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May 2011 Newsletter

Chapter Meeting: Thursday, May 12th, 2010 @ 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 May 2011

May is a very busy month for motorcyclists. The Rally season is just getting kicked off. There are bike shows. And the weather is solidly into riding season. Perhaps that is why the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has declared May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

By the time you read this article our 2nd annual rally to benefit the Veterans Home will be in the books. Our attention has now turned to the Mall Show. I would be very proud to have a record number of motorcyclists and machines turn out for this very important event. By making an impression on a large group of Amarilloans, we will be enhancing our own safety. The bigger turnout we have, the bigger impression we can make.

Remember that all Top Wing participant bikes are welcome at the Mall Show and there is no entry fee. I really want to see those trailers. I am trying to figure out how to get both my trailers there. Would anyone like to pull one for me? Trailers, and especially the camp trailers, make a big impression on the viewers.

The Metric Show at Sharps Honda will also be on the 21st (same as the Mall Show) and I plan to enter a couple of bikes there as well. Let's help make both of these events a success.

Keep on Riding!!

Ray



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 (Continued from April newsletter)

Break-in Period

In order for your new tire(s) to provide optimum performance, tires should be ridden very cautiously for the first 100 miles in order for the tread surface to be "Scuffed-In" and work properly. Directly after new tires are mounted, sudden acceleration, maximum braking, and hard cornering must be avoided. This will allow the rider to adjust to the feel and handling characteristics of the new tire and for the new tire to be "Scuffed-In" correctly in order to achieve optimum grip level.

Tire Loading

Riding your motorcycle in an overloaded condition is dangerous. Overloading causes excessive heat to build up in your tires. This can lead to sudden tire failure while the tire is overloaded or at some later date.

Safe Loading

Consult your motorcycle owner's manual for the motorcycle load limits and proper tire inflation that applies to your motorcycle and tires. Never exceed the maximum load rating stamped on the tire sidewall of your tire or the maximum vehicle load rating, whichever is less. Before a trip, determine the total weight of luggage, equipment, and rider(s) to be added to your vehicle. Never exceed the accessory restrictions and motorcycle load capacity found in the owner's manual, or the maximum load molded on the sidewall of the tire.

Tire Damage

Riding on damaged tires is dangerous. A damaged tire can suddenly fail. Have your tires regularly inspected by your local dealer for damage.

Spotting Damaged Tires

After striking anything unusual in the roadway, ask your local dealer to demount the tire and inspect it for damage. A tire may not have visible signs of damage on the tire surface. Yet, the tire may suddenly fail without warning, a day, a week, or even months later. Inspect your tires for cuts, cracks, or splits in the tread and sidewall areas. Bumps or bulges may indicate a separation within the tire body. Have your tire inspected by a qualified tire service person. It may be necessary to have it removed from the wheel for a complete inspection.

Tread Depth

Inspect your tires for adequate tread depth. When the tire is worn to the built-in indicators at 1/32nd inch (0.8 millimeters) or less tread groove depth, or the tire cord or fabric is exposed, the tire is dangerously worn and must be replaced immediately. Inspect your tires for uneven wear. Wear on one side of the tread or flat spots in the tread may indicate a problem with the tire or vehicle. Consult your local dealer. Inspect your rims also. If you have a bent or cracked rim, it must be replaced.

Tire and/or Vehicle Storage

Tires and/or vehicles should be stored indoors in a cool, dry place where water cannot collect inside the tires. The tires and or vehicles should be placed away from electric generators and motors and sources of heat such as hot pipes. Storage surfaces should be clean and free of grease, gasoline, or other substances, which can deteriorate the rubber. Improper storage can damage your tires in ways that may not be visible.

Oil, Grease, and Gasoline

These items can deteriorate rubber when exposed to a tire for any length of time. Use a clean, damp cloth to remove these chemicals from the tire.

Sidewall Treatment

Use a mild soap solution to clean sidewalls, white stripes, or raised white lettering, and then rinse off with plain water. Never apply any other materials, cleaners, or dressings to enhance sidewall appearance. These items may degrade the rubber and remove inherent ozone cracking and weather-checking resistance.

Top Wings Member Spotlight

1. Name(s): Alex & Mona Hochstein
2. AKA:
3. Happily Married for 24 years.
4. Children/Grandchildren: Stuart, 23, Andrew 20
5. Occupation(s): Alex : Equipment supervisor for J Lee Milligan, Mona, Semi- Retired with several small jobs.
6. How many years have you been riding: 6 years together. Many years before we were married.
7. Years in GWRRA/Top Wings: 2 years
8. Position(s) held in Top Wings: None
9. Tell us about your current bike(s): 1999 Goldwing SE
10. What previous motorcycle do you wish you still had: Yamaha 125 Dirt bike I had in high school.
11. What is your favorite motorcycle accessory: Cruise control
12. What is your favorite riding destination: Las Vegas, New Mexico
13. What is your favorite food/restaurant: Ocha Thai food @ 45th and Washington
14. What other hobbies do you have besides motorcycling: Church life, and working in the yard, riding to Claude for a burger.
15. What happened during your "15 minutes of fame"? Picture on front page of the Globe News while we were praying at a Memorial day service.
16. Do you have a website? Facebook? Other internet connection? Still old school with just E-mail
17. What else should your GWRRA friends know about you: I shared a drink with Paul Newman.
18. What Top Wings couple or member would you like to know more about? Laurence & Sandy Bertrand.



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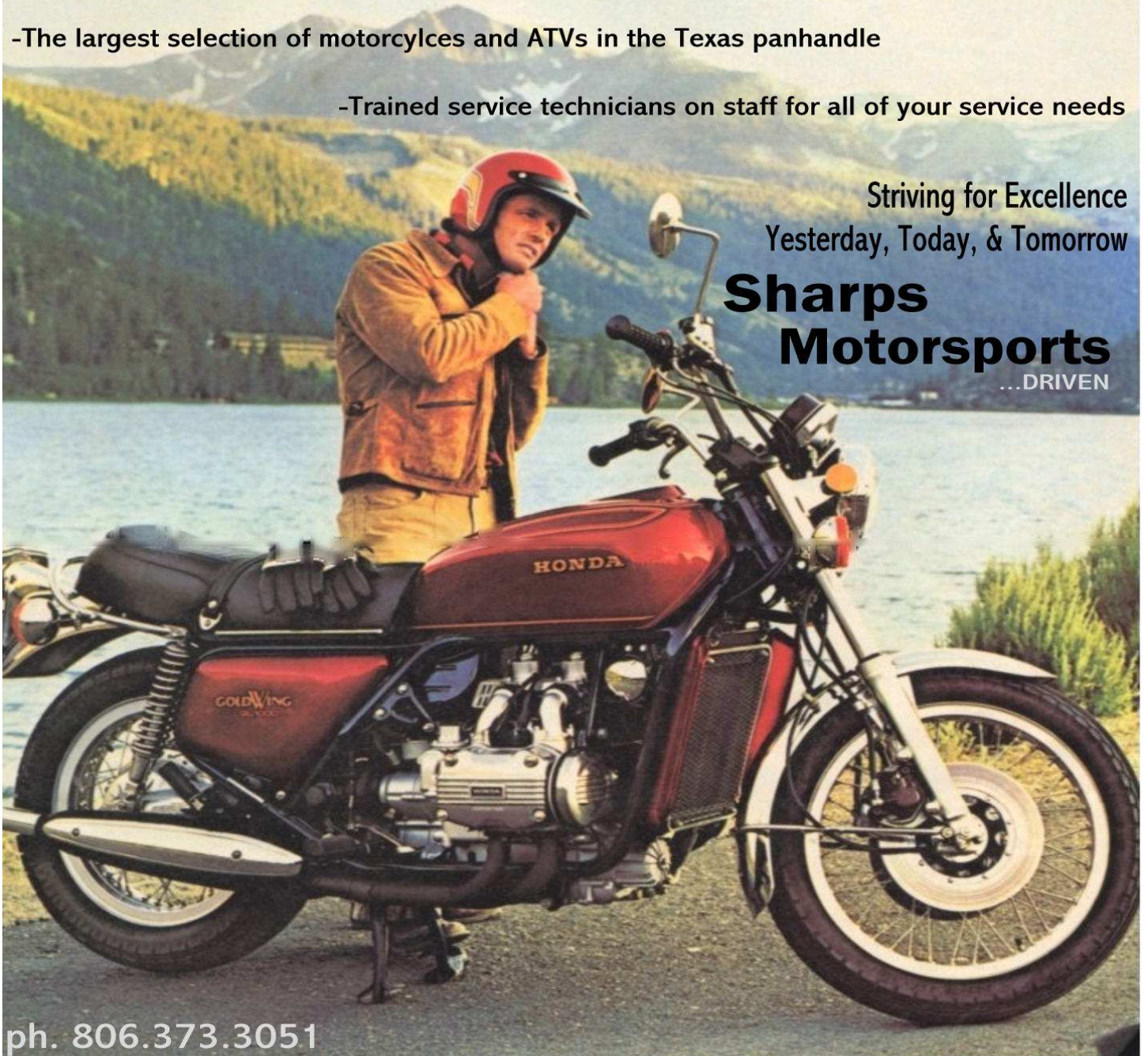
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TOP WINGS FRIDAY NIGHT RIDES

Meet at the *Potter-Randall Appraisal District Building* at 5701 Hollywood Rd. (Loop 335 East)

Time: Friday evening, meet at 6, last group leaves at 6:30.

Destination:

May 13th K-Bob's Dumas 7:15- 7:30

May 20th My Happy Place Happy 7:15

May 27th Carlito's Mex Rest. Plainview 7:00 – 7:30

June 3rd Chris' Kitchen at 500 W. Broadway in Fritch 7:15 – 7:30

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



MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Birthdays

May 4 Diane Stephens

May 5 Joe Burkhalter

May 6 Robert Miller

May 6 Rafael Hernandez

May 7 Don Rogers

May 7 Beverly Peterson

May 8 David Cutsinger

May 10 Sandy Bertrand

May 11 Brent Moore

May 12 Sarah Belflower

May 13 Kelly Vaughn

May 25 Judy Tyler

May 28 Ray Latta

Anniversaries

May 6 Pam & Glenn Tiffin

May 26 Maury & Betty Sproul



Diane Stephens



Joe Burkhalter



Robert Miller



Rafael Hernandez



Don Rogers



Beverly Peterson



David Cutsinger



Sandy Bertrand



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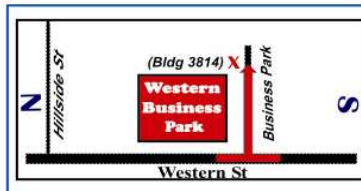
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[Upcoming Events](#)

**Thursday, May 12th Chapter "A" Meeting
7:00 PM at The **NEW** Plaza at 2101 S Soncy, south of Furrs, 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 21 The Metric Bike Show at Sharps of Amarillo

May 26-28 Arkansas District Convention, Rogers, AR

June 4 6th Annual Hubcity Bikefest, Lubbock, TX www.hubcitybikefest.com

June 4 Big Juan's Run Dalhart, TX—Registration 8:30 AM contact Martin 806-884-9552

**June 9-11, 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 20 15th Anniversary Celebration Party at LEATHERS @ 2918 SW 6th, Amarillo

August 26-27 Kansas District Convention, Eldorado, KS

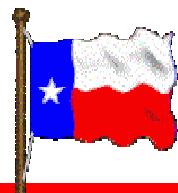
August 26-27 Rabbit Ear Run, Clayton, NM rabbitearrun.com

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Happy BD Diane Stephens	5 Happy BD Joe Burkhalter	6 Happy BD Rob Miller & Rafael Hernandez- Happy Anniversary Pam & Glenn Tiffin	7 Happy BD Don Rogers & Beverly Peterson Ch A Rally 11:30 @ Skooterz
8	9	10 Happy BD Sandy Bertrand	11 Happy BD Brent Moore	12 Happy BD Sarah Belflower Chapter A Gathering	13 Happy BD Kelly Vaughn Texas Dis- trict Con- vention May 12- 14	14 Five State Motorcycle Run Guymon,OK
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Chapter A Mall Show Metric Bike Show @ Sharps
22	23	24	25 Happy BD Judy Tyler	26 Happy Anniversary Betty & Maury Sproul	27 Arkansas District Convention May 26-28	28 Happy BD Ray Latta
29	30	31				

Chapter A Concerns

Remember Tricia Latta said, "Please keep my Brother-in-Law's family in your thoughts and prayers. This has been an unbelievably rough year for his family as well as ours." This was due to the loss of Tricia's brother-in-law, Aaliyah's Dad, one year after losing her sister, Aaliyah's mom. The following is his obituary. <http://amarillo.com/obituaries/2011-04-28/james-daniel-sotelo>
Tricia's email address is tricialatta@juno.com



A former Top Wings member, Russ Gollakner, lost his wife, Myrna, Sunday, April 24. The following is her obituary. <http://amarillo.com/obituaries/2011-04-27/myrna-owen-gollakner> His email address is rgollakner@suddenlink.net



Glenn and Pam Tiffin lost their home, garage, vehicles etc. in the fire Sunday, Feb 27. They have put a double wide manufactured home on their property near the ASARCO Plant. They have minimal furnishings for now but are able to stay there. Glenn bought a Gold Wing, their email is g.tiffin@att.net



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" Her email address is helengam@suddenlink.net



Continue to remember Dora and Nelson Bullard during the terminal illness of Dora's mother. Dora's email address is nbullard@nts-online.net



Monday, April 11th, Judy had a back operation, things are going well now. She had a little trouble after but is home and doing ok. Riding season is here but don't think that she will be able for a while if at all???? We will see how it goes. In the mean time, as Wayne knew, I have sold my bike and looking for another ride if it is a goldwing or not. Needs to be a lot lower and easier for her to get on and off. But the point is, we haven't and not be there for a while except when we can, the monthly meeting. Tell everyone hi for us and we are thinking of them. Judy could use some prayers..... help the healing. This should bring you up to date. Ted & Judy Bouldin
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