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Hi Fellow K2 Wingers and Guest,

Well it's already November and the year is almost over. I want to thank all the vendors that we had at our 1st Annual "Country Wing Rally". Look at Newsletter Page 4 and our K2 Website for some of the vendors pictures and show your support. Let's get ready and start planning for 2nd Annual Country Wings Rally.

I want to **WELCOME** our newest K2 COUNTRY WINGS: John and Mary Diaz riding a 1500 Goldwing also John and Donna Camacho riding an 1800 Goldwing Trike. On behalf of all K2 Chapter . . . get ready to ride.

We've been having a huge success at our Tuesday dinners. Those that have not been unable to attend you're missing a good fellowship with other members. If you can attend just look at the K2 Calendar. It's always posted on where we're going to be. Eating time starts at 6:15pm to give people time to get off work and get to the dinner spot. We would encourage you to ride your motorcycle but if you can't and you have to bring a vehicle that's fine. Also on another note. If possible please show your K2 PRIDE. Wear your Chapter T-shirts our Chapter Polo shirts. Whichever you have or you prefer.

K2 Chapter Educator Donna will a new schedule of courses soon. Some courses include Road Captain, CPR classes, group riding and more. Our classes will be held at the Shrimp Farm in the conference area. Please pay attention to the calendar for updates and upcoming events. (Continued on next page)

CHAPTER DIRECTOR MESSAGE

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CONGRATUDALTIONS to our Couple of The Year 2017 Curtis and Dale Tondre and soon-to-be Individual of The Year Donna Wilson. What an honor it is to have individuals like these and more in our Chapter.

Look at the website calendar for our upcoming events. We will be touching on some of the topics coming up at our next Gathering. Reminder in December we will not be having a gathering at Pizza Hut. We will be having our Christmas K2 Party on December 17th at the VFW in Lacoste. Please RSVP (gwrachapterk2@gmail) so we know how much to buy and be ready for the Christmas Party.

See Ya Soon!

Michael Pineda aka "Shrimp Man"

K2 Chapter Director



Couple of the Year 2017
Curtis and Dale Tondre

FROM THE ACD

Howdy Country Wingers,

I planned to talk about my return ride from Billings, MT, instead just some thoughts about the overall ride. The 7,200-mile roundtrip involved riding on country roads and 2 lane highways thru the TX panhandle into NM and along the Columbia River. It also included interstates thru Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, Oregon Washington, California, Arizona, New Mexico and back into Texas. It was a very safe ride, except for 2 incidents. I took the usual precautions, wearing a bright green riding jacket, ATGATT, hi-beam lights on, maintaining 2 second spacing when needed along with escape routes. I felt that I took the necessary precautions.

The precautions worked until I arrived in my home town and home state. In my home town and a boulevard, I traveled for over ten years, I had a car come across within 5 feet of me. At 40 mph, I happened to see a car coming into the intersection, never slowing for the stop sign. Only when she heard my horn did she stop talking and look me in the eye. The good thing she sped up or it might not have ended good. The next incident happened on I-210, the Pasadena FWY, as I traveled in the #3 lane of the 5 lane freeway at 65mph. The lady was busy talking with her passenger when she started into my lane. I happened to see her tire cross the white line into my lane. I could only move to the side of the lane and slow, as she never signaled nor looked and continued into my lane. It hard to believe that a bright colored jacket and big bike are not visible at eye level. I guess, if the drivers don't look it doesn't matter what you do to be visible. What I learned: No matter what I do to be visible, just assume they don't see you. Overall that 7200-mie ride was great. Can't wait for the next one.

Armando Vasquez, Assistant Chapter Director

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MEC UPDATE

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Mike Pineda, Jr. MEC

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CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 JIM's Potranco @1604 in San Antonio	2	3	4 CORPUS	5 CORPUS
6 CORPUS	7	8 TAQUERIA SAN JUAN in Castroville	9	10	11 Car Show 6:30pm In Castroville	12 To be determined
13	14	15 K2 Gathering 6:15 Pizza Hut in Castroville	16	17	18	19 To be determined
20	21	22	23	24 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	25	26
27	28	29 SAMMY's in Castroville	30			

KSU 8:00am. Rides depart from Corner Store, 471 at Hwy 90W, Castroville, TX. We monitor Channel 1 on the CB.

Additional rides and changes will be found on K2 website: www.gwrrak2.com

UPCOMING REGION H EVENTS

Jan. 14, 2017	Mid-Winter Roundup- Wichita Falls, TX
April 27-29, 2017	Region H – “Boogie Woogie Down to Marshall”–Marshall, TX
May 18-20, 2017	Texas District H Rally –Wichita Falls, TX
Aug. 29-Sept. 12, 2017	Wing Ding 39 – Grapevine, TX

Always check our “Country Wings” K2 website for events calendar for any updates or changes.

www.gwrrak2.com

Upcoming
Wing Ding 39
August 29st - September 2rd, 2017



Registration Information:

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WINGNUT AWARD



We had only one serious contender for the Wing Nut Award this month. The story goes like this.

We were riding to Bandera. Donna was leading the ride. Second bike was Jesus and Elva [no CB].

Donna signaled



After ride finished. Michael, CD congratulated all for a great ride and asked if anybody had questions. Elva said she did. She had asked Jesus during ride why Donna was signaling "Love You".



October GATHERING



Chapter H Rally



Chapter T Rally

SNAPSHOTS



SNAPSHOTS

Want to send out a huge and special **THANK YOU.** To the K-2 Chapter Board and organization members for helping with a monetary donation that helped cover the cost of feeding the students that attended the Operation Dragon Pride Boo Bassh.

Students of Southwest High School who ride my school bus and live in an area of town which is plagued by poverty, violence and drug addiction. Often times, these kids do without or with very little...yet, they seem happy and content with the life they lead.

The students that did show up eventually warmed up and began to socialize, dance and one student even took to the microphone and sung Karaoke. Three were present for the costume contest which made it fairly easy to pick the first, second and third place.

A big thank you to the chapter members who dug deep into their own pockets and purchased candy, gift bags and gift cards to hand out to the students in attendance.

Additionally, thank you to those who were present (Mike & Pat Pineda, Donna Wilson, Jesus & Gabby Lozano, Armando Vasquez, Dick & Esther Flack) for bringing their bikes out for the added Bike Night after an extremely long day of riding and for also being there to assist in making sure these kids had a fun and SAFE evening.

Last but definitely not least...we wish to thank Sonic Drive-In General Manager (Ms. Dolores) for providing the venue and giving us a special price on the boxed meal that consisted of a hamburger, a hot dog, fry's or tater tots and a drink.

Operation Dragon Pride Boo Bassh - Mission Accomplished!!!

Ed & Rosie Elizondo



TIPS FROM DONNA

Howdy Country Wingers,

October has been a fun and busy time for Chapter K-2. Weekly dinner gatherings, rides to Chapter T rally in Harker Heights and Chapter H rally at Raymond Russell Park. Our chapter did pretty well in snagging some good prizes from both rallies. What a blast!

With the cooler weather we noticed a larger crowd at the monthly car show in Castroville this month. These vehicles (cars, trucks, motorcycles and some questionable) are outstanding. I invite all of you to come on out and wander around to take a trip down memory lane! It's the second Friday of the month and it is free to get in. If you park outside the fenced area there is no charge to park either. There are food vendors, Frescas (try the pineapple!), music and lots of friendly people. K-2 sets up an area just inside the entry gate and bring a chair to sit, relax and visit. The location is Castroville Chevrolet on highway 90 on the edge of town heading toward San Antonio.

Saturday, October 22nd, was a picture-perfect day with no clouds. Just a bit on the chilly side, starting out at 48 degrees but warmed up to fantastic temps. Our group stopped to have breakfast at The Old Forge in Bandera and had a chance to get some serious teasing done, lots of laughter and just enjoying each other's company. The planned route was Highway 16 from Bandera to Fredericksburg. Beautiful hills, surreal scenery, crystal clear water, winding curves, lots of friendly bikers, sunny sky, just pure bliss! We did run into construction on the way to Fredericksburg but it was short lived and in no way marred the fabulous day.

Lunch was at The Hangar, a 40ish diner complete with Diner Dolls on the edge of Fredericksburg. No one was truly hungry since we had such a large breakfast, but ice cream, shakes, blackberry cobbler and fountain drinks topped off the morning. The Diner was right on the flight line so aircraft were landing and taking off at a relatively steady pace. There were a couple of vintage aircraft there that created an air of transporting one back in time and feeling the history of a bygone era. Everyone's favorite place was the circular, covered tiki bar. There was no bartender, no glassware, no bottles but it was the most peaceful and restful place ever. (Continued next page)

TIPS FROM DONNA

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We truly hated to leave. With a short foray into Lukenbach (didn't see Willie nor the boys) but lots of classic motorcycles were everywhere! The 14th Annual Harvest Classic event was underway but we didn't spend any time there as Eddie needed to return to San Antonio to prepare for the Halloween party he was throwing for the kids who ride his bus. Those are the kind of folks we ride with, the kind who want to make a difference in someone's life! Awesome job, Ed!

We are meeting October 29th to ride for breakfast, then back to Castroville for a downtown Merchant event. Our CD will be giving the highlights on this fun filled day.

We are all about fun, safety and knowledge and we have some really fantastic rides, training and classes coming up. Come join us...this Chapter is the best ever and we welcome everyone's input. Give us suggestions for rides you would like to do, classes and training you are interested in, and special events for participation. This is OUR Chapter. Let's make it great!! (Continued next page)

At our next monthly meeting we will be discussing the Levels and upcoming training classes. Hold on to your throttles, we are taking off!!

Donna

Chapter K-2 Ride Coordinator
Chapter Educator

SAFETY TYME

I have subscribed for some time to an electronic newsletter called MOTORESS, whose intended audience is women who ride. However, men will enjoy the info and articles as much as the ladies. One of the focus articles this month is "Best Practices for Great Autumn Rides" and as soon as I read the article I reached out to MOTORESS to ask permission to share this article with all of you. Betty was so gracious to allow me to share. It is an awesome read and kudos to the Staff for the timely information. You will thoroughly enjoy the article and I highly recommend that you read all of the newsletter and even subscribe. Thank you MOTORESS!!!

Best Practices for Great Autumn Motorcycle Rides | Woman Motorcycle Enthusiast MOTORESS

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PUMPKIN CRUNCH CAKE



One 13 oz. can pumpkin
One 12 oz. can evaporated milk
1 cup sugar
3 eggs
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 box yellow cake mix
1 cup nuts, chopped
1 cup melted butter

Mix first five ingredients and pour into greased 9x13 cake pan. Spread half of cake mix (dry) over batter, sprinkle with nuts and remaining cake mix. Pour melted butter over top. Bake in 350 degree oven for 50 mins. When cool, loosen pumpkin crunch from side of pan with a knife. Invert pan onto platter (the top becomes the crust) Top with sweetened cream cheese or whipped

Please! We need your recipes for our K2 RECIPE SECTION. Put on your thinking caps and see what you can come up with. What are some of your favorite recipes? Perhaps you could share them with us! If so, submit them to www.gwrrachapterk2@gmail.com



5 TIPS

Five Tips for Fall Riding

Autumn is fast approaching, and the Summer days of riding throughout the long evenings are going to be soon lost. If you live in parts of North America that don't get the pleasure of having a warm climate all year round, then its almost time to get your bike ready for its Winter hibernation. With the season change, comes new conditions for motorcycle riders to deal with. The weather is notoriously known for mocking us with random blasts of heat in the Fall, but in reality, the trees are losing its leaves, temperatures are on the decline and daylight is dwindling away. Here are a few tips for motorcycle riding in Autumn to keep in mind before getting out for those last rides of 2016.

Look Out For Dry Or Wet Leaves

Yes the leaves are full of color and look beautiful in the Autumn season, but they are hazardous to riders once they start to fall to the ground, and potentially very dangerous. Dry leaves can pile up on the road and cover potholes or any other inconsistencies. Keep your eye on the road and try to take routes you are familiar with. Rain or morning dew will bring a different kind of hazard as they will create wet leaves causing them to make a slick pavement surface. This could make your bike slide on the road so try and avoid these kind of situations whenever you can. If you approach a pile of leaves on the road, try your best to drive slowly until you're past the obstacle.

Deer Season

Deer are prominent for being more active in the Fall, whether they be searching for food or scarcely running away from hunters pushing them into new areas. More collisions with deer happen during this season so you don't want one to come in your path while riding your motorcycle. Make sure you put on your protective gear before going out for a ride, and always scan the road sides if you're cruising in any rural areas. Stay alert during dusk and dawn as these are the times of day when deer movement reaches its peek.

Leather Is Your Best Friend

The cool, crisp air is very exhilarating during the Fall. Temperatures are much more enjoyable to ride in compared to the heatwaves that occur in the Summer time. This is the time of year when leather truly is your best friend. Leather protects you from the wind and will keep you comfortably warm while riding.

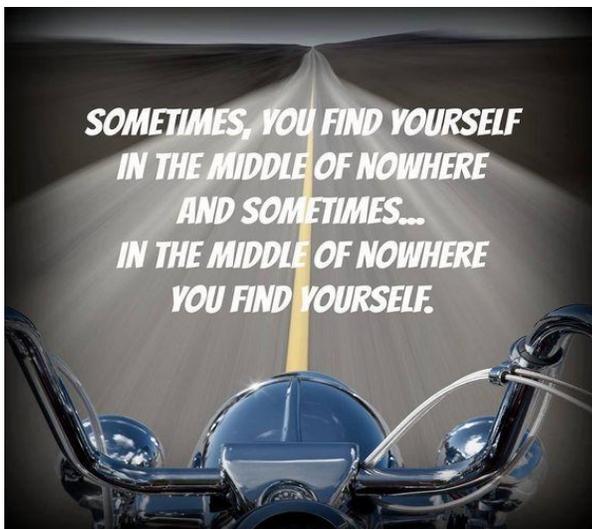
Cold Autumn Nights

The weather is more unpredictable this time of year. It can go from chilly in the morning, warm in the afternoon to below freezing at night. Bringing extra layers with you is something to keep in mind. Once the sun goes down, the temperature can significantly drop and you don't want to run into some unexpected mechanical problems while under dressed. You may want to bring your rain gear too because frigid rain can cause hypothermia – and no one wants that.

Frosty And Icy Surfaces

Cold Autumn nights only lead to one thing – morning frost. Its important to be aware of frost on the roads in the early morning because that pavement could have a thin layer of ice above it which will force you to lose traction. Shaded areas will frost up first so its important to be knowledgeable of your surroundings while cruising. In closing, Autumn can be the most captivating time for riding. Traffic on the back roads has decreased, the colors are full and the air is pure. Once the leaves begin to drop, the landscapes become more open. The new settings that come with this season aren't more backbreaking compared to those of others, but you will need to be prepared for the conditions to come.

NOV. 6TH
SUNDAY



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1 SLICE OF PIZZA.**

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JACK WAGNER
GWRRA DEPUTY DIRECTOR
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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OR WHY ARE WE HERE?

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JOIN US!

CHAPTER K2 MONTHLY GATHERING



3rd Tuesday of month

PIZZA HUT Buffet Night

945 Hwy 90 E

Castroville, TX

6:15 PM "Greet & Eat"



K2 SPOTLIGHT



“JESUS AND ELVA LOZANO”

The first bike I owned was a Honda 1800. Second bike a 1982 Honda CM450E. Current bike a Harley Davidson Road King 2013.

Elva and I have been riding together for about 2 years. I myself for about all together 5 years.

We take short trips. Short trips to get our fix. One to Bandera to eat and shop. We had stopped at Rio Medina store and got off and went inside. As we went to get back on the bike, I got the bike upright and told Elva to get on. As she was attempting to get on, her foot got stuck on the back rest. And she was taking a little bit too long to get on. I could not hold the bike steady, and I started to tell her to get off, get off. It was too late.

The bike fell over. Come to find out that her chancla (flip flop) got stuck on the back rest when she brought her leg around.

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