

Chapter "L" March Newsletter



We meet the first Monday of the month at Golden Corral

2632 NW Cache Road In Lawton

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This was E-Mailed to me from Larry Cowan and I felt this was good advice to pass along; we are always thinking about safety.

What to take to bed with you - not a joke.

If you don't have a home security system, here is the next best thing:

Put your car keys beside your bed at night.

If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the key fob panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage.

If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are they will vacate the premises ASAP. After a few seconds, all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there. This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or a sexual abuse crime.

This would also be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, where you can't reach a

phone. Carry the keys when outside around the house, in the event of falling and no one sees you.

I want to congratulate Lee Tompkins on making Level 2 in Riders Education. The Levels program is a very good way to recognize those who participate and I encourage everyone to participate.

The Volunteer Fire Department for Edgewater Park, Lake Ellsworth is having its Bean Dinner fundraiser on March 3, 2012 at the Community Building in Apache, 11:00am to 1:30pm. Cost is \$5.00 per person, I have tickets.

Let's ride safe.

Tom

Time to "Honor"

Happy New Year! It is a great time for all Chapters in GWRRA. Many Chapters will start the New Year with a new Chapter Director and a new Chapter TEAM. This is only the beginning, with a new TEAM comes new ideas. Each Chapter Director (old or new) should take these new ideas, and old ones, and set goals for their Participants in 2012.

If your Chapter has not already done so, it's not too late to HONOR a Couple in your Chapter as the Chapter Couple of the Year. There are no requirements placed on the selected Couple, just an HONOR bestowed upon them for their dedication and commitment to the Chapter. There are however requirements that should be considered when selecting your Chapter Couple. First we suggest a review of the Couple of the Year Manual. It provides guidelines on selecting and HONORING your Chapter

Couple. The following requirements can be found on page 3 of the Manual:

Requirement

- Couple must consist of one male and one female.
- Both male and female must hold Individual, Family, Associate Individual, or Associate Family Membership in GWRRA. (Note: Associate Members are eligible to participate in the Couple of the Year program at the Chapter level only.)
- Membership must be valid through the term of the Chapter Couple of the Year position (one year).
- The Couple must have completed at least one year membership in GWRRA prior to being named Chapter Couple of the Year.
- In order to provide an opportunity for other deserving couples, the same Couple shall not be named as Chapter Couple of the Year for more than two consecutive years.

Although there are no requirements placed on the Chapter Couple of the Year at the Chapter level, we do recommend that you inform them of the opportunities available to them beyond the Chapter level. Providing them with a copy of the Chapter of the Year Manual or where it can be located on the Membership Enhancement webpage will get them started. It also lets them know how important they are to the Chapter.

Why should your Chapter Honor a Couple of the Year? Here are 10 excellent reasons why your Chapter should consider:

The Top 10 Reasons Why Your Chapter Needs a Couple of the Year

(These suggestions were compiled after many discussions in Couple of the Year seminars over a 3-year period and then were prioritized by seminar participant. They are presented in their order of importance as determined by those members.)

1. Selecting a Chapter Couple of the Year is a way your Chapter can “give back” to a couple who has worked hard for the Chapter and deserves recognition. Being Chapter Couple of the Year should be viewed as an honor and not a job.
2. Visitation with other Chapters by the Chapter Couple of the Year can increase inter-Chapter activities and improve relationships with other Chapters.
3. Chapter spirit can increase when Chapter Participants show support and demonstrate their pride for their Chapter Couple of the Year.
4. Selection as Chapter Couple of the Year often leads to personal growth for the couple, and they usually take on more responsibility in leadership positions.
5. The Chapter Couple of the Year can bring more awareness within the community about our association which ultimately leads to new Members. Wearing a shirt or vest with their Couple of the Year designation often causes others to ask about the title. News articles about them and public appearances by them can also bring awareness.
6. Through participation in the District Selection Process, a Chapter Couple of the Year can help gain recognition for your Chapter within the District.
7. As your Chapter Couple of the Year visits other Chapters, Couples of the Year from those other Chapters will, in turn, visit your Chapter and probably bring others with them. Increased visitation translates into several positive things including increased revenue for your Chapter through 50/50 sales or other means.
8. Your Chapter Couple of the Year can promote your Chapter’s upcoming events as they visit other Chapters.
9. Chapter Couples of the Year can, and often do, provide support to their Chapter through Recruiting and Retention efforts such as contacting potential Members and those about-to-expire. It’s a natural activity since the honored couple is likely to be enthusiastic about GWRRA and their Chapter, and eager to “spread the word”.
10. With the excitement and enthusiasm usually exhibited by Chapter Couples of the Year, they often are found serving as cheerleaders for the Chapter Team and can be important in maintaining strong Chapter morale.

If you have any questions concerning the requirements or selection of your Chapter Couple of the Year feel free to contact us by email or telephone.

Ed & Linda Johnson International Directors, Membership Enhancement Program

Let's have F-U-N at the Region H Convention!!

Angel Wings, the annual GWRRA Region H Convention in Marshall, Texas is right around the corner! Plan now to attend March 29, 30, and 31st and you will have a great time. There are so many planned activities that it requires some prior planning to participate in all the fun offerings you may be interested in. The many vendors will be setting up their stands on Thursday, March 29 so you will have three days to shop for safety chrome, safety lights, and more Gold Wing safety bling. Yours truly will present a 'Delegating- Key to Leadership' seminar from 3 – 4 PM, and then we can enjoy hot dogs and root beer floats (sponsored by Krogers) after the seminar at 6:30 PM. YUM! Several of our members have signed up for a free bus tour to the casino in Shreveport, LA that evening. They are providing a free dinner and play money for each of us, and we should wrap the day up around 11:00 PM.

Day two will be a fun packed day with Bike Shows, Craft Classes, Motor Trike Factory Tour, and a Caddo Lake Boat Cruise! You can have a lot of fun participating in the many Rider Education and Leadership Training Program seminars! **(You knew that was coming from your Little Old Rider Ed. Guy!)** The Rider Education day begins with a Trike Riders Course (classroom), followed by a Mature Riders Seminar and a Parking Lot Facilitator Class. MFA will offer a CPR-First Aid Class for all first timers who need the training for our Levels Program qualifications. You can have a lot of fun participating in these seminars/classes, and learn safety techniques and motorcycle skills. In the afternoon one of my favorite classes, a Road Captains Course, will be presented. It takes approximately an hour to one and one half hours class room time and one to one and one half hours for the road portion to complete the Road Captains Course. In my humble opinion it's one of three best courses for the average member. The other two are Team Riding and Motorcycle Crash Scene Response. For our co-riders, a co-rider seminar two up (CRS) is available to increase your knowledge and to update your Levels Program qualifications. We'll wrap this day up with a Sock Hop/Street Dance and later we'll have a Light Show & parade.

Day three will offer a Fun Run, off bike games, Art Party, Bingo, and a Ladies Bus Trip for shopping. On the training side we'll have the Helicopter Landing Zone Training, a very informative class that tells you how to work with Emergency Services and possibly evacuate a friend/member by helicopter. MFA will again offer a CPR/First Aid Renewal Class for members who need to update their CPR/First Aid Training. There will be helpful seminars to suggest ways to properly pack your Wing and how to assemble a useful first aid kit. Co-Riders will have a second opportunity to attend a Co-Riders Seminar (CRS) to obtain or update their Levels Program qualifications. A helpful Trailing Seminar will be offered for those of us that pull a Bunkhouse, Time-Out, or Escapade trailer. We'll close out Day three with Closing Ceremonies from 4:30 – 6:00 PM.

I've only skimmed over the long list of activities and those are primarily from the Rider Educators point of view. Come on! Let's ride to the Region H Convention! Get involved and participate with your Gold Wing Friends in the activities! You will have fun and you can learn so much!

SAFETY is for LIFE!!

Training Schedule

Motorcycle Maintenance Basics

TAT3401S12 3/26 – 4/11 MW 6:30 – 9:30 PM 18 hr \$55

Motorcycle Safety – Basic Rider

Class meets Friday 6-9 PM, Sat.-Sun. 8 AM – 4:30 PM

PUB0401S12 3/2 – 3/4 19 hrs. \$150

PUB0402S12 3/9 – 3/11 19 hrs. \$150

PUB0403S12 3/30 – 4/1 19 hrs \$150

First Aid

PUB0602S12 3/7 W 6-10 PM 4 hrs. \$19

PUB0603S12 4/5 Th 5:30 – 9:30 PM 4 hrs \$19

CPR for Health Care Providers

PUB0704S12 3/6 – 3/8 T-Th 5:30 - 9:30 PM 8 hrs \$35

PUB0705S12 3/14 W 9:00 – 5:30 PM 8 hrs \$35

PUB0706S12 3/26 – 3/28 MW 6:00 – 10:00 PM 8 hrs \$35

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Couple of the Year

Lee Tompkins



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Vickie Tompkins

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Max Rowlett



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Mary Rowlett

Ticket Master

Vickie Tompkins

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Lee Tompkins

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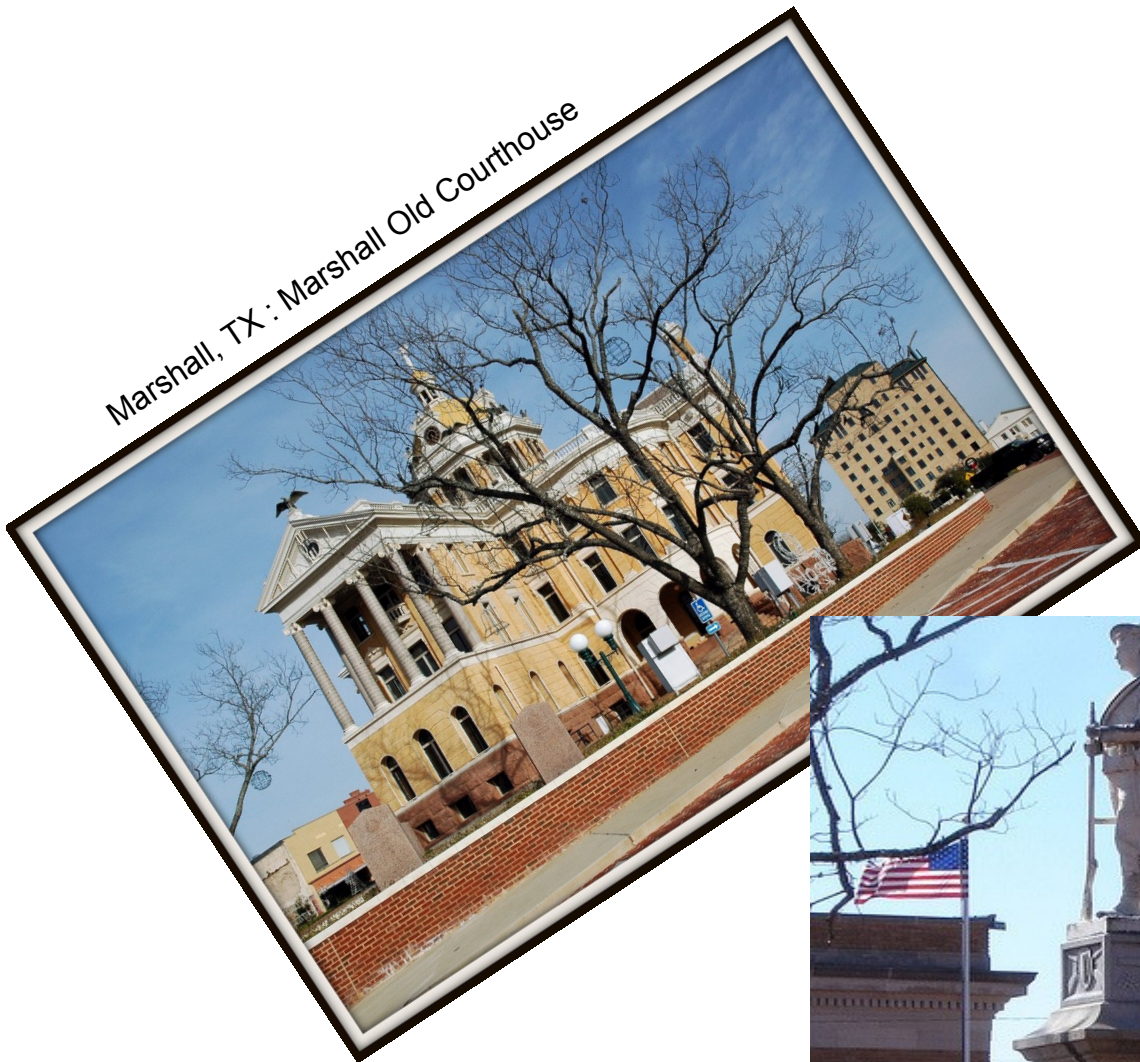
Vickie Tompkins

284-9076

Don Harman sent a message using the contact form at <http://www.lawtonangelwings.org/contact>.

Lucilles Poker runs on March 17 and April 14 followed by Street Dances

Come Join us



Marshall, TX : the confederate statue



Bad Idea.



Really Bad Idea.



Think. Ride
Smart.



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We hope to see them become regulars.



Paula Clouse reads off the winning numbers.

The biggest reason that there are collisions between cars and motorcycles is that motorcycles are "invisible". Eight out of ten drivers involved in a accident with a motorcycle state that they never saw the motorcycle.

What I would like each of you to do is take a few minutes and go on line and put in Invisible Motorcycle PSA . It will take you to a site where you will find a short video. This video was done in Oklahoma and has been showing on some TV stations around the state. It's only about one minute in length but, makes the point!

The concept of Share The Road has spread to most of the United States and as we travel we are seeing many more sign's of it. Our part is to make ourselves more visible and to speak up loud and often about seeing motorcycle's!

Chapter Mad Liaison,
Lee Tompkins



Chapter Educator, Max Rowlett, presents level three patches.

If any of you can make the ride 40 to Phoenix it sounds great. Now, we have taken that ride from hitting I-40 in Amarillo around thirty times over the years. Vickie and I came from the San Diego, CA. area so the route is very familiar to us. I strongly suggest that while in Phoenix you take a ride to Sedona, AZ. I am sure of the route rides that HQ will have on hand that will be one of them! I grew up spending a lot of time in and around there. My parents took me to Sedona the first time where I was about six months old, said my mother.

It is one of the most beautiful places on earth. The entire Oak Creek Canyon is a sight to see. The red rock country is amazing and take the road all the way out of the canyon up to Flagstaff. The switch backs are one after the other as you climb upwards.

If you don't go on to San Diego I advise you to spend two or three days riding the Sedona, Flagstaff and Grand Canyon area. You won't regret it for sure! Also, make a stop at Montezuma's Castle in the Verde Valley and there is Montezuma's Well another set of cliff dwellings and on the way east out of Flagstaff don't miss Walnut Canyon cliff dwellings a very large village at one time!

I can't go this time but, you'd better believe that I head out there every few years as that area is one of my favorites from my childhood. I wish that many of you will take this opportunity to meet other Gold Wingers and Share The Ride to visit GWRRA Headquarters.

Chapter Couple of The Year,
Lee & Vickie





At Montezuma's Well



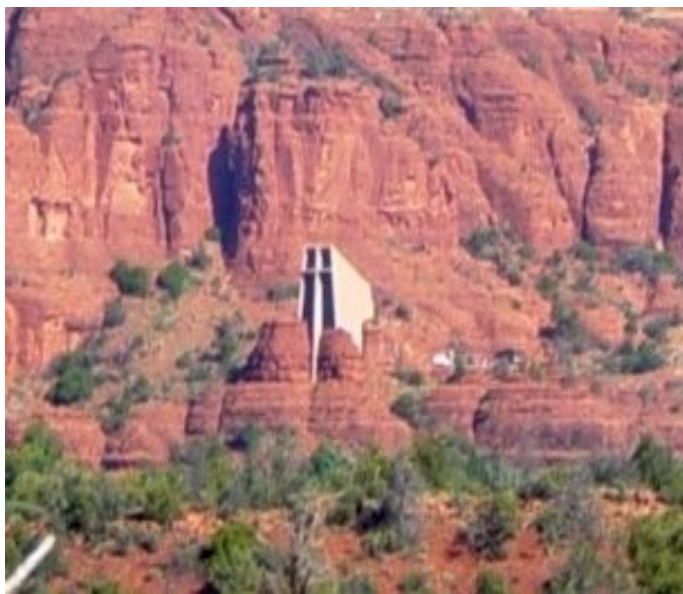
Montezuma's Castle



View near Sedona, AZ.



Coffee Pot Rock over looks the town of Sedona. This area was the old movie western town called Grasshopper Flats where many western were filmed in the 1940's to 1960's.



Church of The Holy Cross, built in 1956.

March 2012

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March 4th Chapter E Tulsa Chapter Convention.

Region "H" Convention (Marshall, TX)

April 2012

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Louisiana District Convention
(Lafayette , LA)

May 2012

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Arkansas District Convention

May 24, 25 & 26

March 2012

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Slide Rock State Park in Oak Creek canyon near Sedona.

• GWRRA Membership Application •


Member Name: _____ New Renew Member No: _____
Last First

Co-Rider Names: _____

Mailing Address: _____
 _____ USA Canada Other:
City State Zip

Telephone: Home: () _____ Work: () _____ E-Mail: _____

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 A) Truck/Trailer B) Phone Calls Only C) Tent Space D) Lodging E) Tools F) Tour Guide Do Not list me in the Gold Book

<p>GWRRA 21423 North 11 Avenue Phoenix AZ 85027 800-843-9460 (623) 581-2500 (623) 581-3844 Fax www.gwrro.org www.towbusters.com</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Member Type (Select One)</p> <p>Individual Membership <input type="checkbox"/> 3 yrs \$120 USD <input type="checkbox"/> 2 yrs \$85 USD <input type="checkbox"/> 1 yr \$45 USD</p> <p>Family Membership (2 or more people in household) <input type="checkbox"/> 3 yrs \$150 USD <input type="checkbox"/> 2 yrs \$105 USD <input type="checkbox"/> 1 yr \$55 USD</p> <p>Associate Individual* <input type="checkbox"/> 3 yrs \$135 USD <input type="checkbox"/> 2 yrs \$95 USD <input type="checkbox"/> 1 yr \$50 USD</p> <p>Associate Family* <input type="checkbox"/> 3 yrs \$165 USD <input type="checkbox"/> 2 yrs \$115 USD <input type="checkbox"/> 1 yr \$60 USD</p> <p>Subscription Only (<i>Wing World™ Magazine</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 yr \$40 <small>*The Associate Membership is for those who wish to take advantage of GWRRA and its benefits and do not own a Gold Wing or Valkyrie.</small></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes! I want Rescue Plus for just \$25 per year. <small>(Non-Members \$50)</small></p> <p>Rescue Plus offers enhanced benefits and covers all registered drivers in your household while driving or riding in any non-commercial vehicle or motorcycle. Rescue Plus also covers your motorcycle trailer. Certain limitations and exclusions apply to coverage. All individuals must be registered with GWRRA to receive a membership card and coverage. Members of GWRRA must have a Family Membership to cover multiple drivers.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Exclude me from email offers. <input type="checkbox"/> Exclude me from mailings.</p>
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