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**March 2011 Newsletter**

**Chapter Meeting:** Thursday; March 10th, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Dyers BBQ in Wellington Square at I-40 & Georgia

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## March 2011 Newsletter

CD'S CHATTER-RAY LATTA-CHAPTER DIRECTOR —

CD Chatter – February, 2011

Wow! What a crazy weather month that we have had. Some parts of our area have had near 100 degree shifts in temperatures within a week. One Wednesday Palo Duro Canyon State Park was closed with wind chills WAY below zero and just a short week later we saw a high near 80 degrees. Everyone at our house has been sick with cold and/or the flu and I'm sure that the weather plays a factor.

With cabin and/or spring fever in the air I wanted to remind everyone to be extra careful when getting out there on your bikes. The motorists have been used to seeing less bikes on the streets with the snow and winter weather and will likely need to get re-adjusted to seeing and dealing with more bikes on the road as the weather changes from winter into spring.

Also, I have noticed that gas prices all over town today are well over \$3.00/gallon. Those of us that ride as a means of transportation can not only enjoy the freedom of being on a bike, we can also have the secondary benefit of saving money on gas expense. In this hard economy that makes for a win-win situation.

Looking forward to spring and another great season of fun riding with our group and as I have moved up the ladder a bit at the canyon I will have a little more flexibility in my schedule and hope to be able to make a few more of the rides this season.

Please remember to thank those folks who put in a lot of time and effort to keep our club events fun and organized. I appreciate each and every one of you. Also looking forward to working with those who have volunteered to step up and take over new positions as well as those who have committed to continuing in their previous positions for another year. We could not continue without your support.



Ride safe.



### TOP WINGS FRIDAY NIGHT DRIVES

**Time:** Friday evening at 6:15 p.m. **Meet:** At the designated restaurant.

Watch for emails telling where we will eat. Feel free to *Contact Ray Latta for details*; Cell: 806-336-4570 or home: 806-353-3722;

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## Borrowed from Chapter "J"'s Newsletter

### Trip Planning? Plan the Gear, too!

So what have you been thinking about this winter? Have you been thinking about the gray skies, the rain, sleet or snow of the season? And how about the freezing temperatures? These are not very cheerful thoughts for those of us who are not winter sports enthusiasts. Some riders brighten their outlook at this time of year by planning for the coming riding season. A few of us are deciding which motorcycling events to attend this spring and summer. Will it be the Americade rally in upstate New York? Maybe this year you are planning to attend Wing Ding? How about a vacation trip to an area with great roads to ride or interesting geological attractions to see? Whatever your destination, planning the route to take is an important part of trip planning. However, don't overlook the need to plan the gear you will need to take with you on each of your trips. Having the proper gear for the ride is an essential element of a successful trip. So why not start with your most important safety gear? Inspect your helmet for wear and tear. How long has it been since you bought your helmet? Does the outer shell have chips or cracks? Has it sustained an impact while you were wearing it? Has it been repeatedly dropped from your motorcycle seat? Realize that helmets are only designed to survive one impact while being worn. Also look at the chin strap. Is it frayed from many years of wear? These signs of damage indicate that it may be time to replace your helmet. Experts advise changing your helmet every 3 to 5 years for maximum protection. Time, wear and ultraviolet rays will cause your helmet's materials to degrade resulting in reduced protection. ([www.snellfoundation.org](http://www.snellfoundation.org).)

## Get Well Wishes

**We have been missing some of our members but they have good reasons.**

**A note from Helen Gamblin:** We appreciate your concerns. No, I haven't had the surgery yet. It is scheduled for March 4 in Dallas. We will go down March 3rd and stay at the Guest Housing in the hospital. I will be in the hospital for 4 days and two weeks at physical therapy. Terry will probably come back and forth. We miss all our friends also, but it has not been convenient for us to make meetings. Maybe some-day things will straighten out. Tell everyone hello. Helen

**A note from Hubert Hensley on Gladys' condition after knee arthroscopy:** Gladys is doing great she is up and doing almost everything normal. Thanks

**A note from Lana Heronemus on her thyroid and eyes:** I don't have cancer, GOD is sooo good!! I go see Dr. Filmore next Wed., March 2, @ 1:00pm to see when I can have surgery to get my tumor out!! Thursday, March 3, I will have my left eye cataract surgery, it is great to see again!! Thanks for your love & prayers!!

**A note from Dora and Nelson Bullard:** I graduated December 17. I am now a bilingual teacher. I went to El Paso on January 1, to care for my mother because she is terminally ill. I came home the week of February 10th to recuperate, and I will return to El Paso in a couple of weeks. As soon as life returns to normal Nelson and I will participate in club functions. We miss all of you. Dora Bullard

# 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*!

## Top Wings Member Spotlight

1. Name(s): David & Sandy May

2. AKA: David (Rooster) Very funny story goes along with this nickname. Some of you were there in Tulsa when David got that name.

3. Happily Married: April 2, we will be married 6 years. It feels like 40 years.

4. Children/Grandchildren: David has a daughter Jaime who lives in Pueblo CO. and a granddaughter Angel who is attending College in Pueblo CO. (Sandy) I have a daughter Tara and she lives in Penn.

Occupation(s): David retired after 33 years at ASARCO Copper Refinery. He is currently working part time for J. Gaut Commercial Real Estate Co. putting up and taking down signs.

1 Sandy works for Best Sign Systems as Admin. Assist. / Customer Service. I plan to retire hopefully in the next year or two.

How many years have you been riding:

1 David 39 years. Sandy Co-rider 4 plus years. As a Rider 3 years.

7. Years in GWRRA/Top Wings: David 14 years

8. Position(s) held in Top Wings: Assistant Chapter director for 9 years, Ways & means committee, Road Captain

Tell us about your current bike(s):

1 David Rides 1998 1500 SE Gold Wing.

2 Sandy rides 750 Honda Shadow Aero

What previous motorcycle do you wish you still had:

1 David 1981 900 CB Honda Custom and a 1998 Honda 1100 ACE Tourer

11. What is your favorite motorcycle accessory: David, Reverse. Sandy, clock.

12. What is your favorite riding destination: Lake City Colorado.

What is your favorite food/restaurant: Any Place that has a good steak for David. Also misses Joe's Crab Shack.

1 Sandy, any Italian food.

What other hobbies do you have besides motorcycling:

1 RV Camping, Fishing, Traveling. (David)

2 Reading, RV camping, traveling, anything outdoors, except fishing. (Sandy)

3 Church activities, Volunteering, riding my motorcycle.

What happened during your "15 minutes of fame"?

1 David won the Best Foreign Dresser for his 1500 Gold Wing in Shamrock Rally

Do you have a website? Facebook? Other internet connection?

1 David has email. Sandy has email and is on facebook.

What else should your GWRRA friends know about you:

1 David. Served in the Navy for 6 years with 1 tour in Vietnam. 7 Years in the Texas Army National Guard.

2 He has a great sense of humor and he is a great friend.

3 I love God first and then David and family, then our 5<sup>th</sup> wheel with the flat screen TV. Then my bike.

What Top Wings couple or member would you like to know more about?

Gene & Suzanne Rogers



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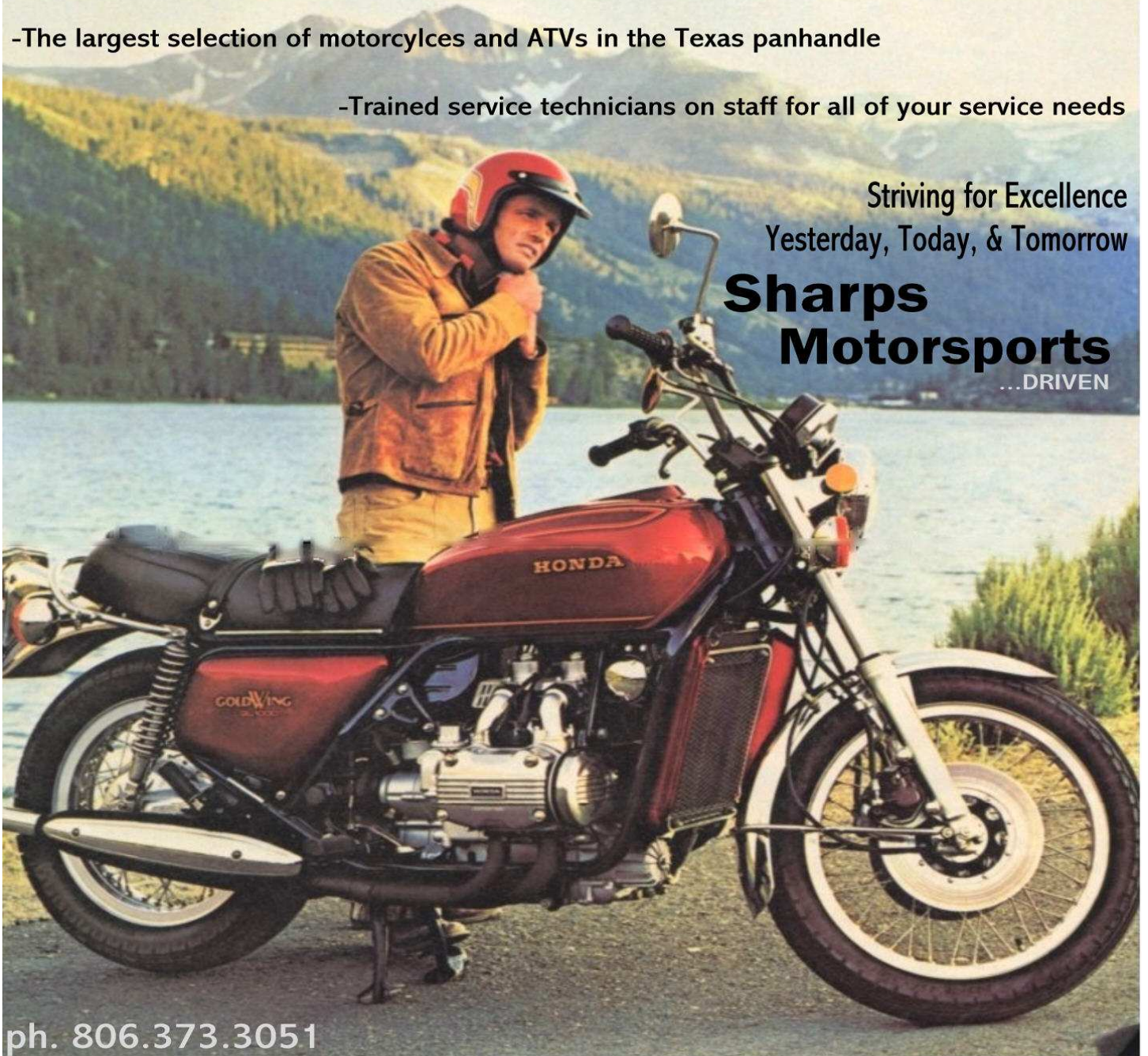
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## Top Wings Calendar for March 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> Happy BD Essie Mae Burt	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:15 FNR	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Chapter A Gathering at Dyers Happy BD Betty Sproul Happy Anniversary Stan & Tonya Stout	<b>11</b> 40 to Phoenix 6:15 FNR	<b>12</b> 40 to Phoenix Ch C Baytown
<b>13</b> 40 to Phoenix	<b>14</b> 40 to Phoenix in Amarillo	<b>15</b> 40 to Phoenix Happy BD Sean	<b>16</b> 40 to Phoenix in Phoenix	<b>17</b> Happy BD Nick Knevelbaard Happy Anniversary Gene & Sarah Belflower	<b>18</b> Shamrock Rally Muleshoe Rally 6:15 FNR	<b>19</b> Shamrock Rally Muleshoe Rally
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Happy Anniversary J Jerry & Teresa Arthur Region H Plano	<b>25</b> Region H Plano 6:15 FNR	<b>26</b> Region H Plano
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Happy Anniversary Scott &	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Happy BD Bob Whitaker		



# MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



## Birthdays

- 3-1 Essie Mae Burt**
- 3-10 Betty Sproul**
  
- 3-14 Sean Latta**
- 3-17 Nick Knevelbaard**
- 3-26 Debra Zanardi**
  
- 3-27 Sherry Page**
- 3-28 Randall Small**
- 3-31 Bob Whitaker**



Essie Mae Burt



Betty Sproul



Sean Latta



Nick Knevelbaard



Debra Zanardi



Sherry Page



Randall Small



Bob Whitaker

## Anniversaries

- 3-10 Stan & Tonya Stout**
- 3-17 Eugene & Sarah Belflower**
  
- 3-24 Teresa & Jerry Arthur**
- 3-29 Scott & Gene Ann Kush**



Stan & Tonya Stout



Gene & Sarah Belflower



Teresa & Jerry Arthur



Scott & Gene Ann Kush

## Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 10th

**Chapter "A" Monthly Gathering at Dyers BBQ in Wellington Square at I-40 & Georgia this month only due to The Plaza moving**

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

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

**March 18-19, Muleshoe Roadriders Rally at the Bailey County Coliseum on Highway 84 West in Muleshoe, TX**

**March 18-19 St Patrick's Day Celebration at Shamrock Rally**

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, 4111 Plains Blvd, Amarillo, TX**

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

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

**Saturday, May 7, Chapter "A" Rally in Amarillo, TX**

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

May 14, 2011, 5 State Motorcycle Run, Guymon, OK [www.5staterun.com](http://www.5staterun.com)

**Saturday, 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, 2011, Wing Ding 33, Knoxville, TN

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

## Chapter Couple of the Year Corner



We have thoroughly enjoyed representing our chapter as Couple of the year for 2010 and we are happy to pass on our medallions to a deserving Chapter Couple of the year 2011 Debbie and John Kelly.



From GWRRA *Wingin' It* e-Newsletter

### Officer Article:

By Terri Kozlowski GA-D Chapter Director

#### **ACTION vs. INACTION - Membership Retention**

Spending time with your Gold Wing family is a great way to start the New Year. Those who are **active** in their home Chapter are happy GWRRA Members who are having a lot of FUN! Those GWRRA Members who are *inactive* are missing out on all the FUN.

*Action* is about living fully. *Inaction* is the way that we deny life. ~ Don Miguel Ruiz

*Inactivity* is most often a choice made by the Member. Why are Members *inactive*? Sometimes they are present but grumbling about something. Give them the ability to **act** on the problem...ask them for a resolution...get them **active** in helping the situation. Sometimes, they were not asked to get involved and they are timid in a group setting... so ask for their help in a small way...this **action** helps overcome their fears that the group may not accept them. Sometimes, they are not even aware there is a Chapter for them to be **active**...how sad it is that we have not reached out to these Members to show them the FUN they are missing out on.

**So...how do we help these *inactive* Members have FUN? The best way is to show them. To show them you need to know them...so you must greet them with a warm and sincere "hello" and a hug. That hug will do wonders for you, as well as that Member. Now that you have met one another, find out a little about the other and show them the kind of FUN you have at a gathering, ride, event, rally...whatever you find FUN, you need to share. Fun or action is a powerful antidote to the stagnation of *inactivity*. Being creatively alive by having FUN involves giving up *inactivity*. How many *inactive* people have you seen having FUN? The name of the game is FUN... and acting silly and having FUN will give any Member a whole new lease on being creatively alive and active in GWRRA.**

*"There are risks to a program of action, but they are far less than the long-range risks and costs of comfortable inaction."* ~ John Fitzgerald Kennedy

If you find yourself asking, "Yes, but what can I do?" The answer is very, very simple. ***Anything*** is a lot more effective than nothing. Action puts us in control of the future of our Association and our Chapter. Nike says, **"Just Do It!"** Call that *inactive* Member and ask them to come to the next Chapter ride or event or gathering. Go across the room and hug that Member you haven't seen in a few months and let them know you are glad they are here. Be sure that everyone you see feels welcome and glad they came...**YOU can do a lot!**

*"One person can make a difference and every person should try."* ~ John Fitzgerald Kennedy



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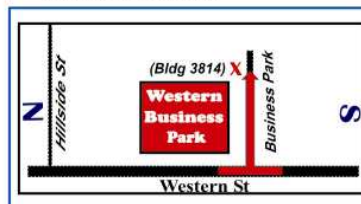


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