

K2 WING'N News

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Chapter Director News

Hello Chapter and Friends,

It with great pleasure to introduce our new members to the Chapter: Rick and his wife Cherie and family, Dan and his wife Naomi, Marcus and his wife Michelle. Three great families to join our great Chapter out here in Castroville.

This was mostly due to our membership drive we had out at Alamo Cycle Plex. Thank you to our Chapter members that showed up there to help us: Michael, Pat, Robert, Donna, John, Michael L. and Jean.

We will have more membership drives during the summer at Alamo Cycle Plex. I'm looking forward to our first rally of the year, April 7, 2018. We will be going to Chapter O Blue Bonnet Rally and having fun with our sister Chapter. Before you know it, our Rally will be coming up and running.

I encourage New Riders and Experienced Riders to get out and ride with us every weekend. We did our Memorial Ride for Aurora. I believe it went very well and we respect and miss her dearly. I brought out other motorcycle groups. Thanks for the members and friends for joining in this Memorial Ride. We will put this Memorial Ride to Gonzalez on the calendar for the last Saturday of March in Memory of Aurora.

Alamo Cycle Plex has asked the Chapter to be involved in the leadership

of a group ride this month. Look at your calendars for dates. Please go out and support your local motorcycle shops like Alamo Cycle Plex. They are our sponsors. Also support all our other vendors and sponsors.

Maintenance days are coming up. Tune up those bikes. For those guys whose motorcycles have been parked for a long time, get them ready to roll. We will start parking lot practices very soon. Locations will be shown on the calendar. More details will also be given at our next Gathering.

Wear all the gear all the time (ATGATT). You can even fall going down your street. Pat and I went to go visit a member of another motorcycle group. He just went to the corner to get gas. Ended up in the hospital for 2 weeks He had no gear, in shorts and in flip-flops. Not a good combination when you're on a motorcycle. Don't forget the contest we have going. To name and our mascot. Pat has gotten a couple of ideas already from members. The contest if for the whole Chapter. We will be voting on the name at our next Gathering. Someone will win a prize. It could be YOU! (Continued next page)

Chapter Director News

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Bike night continues to happen every second Tuesday of the month at Dairy Queen in Castroville. You guys come out and bring your bikes, wear your colors, your vest if you have them. Be seen! That's the whole purpose of the Bike Night. I'm going to challenge you for something else. Every person that brings a guest out is eligible for a prize. That person must be a motorcycle enthusiasts and rider.

On April 20th – 22nd we will be having our Chapter Campout at Garner State Park. If you can't come for three days,

come for two. If you can't come for two come for one. Just come if you can base your schedule for one day. We will be doing short rides through the Hill Country. Our base camp will be at Garner State Park. We will be having a lot of fun and games with other Texas Chapters. Come out meet new friends and see old friends.

Until next time. Ride safe right often.

See Ya Soon!

Michael Pineda aka "Shrimp Man



SAVE THE DATE!

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

SPONSORED BY TX CHAPTER K2

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Technology allows us to make calls, dictate texts or emails, and update social media while driving - all actions that are proven to increase crash risk. The National Safety Council (NSC) observes April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month to draw attention to this epidemic. The message from the NSC this year is to put safety first and JUST DRIVE.

Text messaging while driving is just one of many ways that drivers are distracted. Many believe that they are fully capable of multitasking when in fact, multitasking is a myth. Let's look at some multitasking myths versus reality.

Myth: Drivers can multitask.
Reality: the human brain cannot do two things at one time - like watch TV and hold a phone conversation. The same is true while driving and talking on your phone. The brain switches between the two tasks which slows reaction time.



Myth: Talking on a cell phone is

just like speaking to a passenger. Reality: Back seat drivers are good for you. Adult passengers help the driver and alert drivers to traffic problems. People on the other end of phones can't see what is going on.

Myth: Speaking hands-free is safe to use while driving. Reality: Drivers talking on cell phones can miss seeing up to 50% of their driving environments, including pedestrians and red lights.

Myth: I only use my phone at stop lights so it's okay. Reality: Even at stop lights, it is important to remain an attentive driver. For example, a recent AAA study shows that people are distracted up to 27 seconds after they finish sending a voice text.

Myth: Voice-to-text is safe to do while driving. Reality: It is actually still very distracting. You're not only mentally distracted, but you're visually distracted due to the common autocorrect errors.

"Drive Aware!" and "Share the Road!"

Get more info at distracteddriving.nsc.

TIPS from DONNA

Spring is finally here! Let the rides begin!

We have some fun rides planned and it will be a blast having a great group to discover new roads with and making great memories.

GWRRA is all about safety so I encourage everyone to wear protective gear on each ride. I know it is a personal choice, that it can be hot at times, but the gear comes off when you stop. A cast can be a lot hotter and stays on a lot longer, lol. I highly encourage **AGATT** (All The Gear All The Time) when participating in a ride.

TEXAS is such a huge place to explore so I would really like us to venture further out. The rides can be a bit longer so that we can see the sites. There will be rides considered for outside Texas as well. The world is out there for us to explore so let's hit the road!

Ponna Wilson

Ride Coordinator

Be safe and be seen!

Some Attributes of Good Riders

- 1. They rarely have a close call
- 2. They have a 6th sense
- 3. Know their limits & the limits of their motorcycle
- 4. Practice and maintain the basic skills
- 5. Eager to learn & practice new skills



CRASHING

The famous American motorcyclist, Cook Neilson, in a old copy of Cycle Magazine listed all the motorcycle crashes of his friends, family, acquaintances, and magazine staff. Then he had this to say:

"Everybody I know who has spent any time at all riding a motorcycle on the street has crashed. Getting off is the inevitable escapable consequence of getting on. It makes no more sense to expect a crash-free motorcycle riding career than it does to expect to play a set of tennis without hitting one into the net, or a game of pool without blowing your position, or ten rounds of boxing without catching one on the nose. You ride bikes; you crash.

Now tell me this, all you "It-can't-happen-to-me": suppose you awake this Tuesday suffused with the absolute knowledge that at 10:00 a.m. you will have a crash on your motorcycle. The certainty of it is overwhelming; as you break into perfect consciousness you can practically feel the thumps, the scrapes, the scratches and the burns; the forlorn, smoking wreckage of your motorcycle is palpable in the mind's eye.

Got that? Now. How will you prepare for the morning's ride, knowing there will be a crash at 10:00 a.m., knowing you will be the feature attraction? If you really believe that swill about helmets obscuring one's vision, helmets leading to strangulation, helmets causing one's neck to snap and helmets impairing one's hearing, then I suppose you will venture out of your house, onto your motorcycle and toward your crash bareheaded.

But if not - if you can imagine your head flinging off some blue-haired lady's front fender, or thwacking crisply into the pavement, or glancing off a parking meter pole; if you can imagine what it will feel like to take a truly thundering shot to the temple; if you can imagine how the outside world will look through eyes that no longer communicate to a functioning cognitative apparatus - then I believe that faced with the inevitability of your 10:00 a.m. crash, you will put on your helmet and buckle up tightly.

Ah, you're thinking, but of course, faced with an inevitable crash, naturally I will wear a helmet. But who says a crash is inevitable?

You think it isn't? Why should you be different from Loughlin, my father, Halesorth, Schilling, Boiler, the Hansen brothers, Homchick, Kohr, Stein, Vamvas, Irban, Lague, Muhifeld, Stepp, Jennings, Sargent, Stermer, Phillipson, Crowder, Browne, Pererra, Dickenson. Friedman, Riggs, Hodges, Thomas, Moses, or me?

Why should you be special?"

Think about it.

Randy and Kathy Reese Texas District Educators 2017 International Couple of the Year All The Gear All The Time

March Gathering







DOOR PRIZE WINNER
"DICK F."



DOOR PRIZE WINNER CHARLOTTE F.



\$25 GIFT CARD WINNER CHERIE M.











CHAPTER K2 MEMBERS

Friends or Fun, Safety & Knowledge

Michael P.	Armando V.
Charlotte F.	Donna W.
Mike P.	Pat P.
Keith B.	Robert Y.
Gloria D.	Robert H.
Jesse D.	Dino W.
Esther F.	Mary W.
Richard F.	James F.
Michael L.	Monica F.
Jesus L.	Cheyenne F.
Elva L.	Julie F.
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Kaitlyn P.	Joshua D.
Curtis T.	Laney D.
Dale T	Dave H.
Charles W.	Dan S.
Naomi S.	Cherie M.
Rick M.	Marcus V.
Michelle V.	K2 "NINJA"

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





www.gwrrak2.com

Chapter K2 performs BIKE NIGHTS to make the public aware that we, as motorcyclists, are present and hope they "SHARE THE ROAD". Wearing our chapter colors at these events really make us stand out and proud.

COUNTRY WINGS









KSU FROM FULTON, TX

OUT and ABOUT





1 BOX GERMAN CHOCOLATE CAKE MIX

[Water, vegetable oil and eggs called for on cake mix box]

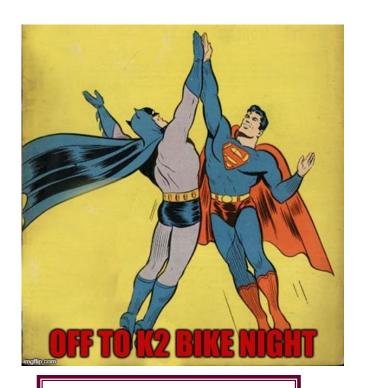
- 14OZ PKG KRAFT CARMELS
- ½ CUP OR 1 SMALL CAN EVAPORATED MILK
- ¾ CUP BUTTER
- 1 CUP PECANS
- 1 CUP CHOCOLATE CHIPS

PREHEAT OVEN TO 350°.

PREPARE CAKE MIX ACCORDING TO PACKAGE DIRECTIONS. POUR ½ OF THE BATTER INTO A PAM-SPRAYED 9X 13 INCH PAN. BAKE FOR ONLY 15 MINUTES.

IN TOP OF DOUBLE BOILER OVER HOT WATER MELT TOGETHER THE CARMELS, MILK AND BUTTER. POUR THIS OVER BAKED PORTION OF THE CAKE. SPRINKLE THE PECANS AND CHOCOLATE CHIPS OVER THE CARMEL MIXTURE. SPREAD REMAINING BATTER OVER CARMEL MIXTURE.

BAKE AN ADDITIONAL 25 TO 30 MINUTES, ENJOY!



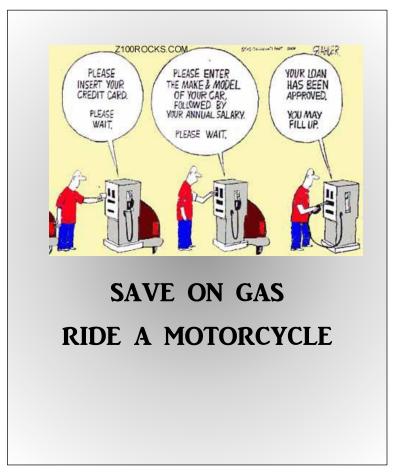
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JOIN US!

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

NOTE: Arrive for safety briefing 15 minutes before scheduled KSU





HUM OR

A man was being tailgated by a stressed-out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up.

He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a holding cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk; naturally...I assumed you had stolen the car."



Happy Birthday



3/15 Marcus V 4/22 Armando V. 4/28 Rick M.

Happy Anniversary



4/28 Michelle & Marcus V.

Let us know if your birthday or anniversary was not listed.

Correction will show in next month

K2 Country Wings

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

Member Enhancement Coordinator

Hello Friends.

Hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the lovely riding weather. We did quite a bit of riding in March and are planning to take advantage of the great riding weather when we can. The addition of Sunday afternoon riding has been great. Now our members can ride on Saturday's or Sunday's. Or both days! K2 Country Wings RIDE!

We were at Alamo Cycle Plex for Recruiting Day in March. We got to view the new 2018 Goldwing. **NICE!** Along with talking with friends both old and new we had a successfully day. We had new friends DAN S., NAOMI S., RICK M. and CHERIE M. become GWRRA members.

Our Gathering was called to order by Chapter Director Michael Pineda. All stood and did the pledge of allegiance. We welcomed all members and our guests. Our new members were introduced and welcomed. New Members are: DAN S., NAOMI S., RICK M., CHERIE M., MARCUS V. and MICHELLE V. The 50/50 won by Michelle. All in attendance were Door Prize Winners! Thanks to our sponsors for prizes.

Hope to see you at GWRRA Chapter Picnic and Campout at Garner State Park on April 20-22, 2018. Plan to take advantage of the great riding weather that is here. We have some new rides and events coming up.

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 P., Jr.

MEC GWRRA K2

Member Enhancement Coordinator

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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

COUNTRY WINGS













OUT and ABOUT



2018 Chapter O

Bluebonnet Rally

Fredericksburg, TX April 7, 2018



Click HERE for Info on Texas District Round Up 13 Jan 2018 Texas District Rally 17-19 May

2018 District Rally

Brenham, TX May 17-19, 2018



Wing Ding 40

Knoxville, TN

Aug. 29-Sept. 2, 2018



You're invited to 7 nights of WOW!



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!

Inside Cabin: \$576 Window Cabin: \$696 Ocean View Balcony: \$986

We guarantee the best possible price. In addition, we honor RCCL loyalty rates and special discounts too if they are offered at the time of booking. YOUR DEPOSIT IS FULLY REFUNDABLE UNTIL JULY 20, 2018. Only a \$250 deposit pp – final payment July 20, 2018. **LIMITED SPACE**



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Couple of the Year 2017-18

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Open position

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Open Position

Entertainment Coordinator

Open Position

APRIL 2018

" Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 6:15 pm - 8:15 pm CHURCH'S CHICKEN 2850 W. Loop 1604 S. San Antonio, TX 78245	4	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	RIDE TO CHAPTER O BLUEBONNET RALLY & CAMP OUT
8	9	10 6:15 pm - 8:15 pm BIKE NIGHT DAIRY QUEEN 1202 US HWY 90 W, CASTROVILLE, TX	<u>11</u>	12	<u>13</u>	8 am - 2 pm AVENIDA
<u>15</u>	16	6:15 pm - 8:30 pm K2 Gathering at PIZZA HUT 945 Old US Hwy 90 E. Castroville, TX 78009	18	19	10 am - 11 am GWRRA CHAPTER PICNIC and CAMPOUT	GWRRA CHAPTER PICNIC and CAMPOUT
GWRRA CHAPTER PICNIC and CAMPOUT	23	24 6:15 pm - 8:30 pm WHATABURGER 19561 MCDONALD ST. LYTLE, TX		<u>26</u>	27	28 8 am - 2 pm GROUP RIDING, ALAMO CYCLE PLEX

COME RIDE WITH US!

APRIL 3 Tuesday APRIL 7 Saturday	GWRRA Chapter G Austin Texas Blackonnet Rally April 7, 2018	CHURCH'S FRIED CHICKEN 2850 W. Loop 1604 S San Antonio, TX 6:15-8:15 PM CHAPTER O BLUEBONNET RALLY & CAMPOUT Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park Fredericksburg, TX
APRIL 10 Tuesday	DQ	BIKE NIGHT at DAIRY QUEEN 1202 US HWY 90 W, Castroville, TX 6:15 – 8:15 PM
APRIL 14 Saturday	Available Field and Availa	AVENIDA FIESTA, Children's Fair 131 Guadalupe St., San Antonio, TX HOSTS: Guardians of The Children Von Ormy Chapter KSU 8AM
APRIL 17 Tuesday	Pizza	K2 Gathering at PIZZA HUT 1202 US HWY 90 W, Castroville, TX 6:15 PM - 8:00 PM
APRIL 20-21 Fri. – Sat.	Camping	CHAPTER K2 PICNIC & CAMPOUT Garner State Park Concan, TX
APRIL 24 Tuesday	WHATABURGER	WHATABURGER 19561 McDONALD ST Lytle, TX 6:15 PM – 8:00 PM
APRIL 28 Saturday		GROUP RIDING ALAMO CYCLE PLEX 11900 I-10, San Antonio, TX 78230

EDITOR NOTES

Hello Friends,

Spring is here, and we have had every kind of weather this month. Out here in the Hill Country we come across different obstacles: the weather, deer, squirrels, possums, skunks (hold your breath), and more....More? Someone else hit this 42-inch **WILD PIG**. *WATCH OUT!!!*



If you haven't joined us for our Tuesday dinners, we encourage you to come. It's a nice visit with chapter friends and to have a great dinner. Look at our calendar gwrrak2.com. for all our dinners, rides and events.

Everyone really enjoyed winning **DOOR PRIZES** at our March Gathering and meeting our New Members. Welcome and Thanks to our Sponsors.

There are many new **rides** and events coming soon. Thank you for your suggestions. Please let us know if you have any more ideas. They can be included in the K2 Calendar.

Members our NINJA Mascot needs a name.

<u>NAME RULES:</u> Name should have an association with "K2 COUNTRY WINGS". Send Pat your name ideas. If you name is chosen you win a prize. The Mascot name will be chosen at our March Chapter Gathering. Well I think that is it for this time, take care, ride safe and HAPPY TRAILS!

Ride Safe & Often!

Pat Pineda

aka: "China Girl"

SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS WHEN YOU VISIT, TELL THEM YOU ARE A **GWRRA CHAPTER K2 MEMBER!!** Samantha's STORE FURUE U RESTAURANT - SPORTS BAR





