



K2 WING'N News

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Saturday Ride

RIDE DEPARTURE LOCATION



CORNER STORE
KSU @ 8:00 am



1598 US Hwy 90 E
Castroville, TX 78009

Chapter Director

Hello Chapter and Friends.

We had a great time at our District Rally in Wichita Falls, Texas. Dale and Pat participated in off bike games and won prizes by spinning the wheel. K2 played Chapter Feud with the help of Linda of Chapter N2 on our team and won 1st round against Texas Chapter H. Then we lost to Texas Chapter U in playoffs. Curtis won BIG gas card prizes. We also had a great time at the casino and brought home a little extra that we weren't expecting. Pat and I officially got our Masters Level 4 patches at the District Rally in front of our peers and other District Chapters.

At our Monthly May Gathering, Donna presented Level 1 Patches to John and Mary Diaz and James and Monica Farley (AKA "FLIP FLOP"). Congratulations on your start in the GWRRA Levels Program.

Our Chapter has been invited by the Castroville Chamber of Commerce to ride in the 4th of July Parade. K2 Country Wings, I encourage you to attend and dress up your bikes in red, white and blue. Details on parade line up time will be put on our Calendar.

Pat and I attended a retirement ceremony and the Master of Ceremonies went into a diabetic shock on stage. I ran up on stage and took him to back and worked on him before Base EMT's came and took him to hospital. This is how quick emergencies happen. Will you be prepared? Take First Aid and save a life. If anyone needs CPR and First AID certification, we have local instructors now at our call. Let's use their services.

See Ya Soon!

Michael Pineda

aka **"Shrimp Man"**

RIDE AND GROW

- Respect all motorcycle riders and motorists
- Inspire members to participate in the Levels Program.
- Dedicated towards providing a family atmosphere so everyone has fun.
- Educate our members about new innovations regarding riding, safety, & GWRRA.

AND

- Give back to the community, resulting in a positive image of motorcyclists.
- Relax, and enjoy the ride!
- Offer assistance and encourage participation by all members.
- Work with members by assisting them in achieving their goals.

We don't discriminate; all types of motorcycles are welcome. If your friends are looking for a group to ride with, that believes in and practices safety, we are that group. Respect drivers by being courteous with our lights and riding style.

We want all our members to participate in the Rider Education (Levels) program. The Levels Program allows members to advance from Level 1 (Committed to Safety) to Level 4 (Safety by Enhanced Commitment and Preparedness), also known as Master Tour Rider.

Support our Sponsors

Tell them you are a GWRRA Chapter K2 Member



955 Old US Hwy 90E
Castroville, Texas

Assistant Chapter Director

Howdy Country Wingers,

Now that we have crawled on our knees, laid down on our backs and contorted our bodies to check the lower part of the bike, we can pretty much bend slightly and stand to continue our inspection.

Starting at the front of the bike, we can visually check for body damage on the front fender, side wheel and brake covers. Grab the fender and covers check for looseness. The fasteners can vibrate loose.

Check the headlight lenses for cracks, discoloration and clearness. The windshield should also be clear and free of cracks. As some windshields age, they can begin to have fine small cracks at the top of the windshield. Rotate the handlebar from stop to stop. Feel for smoothness and side to side and up and down movement. It should be smooth with no movement.

Operate the clutch and brake lever and the foot brake, they should return to normal position when released. Rotate the hand throttle, full on and full off, it should be smooth with no binding. Visual inspection of the seats, back rests and arm rests for

tears, cracking and softness. Even open and close the saddle bags and trunk lids. Check the hinges and latches for tightness.

When we were checking the fluids, we had to remove various covers and checked that all the grommets were in place.

Probably the most important check is the battery and its condition. The visual inspection should include terminals for corrosion and wiring for fraying. Wiggle the terminal connections checking for looseness. Most batteries are maintenance free so we cannot check the electrolyte level. Batteries that are not maintenance free, usually have lines indicating the proper electrolyte level. Add distilled water as needed.

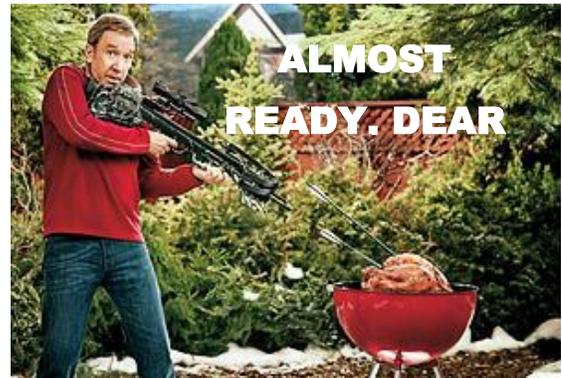
We can check battery voltage on both and it should be 12.7 volts. At 12.5 volts, the battery is at half charge and should be charged.

Next, we will start the motorcycle up and finish the inspection.

Armando Vasquez ACD,
Assistant MAP TX K-2



HUMOR



Food for Thought??

A boy asks his father, "Dad, are bugs good to eat?" "That's disgusting. Don't talk about things like that over dinner," the dad replies. After dinner the father asks, "Now, son, what did you want to ask me?" "Oh, nothing," the boy says. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone."



TEXAS DISTRICT TEAM

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COY Coordinator	<u>Lyle & Sheri Altes</u>	512-897-0860
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K2 TEAM

Chapter Director (CD)	Michael Pineda
Assistant Chapter Director (ACD) Assistant MAP TX K-2	Armando Vasquez
Chapter Treasurers (CT)	Richard and Esther Flack
Member Enhancement Coordinator (MEC)	Mike Pineda, Jr.
Chapter Educator/ Ride Coordinator Individual of the Year 2017	Donna Wilson
Newsletter Editor/ Webmaster	Pat Pineda
Sunshine Girl	Myra Pineda
Scrapbook	Mary Diaz
Mascot	K2 "NINJA"

By the Book

Jack Wagner
Deputy Director Region H Trainer

Our Core Values

In the past issues of By the Book we explored the GWRRA Mission and Vision statements. Now it's time to turn our attention the Core Values of our Association. These are values that all of our GWRRA officers from the Chapter level to the 'top of the house' should strive to exhibit.

EXCELLENCE - Our quest for excellence includes an abiding pride in our Association.

CHARACTER - Honesty, integrity and commitment are the key character elements in developing trust and respect within our Association.

FOCUS - Our focus is to meet the needs of our Members and provide leadership through our Officers and staff.

ATTITUDE - Our Officers and staff maintain a positive, enthusiastic and creative attitude in their approach of providing an atmosphere for fun, safety and knowledge.

FAIRNESS - The resolution of any issue should stand the test of "is it fair?" Is it fair to the Member? Is it fair to the officers? Is it fair to the Association? These should all be considerations in everything we do.

COMMUNICATIONS - The more we share information and communicate about goals, values, measures and rewards, the more effective we can be as individuals and as Members of the Association.

TEAMWORK - Teamwork is the ability to work together toward our common vision. It is our ability to direct individual accomplishment toward Association objectives. It is the fuel that allows all of us to achieve exceptional results.

TRAINING - Well-trained Officers and staff will provide improved Member services and create increased position satisfaction.

QUALITY - To be the best we can be and to hold the Members in highest esteem and respect will guarantee the quality of our Association.

The core values form the basis of many other facets of the Officer Handbook. Do they sound like the qualities you would like to see in your Chapter Team? I imagine they are. They are simple, easy to understand and if you keep them in mind as you go about running your Chapters, you will have happy Members and thriving Chapters. The more you know, the better it gets!

Jack

TUESDAY DINNERS

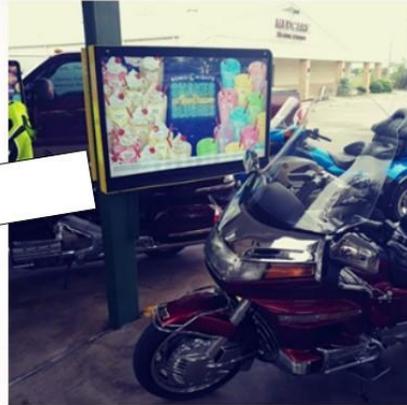
SAMMY'S



CHICK FIL-A



SONIC



MAIN EVENT



TIPS from Donna

Safety Tyme

Heading to work early morning this week, traffic was sparse and it was pretty light, making it easier to see what's on the road. Just checking out the vehicles ahead of me as I always do. A vehicle here, a vehicle there, nothing new. Interesting. Guess the car manufacturers are getting the message about more lights mean better visibility because I see a black Tahoe in the right lane ahead of me has the normal two tail lights in the rear and an extra two tennis ball size rear lights in the middle of the bumper. Cool! No way can I miss seeing that vehicle. As I come on up toward the rear of the Tahoe, oh my gosh! There is a black motorcycle with a guy wearing a black helmet and black t-shirt riding very close to the bumper of the Tahoe and in the middle of the lane. He must have no idea that he is not visible to any of the traffic around him.

It is always a good idea to avoid riding behind any vehicle that is the same color of your ride as it greatly reduces your visibility to others. When there is

no option to go around the vehicle or change lanes, drop back a couple of car lengths so that you stand out more. It is also a good idea to avoid riding in the center of the lane because it is an open invitation for a vehicle in the rear to assume the lane is open and "drop" in on you. Be safe, be seen!!

Ride Tyme

Thank you Lucky and Chuck for taking us on some cool back roads! I love riding the back roads of Texas. The winding hills and criss-crossing creeks, awesome views, and fun twists and turns make the rides so much fun. The company of some awesome people really makes the rides so enjoyable. Guess what!! We made it to Toucan Jim's. We didn't get to see the parrot this time as Thelma was sitting in the boss' office. What a cool place to sit and visit. We have some longer rides planned for June so hope you can swing a leg over the saddle and hit the road with us!

Donna

Ride Coordinator
Chapter Educator

Best wishes on your retirement



Angela Batts

GWRRR Texas Chapter H

Now the FUN Begins!

Welcome to Chapter K2

Bill Tompkins

And

Shannon Rangel



Thanks, JD and Mary Diaz!

Great **GWRRR K2** caps





2017 DISTRICT CONVENTION

Wichita Falls, Texas

May 18—May 20, 2017





K2 MEMBERS

Keith Bennett
John Camacho
Donna Camacho
John Diaz
Aurora Dietrich
Jesse Dunn
Gloria Dunn
Ed Elizondo
Eddie Elizondo, Jr.
Rosie Elizondo
James Farley
Monica Farley
Cori Hanus

Robert Hanus
Michael Lehman
Jesus Lozano
Elva Lozano
Gabby Lozano
Gina Martinez
Jesse Martinez
Linda Martin
Marsha Martin
Wayne Martin
Tammy Miller
Greg Odom
Wanda Odom
Marion Palmore

Candy Palmore
Kaitlyn Pineda
Shannon Rangel
Bill Tompkins
Curtis Tondre
Dale Tondre
Charles Williams
Imajean Williams
Dino Woods
Mary Woods
Robert Yanez
Julie Fields-Zellous
Cheyenne Zellous

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29  Memorial Day	30 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm  K2 Dinner - Tip Top Cafe	31	June 1	2	3  Castroville City Wide Garage Sale
4	5	6 6 pm - 8 pm  K2 Dinner - RED ROBIN	7	8	9	10 8 am - 2 pm  Ride to Bent Rim, Leahey, TX
11	12	13 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  K2 BIKE NIGHT	14	15	16	17 8 am - 2 pm  Gonzales Memorial Museum (FREE)
18	19	20 6:15 pm - 8:15 pm  K2 Gathering at PIZZA HUT	21	22	23	24  Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum (\$8 Entry)
25	26	27 6 pm - 8 pm  K2 Dinner - Topis Mexican Restaurant	28	29	30	1  Kickapoo Cavern State Park Ride

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www.gwrrak2.com

June 3 Saturday		Castroville City Wide Garage Sale Castroville, TX
June 6 Tuesday		Red Robin 5631 TX-1604 Loop, San Antonio, TX 78251 6:15pm
June 10 Saturday	KSU 8am	Bent Rim Leahey, TX
June 13 Tuesday		BIKE NIGHT at SONIC DRIVE-IN Castroville, TX 6:30-8:30pm
June 17 Saturday	KSU 8am	Gonzales Memorial Museum 414 Smith St., Gonzales, TX 78629
June 20 Tuesday		K2 Gathering –Pizza Hut 945 Old US Hwy 90 E. Castroville, TX 6:15pm Eat & Greet 7:00pm Gathering
June 24 Saturday	KSU 8am	Chisolm Trail Heritage
June 27 Tuesday		Topis Mexican Restaurant 15121 Main St., Lytle, TX 78052 6:15pm

Hello Chapter K2,

We missed you and you missed a lot of FUN rides and good eats. In the heat of the summer, we stress the importance of riding covered and hydrated. Safety and comfort are of utmost concern. When temps don't allow us to ride safely, we look for indoor activities to hang with our winger friends and family, such as training and, of course eating. The RIDING continues. Make new FRIENDS, have a lot of FUN and gain more GWRRA KNOWLEDGE.



Welcome to Chapter K2
 Bill Thompson
 And
 Shannon Rangel

Let's continue to make our Chapter stronger in working together and supporting the community, events and rides. See YA SOON! **Mike Pineda Jr., MEC, Chapter K2**

• GWRRA Membership Application •

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

Co-Rider Names: _____

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

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

Gold Book™ Directory Information (must check at least one):

- 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.gwrra.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 \$120 USD <input type="checkbox"/> 2 yrs \$85 USD <input type="checkbox"/> 1 yr \$45 USD</p> <p>Associate Family* <input type="checkbox"/> 3 yrs \$150 USD <input type="checkbox"/> 2 yrs \$105 USD <input type="checkbox"/> 1 yr \$55 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 \$35 per year.(Non-Members \$80)</p> <p><small>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.</small></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Exclude me from email offers.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Exclude me from mailings.</p>
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New Members—Who referred you to us? Name: MICHAEL PINEDA Member # 392728

Payment Information

Make checks payable in US Funds to GWRRA. GWRRA dues are not deductible as a charitable contribution for federal tax purposes.

Credit Card Number/Expiration Date: _____ Cardholder's Signature: _____

July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27 6 pm - 8 pm  K2 Dinner - Topis Mexican Restaurant	28	29	30	July 1  Kickapoo Cavern State Park Ride
2	3	4  4th Of July Parade - Castroville, TX	5	6	7	8  TBD
9	10	11 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  K2 BIKE NIGHT	12	13	14	15  TBD
16	17	18 6:15 pm - 8:15 pm  K2 Gathering at PIZZA HUT	19	20	21	22 9 pm - 10 pm  TBD
23	24	25 6:15 pm - 8:15 pm  K2 Dinner IHOP	26	27	28	29  TBD
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

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July 1 Saturday	KSU 8am	Kickapoo Cavern State Park Brackettville, TX Lunch: Ziggys BBQ
July 4 Tuesday		4th of JULY PARADE Castroville, TX
July 8 Saturday	KSU 8am	TBD
July 11 Tuesday		BIKE NIGHT SONIC Drive-In, Castroville, TX 6:30 – 8:30 pm
July 15 Saturday	KSU 8am	TBD
July 18 Tuesday		K2 Gathering Pizza Hut 945 Old Hwy 90E, Castroville, TX 78009 6:15pm Meet & Eat 6:45pm Gathering
July 22 Saturday	KSU 8am	TBD
July 25 Tuesday		IHOP 1500 SW Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 6:15pm

Participation Rewards

After being in Chapter K2 for about three months now, I think about how great it has been so far. Mike and Pat have made a welcoming chapter that is exactly what Gina and I were looking for. Having experience in GWRRA we know that participation is the key to having a good time. In the last three month's we have been on rides, been to rallies, camped out with K2 and have had a blast participating.

We have also met some great members of the chapter that make the experience more fun. Sometimes people are afraid to commit to be responsible for a ride or to volunteer to help out with upcoming events, but that's where the fun is. Our chapter members have knowledge of parts of Texas that nobody else does. Just by how geographically dispersed K2 members live will tell you that we have members that know about San Antonio, Medina, Hondo, South of SA in Lytle, Lacoste, and as far as Utopia. This knowledge of the back roads and ways to get to places needs to be brought forward and made available to the chapter. We also have people with talent in construction, computers, civic organizations and a variety of other occupations that will help immensely in putting together our rally in October.

Mike and Pat are doing a fantastic job putting our meetings together and coordinating the K2 activities. I believe for

our chapter to continue to be a fun and exciting place, we all need to chip in and use our talents to help out. It can be intimidating or a little frightening to volunteer to take on a project, but guess what, we as a chapter won't allow you to fail. We have many great people you can rely on to help you out. As an example, for the upcoming rally in October, we could use help with the silent auction, organizing the food event, creating a mystery ride, ticket sales during the rally, registration, contacting the Chamber of Commerce to get pamphlets to put together as part of our registration packets and any new ideas members have to make the rally more fun. What's great is we take the good from other rallies and our experiences and come together with a rally that other chapters will enjoy and have a great time at.

As I stated earlier in the last three months we have enjoyed being in K2. The enjoyment comes from participating and getting involved with the great members we have in K2. The motorcycles we ride are considered world class touring machines, getting out and enjoying a ride you planned with the rest of the chapter or just being around the other K2 members for comradery is a great thing. We aren't getting any younger and need to enjoy it while we can. I again would like to thank Mike and Pat for what they do.

-Jesse Martinez (Lucky),
Chapter K2 Member

-TUESDAY BIKE NIGHT-

June 13, 2017

6:30-8:30 pm

SONIC DRIVE 955 Hwy 90 East

Show off your Motorcycle! HALF OFF CHEESEBURGERS!
And enjoy company with fellow riders Sponsored by



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And Sonic of Castroville

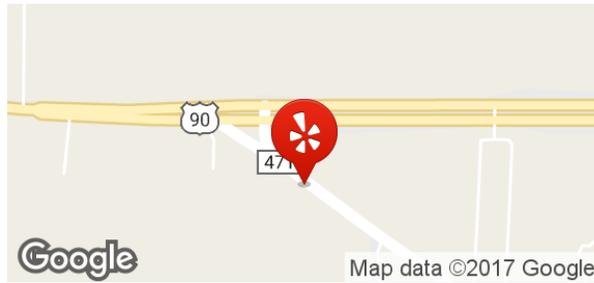
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RIDE DEPARTURE LOCATION



CORNER STORE

KSU at 8:00am



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Phone number (830) 538-9878

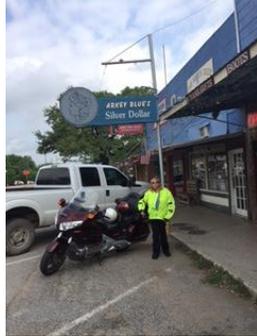
TAGOMATIC

The object is to figure out where the picture of a person's bike is and then get there, take the same picture but with your bike and send it to Pat at gwrrachapterk2@gmail to put in the monthly K2 Wing'n News.

So here are the rules

1. The picture must have your motorcycle in it..
2. Once you find the place you must take the picture as close the same way as the original.
3. Then you must send your picture from the same location.
4. You must have FUN doing this. More rules will be added if needed.

OLD TAG



NEW TAG



**CURTIS AND DALE FOUND
OLD TAG: Arkey Blues
Silver Dollar, Bandera, TX**



RALLY TIME

You do not want to miss the FUN!



T-Fest

October 7, 2017

Harker Heights, TX

<http://centexwings.org/t-fest/>

K2 Country Rally

October 14, 2017

Castroville, TX

<http://gwrrak2.com/2017-rally>

Wings in the Park

October 21, 2017

San Antonio TX

<http://www.gwrra-txh.org/rally.htm>

Wing Ding 39

Aug. 29 – Sep. 2

Grapevine, TX

<http://wing-ding.org/>



Happy Birthday and Many More!

May 3 – Jesse Dunn

June 18 – Donna Camacho

June 28 – John Camacho

June 29 – Michael Pineda

A Very Happy Anniversary

May 30 – John & Mary Diaz

June 29 – Pat & Michael Pineda

Our apologies if your special day was left out. Please let Pat know to have correction made.

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UPDATE ...

May was a month full of on the go events. We got back from Region H “Boogie Woogie” Rally in Marshall, TX (April 27, 2017) where seminars were available, on-bike and off-bike challenges, vendors to help us add spruce to our bikes. Michael got extra leds added to our bike. Some of us played bingo, enjoyed spicy Cajun lunch and had a fantastic time. There was also time to gain knowledge with courses to take. Seemed we had just got back then the Texas District Convention in Wichita Fall, TX (May 8, 2017) came up. Nor rain, or shine even tornados kept us from riding, trailing our bikes or arriving on 4 wheels. We saw old friends and made many new friends. We played Chapter Feud, Spin the Wheel, and even played at a casino in Oklahoma. I really encourage you to check out the Rally's. If you don't want to get in the games, then go watch them! Don't miss the fun. Speaking of Rallies, don't forget our K2 “Country Wings” Rally, October 14, 2017. For your convenience, registration information for our is on page 29.

At our May Gathering, Donna awarded Level 1 Patches to James and Monica Farley also to John and Mary Diaz. CONGRATS! John and Mary Diaz also had GWRRA K2 Hats made for the Chapter. THANKS!

Pat, Editor & Webmaster



WORD SEARCH

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Country Winger, have you been on an interesting trip that you would like to share with the Chapter? Do you have a joke or a recipe you would like to share? All submissions will be considered! This is your newsletter so let others know what you have been doing! Email your contribution to Pat at gwrachapterk2@gmail.com

Trailer Hitch Fundamentals

Connect those chains properly By: James R. Davis

While at my favorite cycle accessory shop the other day, I met a man who was the proud owner of a new Wing and a color-coordinated trailer that he was polishing mightily in preparation for a week out on the road.

He had 20 years riding experience and has 'always' had a trailer, so he said.

We talked at length about handling characteristics, effects on gas mileage, tire wear (including that of the rear tire on the bike), and proper weight distribution and loading practices. All in all, I believe I learned a lot from him.

Then I noticed his hitch. It was a beauty - all chrome and besides having the typical ball connector, it had a swivel in it. Even the chains he used were chromed!

So, what's this message all about? Those chains. The man did not have them crossed. In all his years of pulling a trailer nobody had ever bothered to tell him to cross those chains so that they form a 'catch' for the tongue should the hitch ever disconnect from the ball. (One other benefit is that when in a tight turn crossed chains tend to prevent the length of chain on one side from being 'stretched' while on the other side being dragged on the ground.) When he left the accessory shop. They were crossed.

If that man's hitch had ever managed to dislodge from the ball the tongue would have dug itself into the pavement and a good ride would have been over! Further, unlike what happens when you lose a trailer from the back-end of a car or truck, the trailer's tongue is right in line with the motorcycle's rear tire. Even if it could not quite reach the ground should it disconnect, that tongue can certainly reach the tire if the chains are too long. In all, bad news!

So, when you attach that trailer to your bike be sure to cross a pair of chains under its tongue before connecting the chains to the hitch and be sure that the chains are not so long that the tongue can reach your rear tire after a disconnect.

Also, don't use cheap spring clip connectors on the end of those chains. If those chains are supporting the tongue of your trailer and you were to then stand on that tongue (as some policemen are apt to try to 'test' them), they **MUST HOLD**. Incidentally, in most states you are required to use **TWO** chains when pulling a trailer, and in every State you are totally responsible for any damage that the trailer might cause should it get away from you.

QUICK FISH TACOS.... All Spice Recipes

<http://allrecipes.com/recipe/221936/quick-fish-tacos/>

Prep 20 Minutes Cook 15 Minutes

1/4 cup reduced-fat sour cream

2 tablespoons lime juice

salt and ground black pepper to taste

1 jalapeno pepper, halved lengthwise

2 1/2 cups shredded red cabbage

4 green onions, thinly sliced

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 pound tilapia fillets, cut into strips

8 (6 inch) flour or corn tortillas

1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro



1. Mix sour cream and lime juice together in a large bowl; season with salt and black pepper. Reserve about half the mixture in another bowl for serving. Mince half the jalapeno pepper; save other half for later. Toss cabbage, green onions, and minced jalapeno half in remaining sour cream mixture until slaw is well mixed.
2. Heat olive oil and remaining jalapeno half in a large skillet over medium heat; swirl oil to coat skillet evenly. Season tilapia fillets with salt and pepper. Pan-fry fish strips in the skillet in 2 batches until fish is golden brown and easily flaked with a fork, 5 to 6 minutes. Discard jalapeno half.
3. Heat tortillas in the microwave on high until warm, 20 to 30 seconds.
4. Serve fish in warmed tortillas topped with cabbage slaw, reserved sour cream mixture, and cilantro.



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