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**October 2010 Newsletter**

**Chapter Meeting:** Thursday, October 14th, at 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** *The Plaza at 34th and Bell*

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CD'S CHATTER-RAY LATTA-CHAPTER DIRECTOR —



Good News and Bad News...

The good news is that it is cooling off after a hot summer...the bad news is that it is going to get cold.

The good news is we had a great rally...the bad news is the weather wasn't ideal.

The good news is we made over \$600.00 at the Rally...the bad news is we hoped for a little more.

The good news is we had above average rainfall this year...the bad news is Lake Meredith is still really low.

The good news is we live in the Texas panhandle...the bad news is we live in the Texas panhandle.

The good news is the kids are back in school...the bad news is the days are getting shorter.

The good news is Honda makes the Gold Wing...the bad news is not in 2011.

The good news is we don't have to deal with the bugs on our windshields in the winter...the bad news is it's too darn cold to wash the bike anyway.

The good news is there are lots of really cool new motorcycles on the market today...the bad news is we can't afford any of them.

The good news is sweeping curves...the bad news is there aren't any around here.

The good news is we are free to ride! What are you waiting for?

***TOP WINGS FRIDAY NIGHT DRIVES***

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

**Meet:** At the *Potter-Randall Appraisal District Building* at 5701 Hollywood Rd. (Loop 335 East) for now, later when it is cold we will 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](mailto:ray.latta@suddenlink.net)

## IMPORTANCE OF WEARING A MOTORCYCLE HELMET

Wearing a motorcycle helmet while on the open road can make the difference between life and death in the event that you are in an accident. Even though some states do not require by law to wear a helmet, you would be out of your mind not to, especially first time riders. You can take all the precautions possible to be a safe rider. However, there is not much protecting you from other drivers.

Below are some facts on motorcycle helmets and the importance of wearing them:

- In areas where it is law to wear a motorcycle helmet, surveys have shown that 100% of riders abide. Whereas in areas where there are no helmet laws or with age specific helmet laws, only 30 - 50% of riders wear helmets. All-rider laws are easy to enforce because of rider visibility which has resulted in the increase in abidance.
- In 2007, motorcycle helmets helped save the lives of an estimated 1000 motorcyclists. In addition more than 500 lives could have been saved if all motorcyclists wore helmets.
- In 2007, more than 50% of motorcycle drivers that were killed in accidents were not wearing helmets. Of the passengers that were killed, more than 60% were not wearing helmets.
- Based on a recent study by the California Highway Patrol, wearing a motorcycle helmet is the most critical factor in avoiding head injuries and death to riders.
- Wearing helmets reduces the chance of death by more than 1/3 and are 70% effective in preventing head and brain injuries.
- The hospital charges incurred by head injuries resulting for motorcycle crashes were more than 3x higher in 2007 than riders without head injuries, \$50,000 vs. \$16,000
- In 1992, the first year that California enforced the all-rider helmet law, 325 motorcyclists were killed in accidents, in comparison to 510 in 1991. That is a reduction in yearly fatalities of almost 36%!
- When Maryland passed their all-rider helmet law in 1992 deaths were reduced by 20% and 30% from '93 - '94.

### THE GWRRA



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## Top Wings Member Spotlight

1. Name(s) John and Debbie Kelly
2. AKA:
3. Happily Married/ 3 years
4. Children/Grandchildren: Brent McClain– Amarillo, Jake Kelly– Amarillo, Katie McClain– Dallas, Karla Kelly– Amarillo
5. Occupation(s): John– Pit Manager– Old Pal Corporation  
Debbie– Office Manager– Old Pal Corporatio
6. How many years have you been riding: 5 Years
7. Years in GWRRA/Top Wings: 5 Years
8. Position(s) held in Top Wings: Activities and Ride Coordinators, Scrapbook Editor
9. Tell us about your current bike(s): 2008 Cranapple Red Goldwing and 2009 Pewter VTX 1300
10. What previous motorcycle do you wish you still had: 2005 Blue Gold Wing
11. What is your favorite motorcycle accessory: Cigarette Lighter
12. What is your favorite riding destination: Any mountains
13. What is your favorite food : John’s– Steak & Potato, Debbie’s– Mexican
14. What other hobbies do you have besides motorcycling: John doesn’t have time for other hobbies with 2 motorcycles to ride.
15. What happened during your “15 minutes of fame”?
16. Do you have a website? Facebook? Other internet connection? Both have facebook.
17. What else should your GWRRA friends know about you: John loves to ride anywhere!!
18. What Top Wings member would you like to know more about? Wayne Early



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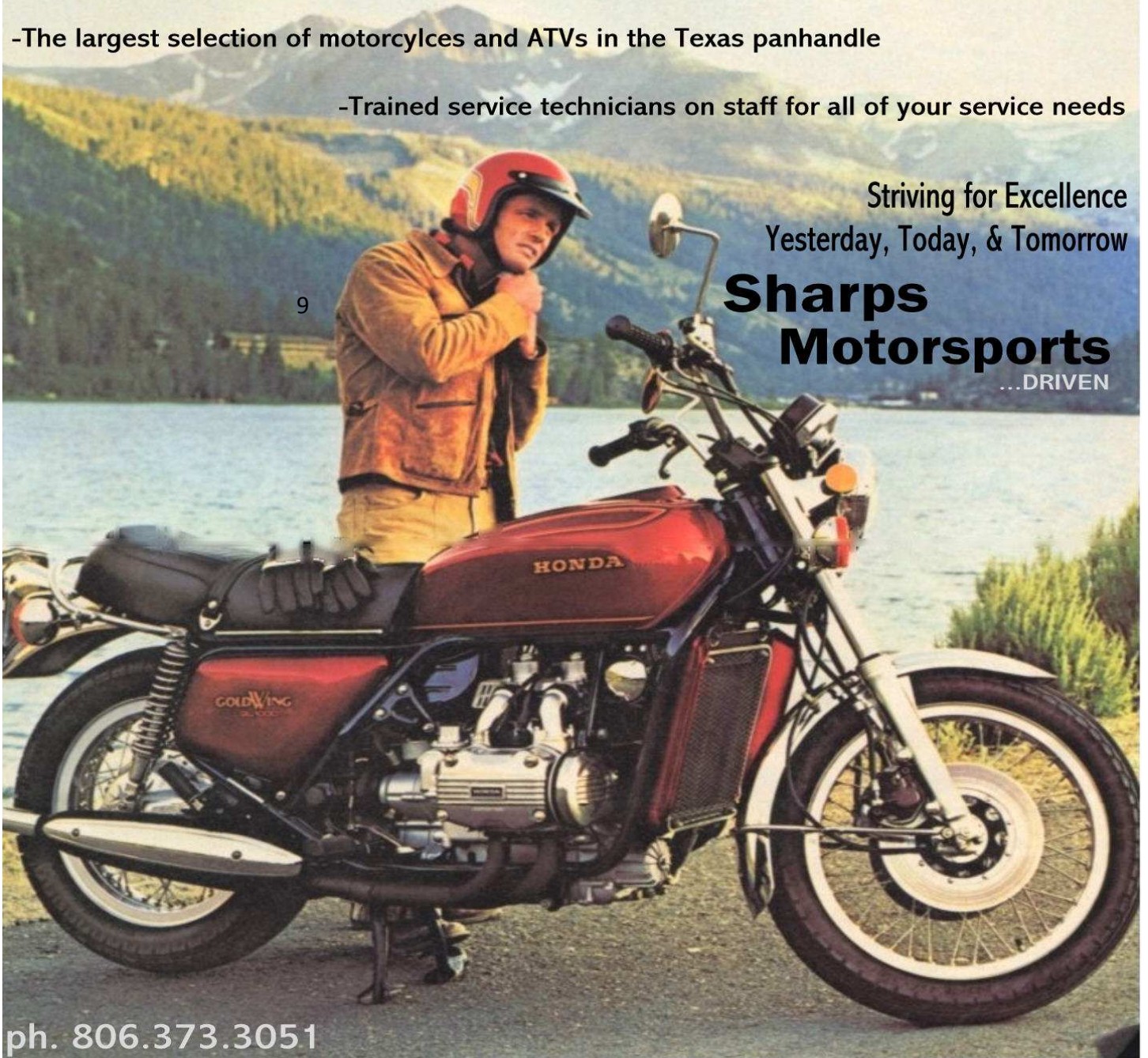
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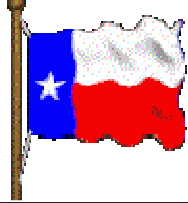
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# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



## Birthdays

- 10-1 Suzanne Rogers
- 10-12 Jack Geffken
- 10-15 Mary Lou Glasco
- 10-20 Eugene Belflower
- 10-21 Judy Bouldin
- 10-23 Laura Small
- 10-26 Russell Gallakner
- 10-27 Duane Glasco
- 10-29 Jack Bullard



**Suzanne Rogers**



**Jack Geffken**



**Mary Lou Glasco**



**Eugene Belflower**



**Judy Bouldin**



**Laura Small**



**Russ Gollakner**



**Duane Glasco**



**Jack Bullard**

## Anniversaries

- 10-3 Mike & Sandy Propes
- 10-8 Randall & Laura Small
- 10-13 Ray & Trish Latta
- 10-31 Hubert & Gladys Hensley



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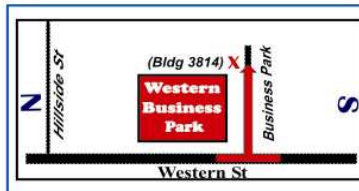


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## Upcoming Events

October 16th Leathers Fun Run 1st Bike out at Noon

October 16-17, Texas District Education Weekend, Killeen, TX

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

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**Bill Hisey, the Topwing's chapter and TxDOT would like to thank John Kelly, Gene Rogers and Hubert Hensley for helping with the trash pickup Saturday, September 18th. You did a great job.**



# Chapter Couple of the Year Corner



**BETTY & BILL  
HISEY**

We had the privilege to meet and ride with a group from Ireland as they came through Amarillo. They were so interesting and funny. They flew to Chicago and rented bikes and a convertible car and drove on Route 66 to Los Angeles. They turned in the rentals in LA and rented a Hummer to ride to Las Vegas and stayed several nights at the Bellagio and had tickets to see "O". They flew home to Ireland from Vegas. We had the pleasure to eat with them at The Big Texan, ride to Palo Duro Canyon, the Cadillac Ranch and eat ice cream at Cowboy Gelatos.

We also ran into a couple in the parking lot at Albertsons from New Zealand that had flown to Chicago, bought a bike in Milwaukee and rode over 9000 miles viewing the US then stored the bike in Milwaukee & flew home. Hopefully we can ride with them when they return.



## **OCTOBER PICTURE OF THE MONTH**

Brad Hamblin on a 4-Day Trip to Colorado

