



NEW MEMBER GUIDE BOOK

from CHAPTER OK-X

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WELCOME to Chapter OK-X of the **Gold Wing Road Riders Association**! Based out of Stillwater, Oklahoma, our membership is made up of Gold Wing and other motorcycle riders/co-riders from surrounding communities.

You are offered the opportunity to participate in any GWRRA event at the local, district and international levels. We ride to have FUN and have FUN riding. Our rides include day rides, overnight, weekend or even longer trips. We strive to choose interesting places to visit and there are always new restaurants to find. Our membership includes a very diverse group with members from all walks of life, but our bond is riding and riding safe.

This handbook was compiled to help answer questions you may have about GWRRA and Chapter X. The GWRRA motto is “Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge” and we believe that is what solidifies this organization. Chapter X has a motto also which is “X Times the Fun”. GWRRA is a social organization formed to create a fun, safe environment to meet new friends, enhance your motorcycle skills and knowledge, and to improve the image of motorcycling, without political or religious affiliations.

This organization is a little different from other organizations in that you are members of all chapters in GWRRA, everywhere. You are encouraged to attend chapter meetings wherever your rides take you.

OUR MEETINGS are held on the second Saturday morning of the month at:

Sooner’s Restaurant

I-35 & HWY 77, Exit 185

Perry, OK 8:00am for Breakfast—9:00am for Meeting

This is a fun meeting usually with games and often rides afterwards, weather permitting.

We have planning meetings on the last Friday of the month at Subway, 908 W. 6th, in Stillwater, Oklahoma. All are welcome.

Our chapter is very friendly. Please feel free to ask any member if you have further questions. If they don’t know the answer, they will find someone who does.

Chapter X

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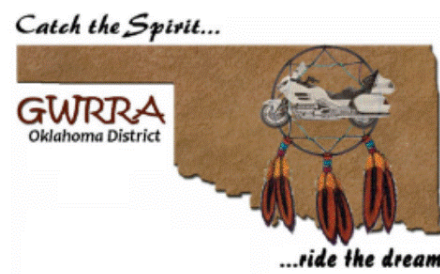
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Sooners Corner Restaurant, I-35 Exit #185,
one block west

HISTORY OF GWRRA

The Gold Wing Road Rider's Association is the world's largest single social organization for owners and riders of Honda Gold Wing and Honda Valkyrie motorcycles. Today the organization welcomes riders of all motorcycles. Dedicated to the motto, "*Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge*". GWRRA members enjoy the freedom of belonging to a non-profit, non-religious and non-political organization.

Founded in 1977, GWRRA has approximately 38,000 members across the world at this time. There are over 500 active Chapters, in 46 countries, managed by countless volunteers to foster safe, enjoyable riding while also working to improve the public image of motorcycling.

The Association is build on 4 simple ideals:

1. Promote "SAFETY" for enjoyable riding.
2. Promote "FRIENDSHIP" among all motorcyclists.
3. Promote the "Positive Image" of motorcycling.
4. Promote "FUN" which is the common thread that runs through the Association.

BENEFITS

There are many benefits to GWRRA membership. Our members enjoy the camaraderie, fellowship and prestige of belonging to the largest "family" of Gold Wing owners. Here are just a few:

Wing World monthly magazine full of colorful stories, photos, articles and tips.

Gold Book service directory, which is a traveling companion that includes member, officer and dealer listings and helpful traveling features.

Emergency Roadside Assistance

Travel & Hotel Discounts

Annual WING DING International Rally

For additional detailed benefit information please visit GWRRA.ORG/BENEFITS or call 800 843-9460 in Phoenix, Arizona.

CHAPTER CHARTER INFORMATION

CHAPTER X CHARTERED FEBRUARY 11, 1995

The chapter kickoff was held on a mild Saturday, February 11, 1995, at the Steer Inn Restaurant in Cushing, Oklahoma with about 150 people attending. It was a fun day for the growing Oklahoma District which at that time was divided into the East and West. There were fourteen charter members:

CD – Charlie and Shirley Carter

ACD – Ron and Char Sadler

TR – Virgil and Kathleen Dupee

Bob and Kathy Melton

Max and Evelyn Pepmiller

Bill Pool

Galen Porter

Leon Wood

Ed Anderson

The chapter continued to grow and in the next few months had 25 members. The first chapter color was purple and the Route 66 design on the shirts.

In 2003, the decision was made to move the chapter to Stillwater in order to have a better chance for growth. It was a good decision, as the chapter has grown and continuing to grow. It has always been a priority for Chapter X members to have fun, without fun there is no growth.

CHAPTER DIRECTORS

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Charlie Carter	02/1995 – 02/1996
Ed Anderson	02/1996 – 03/1997
Virgil Dupee	02/1997 – 12/1998
Loren Guyer	01/1999 – 12/2000
Ron Sadler	01/2001 – 12/2003
Ray Lee	01/2003 – 04/2003
Ronnie Pendergrass	05/2003 – 12/2004
Sue Copeland	01/2005 – 12/2007
Tim Sweeden	01/2008 – 02/2010
Lynn Hughes	03/2010 – 06/2010
John Irons	06/2010 – 02/2013
Marie Wilson	02/2013 – 01/2016
Char Sadler	01/2016 – 01/2019
Steve Cotton	01/2019 – __/____

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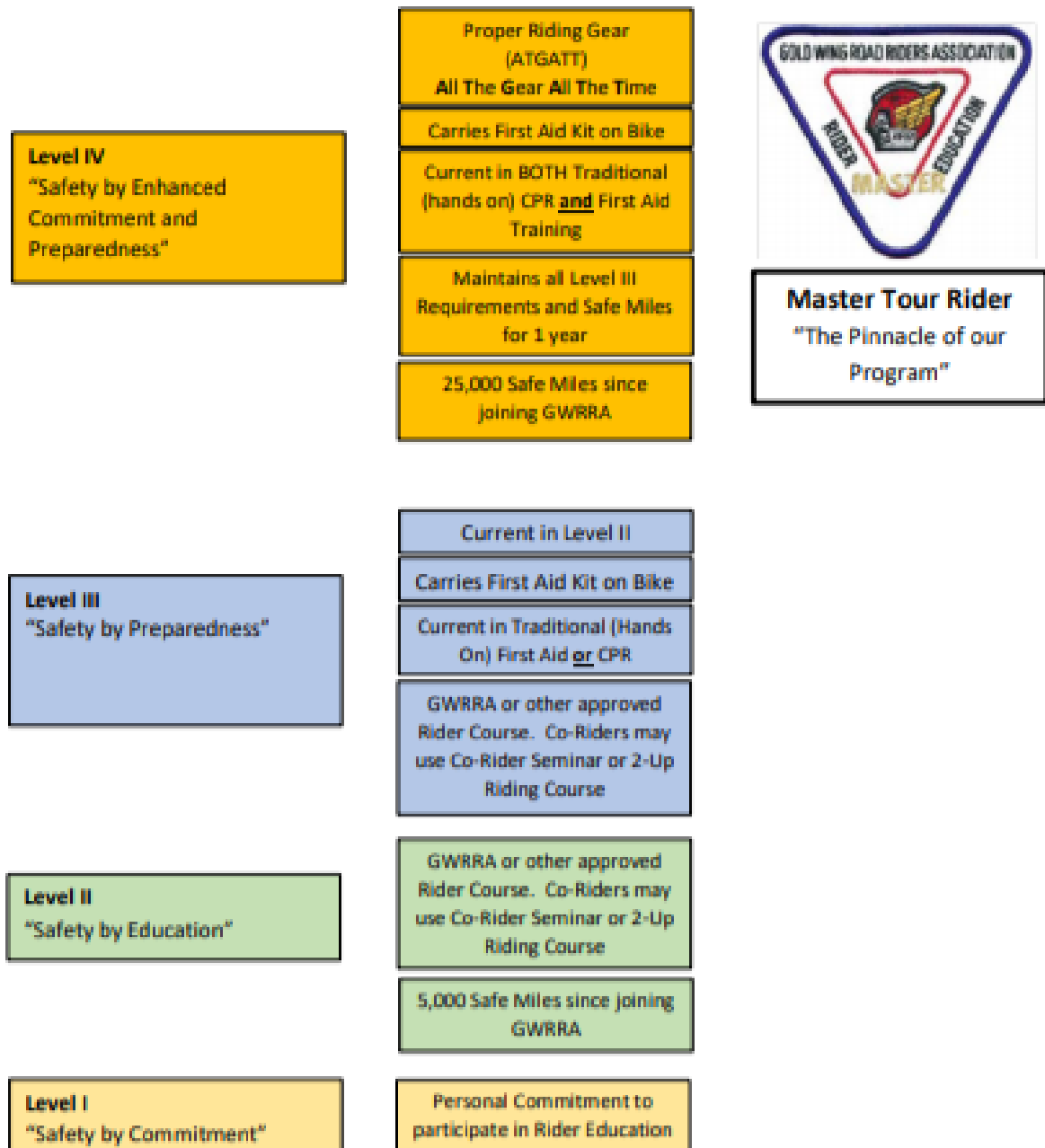
COUPLES OF THE YEAR

1995 None
1996 Ron & Char Sadler
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1998 Loren & Vickie Guyer
1999 James & Brenda Molloy
2000 Brett & Vina Sussler
2001 Ron & Hazel Pendergrass
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2003 Jeff & Kim Sweeden
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2008 Marc & Lynn Hughes
2009 Marc & Lynn Hughes
2010 David & Cindi Hudgins
2011 Larry & Sheila Cramton
2012 Larry & Sheila Cramton
2013 Steve & Carolyn Cotton
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2015 Bill & Linda Stevens
2016 Bill & Linda Stevens
2017 Robert & Linda Oberholzer
2018 Robert & Linda Oberholzer
2019 John & Shawn Irons
2020 Jim & Vicki Cook

Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Rider Education Levels Program

"THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF RIDER EDUCATION"



GWRRA ACRONYMS, ETC.

2-up Co-Rider— Participating in a Rider Course

40 to Phoenix—An annual ride from NC to home office in Arizona on I-40 interstate

ACD—Assistant Chapter Director

ACE—Assistant Chapter Educator

ADD— Assistant District Director

ADE— Assistant District Educator

ARC— Advanced Rider Course

ARL— Area Run List—List of all members of GWRRA distributed for help in recruiting and retention

BRC— Beginner Rider Course

CD—Chapter Director

CE—Chapter Educator

CHOY— Chapter of the Year

COY—Couple of the Year

DD—District Director

DE— District Educator

ERC—Experienced Rider Course

GWRRA—Gold Wing Road Riders Association

IOY—Individual of the Year

LTP—Leadership Training Program

MA—Motorist Awareness

MEC—Membership Enhancement Coordinator

MEP—Membership Enhancement Program

MFA—Medic First Aid

MOU—Memorandum of Understanding. A binding agreement signed by volunteers between them and GWRRA as to expectations of the volunteers.

MSF—Motorcycle Safety Foundation

OCP—Officer Certification Program. Provides information for current, new and potential leaders regarding the workings of GWRRA

REP—Rider Education Program

TC—Trailer Course

T-CLOC—Inspection for cycle. T—Tires, C—Controls, L-Lights, O-Oil, C-Chassis

TRC—Trike Rider Course

TTRC—Trike with Trailer Course

WING DING—The granddaddy of all GWRRA rallies. Held annually.

OTHER IMPORTANT FACTS

Chapter X has an awesome monthly NEWSLETTER. The editor tries to publish rides and functions from the past month in addition to upcoming events. Photos are abundant to prove the fun we have. Members are encouraged to write articles of their individual rides for all to envy and maybe make a trip of their own. You may email any articles to firstos@att.net

We also have an outstanding WEBSITE that has all the pertinent information of Chapter X that can be accessed at any time. All information about Chapter X is there and then some! The website's address is xchapterok.org

Chapter X was the **INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER OF THE YEAR IN 2014**, an honor they are still very proud to have accomplished. We had 29 members that rode to Huntsville, Alabama, to Wing Ding to be honored in the opening ceremony in 2015.



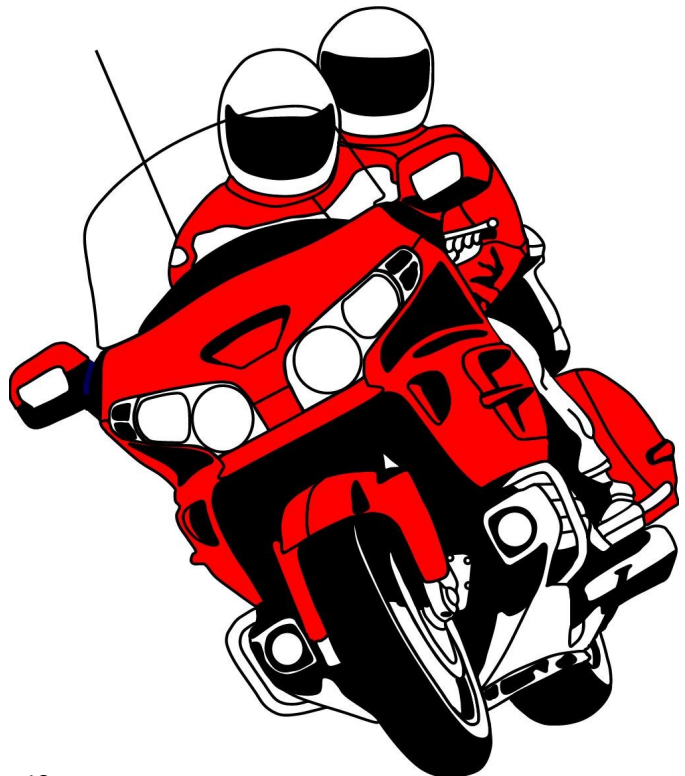
Here are some other information that you might find helpful:

Do you have to wear a vest, Chapter shirts, patches, pins, etc.?

No. These are all voluntary. If you choose to do so, you may pick any of your choosing at various vendors, stores, or websites. You may contact the Chapter Director for patches or suggestions.

How does the Chapter raise money and what is it used for?

Chapters are self-supporting and do not receive any portion of your GWRRA membership dues. Thus, during Chapter gatherings, you may see or hear someone selling 50/50 tickets. These are sold to raise funds to cover Chapter expenses, such as Chapter Dues, etc. You are under NO OBLIGATION to purchase these tickets or other items sold by the Chapter.



HOW DO I RIDE IN A GROUP

1. Time given for a ride means, ready to go, with your tank full and dressed in proper riding gear!
2. Each ride will have a Leader and a Trail cycle with a CB radio. Channel 1 is the GWRRA established channel nationally. The Leader will give a brief safety meeting and the route of the ride before the ride begins.
3. The Trail bike is the last bike in the procession and typically assigned two tasks; controlling the group and stopping to assist if another rider pulls to the shoulder.
4. Each bike should ride in a staggered formation within a car lane; the lead bike rides in the left tire track, then the next bike in the right track, etc. Individual riders should choose their own track when navigation curves and resume the staggered processional formation afterward. Look and/or listen for the announcement of road hazards and obstacles from the lead bike and changes in formation from the trail bike. Of course, if someone in the middle sees a problem, they should alert the rest of group.
5. When stopping at a traffic light or stop sign, all bikes pull up, two abreast, directly behind the bike they were following.
6. When starting, the leader moves out first, accelerating slowly enough for all bikes to move out in turn. No one should accelerate in a manner that would bring their bike evenly alongside or past another bike.
7. Allow a minimum of three seconds stopping distance between yourself and other bikes. However, do not allow too much space to develop between bikes as this will allow automobile traffic to pull into the formation.
8. Be aware. Check traffic before lane changes or other maneuvers.
9. If someone in your group pulls to the shoulder of the road and stops, do not follow. The trail bike should be designated by the group leader prior to the ride to stop and give assistance. The last bike in the procession then assumes the position of trail bike.
10. When passing other vehicles on a two-lane highway each bike should pass in processional order. The leader should accelerate far enough ahead for the rest of the group to pass, the trail bike should inform the leader when the whole group has passed and is back in formation.
11. Expect ride suggestions from the trail bike and accept suggestions to improve group riding performance. Do not change any formation until you hear/see the "execute" command give by the lead bike.
12. Relax and enjoy the ride, remembering that sometimes the journey is the destination!