



# The P'titioner



## GWRRA Texas Chapter 'P'

We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month @ **Spring Creek BBQ**

In Granbury

**OCTOBER 2011**



**From your Director  
Gary Wheatley**

### Fall Is Finally Here!

The nice weather has finally reached us, so let's get out there and get those bikes a rolling.

We have our monthly Chapter meeting coming up on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday and the Ice Cream get together coming up on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at the Sonic in Cresson, Tx and this has been a real hoot this year. Our last Chapter meeting we had 3 that said they were going to join. We also had a great turnout at our last Ice Cream Social.

The Ride for Kids is on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Grapevine Mills Mall – Southeast Parking Area 3000 Grapevine Mills Pkwy. Grapevine, Tx 76051 – Registration is between 8:00 AM -9:45 AM The scenic escorted ride starts at 10:00 AM sharp, rain or shine! We are expecting a large turnout from Chapter P, remember this is a charity event.

If you were wondering the Biker Bash was a real splash this year and if you have never went, try it next year.

If you want to volunteer for activities or leadership please ask one of our staff

Look forward to seeing everybody at the next meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup>!



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## **MYTH # 1 – OTHER DRIVERS DON'T CARE ABOUT MOTORCYCLIST**

Most drivers don't want to hit a biker. Most close calls as well as accidents happen because didn't see the bike or didn't know they were there even though they were right in front of them. There are a lot of reasons for this. You could be in their blind spot, other vehicles blocking their view, distractions such as talking on the cell phone, reading the newspaper, putting on makeup and so on. SCOTOMAS which defined medically as a condition which the brain does not register what the eyes are seeing ,is another reason for drivers not seeing a bike. How many bikers involved in an accident have said they looked right at me but the driver says they never saw them? Yep that's why. Best defense? Ride to be seen. Bright colors, use high beams during daylight and above all always assume no one can see you.

## **MYTH # 2- LOUD PIPES SAVE LIVES**

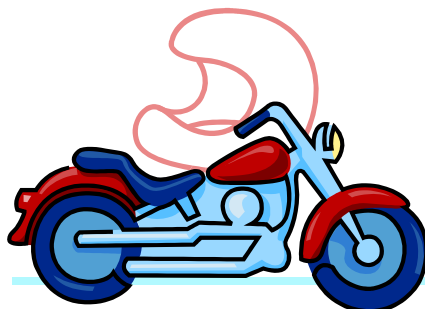
Maybe if you're beside a driver with his window down will hear you before he changes lanes. Noise focused rearward won't do much good in the most common and dangerous situation where a car turns in front of you. Maybe it's fatigue from the noise or attitudes of bikers with loud pipes. Perhaps the loud noise annoys drivers making them aggressive. Whatever the reason, research shows bikes with modified exhaust systems are more frequently involved in crashes then bikes with stock pipes.

## **MYTH # 4- HELMETS BLOCK YOUR ABILITY TO HEAR AND SEE DANGER**

The thing you learn when you dig into research is that bike riders who wear helmets crash less frequently then riders that don't wear helmets. Maybe people who choose to wear a helmet have a better or more realistic attitude about riding. Maybe using a helmet reminds us of the dangers involved in our sport. Maybe being protected from the wind, noise and elements causes less fatigue. The numbers still say riders with helmets have a much higher survival rate over riders without a helmet.

## **Article by**

**Droopy and Sue Rupert**



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### RIDING TIPS

*Never argue with an 18-wheeler, especially around interstate on-ramps.*

*Never get in a hurry. Never be afraid to slow down. Better to avoid an accident than to be one*

*Basically, assume that all drivers are out on the road trying to kill you.*

*Submitted for your consideration....*



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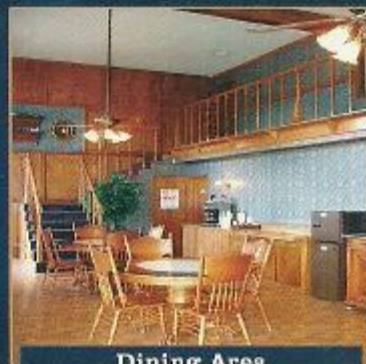
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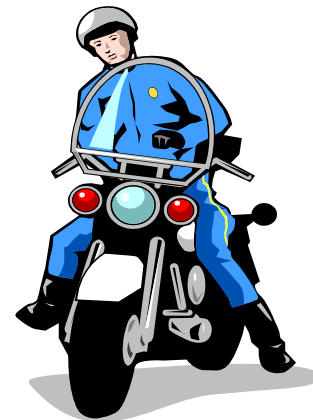
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**Thank You!** To you, the members who continue to make contributions of gifts to give away at the monthly gatherings each month. You know who you are and we appreciate you!

**Chapter P** has given away some great prizes this year and we hope we can continue to do so.

If you have not attended a monthly gathering lately, please mark your calendars and come pay us a visit!

We do our best to start on time (7:00pm) and try to keep the meeting to less than an hour. Now getting out of the parking lot is on your own watch as we like to hang around and visit and get caught up on your business.

If you would like to lead or post a ride, please feel free to let us know. It's a great way to get involved and contribute to your chapter! We can't do it alone!

I encourage you to keep an eye on the other chapter calendars as well. They offer opportunities for great rides & fun. What a great way to make new friends!

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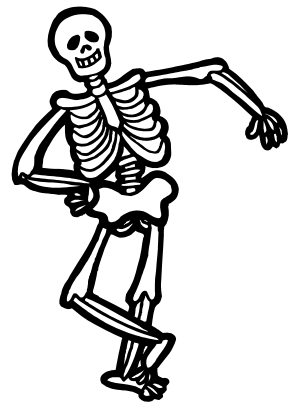
We hope to **see you** at an upcoming event!

# HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Monthly Chapter P Gathering—OCT 13TH

Sonic Social-Oct 27th



find more on these and other events on the Texas District website at [www.gwrra-tx.org](http://www.gwrra-tx.org)

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