



The New **Freedom Rider**

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello again. We had another great meeting this last month. I was glad to see everyone there safely and in good health. We discussed a lot of stuff and I was even told I got too long winded. Imagine that, a lawyer talking too much. Personally, I've never heard of such a thing. We only use the exact amount of words necessary to drive home our point (again and again and again...). Anyway I thought the stuff I said was pretty important.

We also had a guest, our friend **Smiley The Clown**, aka **Andy Anderson**. He was there to tell us about other services he offers in the engraving and embossing field. Please feel free to contact him if you need name tags or similar items.

We discussed the upcoming ride (Yeah Baby, I can't wait) to Kerrville, for the HRCA event at the Y.O. Ranch. The day of the meeting, **James Richardson** just bought his ticket for the dinner/dance at DFW Honda, so they were even still available then. We reminded everyone that if they are going on the trip and want to attend the event on Saturday night they need to buy their tickets ahead of time. Only cash was being accepted for those. It's

not too late to go on the trip. I'm not sure of availability of rooms at the Y.O. Ranch or tickets for the dinner/dance, but you are welcome to check those things out yourself. Even if you have to be at another hotel nearby, you will love the riding the weekend promises.

After the meeting, a few of us discussed the fact that the next monthly meeting was the night before we leave on the Kerrville trip. At this point I'm not sure if we are going to have a meeting and even if we do it would be a very abbreviated one. Yes, I'll keep it below 500 words. But obviously a lot of the regular folks at the meeting will be getting geared up for the next morning and we don't necessarily want to interrupt that. I'll be getting with the other officers to discuss this and we'll let everyone know through an email prior to the meeting date.

We discussed changes to the website that are to come and have already taken place. **Dan McDonald** has revamped the home page with a cool new look and added a spot for members to have their favorite pic of themselves and their "ride" posted for all the world to see. Take a look at it now. We had a photo date last weekend and had several folks show up at DFW Honda for yours truly to try to capture their likeness for the website. It was a moderate success, but I'd like to schedule another opportunity soon. If you have a photo of you and your bike you can submit it to Dan. He'll do his handy-work and get it posted for you. If you're going

on the Kerrville trip there may be several opportunities to get a cool shot in a very scenic surrounding so bring along your digital camera.

And finally (yes, I'm through) for those who didn't know, I created a Yahoo Groups page and titled it

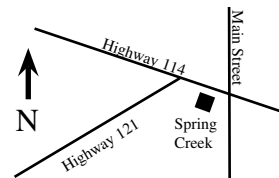
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April 2007 Meeting

Thursday April 19, 7:00 pm
at **Spring Creek Barbecue**
315 Highway 114 West @ Main, Grapevine
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"adfwrider - The Unofficial Page - DFW Freedom Riders" It is in no way meant to replace, supplant or lampoon the official club website. I realized there are a lot of times people want to transmit something, a picture, link, video etc., that simply can't be placed on the regular club site due to size or content. Anyone can join the group and become a member. I only ask that you be a member of the club, a regular attendee (if not a member) or a real motorcycle enthusiast. Memberships, files and photos are moderated by me and I won't allow anything provocative (Yes, I am the arbiter of provocative) and no gripe posts. So, if you have a ride you'd like to tell about, a motorcycle event that you took pictures of (personal stuff is okay) or a short video related to bikes then join the group and submit it.

Hope to see you all in Kerrville
Until we meet again, ride safe,
Scott Kendall

MEETING MINUTES

by Larry Harmon

DFW Freedom Riders' club President **Scott Kendall** called the March Dinner meeting to order and welcomed visiting guest **Andy Anderson**. Andy is a real clown... no seriously... he is a clown by profession. He does clown shows and magic. He also has an engraving business. He can make

Thought for the Month

I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody. - *Bill Cosby*

name tags, name plates, put pictures on coffee mugs, t-shirts and more. www.kudosclownandmagic.com
Scott welcomed more guests **Sam Rodenbough**, who was with our new member **Pam Boyles**. Making his first dinner meeting was **Larry Brothers**. Also visiting was **Kristen Hurt**, **David Hurt's** daughter. We had 37 members and guests in attendance.

Scott talked about upcoming rides; one was the March 17th benefit ride for Southlake officer **Robert Hodges**. The Emory Fun Run is April 14th at the Rains County fairgrounds in Emory. This benefits the local law enforcement, firefighter and EMS personnel and a hope to start an annual scholarship. There will be great food, live music and a 90 mile fun run with great prizes for the winners.

Scott noted that one of our club members **Bob Sympson** had been in the hospital. Also an update on **Kevin Vardaman**, Kevin is doing well with his treatments. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bob and Kevin.

Scott turned the floor over to **Toby Burgess**. Toby talked about THE RIDE. This is our Kerrville Trip, Fri. April 20th – Sun April 22nd. We will gather at the Skating rink parking lot next door to DFW Honda. We will leave Friday morning at 10 am (Full tanks and an empty bladder). The RIDE will take us to have lunch at the Hard Eight in Stephenville, Tx. The club has Dinner reservations at Mamasitas in Kerrville. Saturday morning Toby will lead a group ride around the 3 Sister roads. This is an EXCELLENT ride. FM 337, FM 335 and FM 336, all 3 roads were voted in as the Top 10 Scenic Roads by Readers Choice in Ride Texas Magazine. Sunday morning we will head back to the DFW area and take the Willow City Loop, also another of the Top 10 Scenic roads.

Toby also mentioned that April 6th will be our first Full Moon Ride. The ride meets at 9pm at the McChevron. Toby will be leading the ride.

David Hurt took the floor and told

Motorcycle Safety Foundation Courses

HRCA (\$39.95/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

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

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

of his upcoming Thursday night Dinner ride. He was taking the group to Bubba Jeans in the Stock Yards.

Scott passed the floor to Secretary **Larry Harmon**. Larry told about the previous weekend ride to Muenster.

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The weather was great, lunch was great and the RIDE was WONDERFUL. Larry also told everyone about the upcoming member's pictures event. The event was planned for Sunday March 25th in front of DFW Honda. Members are encouraged to have their pictures made for the new Members Page on the DFW Freedom Riders Website.

Dan McDonald gave the Treasury Report. The club as an ending balance of \$1256.54. Dan also conducted the 50/50 drawing. Cash Prize winners were **Sherry Litterre**, **Bob Nolden** and **Steve Barrett**.

Scott concluded the meeting as members continued to socialize and also move to the outside parking area where the temperature was a bit warmer than than the cooler inside of the meeting room.

SAFETY PRIORITY #1

Filing a "Flight Plan" Very Savvy Self Defense

by **James R. Davis**
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Yesterday I took an impromptu 130 mile solo ride on the GoldWing. The trip was uneventful. Still, it was not the smartest thing I have ever done.

It has been a practice of mine to always let someone know where I was going, probable route, and expected return time if I took off by myself. Filing that 'flight plan' makes more sense if traveling on back roads than it does if traveling on freeways (which is what I did yesterday) but the fact remains that if I had had an accident

60 miles away from home it could have been a long time before anybody realized I was in trouble.

As many of you know I always wear an emergency tag which includes among other things the name

and telephone number of the person I would want to be contacted in case of trouble. That served as my backup plan instead of the 'flight plan' idea posted above. In other words, because I was NOT traveling on the back roads I relied on the emergency tag.

But the fact remains that letting someone know where you intend to be, the route you plan to take, and your expected return time is a very savvy thing to do, tag or no tag. I simply forgot to do so.

Cash, my regular riding partner, chewed my leg off about 8 hours later when I mentioned that I had taken that little trip without letting her know. Mea culpa!

By the way, you file a 'flight plan' with someone who EXPECTS to hear from you when you return. One person DID know where I was going and when but did NOT expect me to call him when I had returned - this was not an example of the 'flight plan' idea described above.

Now reasonableness is a subject that comes to mind. Is filing a flight plan a 'safety issue' when you are traveling freeways from one location to another near home? I mean, as has been pointed out by others, if you are involved in an accident on a freeway or other well traveled surface streets, you are not likely to end up undiscovered for hours or days.

In that case a flight plan is merely a courtesy posting. It could be as short as: "I'm going to take the bike to Honda of Houston and expect to be there about 2:30." That's a courtesy message.

But if I'm out on a camp-out and decide to do some trail riding, or I am taking back-country roads, or it's a multi-day trip, I will file a much more detailed plan. Then it's a safety issue.

Patriot Guard Riders

Some of you have probably heard of the Patriot Guard Riders but don't know what they do. They are a group of veterans and non-veterans dedicated to honoring and protecting the families of fallen soldiers from protesters. What you ride doesn't matter, the only prerequisite is respect for the soldiers and their families.

For more information, go to www.patriotguard.org or talk to **Zane Hilger**, **Mike Brown** or **Toby Burgess** about the organization.

New Members

Welcome to our new members for the month; **Gary & Laurette Yates** from Southlake.

We look forward to many miles of riding with you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Emory Fun Run

April 14

The Emory, Texas Police and Fire Departments Annual Law Enforcement Benefit Barbeque and Fun Run will be held on April 14, 2007. Sign in is from 9:00 – 11:00 AM at the Rains County Fairgrounds located at the intersection of Hwys 69 and 19 in Emory. There will be great food, live music and a 90 mile fun run with some great prizes for winners.

The event is by donation only with an event pin given for each donation of \$20.00 or more. The proceeds benefit local law enforcement, firefighter and EMS personnel and we are hoping to start an annual scholarship. Please help spread the word about the event, we had over 300 riders last year and

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THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS



- 2 David Mulkey
- 3 Charlotte Perez
- 4 Betty Copeland
- 6 Pamela Boyles
- 6 Russell Hamlin
- 6 Denise McMullen
- 7 Betty Beasley
- 11 Don Nowell
- 12 Mandy Hedgpeh
- 13 Steve Grant
- 14 Christina Harris
- 15 Chuck Nuber
- 16 Kathy Morgan
- 18 Larry Bryant
- 18 Debbie Jolley
- 18 Bev Mitchell
- 19 Nick Stickeler
- 21 Rick Smith
- 23 Cathy Hickey
- 24 Phil Starnes
- 24 Dennis York
- 25 Mary Reese
- 27 Sandy Barrett
- 27 Barbara Beckner
- 27 Steve Krueger

Upcoming Events Continued

hope to be bigger and better this year. Feel free to forward this to anyone. Thanks and Ride Safe

Bruce Feagin - Chief of Police

Hill Country Trip

April 20-22

Once again we are venturing to the Texas Hill Country, also known as Biker Paradise! HRCA is holding their regional rally in Kerrville on April 21 at the YO Ranch Resort Hotel in Kerrville. This is a very nice, big hotel and the same one we were in last year.

We will leave from DFW Honda to go to Kerrville on Friday, April 20th at 10am. Tentative plans now will be to stop for lunch in Stephenville at the Hard Eight BBQ (always a favorite) and Friday night dinner at Mamasita's in Kerrville. You will have all day Saturday to ride the Hill Country roads,

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shop, prowl around Kerrville, or just kick back and relax at the hotel.

Make your reservations at the YO Ranch Resort now by calling **(800) 531-2800** and telling them you are with the HRCA group. The group rate is \$80 per night, which is a great deal for the Hill Country in Spring time. Rooms must be reserved by March 19th for the reduced rate.

There will be a HRCA sponsored dinner and dance with a live band on Saturday evening at the hotel. Tickets for the dinner will be available from DFW Honda and must be purchased in advance. Prices for tickets are \$20 for HRCA members and \$30 for non-members.

After you have made your reservations, contact **Toby Burgess** by e-mail at vice-president@dfwfreedomriders.org to let him know you are going.

Saint Mark Ministries Benefit Ride

Saturday April 28

Benefitting Scottish Rite Hospital and Saint Mark Ministries.

Date: Saturday, April 28, 2007

Registration Starts: 10:00 a.m.

Ride Starts: Promptly at Noon

Ride Begins at:

Reverchon Park
3501 Maple Ave.
Dallas, TX

Ride Ends at:

Greater Saint Mark Ministries
1732 Liberty St.
Fort Worth, TX

Party in the Pines Motorcycle Rally

May 25-27

The Party in the Pines is back for another year in Longview, Texas on Memorial Day weekend, May 25-27. Benefitting Longview Child Development Center

New this year:

Easyriders Teresi Dyno-Drag – an interactive race utilizing a pair of dynos, Christmas tree starting lights

FOR SALE OR TRADE

Widder Electric Vest & Chaps. Two tone, light grey and black. Includes new battery hook up and thermostat to keep you toasty warm in the coldest weather. Collar can be zipped all the way up and is heated. Like NEW! Chest size 44. Chaps are a small, but waist is fully adjustable to 32". New the set is \$292.00 (per web site). Asking \$165.00 for the set. You can add components like electric gloves, etc. We are not done with the cold weather! Contact **Mike Sherwin** at **817-296-2276**. 3/07

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.

and a computerized timing system, where riders can test their racing skills and find out how fast their bikes really are – all in the safety of a stationary environment. Covered Pavilion for tent camping with 110 outlets and restrooms! Hot showers onsite – Men's and Women's, air conditioned! FREE. More shaded seating areas outside...eat & drink table area in the air conditioning. Great guided ride on Sunday morning...check out the website for details. We've added a one-day pass this year – Weekend pass \$30, One day pass \$15 We've planned great music this year, are giving \$600 out for the Joker Run and \$500 out in bike games on Sat & Sun. Door prizes almost every hour The Patriotic Bike Parade on Sunday will be bigger & better with flags furnished for each bike. We have a great police escorted route that lets us travel about 40 mph or more throughout the route...no bikes will overheat on this parade. Wear your country's colors. Check out the website and register online!

Ride safe and see you there,

BE THERE - DO THAT SHORT LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 6 - Full Moon Ride

Apr 14 - Emory Fund Raiser

Apr 19 - DFWFR Meeting

Apr 20 - Leave for Kerrville

April 21 - HRCA Regional Event

May 25-27 - Party in the Pines

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 -

Friday or Saturday closest 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.

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Full Moon Rides

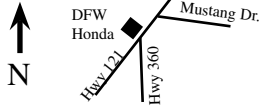
The Full Moon Rides will kick off in April when the weather permits. All Full Moon rides leave from the McDonald's / Chevron at 114 & Main Street in Grapevine at 9:00pm on the designated dates.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 7:00PM CMA FISHERMEN MEETING	4	5 7:00PM Dinner Ride	6 FULL MOON RIDE	7 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE
8	9	10	11	12 7:00PM Dinner Ride	13	14 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE EMORY, TEXAS POLICE & FIRE BENEFIT RIDE
15	16	17	18	19 7:00PM DFWFR MEETING	20 7:00PM - CCFW SONIC BIKE NIGHT PRECINCT LINE ROAD IN HURST	21 9:00AM GWRRA U-2 MEETING 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE HILL COUNTRY WILDFLOWER TRIP
22 WILDFLOWER TRIP	23	24	25 7:00PM GWTA CHAPTER B MEETING	26 7:00PM Dinner Ride	27	28 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE SAINT MARKS MINISTRIES BENEFIT RIDE FOR SCOTTISH RITE HOSPITAL
29	30	1	2	3 7:00PM Dinner Ride	4 7:00PM - GWRRA U2 GRAPEVINE SONIC BIKE NITE FULL MOON RIDE	5 10:00AM DFW HONDA RIDE
6	7	8 7:00PM CMA FISHERMEN MEETING	9	10 7:00PM Dinner Ride	11	12 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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 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.
GWRRA U-2 • 3rd Saturday - 9 am meeting
 (8:30 buffet) Golden Corral - Hwy 26 @ Loop 820
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 April 2007.</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 April 2007.</small></p>
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Gold Wing Touring Association (GWTA)
 Bill Fultz - reddog13@sbcglobal.net - (817) 283-5622

Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA)
 David Hurt - 1800wingrider@sbcglobal.net (817) 281-4545



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Meeting Location

This month's meeting will be at
 Spring Creek Barbecue