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FROM OUR DIRECTOR :

There are two main reasons that all of us have come together to form a GWRRA chapter here in Granbury. These two reasons and the multitude of sub-reasons define our existence as Chapter P. Sometimes we get so caught up in other activities and issues within our own personal lives that we can forget these or tend to shelve them. A wonderful example of how this applies and how we can apply it to our daily lives as a Chapter was made all too real to me today.

The two reasons I am alluding to are:

The basic tenets of GWRRA

- Fun
- Safety
- Knowledge, and
- Fellowship
- Having fun together
- Watching out for each other
- Helping one another

This month's article is dedicated to one individual that has demonstrated ALL of the above. As you may or may not know, Trubon Wheeler and Jerry Nelson are cruising somewhere out west on their trikes. The latest report puts them somewhere north of Sacramento on Hwy 1. I can't be more specific than that because they themselves don't really know for sure. Approximately 1:30 PM this afternoon, July 4, 2007, my phone rang. It was Trubon calling because he was concerned about Frank & Peg Pease, wanting to know if I had heard anything from or about them. He had heard that they were in a bad way physically. After listening to his brief recount of his and Jerry's adventure to-date and laughing at how they had left a couple from Canada riding a crotch rocket and an 1800 VTX in their dust on the crooked, make the Dragon tail look tame, Hwy 20 between Hwys 1 and 101, Sandi and I called Frank and Peg. To our astonishment, Peg said she had major surgery back in May and is still hooked up to IV's and other paraphernalia. Frank has been down and out as well and is going in for surgery this coming Monday. Neither one of them has been able to care for the other, much less themselves. The simplest of chores in and around the house has been overwhelming for them. Cooking, cleaning, taking care of the house and each other – not happening.

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My friends, it wasn't Trubon's appointed duty to be concerned or to take the time from their trip to call me to inquire about Frank & Peg. Trubon, while demonstrating the 1st reason of belonging to GWRRA and a Chapter, he went beyond that to the 2nd reason, fellowship.

I'm hear to tell you that something like this should never had gone so long. We should have been aware of the Pease's dilemma right after the first Chapter gathering they missed. This fault rests squarely on mine and Sandi's shoulders and for that I apologize for both of us and seek forgiveness from one and all. Since the formation of this Chapter, we have sought volunteers and coordinators that would share in the responsibility of phoning everyone that didn't make the last meeting for the purpose of ascertaining just this sort of thing. Needless to say, no one has ever stepped up to the plate or followed through on the commitment. Therefore, the duty is ours, mine and Sandi's and we failed miserably at doing it. This was a wake up call for us as I hope it will be for everyone else in the Chapter.

We have all come together to have fun, share knowledge and learn safety. Let us not forget the second part comprised of having fun together, watching out for each other and above all, helping one another.

Thank you Trubon for reminding us all of that which we have forgotten.

God Bless You All

Jay & Sandi
Chapter P CD



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 meeting. Once the meeting officially starts, Jump up and down yelling that you have found your numbers.

Identify where your number is hidden and win a **\$5 bill**. 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 \$10 now. Ron & Mary Johnson and Ed & Sue Butler Did Not Find Their Numbers Last Month.



From our Assistant Chapter Directors

Pleasure Riders

Long summer days with hot temperatures will soon be upon us and so are the shorter rides to beat the Texas heat. Like most of us, we spend the hot summer days in the air conditioning wishing for cooler weather and planning rides for the fall.

However, early morning rides while the sun is new sure clears the mind and frees our spirits as only a ride on a wing can do.

Since our last newsletter we have had two Saturday RAIN FREE rides.

On June 9th 12 bikes & 20 riders went to the 'Rockin S Bar & Grill' on Possum Kingdom Lake. Many enjoyed the sweeping downhill turns and switchbacks through the hilly terrain. I liked the covered parking and cold air conditioning. Our SAFE ride back was highlighted with an ice cream sundae on the square! What a great time!

Our other ride was an early cool morning run down to the 'Koffee Kupp' in Hico. While famous for their delicious pies, I heard no complaints about breakfast! Service was excellent & we see a pie run in our future! Again, a great ride & a good time!

More GREAT rides and FUN times are in the works so please check the calendar often.

Keep em shiny & under your hiney!

Jeff & Theresa Mew
Assistant Chapter Directors







This Months Birthdays and Anniversary's



Birthdays

Frank Pease - 1st
 Kyle Kettrey - 3rd
 Chelseh Feneley - 9th
 Gary Stewart - 14th
 Rosie Painter - 18th

**Peg Pease - 22nd, Alice Skaggs - 25th
 Jim Kucholtz - 25th, Joan Dodson - 28th,
 Luke Molinari - 28th**



Anniversary's

**Fred & Alice Skaggs - 13th
 John & Rosie Painter - 14th
 Kenneth & Joan Dodson - 29th**

July Calendar of Events and Planned Rides

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 8:30am Granbu	5 7:30pm Sonic n	6	7
8	9	10	11 6pm Chapter M	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Newsletter art	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

**NOTE: Scheduled Rides May be Postponed if Bad Weather is Forecast.
 Contact Jay if you have any doubt.**



A Recounting of My Trip

By Larry Henderson

Good Friends

I have decided to tell this story of an accident I had and the friends who came to assist. This is what I believe friends, family and GWRRA are all about.

It was the weekend of June 23rd. I heard about a bike for sale in Oklahoma City that I was really interested in. Jay and I talked about whether to take the truck and trailer in case I liked the bike and bought it or just ride up on his bike and check it out. Well, we decided to take the bike. I have never rode on the back of a bike before so needless to say that was an experience all of itself. As a rider for many years, I have NEVER once forgot to put my feet down when I come to a stop, so every time we stopped, well, my feet went down instinctively.

Anyway, we had a nice ride up. Encountering a fairly large rain shower at one point. Let me tell you, as Murphy's law would have it, after we stopped on the side of the road, getting soaked, and got on our rain gear, rode about 1 mile, it stopped raining. Go figure.

So we arrived at the location, looked over the bike, we both rode it, I liked it, paid the man, and I decided to ride it home instead of making another trip to pick the bike up. So off we go headed back to Texas. Jay on his bike, me on the one I just bought.

We were both hungry so we decided to stop and fuel up and find something to eat. I fueled before Jay so I pulled up to the store first., Jay, still at the pump. Well that's when **IT** happened. I made a very big mistake. A VERY dumb one you might say. I parked on a slight grade head first facing the pumps. Put down the side stand and got off to wait for Jay. I did two things wrong here. First was parking on the grade when I really didn't have a need to. I could have very easily pulled straight in, but didn't. Secondly, I did not put the bike in gear after stopping on this grade. Well as expected, my bike began to roll down this slight grade and rode right off the stand. Instinct, or stupidity, took over and I grabbed the bike to keep her from falling over. I was not facing the bike so it was not easy to grab her. I heard and felt my back pop and crack several times and felt muscles tearing. I got the bike back up on the stand and set her in gear and collapsed on the sidewalk in front of the store.

Time passes as I wait for the pain to subside so we can get on our way. It never did. So now what am I going to do? Jay is doing everything he can to make me comfortable. Big storms are on the way and I can't move.

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Continuation of “ Good Friends”

I have already called my wife and Jay has called Sandi informing them of the situation as we knew they would soon begin to worry about us. We were stuck now. Or at least I was, but I knew Jay wouldn't leave me. Sandi was at the ready to come get the trailer which was at my house and come get us. But that was 5 hrs away and she would have to drive through the storms to get to us. Mary was at home, but nothing she could do from there. After about an hour of just sitting there wondering, Jay had a call from Robert, AKA Lurch. Jay told him what happened and our situation. Now Lurch lives about 3 hours away to the east of us. He never hesitated. Told Jay he would drive his car up to us and he would ride my bike back and I would drive his car, it would be easier on my back that way. We informed our wives of the plan.

Lurch arrived a few hours later. Sandi was constantly giving us weather reports so a safe route could be formulated, while Mary was constantly checking in on me. We decided to wait for about another 45 mins so the big storm would clear and we could take I-35, the fastest way back.

We stopped about every hour or so to get me out of the car and stretch a bit and they could get a break as well. Ray Ortiz called Jay during one of the breaks. Jay told him what was going on and Ray offered up a family member's house not far from where we were if we wanted to store the bikes and complete the ride in the car if I could not continue to drive. You have to put your hand out to someone like that. I know I do.

Well to cut a long story short (a little late for that huh?), we arrived at my house. Jay helped me inside and sat me on the couch where I stayed for a while. It was now around 12:00 at night. Everyone was tired. Jay decided to leave his bike at my place for the night and they took Lurch's car and continued on to Granbury.

On Sunday, they came back up, Sandi was along as well, to see how I was doing. After a nice visit with them all, Lurch headed back to Oklahoma and Jay and Sandi went on there way, bike in tow.

This story is not meant to be about me. It is, however about friends and family. It is about how GWRRA members come together when another member is in need, no matter what situation we find ourselves in. I truly believe that any of our chapter members would have done the same thing.

I personally owe my wife Mary, my friends Jay, Lurch, Sandi, and Ray Ortiz a heart felt and sincere **Thank You**.

Larry Henderson



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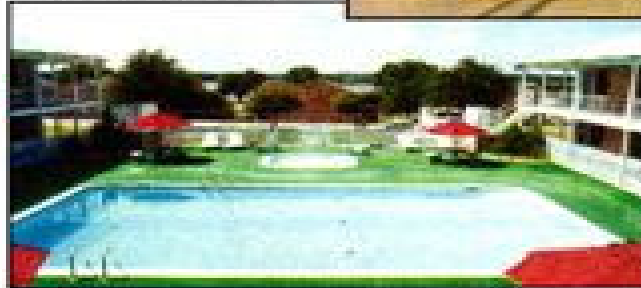


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