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**Mickey and Mary
Searels**

One more Month, of Rallies and Conventions!!

Things have been happening last month, and the Month of May!!

We had 32 that made the Convention in Lafayette!! Some took home money! Door prizes!! We had many that took training, and all said they really enjoyed it!! Then it was on to Chapter J, what a great time we had.

Our rally is on the 7th of May we are expecting to see a lot of the Chapter's Friends from Texas and Louisiana. Remember to get your door prizes in. We are asking for each Chapter Member to bring at least three.

Thank you for your support!! Some have already got them in!!

Did we have fun at the rally prep or what? Stuff the Bags in record time 29 people working together what a team!! Thank you!!

We want to thank all those that are working so hard Joan and Robert for getting Sponsors in Leesville!! And Richard and Susie for working Deridder!! And the entire Chapter for what they are doing for the rally!! We will have a brief Chapter Gathering at Baileys Thursday May 5th at 6:30 PM and do some last minute prep for the Rally. This will free us up for the Rally.

Any questions give me a call.

There will always be changes in the Chapter from time to time please check your email and listen for the calling post for changes.

On another note I was riding east Texas Last week and heard some Wingers on the CB I ran up on them just before Center Texas. And began to chat with them and became their Drag bike come to find out it was Palmer and his wife from Chapter J in Beaumont TX enjoyed the little ride with them they were on the way to Troup to have some work done. But the main thing was we all rode the same and knew how to ride in a group. She commented on how nice it was to ride with safe riders. That is the reason we take classes to be safe and that we are all on the same page when we ride.

Well I know I missed something just call and let me know I am only Human just ask Mary!! LOL

Thanks Again!!

LA-M Chapter Directors
Mickey and Mary Searels

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NEWSLETTER EDITORS



HELLO MUDBUGS,

I recently went down to San Antonio for one week of training and Joan was able to accompany me. This was during Fiesta Week, so San Antonio was booming. I got out of class early at 11AM on Friday and after picking up my certificate, I went up to our room and talked Joan into checking out of the Hotel and heading off to the famous Three Twisted Sisters.

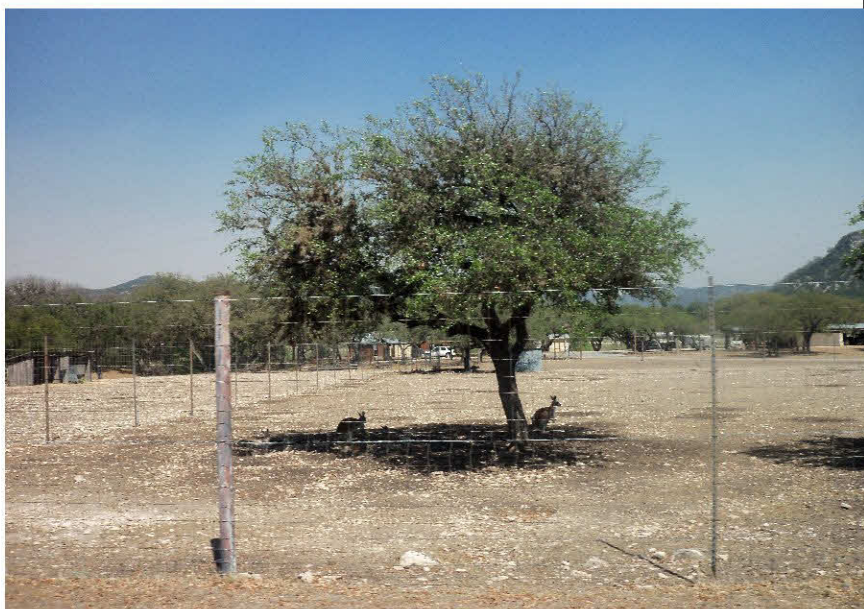
These three roads Hwy 335, 336 and 337 all connect to each other and cover about 150 miles in total length. You go around corners, up and down hills, past lakes, waterfalls, and lots of mountains to look at. The sharpest corner was 10 MPH but most were 20 MPH. I was met by at least 200 bikes traveling on the 3 roads. We passed Kangaroos, giraffes, and impala's and other animals.

After leaving the twisted sisters we went on to Lukenbach, TX and for those that have listened to country radio will remember the song . After passing the 3 or so building in Lukenbach, we went on to Fredericksburg, TX for a German Supper.

Resetting the GPS I was now headed for Home. We found our way on to Hwy 290 for a while almost arriving in Austin, TX then down the road to Hwy 71 which took us down to I-10 about 70 miles west of Houston. By now it was getting dark so we stopped in Columbus, TX for the night. Getting up early the next morning we were able to transverse most of Houston to I-610 and end up on Hwy 59 into Livingston, then on to Leesville.

All in all this was a great end to a perfect week and riding to places that I had always wanted to go. We met several very nice bikers on the trip at rest stops and restaurants. If you are every in the San Antonio, TX area go up to the Texas Hill Country for some great riding. It's always fun making memories and friends while out riding our Goldwing.

Robert & Joan Partigianoni





CHAPTER EDUCATORS

RICHARD & SUSIE DAVIS

How Do I Ride In a Group

1. Arrive at meeting place on time and with a full tank of GAS.
2. Attempt's should be made to limit individual group's to 5 to 7 BIKE'S.
3. C.B. Channel's should be established prior to any movement. The group should not switch to a different channel until all MEMBER'S have been informed.
4. Each BIKE should ride in staggered formation within a vehicle lane, the LEADER ride's in the LEFT tire track, the next rider in the RIGHT tire track.
5. On CURVES individual rider's should pick their own track, then reform into staggered formation after the CURVE.
6. When STOPPING at a traffic light or stop sign, all BIKE'S should pull up TWO abreast, directly behind the BIKE they were following.
7. When STARTING the LEADER move's FIRST, accelerating SLOWLY enough for all BIKE'S to move out in turn. NO ONE should accelerate along side of, or pass, another BIKE in the GROUP.
8. Allow a minimum of 2 SECOND'S stopping distance between YOU and the BIKE directly in front of YOU, and 1 SECOND stopping distance between you and the BIKE in the STAGGER to your FRONT SIDE. Do NOT too much SPACE to develop between BIKE'S to prevent CAR'S from DARTING in and between the GROUP'S RIDER'S.
9. Don't just be a FOLLOWER. Be sure to check for TRAFFIC before lane change's or other change's.
10. If someone in your GROUP pull's to the shoulder of the ROAD and STOP'S, do not follow. The Last BIKE should be designated by the LEADER to stop and give assistance.
11. When passing other vehicle's on a two-lane highway each BIKE should pass in order and in turn. The leader should accelerate far enough ahead for the rest of the GROUP to PASS, and the tail bike should inform the leader when the whole group has passed and is back in formation.
12. GROUP'S should have a leader and a REAR BIKE equipped with CB radio's, Lead bike lead's the GROUP, the rear bike control's the group. Expect ride Suggestion's from the rear BIKE and accept suggestion's to improve the GROUP'S, RIDING PERFORMANCE.
13. All RIDER'S and CO-RIDER's should wear proper riding APPAREL. This is not mandatory but is strongly recommended for your SAFETY.
14. NEVER NEVER RIDE BEYOND YOUR CAPABILITIE'S, If you feel uncomfortable riding in the GROUP, then announce your intention's and pull out of the GROUP. You can ride ahead of the group, behind the group, or take a different route and meet the group at the destination. That is your RIGHT to do so.
15. REMEMBER RELAX and ENJOY the RIDE- getting there is the FUN.

UNTIL NEXT TIME BE SAFE

Richard and Susie Davis

CHAPTER RIDE COORDINATOR



GEORGE &
CLAUDIA CRUMP

Mud Bugs calendar of events/rides report for April 2011

Wow what a great month we had, starting off on 2 April with our Chapter gathering and a ride with Chapter E. to the Lone Star Buffet in Jasper Texas.

On 7 - 9 April was our Louisiana District Rally, Mardi Gras Madness in Lafayette. It was a lot of fun and many of our members won great door prizes and Mickey and Mary achieved the educator of the year award.

On 14 April an all biker dinner ride to Flo's Café located on the Westside of Toledo Bend for a great freshly caught from the lake fish dinners.

On 16 April a ride to attend LA J. Rally in Lake Charles. George Crump won \$75 from the 50-50 and the grand prize and second grand prize from the educator drawing. The rest of the chapter members were happy that Mickey and Mary came in their van, to have the space need to carry their loot back home with them.

On 21 April an all biker dinner ride / preparation for our chapter Rally at Bailey's Café. As usual chapter M. is noted throughout the district of having the best door prizes and believe me this year will be no exception.

On 23 April Saturday was an open day with no events planned. .

On 28 April all biker dinner ride to Kentucky fried chicken restaurant on entrance road.

On 29 - 30 April to complete our calendar of events for the month of April was an overnight event to ride around Bayou Country with Chapter H. annual progressive dinner ride in Houma, LA.

We are now working on planning for the next quarter calendar of events / rides for June - August 2011. So please contact George or Mickey if you have an event or ride you would like to be placed on the calendar. One of the biggest challenges we are facing is planning events and rides for all to enjoy in the heat of the summer.

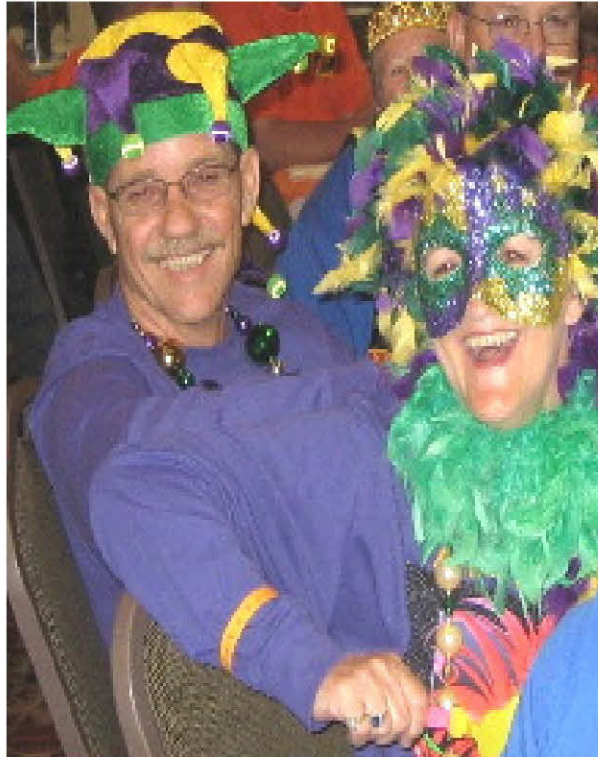
Talking about the heat, did you know the heat kills more Americans every year than floods, lightning, tornadoes, hurricanes, winter storms or the extreme cold? So remember to drink Gatorade to help provide electrolytes or just plenty of plain good old H2O. Here's a tip either wear your helmet or remove it and carry it inside the air-conditioned rest stop. You'll be surprised how cool your helmet feels and you will not cook your head when you put your hot Helmet back on.

Let's keep up the great showing and do not forget to invite your biker's friends to join us.

Take care and keep the shiny side up.

George and Claudia Crump

CHAPTER COUPLE OF THE YEAR



It is an honor to be asked to represent Chapter M as your COY. We have many plans for the coming year. It started out with the District Convention, which we had a great time at. Chapter Basket was a great success this year thanks to everyone. Then it was Chapter J's convention which was great and a lot of support from Chapter M. Looking forward to our Convention in May..Everyone should have a great time. We will do our best to make Chapter M proud.

Your Friends,
Richard & Susie Davie



Looks like our COY were having a Great time at District.

GO RICHARD AND SUSIE!!!!!!!!!!



