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**Chapter Meeting: Thursday, November 10th, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.**  
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## Top Wings of Amarillo GWRRA Chapter A



**Ray Latta**  
Chapter Director

## November 2011 Newsletter

CD'S CHATTER-RAY LATTA-CHAPTER DIRECTOR

While passing in front of Sutherlands on S Washington St, a Mustang pulled into my lane from the United Supermarket parking lot. The problem was I had not seen this coming due to the stopped vehicles to my right. Apparently the first car was waiting for the Mustang to exit the lot forcing the truck behind to wait as well. The driver of the Mustang didn't see me, nor did I see her until she was in my path. I remember thinking "Will the car stop and allow me to pass or..." I committed to the brakes and kept the Goldwing in a straight line. The rear wheel locked and slid along until the front of the bike impacted the front of the Mustang forward of the wheel and tire. I was pitched off and landed in the street in front of the car. As I lay in the street I started to assess any damage. I decided not to try to get up immediately and was attended to by several drivers who had seen the accident. I had some pain in my left inner thigh and checked it with my left hand determining it was soft tissue damage and not something more serious. I undid my chinstrap but left my helmet on until the paramedics arrived. Once checked out, they helped me to my feet much to everyone's relief.

I have been asked what; if anything I would do differently now that I have had a chance to reflect. Obviously I failed to take note of the hazard presented by the traffic stopped in the right lane. This should have set off my radar and caused me to slow down and be prepared for a possible encroachment. But instead I was riding home as usual on my normal route not expecting anyone to make that critical error that would result in a crash. No, I was not "at fault", but...

There is also the question of braking vs. steering around an obstruction. I had read with much interest an article written by a rider who faced the hazard of deer on the road regularly. Because I face the same hazard on my commute, I put a lot of thought into the article and his analysis of the situation. I too concluded that braking is the better choice in most cases. I won't go into the whole analysis here but when you cannot predict where the obstruction will be when you arrive, a low speed crash might be a better choice than a high speed impact.

In conclusion, I feel fortunate that the results of the accident are a badly damaged bike and a rider that will ride another day.

On a lighter note I think we should now stick close to home and begin our FND's. We will choose the next week's restaurant each Friday night as we did last year. Watch your email each week for details.

Everyone be safe and enjoy the ride.

Ray





**Wayne Early**  
Chapter Educator

Vision - night blindness

Night blindness is poor vision at night or in dim light.



## CONSIDERATIONS

Night blindness may cause problems with driving at night. People with night blindness often have trouble seeing stars on a clear night or walking through a dark room, such as a movie theater. These problems are often worse just after a person is in a brightly lit environment. Milder cases may just have a harder time adapting to darkness.

## Causes

The causes of night blindness fall into two categories: treatable and nontreatable. Treatable causes:

- [Cataracts](#)
- [Nearsightedness](#)
- Use of certain drugs
- [Vitamin A deficiency](#) (rare)

Nontreatable causes:

- Birth defects
- [RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA](#)

## HOME CARE

Take safety measures to prevent accidents in areas of low light. Avoid driving a car at night, unless you get your eye doctor's approval. Vitamin A supplements may be helpful if you have a vitamin A deficiency. Ask your doctor.

## WHEN TO CONTACT A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL

It is important to have a complete eye exam to determine the cause, which may be treatable. Call your eye doctor if symptoms of night blindness persist or significantly affect your life.

## WHAT TO EXPECT AT YOUR OFFICE VISIT

Your health care provider will examine you and your eyes. The goal of the medical exam is to determine if the problem can be corrected (for example, with new glasses or [cataract removal](#)), or if the problem is due to something more serious. The doctor may ask you questions, including:

- When did the night blindness begin?
  - Did it occur suddenly or gradually?
  - Does it happen all the time or just sometimes?
  - How severe is the night blindness?
  - Are you nearsighted?
  - Do you have other vision changes?
  - What other symptoms do you have?
  - Do you have unusual stress, anxiety, or a fear of the dark?
  - Does using corrective lenses improve night vision?
  - What medications do you use?
  - How is your diet?
  - Have you recently injured your eyes or head?
  - Do you have a family history of [diabetes](#)?
- Color vision testing
  - Pupil light reflex
  - Refraction
  - Retinal exam
  - [Slit lamp examination](#)
  - Visual acuity

Other tests may be done:

- [Electroretinogram](#) (ERG)
- [VISUAL FIELD](#)

## ALTERNATIVE NAMES

Nyctanopia; Nyctalopia; Night blindness

The eye exam will include:

Please let me know of concerns you want our chapter to be aware of or updates on the concerns mentioned. Anyone that needs a printed copy of the newsletter, please email [highzee1938@aol.com](mailto:highzee1938@aol.com) so we will know how many to bring to the Monthly Gathering.

Lana Heronemus' right hand is getting better every day.



Natalia and Larry Erickson have recently relocated back into Amarillo after working abroad. Natalia doesn't drive, she is Russian but can communicate in English. Larry is a new car salesman at Brown Buick/GMC and would appreciate any referrals and a chance to earn someone's business. They need some friends. Lets live our motto, Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge. Her phone number is 806-420-0201, address is 2120 S Harrison, rear apartment (a parking lot is across the alley). Her email is [natalia\\_uchakova@yahoo.ca](mailto:natalia_uchakova@yahoo.ca), and yes, [yahoo.ca](http://yahoo.ca) is correct. It was Canada's Yahoo. Larry's phone number is 806-420-8318 and his email is [ibdapilot@hotmail.com](mailto:ibdapilot@hotmail.com).



Luis Morales is a relative of a coworker of Rafael Hernandez. The fight for Vega junior football player, Luis Morales, to regain his ability to walk took flight Thursday, October 13. Morales was flown Thursday from Amarillo to a Sacramento, Calif., hospital known for world-class research on spinal cord injuries so he can continue rehab for an injury suffered during a junior varsity football game Sept. 29 in Wheeler. The family is under a tremendous financial and emotional strain.



Tricia Latta's nephew, Shea, has made it through 2 surgeries in the past 24 hours. He still has a LONG, LONG road to recovery but he is not in pain tonight and we are most grateful. Thank you all for the many thoughts and prayers. (From Tricia October 11.)



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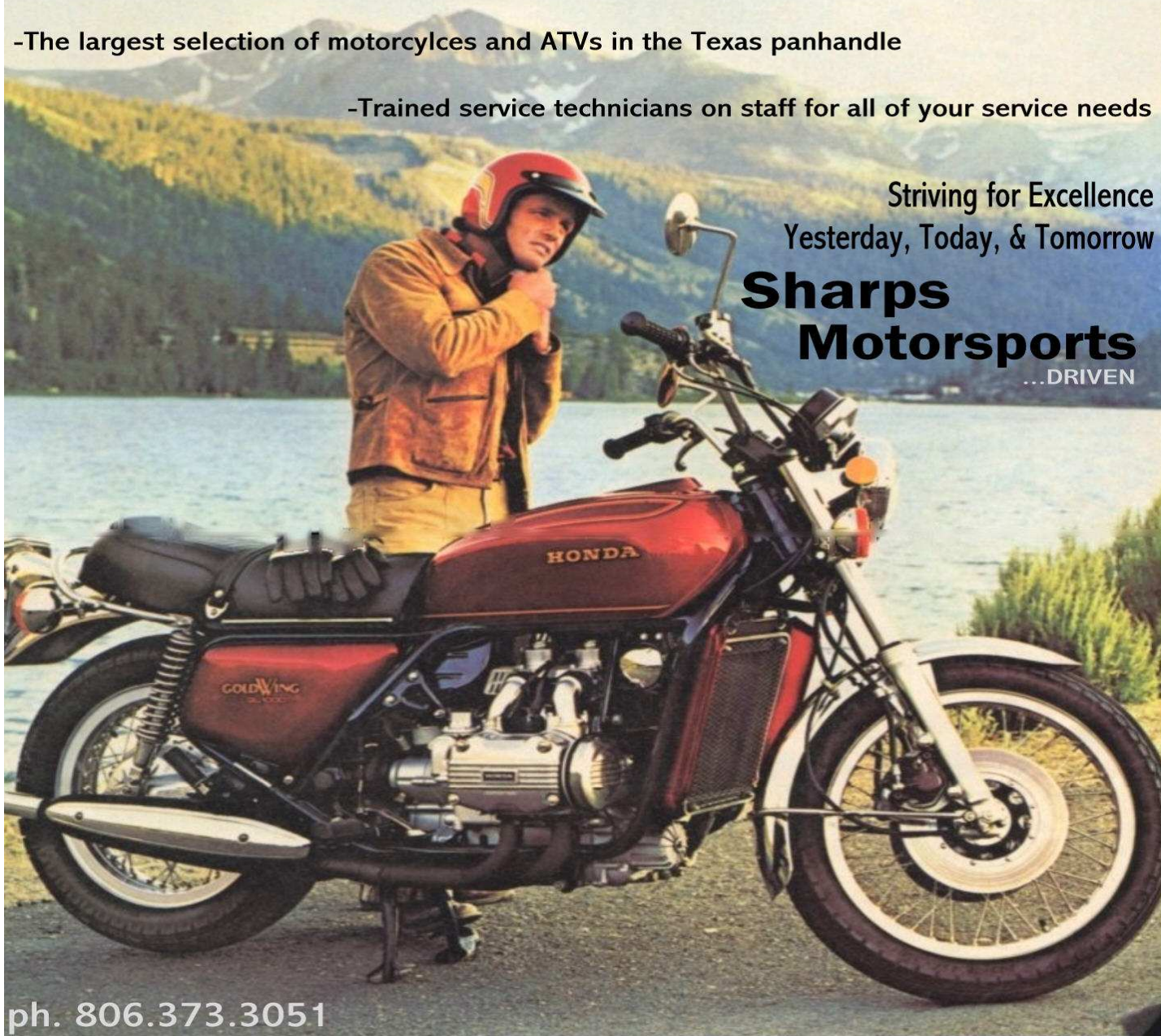
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My name is Heath Moore, I am Brent & Linda Moore's son. I am selling a 1989 Honda Gold Wing GL1500. It has 95,500 miles. It has never been dropped or laid over. It has cruise, reverse, radio/cassette, bike cover & ring of fire. I'm asking for \$4,000.00 O.B.O. 806-681-6006 email [heath.moore07@gmail.com](mailto:heath.moore07@gmail.com)

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Motorcycle Headset for sale - \$50 Like new, Chatterbox noise reducing headset for an open-face motorcycle helmet. Bought a new closed-faced helmet and it wouldn't fit in it. Kit has everything that came with it originally purchased and works perfectly. Last two pictures of cords that fit Honda Goldwing/Valkyrie. If you are interested or have any questions call me at 806.336.1535.



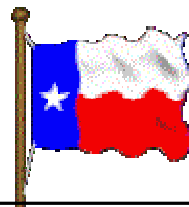
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11-18 Roger Remling



11-21 Sandy May



11-29 Don Burt

## Happy Anniversary to:



9-2 Eugene & Patricia Belflower



11-27 David & Jodi Cutsinger

If I have missed your birthday or anniversary or misspelled your name, please let me know. If you don't like the picture, please email one or request a retake or if you don't want one published, just tell me at [highzee1938@aol.com](mailto:highzee1938@aol.com)

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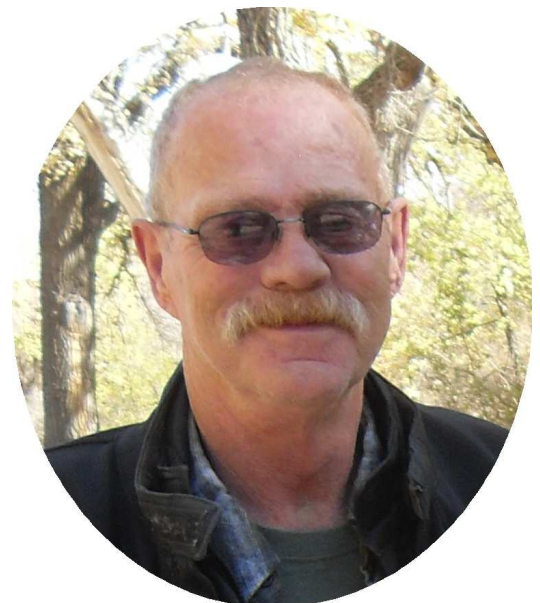
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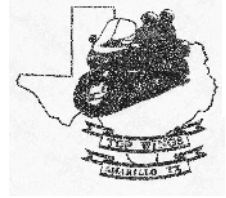
## TOP WINGS CHAPTER "A" MEMBER SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH

### Top Wings Member Spotlight

1. Name(s): Terry & Helen Gamblin
2. Happily Married for 54 years.
3. Children/Grandchildren: 2 Children, Kelly & Kasey; 3 Grandchildren, Amanda 30, Dalton 11 & Grayson 2; 2 Great Grandchildren, Hailah 11 & Lauryn 7
4. Occupation(s): Helen- Retired. Terry- Also retired with part time job at Tripps Harley Davidson.
5. How many years have you been riding: Terry- since I was 12 years old
6. Years in GWRRA/Top Wings: Can't remember, but several
7. Position(s) held in Top Wings: One for sure.
8. Tell us about your current bike(s): 2005 Yamaha
9. What previous motorcycle do you wish you still had: Powell LL P.48
10. What is your favorite motorcycle accessory: Cruise Control
11. What is your favorite riding destination: Overlook
12. What is your favorite food/restaurant: Abuelo's
13. What other hobbies do you have besides motorcycling: Vintage cars
14. What happened during your "15 minutes of fame"? No Show
15. Do you have a website? Facebook? Other internet connection? No
16. What else should your GWRRA friends know about you: We love to travel and see all the states. Also enjoy our grandchildren very much and spend lots of time with them.
17. Next month's Spotlight Member will be Brad Smith.



**About our GWRRA Chapter "A"**  
Top Wings of Amarillo  
Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge



**October 10 WT**  
**Homecoming Parade,**  
**Canyon, TX**

Top Wings had a great turnout with 12 bikes, a trike and many recumbent bikes.



Betty loved trying out the recumbent trike.



**MEMBERS' CORNER**

**FIVE STATE MOTORCYCLE RUN IN GUYMON, OK**

(Contributed by Clarence Heronemus)

Clarence, Lana and Jason Heronemus left for Guymon on Friday, May 6, for the 5 state poker run. We wanted to spend the night, not knowing what the weather would be like. When we left the motel on Sat. morn, it was 38 degrees with no wind. We left the activity center at about 8:15. First stop was in Texhoma, Ok. After that it was on to Dalhart where the temp. had warmed to 52 degrees. Still no wind, so riding was near perfect. Next stop was Dairy Queen in Clayton, NM for fuel and a snack. From there to the museum to draw our card. Leaving Clayton, we traveled thru Kenton, OK and up to the corner of Colorado, where we received our next card. We opted to take the scenic rt. by lake Etling and on into Boise City and ice cream before on to Elkhart, KS. We drew our next card at the museum in Elkhart. From there, it was back to Guymon for the last card and a BBQ meal. There was around 1300 motorcycles and they fed over 1700 for the meal. Next year will be the 10th anniversary of the 5 state run and they have a lot of extras planned for this event. The date will be May 12, 2012

Al Alejandro also attended. More photos can be seen at [Topwings.org](http://Topwings.org).



## Chapter Couple of the Year Selection Process

These suggestions are being provided, by Dave & Jean Simmons, Texas District Couple of the Year Coordinators, based on our discussions with Chapter Directors and previous Couples of the Year

### REQUIREMENTS FOR CHAPTER COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Couple must consist of one male and one female

BOTH must have completed at least one year membership in GWRRA (Associate Members may participate at the Chapter level)

Membership must be valid thru year of COY selection

The same Couple may not be named as COY for more than two consecutive years

1. What is the proper criteria for selecting a Chapter Couple of the Year?

The Couple of the Year designation, at the Chapter level, is not to be considered as a job or duty or responsibility. It is to be considered as an **Honor** and should be bestowed upon a couple who you consider to be an asset to your chapter. This can be a couple who usually participates in most of the chapter activities (monthly gatherings, rides, parties, rallies (conventions). Or maybe a couple who cannot always attend everything due to family or job commitments, but volunteers to help the chapter in some manner. Each Chapter may establish their own criteria.

2. Should you "ask" someone to volunteer?

This is like asking someone if they want to be honored! Does this sound appropriate?

3. Who should "select" the couple to be honored by your chapter?

There is no set rule for this....depending on the size of your chapter, do what works for you. This decision can be made by the CD, the Membership Enhancement Coordinator, a committee appointed by the CD, or by your Chapter Team.

4. How/when should you announce your decision?

Again, there is no set rule. Many chapters make the announcement at their Christmas party for the following years' designated Couple. You will need to make sure (without telling them why) that they are going to be present. If not, you may choose to do it at another time, but hopefully when a large attendance is expected. It is nice to have it done before the first of the year, so they can be honored by the Texas District at Mid-Winter Roundup (which is usually early in January)

5. What should you do when you make the announcement?

Be sure to have someone ready to take pictures for your newsletter. You want to make it a special occasion for them with flowers or a small gift. You should also be ready to present them with their Couple of the Year pin and "chapter hanger bar" and their Couple of the Year rocker bars for their vests. The Texas District will provide the Couple of the Year ribbons and medallions. These are usually presented to the new Couples at the Mid-year Roundup in January.

6. What should you tell the selected Couple when they ask you what they are supposed to do?

**Tell them to have fun!** They will be the "good will ambassadors" for your chapter and you might ask them to greet newcomers to your chapter or ask them for ideas as to what they would like to do! You might also suggest they wear their medallions (once they receive them) to all your chapter or other GWRRA events.

7. Does selecting a Chapter Couple of the Year obligate that couple to participate in the Texas District Couple of the Year Selection?

**NO!** You are simply honoring a couple that has been an asset to your chapter. There is no requirement for that Couple to participate at the District Level.

Whether or not a Chapter Couple wishes to participate in the District Selection Process is entirely the decision of that Couple. NOTE: The Couple will be asked if they wish to do so, and possibly encouraged to do so, but they are under no obligation to do so.

## About our GWRRA Texas District Couple of the Year



All 2011 Texas Chapter Couples of the Year who are Full Members of GWRRA (Associate Members are eligible to participate in the program at the chapter level only) are encouraged to participate in the selection process for the 2012 - 2013 Texas District Couple of the Year which will be held in New Braunfels during the Texas District Convention in May. The Couples will need to complete a five-page resume (which can be found on line on the International web site). The resume and copies of their GWRRA membership cards which are valid thru July 2015 and a picture must be received by the Texas District Couple of the Year Coordinators, Dave & Jean Simmons, no later than April 1, 2012.

These Coordinators are available to assist interested Chapter Couples in answering questions and providing resource materials. They can be reached at [jensim@web-access.net](mailto:jensim@web-access.net) , 325-382-4469, or 325-214-0250.

### Dave & Jean Simmons

Texas District Couple of the Year Coordinators



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# Top Wings Calendar for November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <b>Happy Anniversary Eugene &amp; Patricia Belflower</b>	3	4	5 <b>Veteran's Parade</b>
6 <b>Daylight Savings</b>	7	8	9 <b>Happy BD Betty Hisey</b>	10 <b>Chapter A Gathering at The Plaza</b>	11 <b>Veteran's Day</b>	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 <b>Happy BD Roger Remling</b>	19
20 <b>Eveline Rivers Toy Run</b>	21 <b>Happy BD Sandy May</b> Deadline for newsletter	22	23	24	25	26
27 <b>Happy Anniversary David &amp; Jodi Cutsinger</b>	28	29 <b>Happy BD Don Burt</b>	30			

## **NOVEMBER PICTURE OF THE MONTH**

A Sidecar Built for Three Dogs From the  
Animal Shelter Contributed by Brad Hamblin

