



Del Bohnenstiel A Friend In Deed



Del loved riding his bike as much as he loved football and car racing. He would turn his radio on and listen to it as he would go down the road with us on rides. Some times you could call out to him on the CB to check on him, because he would be fallen back, and he would say "sorry just got caught up in the game", and up he would come.

One thing for sure, he knew life best. His outlook on life was pure and simple. Del was NOT a he said, she said, kind of guy. Just plain and simple. Del always said he joined GWRRA for three reasons, RIDING, FRIENDS, & FUN.

He looked forward to the meetings just so he could talk with his friends. Things that a lot of us take for granted.

He said " Leave the politics to the president ,this is suppose to be a riding chapter so lets just ride, have fun and let me win". He loved winning on the tickets. You would think he won a million dollars.

Del's life circled around his family, enjoyment of riding and being with his GWRRA family. As one member put it, " You know, Del and I have put a lot of miles on our bikes together and I bet I didn't hear 200 words out of him the whole time, but you knew he was always with you"

That last quote " You knew he was always with you" really made me think.

Del, our friend, You Sir, will ALWAYS be with US.



DEFINITION OF A VETERAN

A Veteran - whether active duty, retired, national guard or reserve - is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a check made payable to "The United States of America", for an amount of "up to and including my life."

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**Happy Valentines Day
To All Our
Sweethearts**



FROM OUR DIRECTOR :

From your Director;
GWRRA members & Chapter Participants;

It was only a short month ago that Theresa & I were welcoming in the New Year with much anticipation and expectations for 2008. Blessings of prosperity & good health were expressed to all our friends and family. It was a new year with new beginnings, new goals and desires while focusing and balancing the priorities that life offers; God, family, friends & self. Theresa and I encourage all of you to take time to greet a new face and get to know some of your GWRRA family. Get involved, make new friends, make an effort to ride, and participate. That's when the FUN begins!

It was just two days after the first Chapter Gathering of the New Year when we were shocked to hear the tragic news that our GWRRA brother and friend Del Bohnenstiel lost his life while returning home from a days ride with other chapter friends.

My first reaction was one of disbelief because we had just seen Del a few days earlier. He was doing fine and he was his joyful self. He was in a giving spirit and purchased 2 chapter patches & gave them to our visiting guests from Florida. Del was proud to be a GWRRA MEMBER. He looked forward to the fellowship each ride provided and was anxious to go on every trip. He looked forward to warmer weather and many good times ahead. My sadness came not only from the news of his passing, but from the fact I didn't get to know him better. I learned more about him after he was gone than I did when he was here! But that is usually the way we learn about our Hero's. That's right HERO. His family stated he was a decorated veteran and received two purple hearts while serving our country. Did I mention he had a giving spirit? His family also mentioned he was having his best days and was so excited to be a part of GWRRA and Chapter P. He loved being part of the group. I take some comfort knowing Del died doing something he loved and I feel blessed to have been a small part of his life. Like those who loved him, we will miss him. His joyful spirit, enthusiasm for life, and love for the open road lives in the soul of all of us. 2 Thessalonians 3;16

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The Life You Choose

By Amy Peterson, Leadership Training Division Newsletter Editor

I had the opportunity to hear speaker and author Andy Andrews deliver a presentation to a group of business professionals earlier this year. He has met with and read biographies about numerous successful people for many years looking for any common items among them.

Mr. Andrews has identified seven decisions that seem to be present with the thousands of people researched:

1. Take responsibility

Make choices that lead you to a place you like by taking responsibility for what got you to where you currently are.

2. Seek wisdom

Read and listen to books on tape, radio shows, etc. from which you can acquire knowledge (either actively or passively). Associate with people who make you a better person and hold you accountable.

3. Realize you are a person of action

Everything you do matters and affects everything else around you forever. It doesn't matter how big or small the action is. Sometimes the

smallest action can engage your subconscious, and it may seem like things begin to fall into place.

4. Have a decided heart

The purpose of analysis is to come to a conclusion. Make decisions quickly and change your mind slowly to be successful. Don't second guess yourself (no "what if I had done _____" questions), as that just wastes energy and time. Learn from the outcome then correct your course as needed.



5. Choose to be happy

Write down the things that you are grateful for. People want to be around happy people. Opportunities and

encouragement come from other people. If people want to be around you, you will have more opportunities. Short term you can practice smiling while you talk until it becomes more comfortable. Be excited to see people and greet them with a smile. It will help you feel better even if you're having a bad day.

6. Strive for anger resolution (not management) and forgiveness

Forgiveness has more to do with the forgiver than with the person being forgiven. It is a decision. You must always forgive yourself and move on. Forgiveness is about the past, and trust is about the future.

7. Persist without exception

You must find a way over, under or through your obstacles and never quit. In order to reach your goals, you may only be lacking one idea or piece of the puzzle so pretend if necessary (fake it 'til you make it). There may also be a time when it looks like the battle is over, or you may be tired of persisting. Don't give yourself an excuse to quit. Dig deep and focus on what motivated you to begin the journey in the first place.



Kerry and I are now the Chapter Educators. This does not mean we are somehow experts; rather we are the conduits to bring the chapter information regarding the GWRRA Rider Education Program. We look forward putting together a good program for Chapter P.

At the January meeting we introduced the GWRRA levels program and Jeff said that after the meeting he ran out of sign up sheets so we look forward to getting them turned back in. If you want to learn more about the levels program contact the Mews or Kerry and I. At the February meeting we will discuss accidents and give tips on accident scenes. At the March meeting we will have a materials engineer from TX D.O.T. who will talk to us about different types of road designs and other road related issues. We rely on such a little contact area, where our tires meet the road that, that I think he will have valuable information for us.

Ken Peterson, the Texas District Director, has agreed to come to Granbury and give the Road Captains course. This course is beneficial to all who plan to ride in a group and is especially needed for those who are willing to lead or Tail Gun. Considering how large some of our rides have been and having to divide into multiple groups there is a real need to get people trained as Road Captains. Please consider taking the class. We plan to have it on Sunday the 24th at 1pm. The Road Captains course includes about 1 1/2 hours of classroom time and then the group will take a ride where you will take turns leading. It is not hard. Please let us know if you plan attend.

In March we would like to have a CPR and First Aid class. This class will cost the individual because someone outside of the GWRRA will teach it. Please let us know if you are interested so we can set it up. First aid or CPR is a requirement to obtain level three of the Levels program. As for getting the riders education requirement for level two there will be several different riding courses at the Region H Rally in Marshal in April that you can take to get these requirements. Please contact us for the rally schedule.

Thanks

Kevin and Kerry

Chapter Educators



Find Your Number Game

In this, if you find your GWRRA number in some type of organized sequence hidden in the newsletter, be sure to come to that months Gathering. Once the Gathering officially starts, Jump up and down YELLING that you have found your numbers.

Identify where your number is hidden and win \$\$\$\$\$. If the numbers are not found, or the owners of the numbers are NOT at the meeting, then an additional \$5 will be added totaling \$10, and so on until it is won. At that time, we start over again at \$5.

We are up to \$30 now. Neither Dan & Michelle Crocker nor Jim & Chris Kucholtz were present Last Month.



KC's Corner

Cold weather maintenance tips.

Well, it's that time of year for ride or not to ride weather situations. So, now is the time to get under that Trike or 2 wheeled bikes and check it out. Look for small leaks and drips, hoses that look worn or clamps that are rusted over, check your battery terminals for corrosion, make sure they are tight in the battery boxes. Loose batteries bouncing around can crack and put undue stress on the battery leads.

As for the trikes, you want to check all your bolts under there. It doesn't matter which Trike brand you have, it just takes 10 to 15 minutes of Pre Maintenance to save you in the long run. Be sure to check your drive shafts. Those bolts holding it to the rear end should be tight. If you drive long or short distances it makes no difference. You need to go over the whole bike though out. A bike that sits most of the year at times has more problems at the beginning of a ride year, due to the seals and gaskets sitting and drying out.

Remember, to take it easy when you first start your bike up when it's cold.. The last thing you want to do is start a cold bike and then throttle it up. The fluids are cold and at the bottom of their reservoirs, and with it being cold they are thick and heavy. Let the motor do its work on its own. Watch your indicator lights. If they don't go off, shut the bike down and recheck your fluid levels in about 5 minutes.

Just remember to ride safe, and ride smart.





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We have staff positions to fill and we need you.

Interested? Volunteer or ask what you can do for your Chapter.

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Don't get left out!

New this Year! Bring your current GWRRA CARD to our monthly gatherings for the opportunity to win prizes!



This Months Birthdays and Anniversary's

Birthdays

Ricky Tribble—7th
 William Dye—12th
 Jeff Mew—17th
 Fred Skaggs—26th
 Rhonda Sigler—27th
 Joann Lacy—28th

Anniversary's

Bill & Evelyn Peacock—4th
Joe & Karen Ardy—18th
Paul & Carla Kaufman—20th
Luke & Angie Molinari—24th

February Calendar of Events and Planned Rides

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
						Lunch Ride Home Depot
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
						Lunch Ride 11am Home Depot
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Bowling Challenge		Chapter Gathering Valentines Day		Lunch Ride 11am Home Depot
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
						Lunch Ride 11am Home Depot
24	25	26	27	28	March 1	2
Road Captains Course 1pm						Lunch Ride 11am Home Depot

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 Contact Jeff or Kevin if you have any questions.**



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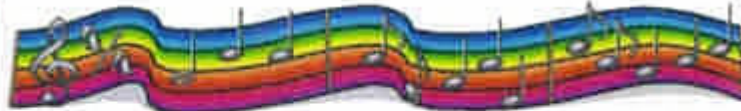
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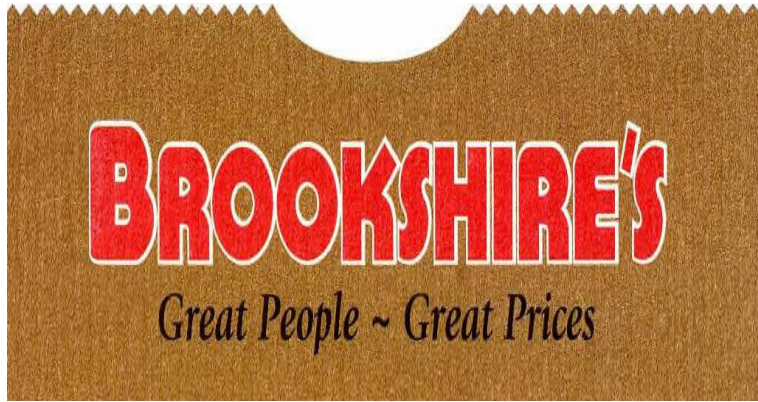
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