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February 2011 Newsletter

Chapter Meeting: Thursday; February 10th, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
Location: *The Plaza @ 34th and Bell*

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CD'S CHATTER-TRICIA LATTA-CHAPTER DIRECTOR SPOUSE



I wanted to thank you all for a wonderful first year as your chapter director's better half. This past year has been so amazing for the Top Wings group and I feel like we have grown together as a unit. Our attendance has been consistently up for events and I am ALWAYS getting compliments from outsiders about just how awesome our members are. Every chapter director dreams of having such a great group of people to work with. We have had the opportunity to show our service and hospitality to folks from out of the state and out of the country. We have made some life long friends from the wonderful groups that we were able to serve last year. There were all the guys from Ireland and then the Charles Blackmon and his friends and family.

That being said however, I wanted to take the opportunity in this month's Chapter Chatter newsletter to put out a challenge to ALL the club members. We are a fairly large group but we have only a few people who do the majority of the work for the club. Ray has been asking for some "new" blood volunteers to give a much needed break to the folks who helped us last year in organizing the events and rides. Some of our leaders are tired and getting weary. And when Ray is weary and cranky Sean and I get weary and cranky too. When this happens we could have a repeat of last Friday night when I almost totally ruined our dinner because I didn't have a clue how to get an event properly organized. (I am awesome with balancing the bank statement if anyone ever needs that kind of assistance.)

We ask that you consider how you might be of service to the club. Without some more folks willing to step up and serve we may find that the current folks begin to slip away from the overload. We want this club to be FUN. We want to enjoy the events and rides and we need to share the load. So PLEASE let Ray know where you might like to be of service and let's allow some of the hard working staff a break to better enjoy the FUN part of the equation. Our family feels so blessed by you all. We feel that you are now family to us now and we know that we have made many lifetime friends here at Top Wings and we hope to expand our group to really share the wonder of this experience with some new members as well.

"Men do not really live for honors or for pay; their happiness is not in the taking and holding, but in the doing, the striving, the building, the **serv**ing" - Harry Marsh



SYNTHETIC OILS:

"SLIPPERINESS" IN A WET CLUTCH

Many people have the misperception that since synthetics are more slippery than petroleum oils (which do not reduce friction as well), that wet clutch packs in either their automotive or motorcycle transmissions will slip when using "super slippery synthetics". This is just one of many [myths about synthetics](#). Synthetic oils are no more "slippery" than petroleum oil. Synthetic Oils simply have a more uniform molecular structure which reduces frictional resistance better than the irregular shape and size molecular structure of a petroleum oil.

Look at it this way. Wet sandpaper removes paint as well as dry sandpaper does. The slipperiness of the water does not impede the sandpaper's ability to function. The same applies to the "slipperiness" of synthetic lubes in wet clutches.

If used dry, the sandpaper is soon filled with paint and no longer works- it slips across the surface without grasping the surface. If kept clean and free of paint, it continues to work. The lubricating/cleaning solution used can be water, soap, oil or any other liquid. The liquid's slipperiness does not affect the performance of the sandpaper.

It is simply not an issue. However, just as rinsing the sandpaper keeps it cleaner longer so it functions better longer, so the Synthetic Oils keeps wet clutch plates cleaner longer so they function better. Synthetic Oils will prevent deposit buildup on clutch plates, therefore keeping the face clean and able to do its job in preventing slippage. And, since synthetics are superior cooling agents to conventional petroleum lubes, using synthetics will help wet clutches last longer, too.

Petroleum oils have low resistance to heat and allow varnish and glaze to form on clutch plates, which eventually leads to slippage and increased heat generation and eventually failure of the clutch pack. Also, synthetic motorcycle oils are specifically formulated without any friction modifiers for compatibility with wet clutch packs. ATF lubricants are also designed with specific coefficient of friction values to meet the requirements of each and every specification that it not only meets, but far exceeds. Now you know the facts. The next time your buddy mentions using Synthetic Oils and Wet Clutches as a potential issue, you can explain to him exactly why it is simply not an issue. **Be sure to check out the other [Ten Myths of Synthetic Lubricants](#).**

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Top Wings Member Spotlight

1. Name(s): **Hubert & Gladys Hensley**
2. AKA:
3. Happily Married for **__29__** years.
4. Children/Grandchildren: **6 children, 8 grand and 8 great grandchildren**
5. Occupation(s): **Electrical foreman Wife- Domestic engineer**
6. How many years have you been riding: **55**
7. Years in GWRRA/Top Wings: **8**
8. Position(s) held in Top Wings: **Chapter Ed. & Greeter**
9. Tell us about your current bike(s): **2002 1800 Goldwing & 2009 Yamaha Venture**
10. What previous motorcycle do you wish you still had: **1981 Goldwing**
11. What is your favorite motorcycle accessory: **Rider**
12. What is your favorite riding destination: **Arkansas & Colorado**
13. What is your favorite food/restaurant: **Steaks Outback**
14. What other hobbies do you have besides motorcycling:
15. What happened during your "15 minutes of fame"?
16. Do you have a website? Facebook?
Other internet connection? **NO**
17. What else should your GWRRA friends know about you: **nothing**

What Top Wings member would you like to know more about? **David and Sandy May**



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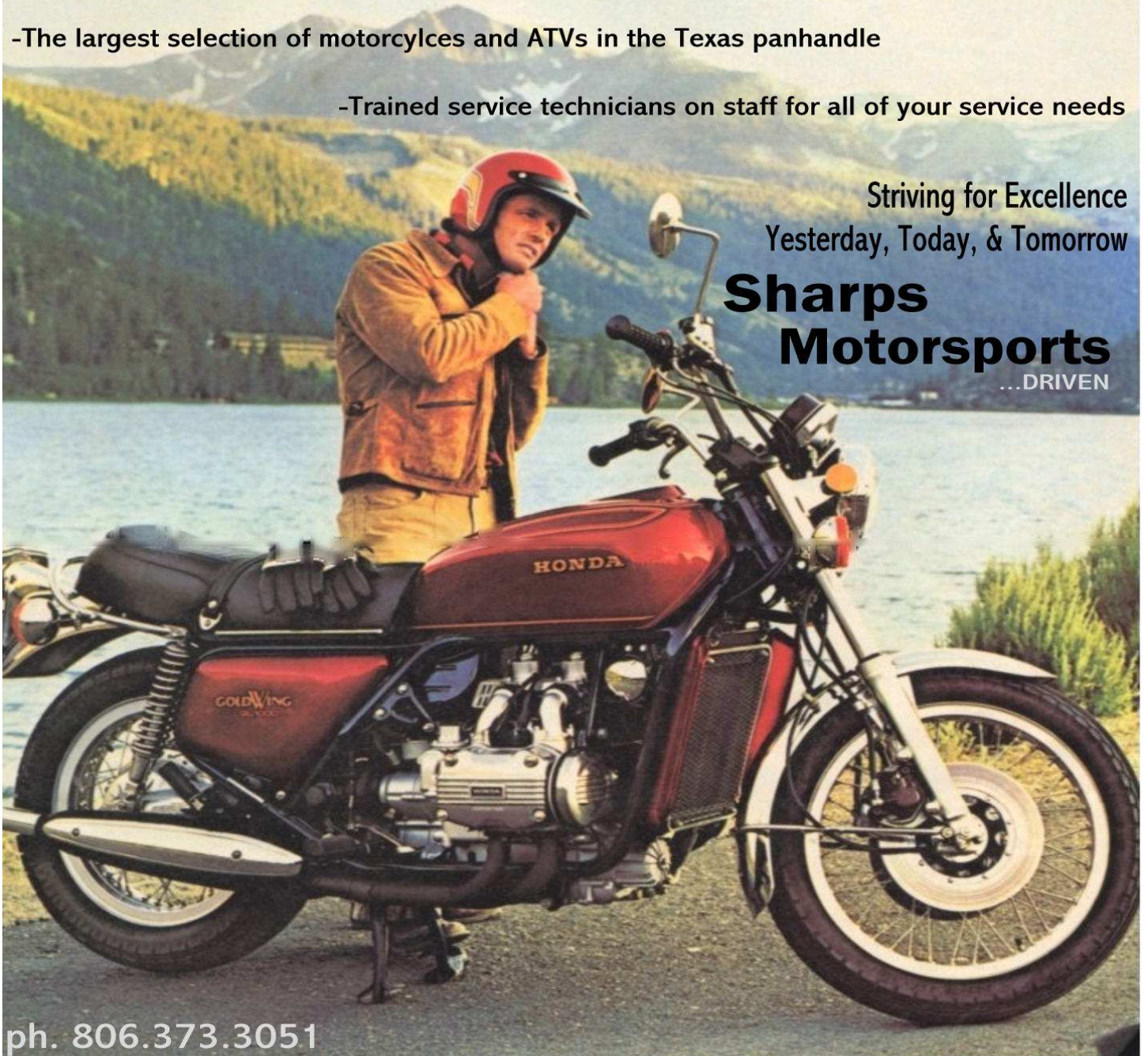
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TOP WINGS FRIDAY NIGHT DRIVES

Time: Friday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Meet: At the designated restaurant. Watch for emails telling where we will eat.

The Restaurant location for the next Friday evening will be decided upon by those who gather together each Friday night. This information will then be forwarded to everyone via the *Top Wings*' List Serve. This format will continue until April when our regular riding season begins again with the change to day-light savings time. 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; ray.latta@suddenlink.net



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Birthdays

- 2-01 Jerry Arthur
- 2-08 Tom Milam

- 2-13 John Kelly
- 2-14 Alan Gromley
- 2-14 Ronald Nelson

- 2-22 Patricia Belflower
- 2-23 June Hoffman
- 2-24 Richard Mueller

- 2-25 Jerry Brown
- 2-27 Terry Gamblin
- 2-27 Dena Hayward



Jerry Arthur



Tom Milam



John Kelly



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Pat Belflower



June Hoffman



Dick Mueller



Jerry Brown



Terry Gamblin



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Anniversaries

- 2-03 Lloyd & Charlene Falke
- 2-24 Don & Essie Mae Burt



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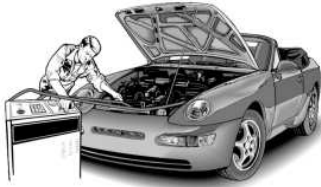
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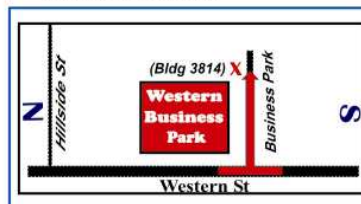


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Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 10th

Chapter "A" Monthly Gathering at The Plaza at 34th and Bell

March 11– March 15, 40 to Phoenix: "Coast to Coast" ride

March 12, 2011, Texas Chapter C Convention, Baytown, TX

March 24-26, 2011, Region H Convention, Plano, TX

April 2, 2011, Texas Chapter O Convention, Fredricksburg, TX

April 7-9, 2011, Louisiana District Convention, Lafayette, LA

April 23, 2011 Bikers 4 Bikers Rally, Grace Church, Amarillo, TX

April 29-30, 2011, Texas Chapter O2 Convention, Brownwood, TX

May 12-14, 2011, Texas District Convention, Kileen, TX

June 16, 17, 18, 2011 Wing Fling 2011, Duluth, GA

July 6-9, 2011, Wing Ding 33, Knoxville, TN

August 26-27, 2011, Kansas District Convention, Eldorado, KS

Chapter Couple of the Year Corner



What Can We Do To Make Our Chapter Best?



Think about what you personally can do to improve our chapter. A lot of our important positions are currently open or need some assistance. Perhaps we need teams or pairs to cover some positions so one person doesn't have so much responsibility. We need someone to step up and agree to put together a scrapbook for 2011 before the year gets away from us. It can be like the one we made last year or totally different, use your creative imagination. Any one with a camera or a cell phone with a camera can take pictures for our chapter scrapbook or newsletter. A big thank you goes out to the seven that picked up trash on our two mile stretch of highway, John Kelly, Gene Rogers, David May, Glenn Tyler, Bill Hisey, Ray & Sean Latta. Thanks Ray for bringing the doughnuts. Your reward was finding the largest ear of corn.



Top Wings Calendar for February 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Happy BD Jerry Arthur	2 Groundhog Day	3 Happy Anni- versary Lloyd	4	5
6	7	8 Happy BD Tom Milam	9	10 Chapter A Gathering at The Plaza	11	12
13 Happy BD John Kelly	14 Happy BD Alan Gormley & Ronald Nelson Valentines Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Presidents' Day	22 Happy BD Pat Belflower	23 Happy BD June Hoffman	24 Happy BD Dick Mueller Happy Anniversary Don & Essie May	25 Happy BD Jerry Brown	26
27 Happy BD Terry Gamblin & Dena Hayward	28					

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