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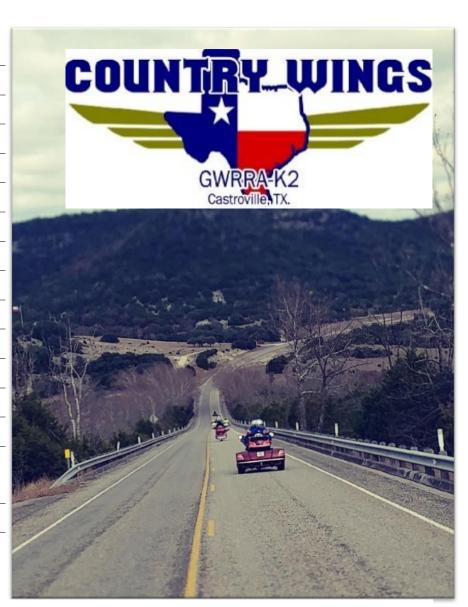






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CHAPTER K2 "COUNTRY WINGS"

CHAPTER DIRECTOR NEWS

Hello Chapter and Friends,



Potluck will be on Saturday around 1 pm. We had a great time last year and I'm sure we will again this year. Let us know if you will be going, so we can get camp sites in advance or if you prefer to get your own that's fine. Also, you don't have to camp out. Just come with FUN ON YOUR MIND. NO PARTY POOPERS OR WE WILL THROW YOU IN FRIO RIVER...just kidding.

I want to introduce our new 2018
Chapter Couple of The Year: Dino and
Mary W. The Chapter Couple of The
Year has an important role in our
Chapter. They to have a positive
attitude, go out say good things about
our Chapter and Invite other potential
members to join in the Fun, Friends and
Knowledge. This also includes to help
us grow for a pay back. They're entitled
to go to other chapter rallies for free,
have the option to advance to national
and world wide. Dino and Mary have
been an inspiration for me.

When he was in the hospital and we visited him time after time he never let that glimmer go about his Goldwing and GWRRA. He seems enthused and Mary is just a great person and a great partner for him. We are happy to have them as our Chapter K2 2018 Couple of The Year. We Love you guys.

We have the Mardi Gras Parade in Bandera scheduled on February 3rd. It's not too late if you want to attend parade and ride. Let us know. Our Valentine Dinner will be on February 6th, 6:15pm at Sammy's Restaurant in Castroville, TX. Let's see who our new King and Queen Cupid will be this year.

Education week has been rescheduled for March the 10th and 11th weekend up in Killeen. See the calendar for details and let us know if you're going to attend. We can get a class that you want or need and make sure it's available for you. *(continued next page)*

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We are talking with Alamo Cycle Plex for a partnership. This will be a great Venture for Alamo Cycle Plex and K2. Details will be coming soon.

Cool weather is finally starting to slow down. Hoping some of y'all will come out and ride with us. We ride nearly every weekend. We just put on our cold weather suits, Under Armour and hit the road. We don't let cold weather scare us off.

Make sure to pay attention to the website for our rides. Schedule

changes sometimes daily, weekly or monthly. There are always updates.

I want to thank Lucky and Gina for their input on the rides that they brought up to us. They will be put back on the schedule as soon as they're able to ride.

Y'all make sure to keep Aurora D. in prayer. She's not out of the woods yet and pray Robert to hang in there by her side. You're a good man and we understand you can't be around much right now.

See Ya Soon!

Michael Pineda aka "Shrimp Man

HAPPY "83rd" BIRTHDAY Richard Flack



K2 Member with the most experience:

in San Antonio, TX to get MOTORCYCLE LICENSE in San Antonio, TX to get VOC (Helicopter) LICENSE

GWRRA CHAPTER PICNIC and CAMPOUT

Join Us: APRIL 20-22, 2018
GARNER STATE PARK



FUN...Rides FUN Camping Saturday POTLUCK at 1PM

CONTACT by EMAIL: Gwrrachapterk2@gmail.com

RSVP by April 16, 2018

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TIPS FROM DONNA

Happy New Year!

Isn't it great to sneak in a ride between our Texas winter weather ups and downs? It makes winter just a bit more tolerable. I am looking forward to the wonderful days of Spring where we can take longer rides and see all there is to see! We have lots of rides on the calendar and we keep adding more. Just be flexible if rides change as new ones pop up all the time. Sometimes it is agonizing trying to decide which one to choose.

It is like looking at new bikes, which is my favorite thing to do, along with new helmets, new jackets, new boots, new accessories, the newest technology, and the list goes on. Decisions, decisions. I have heard the saying that a new motorcycle is just a down payment on accessories! I believe that! Rides are like that, too. I want to ride them all!

Since we will soon be on the road for longer rides, I think it would be a great idea to set aside some time to have an informal discussion on safety. We all have attended classes and courses and do our best to ride as safely as possible but experiences out there in the real world can be great teachers as well. Be thinking of lessons learned over the years and let's meet for burgers or such and share the wealth.

As always, be safe and be seen!

Ponna Wilson
Ride Coordinator

TUESDAY BIKE NIGHT

Show off your Motorcycle! Enjoy company with fellow riders!



WIN GIFT CARDS



For participating

EVERY 2ND TUESDAY OF MONTH 6:15 – 8:15 PM

Dairy Queen

1202 US Highway 90 W, Castroville, TX 78009



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Chapter Individual of the Year 2017

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That Motorcycle Vision Thing

A "visionary" is someone who has the ability to evaluate current information, use it to project likely developments in the future, and take effective action today to manage future events and avoid having those events manage them. Former President George H.W. Bush famously referred to this ability as the "Vision Thing." And the Vision Thing also can apply to riding a motorcycle.

Anyone who has taken the Basic Rider Course knows a motorcycle goes where you look, and effective cornering depends on a rider "looking through" the curve. But in many ways, that only scratches the surface of the "Motorcycle Vision Thing" for riders.

Focusing your sight on the proper "primary" and "secondary" targets is important both to achieving a smooth and effective riding technique and mitigating the dangers incumbent in riding a motorcycle on the street. Primary targets are those of the highest priority, and they demand a rider's immediate, primary focus. Secondary targets, on the other hand, should be monitored by a rider's secondary focus, or peripheral vision.

For example, when a rider suddenly detects a pothole or other road hazard in his or her peripheral vision, that hazard should, immediately, become a primary target. But instead of fixating on that hazard, the rider should visualize and focus on the best path to avoid it. After the danger has passed, riders should then refocus their attention to the new primary target (i.e., the one with the highest priority).

In the absence of an immediate threat, riders generally should focus as far down the road as their sightline allows, but also keep their eyes roving 360 degrees (by using their mirrors) to detect potential dangers. The farther ahead you focus, the easier it is for your brain to process what you are seeing. It's as if your bike's forward motion is progressing at a slower pace. Focusing closer to the front wheel makes the activity being processed by the brain seem to be happening much faster. This often results in jerky rider inputs through the handlebars, brakes, and throttle and less time to detect and avoid hazards.

Let's consider another example of how this riding technique should work. When riding in a group, particularly if it's tightly packed, there's a tendency for riders to focus on the motorcycle directly in front of them, making it their primary target.

Because the following rider is not focusing on the road ahead, he or she is constantly braking, accelerating, and erratically executing corners. If, instead, the road becomes the following rider's primary focus, and the other riders ahead are placed in peripheral vision, the following rider will be smoother and safer.

A rider can practice sharpening up their peripheral vision even when they're not riding. For example, while walking down a sidewalk, try to pick out details in your surroundings without looking at them directly. With a little practice, riders can master the Motorcycle Vision Thing and improve their riding technique and safety.

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Happy Birthday

2/22 Gabby L.

Happy Anniversary

2/25 Jesse & Gina M.

Let us know if your birthday or anniversary was this month and you were not listed. Correction will show in next month WING'N News



Keep AURORA D.

in your thoughts and prayers as she continues the road towards good health.



K2 Country Wingers

Do 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?

This is your newsletter so let others know what you have been doing!

All submissions will be considered!

Please send them to: gwrrachapterk2@gmail.com

Rides depart from Corner Store 1598 Old US Hwy 90 E, Castroville, TX 78009

NOTE: Arrive for safety briefing 15 minutes before scheduled KSU.

SPRING BLOOMS

Well it's that time again. The cool air is around and warming up. The plants are turning green for the most part. This article is on the plants that bloom every spring and last till late in the fall. They are a wonderful yellow and they bloom on our roads.

That's right; it's those lovely traffic cones. As we travel the roads on our bikes we will sooner or later come up to them. So please obey the signs that accompany these cones. Reduce your speed, look for the flag person and of course see if you are about to lose a lane.

Some other things you need to be aware of are the road condition. There might be loose gravel across the road. You might have an uneven lane or maybe a bump in the lane. Keep an eye out if following behind other vehicles they could kick up gravel, wet tar and maybe a tool from the construction site. Equipment used at the site might be entering your lane or just infringing the side.

As you can see your alertness increases even more in these zones, the speed and space you drive become very important.

So, as we ride the roads this year lets be cautious as we enter these areas and remember don't stop and pick any of these lovely yellow plants. Also, do not practice your driving skills by doing a slamming through them.

RIDE SAFE



MEMBER ENHANCEMENT

Thank you to those members and guests who joined us for the 2018 POLAR BEAR RUN.

> We had: 15 K2 members 1 guest 7 Goldwings 1 Harley 1 Can-Am

We "SURVIVED." The temperature was 34°F. We rode through the 3 Sisters and ended with 342 miles for the day.

CONGRATS



Dino & Mary W. 2018 Couple of The Year

wel-come

Charlotte F. 2018 Treasurer

Dave H. K2 New Chapter K2 Member We are looking for new members in our area. Bikes and trikes welcomed!

Take a look at the Chapter Calendar for upcoming Events, Rides, Tuesday Dinners, Bike Night and more.

The BIKE NIGHTS
have been moved to
Dairy Queen
(1202 US Hwy 90,
Castroville, TX 78009)
second Tuesday of the
month.

Remember the GWRRA motto of "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge". Let's ride and let's have some fun!

Hope to see Y'all soon.

Mike Pineda, Jr. MEC GWRRA K2

HUM:O.Ro

A fellow having a midlife crisis bought the requisite red convertible. While driving down the road with the wind blowing through what little hair he had left, he said, "Let's see what this baby can do." He accelerated quickly. In no time, he looked in his rear-view mirror and saw the red and blue lights. thought, "I can outrun this police car," and he floored it. A few seconds later he thought how foolish he was. He pulled over and waited for the policeman to catch up. The officer got out of the car, walked up to the windblown man and said, "You know, it's Friday, I have half an hour left on my shift and if you can give me an excuse I haven't heard before, I may let you go. The man replied, "Well, officer, three months ago my wife ran off with a State Trooper. I was afraid you were trying to give her back!"

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Are you a member of the *Gold Wing Road Riders Association* (the *GWRRA*)? If not, then check it out. The *GWRRA* is the reason why TX - *Chapter "K2" Country Wings of Castroville* exists today!

With membership in the **GWRRA** you receive the following: <u>Wing World</u> magazine, the <u>Gold Book Member Directory</u>, Towbusters Emergency Roadside Assistance Program, Affinity Credit Card Program, USA hotel discounts, and much more.

Ask a us how you can become a member of GWRRA Chapter "K2" Country Wings! EMAIL US: gwrrachapterk2@gmail.com

RALLY TIME

2018 Chapter O

Bluebonnet Rally

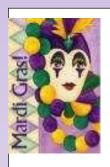
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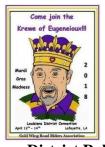


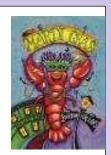


2018 District Rally

Brenham, TX May 17-19, 2018







Louisiana District Rally
Welcome To The Krewe of Eugeneioux (u-gene-yus)
In Memory of Eugene Wyble
MARDI GRAS MADNESS, Lafayette, Louisiana
April 12th, 13th & 14th 2018



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Knoxville, TN

Aug. 29-Sept. 2, 2018



You're invited to 7 nights of WOW! LIBERTY OF SEAS

Departs Galveston, Texas on October 21, 2018



Day	Ports of Call	Arrival	Departure
Sunday, October 21, 2018	Galveston, Texas		8:30 pm
Monday, October 22, 2018	Cruising		
Tuesday, October 23, 2018	Cruising		
Wednesday, October 24, 2018	Roatan, Honduras	8:00 am	5:00 pm
Thursday, October 25, 2018	Belize City, Belize	8:00 am	5:00 pm
Friday, October 26, 2018	Cozumel, Mexico	7:00 am	5:00 pm
Saturday, October 27, 2018	Cruising		
Sunday, October 28, 2018	Galveston, Texas	6:30 am	

Join your fellow Wingers from all over the county on this amazing cruise. Special events and perks for the group. **The following prices include ALL port taxes**, per person & based on double occupancy. <u>WWW.WINGERSNWAVES.COM</u> or call (386) 299-7535 today!

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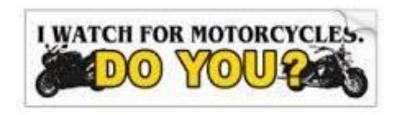
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FEBRUARY 2018

" Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 Mardi Gras Bandera, TX 12:30 Parade
4	5	6 TUES DINNER Sammy's 6:15-8:15pm	7	8	9	10 RIDE TO Kickapoo Casino 8am-6pm
11	12	13 BIKE NIGHT DAIRY QUEEN 6:15- 8:15 PM	14	15	16	17 RIDE TO Founders, Faith and Freedom 8:00-3:00pm
18	19	20 K2 GATHERING Pizza Hut 6:15-8pm	21	22	23	24 RIDE TO Country Roads 8:00-3:00pm
25	26	27 TUES DINNER Bill Miller's 6:15-8:15pm	28	Will be a second of the second	NTINE	

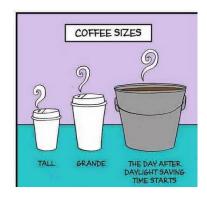
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6	Ride to Kickapoo Casino Eagle Pass, TX 8:00am – 5:00pm
DQ	BIKE NIGHT DAIRY QUEEN, Castroville, TX 6:15 – 8:15 PM
0	Founders, Faith & Freedom Benefit Ride 8:00am – 3:00pm
PHUT	K2 Gathering at PIZZA HUT 6:15 PM - 8:00 PM
0	Ride through Country Roads KSU 8AM
	BILL MILLERS Castroville, TX 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM
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MARCH 2018

" Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 RIDE TO Kerrville, TX 8:00-3:00pm
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18	19	20 K2 GATHERING Pizza Hut 6:15-8pm	21	22	23	24 RIDE TO River Road 8:00-3:00pm
25	26	27 TUES DINNER Jim's 6:15-8:15pm	28	29	30	31 RIDE TO 3 Brothers Loop





MARCH 3 Saturday		Ride to Kerrville, TX 8:00am-3:00pm
MARCH 6 Tuesday	Sammy's RESTAURANT CONTROL OF	SAMMY'S Castroville, TX 6:15 – 8:15 PM
MARCH 10 - 11 SatSun		District Education Weekend TAMUCT
MARCH 13 Tuesday	00	BIKE NIGHT DAIRY QUEEN, Castroville, TX 6:15 – 8:15 PM
MARCH 17 Saturday	o la	SPECIAL EVENT
MARCH 20 Tuesday	Pizza	K2 Gathering at PIZZA HUT Castroville, TX 6:15 PM - 8:00 PM
MARCH 24 Saturday	6	Ride to River Road KSU 8AM
MARCH 27 Tuesday	Jins. Restaurants	Jim's 302 Loop 1604 San Antonio, TX 78245 6:15 PM – 8:15 PM
MARCH 31 Saturday	6	Ride to 3 Brothers LOOP 8:00am-2:00pm





POLAR BEAR SURVIVORS: Monica, James, Mary, JD, Gina, Pat, Mike E, Elva, Jesus, Lucky, Donna, Aurora, Robert, Dino & Michael (taking picture)

2018 POLAR BEAR RIDE RIDE





Dino & Mary W. "2018 K2 COY"



DQ BIKE NIGHT: Esther, Tammy, Richard & Lucky



DQ BIKE NIGHT: Curtis, Dale & James



EL PORTAL: Mike, Pat, Dino, Robert, Charlotte, Esther, Richard, Tammy & Dave



TRAIL RIDER'S STEAK HOUSE: Michael, Dwayne, Dino, Mary, Pat, & Donna



ACADIANA:
Dick & Esther



ACADIANA: Robert, Tammy,
Guest & Art











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Elva L.	Julie F.		
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Tammy M.	Shannon R.		
Kaitlyn P.	Joshua D.		
Curtis T.	Laney D.		
Dale T	Dave H.		
Charles W.	K2 "NINJA"		

Ninja Q'S & A'S



Q: Should we cancel our ride? The ground hog "Alamo Joe" predicts early spring in San Antonio

A: We survived the Polar Bear Run at 34F degrees. The Wind is still the same. We Ride! Come Joins Us!

Q: Did K2 really stop during Polar Bear Run at DQ?

A: Oh, Yes...we needed our DQ Fix.

In closing, I leave you with this thought:

"You can't let people scare you. You can't go your whole life trying to please everyone. You can't go through life worried about what everyone else is going to think. Whether it's your hair, clothes, what you have to say you have. You can't let the judgement of others stop you from being you. Because if you do, you're no longer you. You're someone everyone wants you to be." -Author Unknown

EDITOR NOTES

I turned on the TV and all I see:

"LOSE WEIGHT" "WEIGHT LOSS""LOSE WEIGHT"

Why not **EAT HEALTHY?** I'm gonna give it a try! I'm also going to try as a co-rider to act as a second set of eyes and ears! I came across the article below:

Road Knowledge for the new and experienced CO RIDER

Motorcycles are poor places for daydreaming, even as a passenger. You should be watching, listening, and smelling for hazards and changes in the riding environment any time the motorcycle is in motion. If you keep in mind that you're traveling on a "life-support mechanism" that needs constant attention, you may save your own life.

Before you go into motion, you should have a basic communication system in place. Don't count on being able to talk over the wind noise, unless you have a headset communication system. Headsets fail, and you may need to quickly get the rider's attention in an emergency, so, you still need a basic manual system. If an intercom is not used, the co-rider and rider need to establish communication signals.

Suggested signals could be:

1. Right turn – squeeze or tap the right arm

- 2. Left turn squeeze of tap the left arm
- 3. Stop or slow down squeeze or tap with both arms
- Other (bathroom break, I'm hungry/thirsty, cut that out etc.) come up with a jointly agreed to signal
- 5. For rider-to-co-rider signals, it's easier to tap the right or left leg for turns and to lean back slightly as a signal for stopping or slowing down.

http://www.codynparker.com
Road
Knowledge for the new and experienced CO
RIDER

Well I think that is it for this time, take care, ride safe and HAPPY TRAILS EVERYONE!!

Ride Safe & Often!

Pat Pireda

aka: "China Girl"