



The New **Freedom Rider**

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Wow, it's already that time of the year when all sorts of activities are going on and the calendar is filling up. There is a benefit ride here, raffle sales for this cause and that cause and something else for another. A toy run in this city for some group, another one on the other side of town for that group. And of course, we are hearing every day about Hurricane Disaster relief being set up all over to help the Houston/Galveston area. Actually we live in an area where the weather is great for riding almost all year round, where groups can hold an event almost every weekend. Everyone wants to raise money for a great cause, and the Freedom Riders are no exception.

We all have big hearts, we all love kids, (especially if they are not ours where we can spoil them and give them back to their parents), we all love our freedom, and we all love our ability to choose what we do. After the September Dinner meeting, I stood around talking as everyone was making their way to their two and four wheel vehicles, and realized the tone of our meeting was about... money... money.. money... It's difficult to do everything, and NO ONE expects for any one to participate in everything we do, or every activity that there is. We offer lots of activities and variety of things to do,

(with the motorcycles and without) and hope that you would jump in where you feel comfortable or take on a new task and go with it.

With that said, we had a great ride to the Kaufman Children's Shelter. We had lunch at the shelter, got to take the kids on rides on our motorcycles over and over and over. Best of all, we presented the shelter with over \$2600 in monetary donations, not to mention well over \$800 (if not \$1000) in school supplies and other items. We also provided several household items to a teenage mom and her 18 month old son, who are starting their life outside of state care. I want to THANK YOU very much. Without your help, we would not have been able to provide such an impact for the Shelter or this new mom.

As for our December Charity Raffle, we have had great participation in selling raffle tickets. Over half of the Raffle Tickets have been signed out. I have also had good sales from the booth set up at DFW Honda. I have met a lot of people and made them aware of our motorcycle club, our rides and our activities. With the booth set up at the dealership, we will continue to sell even more tickets as we get closer to the drawing date. I am asking for volunteers to assist in running the booth on the Saturdays that I am not available.

I am looking forward to the fall ride, the cool crisp air, the fall colors and the excitement of new adventures riding the back roads of east Texas. We have a great group of people and I enjoy riding with everyone. We all laugh and have a great time on our trips, so be sure that

you have your reservations. I would hate for anyone to miss the fun. I am glad that our group has these overnight trips. I start feeling the stress of work weighing down on me, compounded by anything else that is going on (and right now I have a lot of outside stresses). Our trips tend to be a soul mender for me. I come to the ride hyped up on all this stress plus having to gather every-

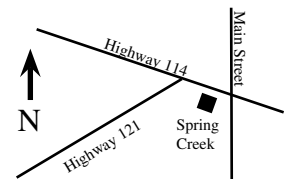
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October 2008 Meeting

Thursday October 16, 7:00 pm
at **Spring Creek Barbecue**
315 Highway 114 West @ Main, Grapevine
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thing up for the trip. As the miles go by, I can feel myself becoming more relaxed, the fog that clouds my head starts lifting and my heart starts smiling. Ok, I don't know if all that really happens but hey I do start feeling better about everything. We all know the feeling, that's why we ride.

Come ride with us.

Larry Harmon

MEETING MINUTES

by Sandy Morris, Secretary

Larry Harmon called the September meeting to order with 43 members present. He welcomed back long time members **JJ and Caron Jean** and guest **Ashley Barrett**.

Larry thanked the officers that served last year along with all the ride leaders and tail gunners. He mentioned conducting a ride leader class sometime in January. It was stated that starting October 4th, the Saturday rides will be leaving from DFW Honda at 10:00 am.

The Kaufman Children's Shelter ride set for this Saturday was discussed in length. DFW Honda donated \$25 and \$50 gifts cards and Larry asked that they be purchased for \$30 and \$60 with all proceeds going to the Children's Shelter. The club is donating school supplies as well as gift cards and household items. Nokia and the Hicks Sports Group will be matching funds.

Larry discussed the 2008 HRCA Charity Drive. He stated that selling these tickets at DFW Honda was a per-

Thought for the Month

Most people are about as happy as they decide for themselves they want to be.

fect way to meet people and recruit new members.

Upcoming area rides and events were talked about. Larry is going to get more information on the Eules 15th Annual Christmas Parade of Lights set for Dec. 6th to determine if our club is interested in participating. **Machelle Noel** made mention this is the same date as Mesquite Santa Cops Toy Ride.

Machelle Noel discussed the Fall Trip to Marshall, TX. Mark your calendars for October 24-26. She asked for a show of hands for people interested in riding the Terror on the Bayou Train Ride so she can try and get group ticket rates. We have a block of 20 rooms at the Best Western in Marshall, 903-935-0707 and these rooms need to be booked by Oct. 10. We will dine at the Jalapeno Tree on Saturday night.

Larry asked members to submit pictures for the member page.

Mike Sherwin announced his goal of raising \$900 for the HRCA Ride for Kids on October 5th. He has a personal interest and gave this website in order to make donations in his name. www.firstgiving.com/michaelsherwin. Web site closes October 5.

Larry noted the following:

Trunk or Treat, no information at this time.

Letsride.com, listing different rides and toy runs.

September Birthdays

Oct. 18, Experienced Riders Course if at least 4 people sign up.

Quilt Show, Sept. 19-21 with quilts by **Peggy Sympson**.

Machelle Noel asked if the club would be interested in going to a Stars Hockey game as a group. Interest was widespread, Machelle will give more specifics at a later date.

Dave Noel presented the treasurer's report with current balance of \$1248.47 with no expenses for the month. He collected \$130.00 on the 50/50 ticket sales.

Dan McDonald made a motion that the club's portion of the 50/50 this month be donated to the Kaufman Children's Shelter. **Cecil** seconded the motion and the motion carried. The 50/50 drawing

Motorcycle Safety Foundation Courses

HRCA (\$19.95/year) reimburses up to \$75 of the cost of a Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) course each year for HRCA members. Reimbursement forms can be picked up at DFW Honda.

Available courses by City

Arlington - Texas R.I.D.E.R (817) 246-4016 - Harold Patterson Sports Center - www.texasrider.com

Burleson - A+ rider Course 1-800-410-4549 Burleson High School, 100 NW John Jones Rd - www.aplusrider.com

Carrollton - Rider Course Center (972) 317-6322 or 1-888-317-6322 - Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD Stadium

Fort Worth - Tarrant County College Northwest (817) 515-7758

Fort Worth - Moto-Ed (817) 239-6686 - American Ironhorse Motorcycle Company, 4600 Blue Mound Rd. www.moto-ed.com

Flower Mound - Motorcycle Safety Instruction - (972) 247-5011 - Marcus High School, 5707 Morris Rd. Discount offered to DFW Freedom Riders. www.veridesafe.com

Irving - Brookhaven College (972) 860-4715 or Texas R.I.D.E.R. (817) 246-4016 - American Honda Training Center, 4529 Royal Lane, Irving - www.texasrider.com

Lancaster - A+ rider Course 1-800-410-4549 - Cedar Valley College, Lancaster, Tx. - www.aplusrider.com

Southlake - Motorcycle Safety Instruction - (972) 247-5011 - Dragon Stadium, 1085 S. Kimball Ave. Discount offered to DFW Freedom Riders. www.veridesafe.com

was held. **JJ Jean** and **Dave White** won cash prizes and donated the cash to the Children's Shelter. **Mike Sherwin** also won a cash prize and donated his win-

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nings to the Ride for the Kids'.

Dan McDonald informed the club that **Larry Harmon's** cousin **Luke Mason** was among the servicemen killed in the recent helicopter crash in Iraq. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

Meeting was adjourned with members sticking around to visit and listen to **Dave Noel's** new pipes.

Kaufman Benefit Ride September 20th

Once again, the generosity of the members of this club never ceases to amaze me. The group of kids was small this time, but the hearts of the people who travelled down to Kaufman were gigantic.

The shelter director, Rick Williams, greeted us warmly, with burgers and chicken breasts ready to grill. Soft drinks and all the fixin's were plentiful and everyone enjoyed a leisurely lunch underneath the giant shade trees at the shelter. It was a perfect day for a picnic with very little wind and mild temperatures.

It was very difficult to tell who was having the better time, the younger kids taking a ride on the back of the bikes, or the older kids driving them! Smiles and good times were plentiful and it was nice to see a little sunshine brought into the lives of ones so undeserving of their situation.

Back to the generosity of our members. With the sale of donated gift cards from **David Dendy** and DFW Honda, gift cards donated by members and cash gifts over \$2600 was contributed to the shelter, plus several hundred dollars worth of school and house supplies.

Rick Williams made a comment that expressed his sentiments. Rick said "There has been a number of motorcycle clubs and other groups come to visit and help over the years, but the DFW Freedom Riders is the only club that keeps coming back time after time."

The New Freedom Rider

It is unfortunate in our society that shelters like this are needed, but as long as we can, we will keep going back. Our next drive is for the cash raffle drawing in December, so buy your tickets and get some from Larry Harmon to sell. The more we sell, the more prizes we can award and the more we can support the shelter.

NEW MEMBER

Welcome to our new member for the month; **Roy Hudson** from Richland Hills. We look forward to many miles of riding with you.

UPCOMING EVENTS Ride For Kids Donations

Michael Sherwin has taken the "ride for the kids" to heart. He is going to participate in the ride, and the fund raising effort. His goal is \$900.00. Here is the link to the donation web site: <http://www.firstgiving.com/michaelsherwin> He would appreciate any donations not otherwise committed to go through his fund raising site.

HRCA Ride for Kids Oct 5 - Grapevine

The annual Ride for Kids will be held in Grapevine on October 5th. Look for more information to follow in the coming months. For more information on this special fund raising event, call the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation at 1-800-253-6530 or click for the Ride for Kids website. <http://www.ride4kids.org>

14th Annual Stevie Ray Vaughan Ride & Concert Sunday October 5, 2008

While remembering the life of Stevie Ray Vaughan, enjoy a fun-filled combination motorcycle parade and blues concert honoring Texas' most beloved blues man! \$20 advance / \$25 day of event. <http://www.srvrideandconcert.org>

Aze Arts Poker Run October 18th

The Azle Arts Association is sponsoring a 75 mile Motorcycle Ride (poker run) with food, drinks, games,

a 50/50 drawing, raffles, and music after the ride on October 18th. First bike out at 10:00am; last bike out at 11:00am; the party ends around 4:00pm. We start at the Popcorn Players Theater 1112 SE Parkway (Hwy 199) in Azle and end up at Eagle Mountain Cycles 300 E Main Azle, Tx. Pre-Registration is \$10.00, onsite registration is \$15.00, and all passengers are \$5.00.

This ride will also benefit the Freedom House (a family violence and sexual violence center). They have requested 'art supplies' (color pencils, crayons, non-toxic markers, paper etc) for the kids; our goal is to fill a room to overflowing. So 'Bring All You Can Carry'. For more info go to azlearts.org or call 817-238-7529. If necessary you can email me at b_arbuckle@yahoo.com or call me at 817-714-4747.

This is not just adults only; so you'll have to watch you own children (no matter how old they are).

Experienced Riders Course

Oct 18- Tarrant County College

An experienced rider's course is being offered at TCC on October 18th. Our own, Frosty Stoll will be instructing, and a second instructor will be added if more than 6 students register. To register for the course, call TCC admissions at 817-515-7758, or if you have previously taken any TCC course, you can register on-line.

Fall Trip 2008 October 24-26

Plans have been finalized for the DFW Freedom Riders 2008 Fall Trip.

Our destination for the weekend will be Marshall, Texas. We will leave from the DFW area on Fri Oct 24 and return Sunday Oct 26.

A block of 20 rooms under DFW Freedom Riders has been arranged at the Best Western in Marshall. We're receiving a group rate of \$80 + tax per room per night. Please call the motel at (903) 935-0707 to book the room

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THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Ken Duffy
- 6 Dora Landers
- 6 Sandy Smith
- 8 Jorge Perez
- 9 Frank Brzozowski
- 10 Jesse Dawson
- 11 Bill Brown
- 12 Larry Brothers
- 12 Donna Keeth
- 12 Mike Keller
- 12 Barbara Perry
- 13 Maurice LeBlanc
- 13 Bobby Wilson
- 15 Charlie Brock
- 16 Donn Foster
- 18 Rose Ward
- 20 Bruce Cossairt
- 21 John Blanding
- 23 Glenn Cobb
- 24 Lynne Cunningham
- 24 Don Ferguson
- 24 Lisa Martin
- 26 Jim Leslie
- 26 Christine Pepermintwala
- 26 Charles Reese

Upcoming Events Continued

in your name. Any rooms not booked by Oct 10 will be released to the hotel. Cancellation policy is 24 hours prior to arrival.

For those that are willing and up to the challenge, Friday night we will venture into Jefferson to attend the Terror on the Bayou Festival. The Runaway Fright Train ride is a 40-minute, 5-mile steam train ride through the dark and scary woods along the Big Cypress Bayou. The Train pulls out at 8:30pm and is \$15 per person. Please RSVP to **Machelle Noel** texasnoels@sbcglobal.net.

2008 MAJOR RALLY SCHEDULE

Date	City	Event	For Information
Oct 15-19	Hatfield, AR	CMA Colors Rally	www.cmausa.org
Oct 16-19	Daytona Beach, FL	Biketoberfest	www.biketoberfest.org

net if you are interested.

Saturday plans include group rides in the area and possibly even into Shreveport for anyone that wants to go.

Saturday night dinner so far is scheduled for the Jalapeno Tree.

Blue Knights Annual Halloween Fun Run Saturday October 25th

American Legion Post 624, 2951 FM 917, Mansfield. Registration opens at 8:00am and last bike out is 10:00am. Registration cost on site is \$20 and includes a T-shirt while supplies last. Ride benefits Metroplex C.O.P.S. (Concerns of Police Survivors)

DFW Honda Freedom Riders Charity Raffle Now until December 5

The DFW Freedom Riders have put together a Charity Raffle benefitting the A. Fern Norville (Kaufman) Children's Shelter. Tickets are \$10 each, or a special of 6 for \$50. The Raffle Drawing will be held at DFW Honda Customer Appreciation Dinner in December. The Grand Prize is a \$1500 gift card to the DFW Honda Toy Store, good for anything in the store like Motorcycles, PWC, ATV's, Scooters, Accessories, Service, even Safety Chrome. Additional Prizes will be awarded as ticket sale permit; up to three (3) \$500 Gift cards (4 prizes total). A \$100 gift card will also be awarded to the person with the top ticket sales.

Larry Harmon will be at DFW Honda on several Saturdays selling raffle tickets. We have permission to set up a table at several other locations, so anyone interested in manning the table at DFW Honda or one of the other locations, or anyone needing additional Raffle Tickets please contact Larry. This is:

HUGE!!!!

FOR SALE OR TRADE

2008 Kawasaki Vulcan 900 Custom 2400 miles, candy lime green, mag wheels, windshield, lots of chrome, engine guards, saddle bags \$7900.00 My co-worker bought for his wife & she rode for 3 months & changed her mind having her own bike. Thanks-David "Super Dave" Hurt. Contact **Bill Hathorn at 972.288.6380** 08/08

Bushtec Trailer Hitch for GL1500 in good condition \$125. **Dan McDonald** 817-284-2251 08/08

Camper Trailer. We want to move this. It's not beautiful but it's a place to sleep. Includes a small air conditioner, spare tire, needs tags. \$750 firm. **Scott Kendall** scottkendall@prodigy.net or 817-658-4275 08/06

To add or remove items for sale or trade, contact the newsletter editor at the e-mail address or phone number listed on Page 2. Items will be removed after two months, unless renewed.

LOGO SHIRTS

The standard club logo shirts are available and orders are being accepted by **Nanc Christopherson**. Nanc will determine when orders will be filled as requests are made.

The total costs now are \$39 for the denim shirts and \$24 for the golf type, including tax. Contact **Nanc** at (817) 514-9084 or DFW-**apparel@dfwfreedomriders.org** to order.

Nanc can also embroider the club logo on your own shirts for \$15 and stitch your first name on shirts for \$5.

BE THERE - DO THAT SHORT LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 5 - HRCA Ride for Kids
- Oct 16 - DFWFR Meeting
- Oct 17 - Full Moon Ride
- Oct 18 - Experienced Riders Course
- Oct 18 - Azle Arts Poker Run
- Oct 24-26 - East Texas Fall Trip
- Oct 25 - Blue Knight's Halloween Fun Run

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

Monthly Calendar of Events



Standing Rides



Sonic Bike Nights

Thursday Dinner Run, except 3rd Thursdays.
Leaves from DFW Honda in Grapevine at 7:00pm

Cycle Club of Fort Worth - 2nd Friday - 7:00-8:30 pm
Hurst Sonic - 1308 Precinct Line Road

Saturday Ride - Saturday Morning. Leaves from DFW Honda at 10:00am from October through May, then from the Grapevine Chevron McDonald's at 8:00 am from June through September.

GWRRA Chapter U-2 - 4th Friday - 7-9 pm
Grapevine Sonic, West of Main on Northwest Hwy

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Full Moon Rides - On Friday or Saturday close to the Full Moon, April through October. Leaves from the Grapevine Chevron at 9:00pm.

The Saturday and Thursday rides are opportunities to get together and ride from a common starting point. An officer or group leader is normally present, but if one is not available, then form a group and enjoy the ride.

Rides scheduled to leave during times when DFW Honda is open will leave from there. The phone number is metro (817) 421-4663.

Unless otherwise noted, other rides leave from the Chevron/McDonalds on the corner of Highway 114 and Main Street in Grapevine.

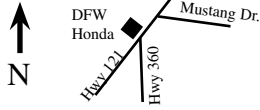
**TALK TO US ON
CB CHANNEL 39**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 7:00PM Dinner Ride	3	4 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE
5 STEVIE RAY VAUGHN MEMORIAL RIDE DALLAS RIDE FOR KIDS GRAPEVINE MILLS LEAVE FROM DFW HONDA	6	7 7:00PM CMA FISHERMEN MEETING	8	9 7:00PM Dinner Ride	10 7:00PM - CCFW SONIC BIKE NIGHT PRECINCT LINE ROAD IN HURST	11 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE RIDE FOR TRAILS, BIG BEND TEXAS
12	13	14	15	16 7:00PM DFWR MEETING	17 FULL MOON RIDE	18 9:00AM GWRRA U-2 MEETING 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE EXPERIENCED RIDER'S COURSE TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE AZLE ARTS POKER RUN
				CMA CHANGING OF THE COLORS RALLY - HATFIELD, AR		
				BIKETOBERFEST - DAYTONA BEACH, FL		
19 CMA RALLY BIKETOBERFEST	20	21	22 7:00PM GWTA CHAPTER B MEETING	23 7:00PM Dinner Ride	24 7:00PM - GWRRA U2 GRAPEVINE SONIC BIKE NITE	25 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE BLUE KNIGHTS 10TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN FUN RUN MANSFIELD MARSHALL / JEFFERSON TEXAS FALL TRIP
26 MARSHALL / JEFFERSON FALL TRIP	27	28 7:30PM GWRRA-R MEETING	29	30 7:00PM Dinner Ride	31	1 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE
2	3	4 7:00PM CMA FISHERMEN MEETING	5	6 7:00PM Dinner Ride	7	8 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE

Year Calendar - Go to www.dfwfreedomriders.org and click on the Newsletter link. There is a downloadable calendar in PDF form for the remainder of the year.



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 817 421-HONDA (421-4663)
 or Toll Free 866-83HONDA (834-6632)



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Motorcycle Association Monthly Meetings

- DFW Honda Freedom Riders** • 3rd Thursday - 7 pm
Spring Creek BBQ - Hwy 114 & Main - Grapevine
- CMA Fishermen** • 1st Tuesday - 7 pm
(not a dinner meeting) Vandergriff Community Ctr.
- GWRRRA U-2** • 3rd Saturday - 9 am meeting (8:30 buffet)
Golden Corral - Hwy 26 @ Loop 820
- GWRRRA R** • 4th Tuesday - 7:30pm meeting (6:00 dinner)
Fuddrucker's in Grapevine (Near Bass Pro Shop)
- GWTA B** - Last Wednesday - 8 pm (7 pm Dinner)
Logan's Road House, 820 & Pipeline Rd.

<p>Parts & Accessory Special</p> <p>10% Off Any Parts & Accessory Purchase</p> <p>DFW Honda (817) 421-4663</p> <p><small>Coupon must be presented prior to purchase. Coupon expires end of October 2008.</small></p>	<p>Service Parts Special</p> <p>10% Off Any Service Related Parts <small>Does Not Apply to Labor</small></p> <p>DFW Honda (817) 421-4663</p> <p><small>Coupon must be presented prior to service. Coupon expires end of October 2008.</small></p>
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Coupons cannot be combined with any other coupon or offer.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER MOTORCYCLE GROUPS, CONTACT

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JJ Jean - jjean99999@msn.com - (972) 255-4525
- Gold Wing Touring Association (GWTA)**
Bill Fultz - reddog13@sbcglobal.net - (817) 283-5622
- Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA)**
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Dan & Rose Ann McDonald
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Meeting Location

This month's meeting will be at
 Spring Creek Barbecue