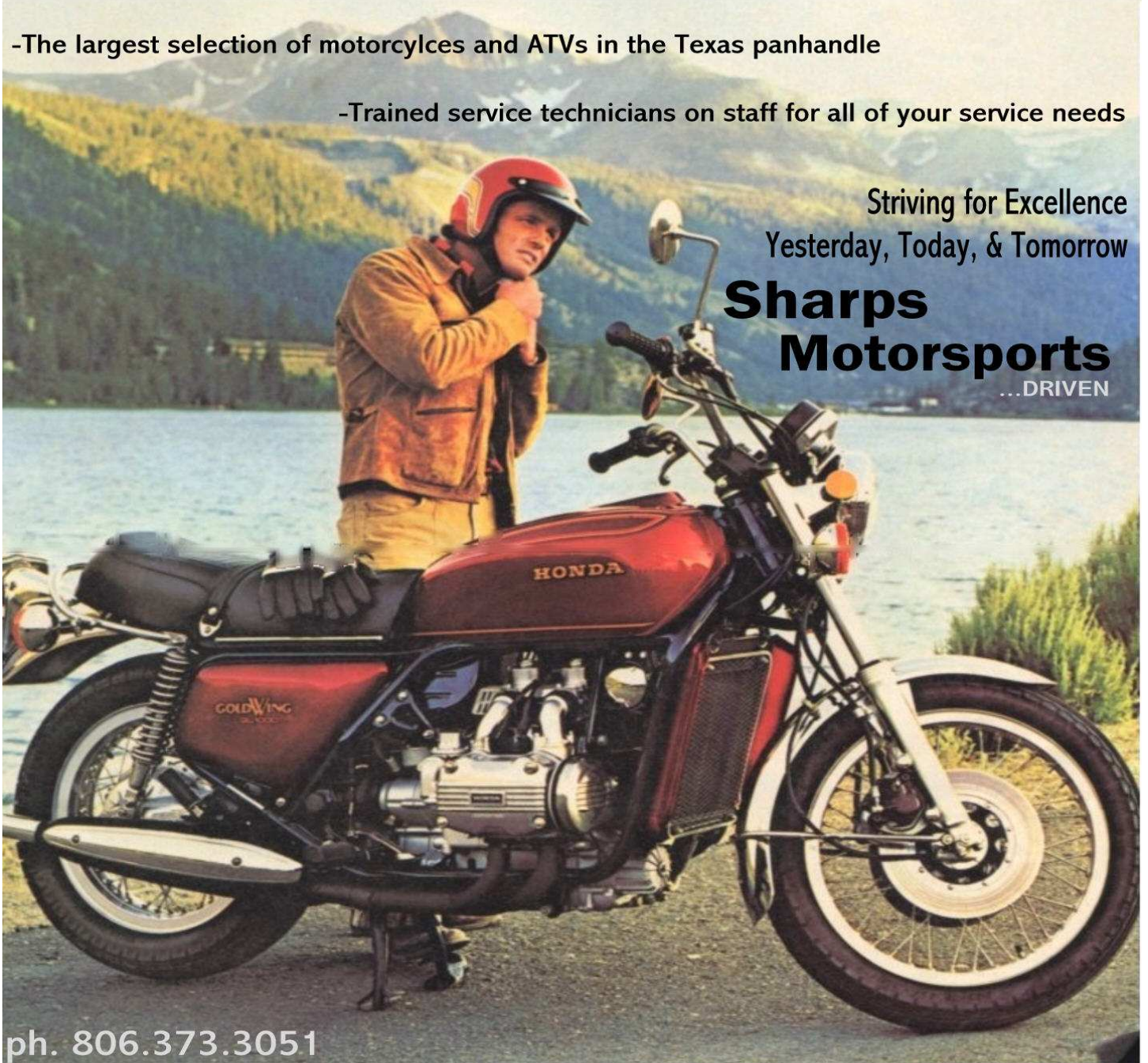
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Chapter Concerns

Glenn and Pam Tiffin lost their home, garage, vehicles etc in the fire Sunday, Feb 27. They live near the ASARCO Plant. I have spoken to Glenn and they are ok. The insurance agent has been there and temporary arrangements have been made. Please keep them in your thoughts. Glenn is still looking for a Gold Wing, his email is g.tiffin@att.net

Lana Heronemus had her thyroid and cataract surgeries and said, "Thanks for the food, the phone calls & you all loving me!! I give GOD all the glory & I can really see you!!"

Helen Gamblin said, "Thanks. I'm doing good. Everything went well. Spent 5 days in the hospital and 8 days at Zale Lipshy for therapy. Came home early as I was doing good. Now I'm doing a month of therapy at BSA, then I'll be through. Then, I guess I'm on my own with exercise. Love, h"

Continue to remember Dora and Nelson Bullard during the terminal illness of Dora's mother.

TOP WINGS FRIDAY NIGHT RIDES

Meet at the Potter-Randall Appraisal District Building at 5701 Hollywood Rd. (Loop 335 East) Time: Friday evening, first bikes out at 6:00 p.m.

April 15th **Vickie's Grill, Amarillo**

April 22nd **Feldman's Wrong Way Diner, Canyon, TX**

April 29th **Rafter G's, Umbarger, TX**

May 6th **287 Road House Restaurant, Dumas, TX**

If you have any questions or need to know the restaurant for the upcoming Friday, feel free to *Contact Ray Latta for details*; 806-353-3722 or 806-336-4570;

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Birthdays

4-3 Dan Walker

4-10 Ted Bouldin

4-11 Hubert Hensley

4-15 Tonya Stout

4-26 Becky Baker

Anniversaries

4-2 David & Sandy May

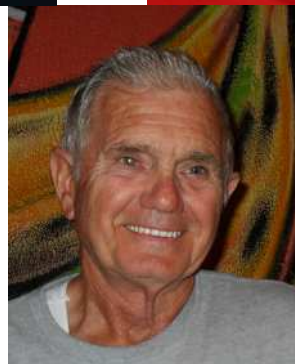
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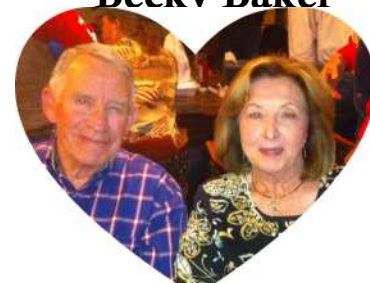
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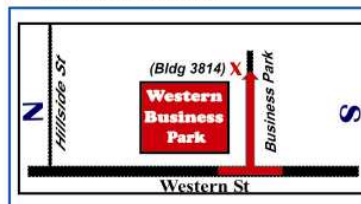
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[Upcoming Events](#)

Thursday, April 14th Chapter "A" Meeting

7:00 PM at The **NEW Plaza at 2101 S Soncy, south of Furrs, Amarillo, TX**

April 7-9 Louisiana District Convention, Lafayette, LA

April 9 Tornado Alley Road Riders 23rd Annual Rally, Altus, OK

April 15-17 4th Annual Phillip Foster Memorial Bike Rally, VFW Hereford, TX

April 23 Bikers 4 Bikers Rally, Grace Church, 4111 Plains Blvd, Amarillo, TX

April 29-30 Texas Chapter O2 Convention, Brownwood, TX

May 7 Chapter "A" Rally in Amarillo, TX

May 12-14 Texas District Convention, Kileen, TX

May 14 Five State Motorcycle Run, Guymon, OK www.5staterun.com

May 21 Motorcycle Awareness Show at Southgate Mall in Amarillo, TX

May 26-28 Arkansas District Convention, Rogers, AR

**June 9-12, The International Route 66 Festival Bike & Car Show at Leathers; 2918 W 6th in
Amarillo**

July 6-9 Wing Ding 33, Knoxville, TN

August 12 Chapter I Convention, Marshall, TX

August 13 Chapter M Convention, Mansfield, TX

August 20 Chapter X2 BBQ Cypress, TX

August 26-27 Kansas District Convention, Eldorado, KS

October 8 Chapter N2 Bee Blast at Bull Sallas Park at 21675 McClesky Rd, New Caney, TX

October 27-29 Oklahoma District Convention, McAlestar, OK



Top Wings Calendar for May 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Happy Anniversary David & Sandy May
3 Happy BD Dan Walker	4	5	6	7 Louisiana District Convention Lafayette, LA	8 Louisiana District Convention Lafayette, LA	9 Tornado Alley Rally Altus, OK Louisiana Rally Lafayette, LA
10 Happy BD Ted Bouldin	11 Happy BD Hubert Hensley	12	13	14 Chapter A Gathering at The New Plaza at 2101 S Soncy Amarillo	15 FNR Vickie's Grill Amarillo Happy BD Tonya Stout VFW Hereford, TX	16 Phillip Foster Memorial Bike Rally, VFW Hereford, TX
17 Phillip Foster Memorial Bike Rally, VFW Hereford, TX	18	19	20 Happy Anniversary Dyrle & Dorothy Maples	21	22 FNR Feldman's Wrong Way Diner Canyon	23 Bikers 4 Bikers Rally, Grace Church Amarillo
24	25	26 Happy BD Becky Baker	27	28	29 FNR Rafter G's Umbager	30

PICTURE OF THE MONTH

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