



# THE X FILES

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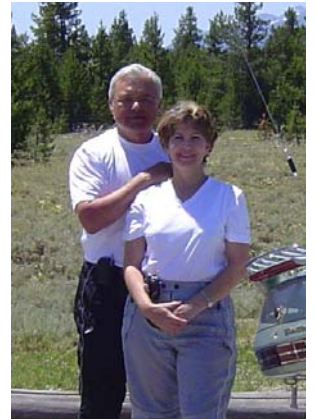
by David Nuñez

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### Last Article From the

Another year gone by....

As 2010 comes to an end, it is also the close of my third year as Chapter Director. As Gail and I look back over the last three years, we can't help but smile about all the good times we had with our friends - our X2 family. Although there have definitely been some challenges along the way, to coin a phrase from our granddaughter - "It's all good."



[www.txx2.org](http://www.txx2.org)

### Upcoming Meetings

*December 9—Chapter Mtg*

When I first became Chapter Director, one of my primary goals was to grow the chapter. I am proud to say X2 has grown almost 25% over the past three years. Again, this could not have been possible without the hard work and support of our members in spreading the word about GWRRA and our chapter.

As this is my last article as your Chapter Director, I want to thank you all for your support, camaraderie, friendship and participation. I can't say it enough—Gail and I couldn't have done it without you.

As I pass the baton, I know you will all continue to help and support your new CD. He's ready to take over and has plenty of fresh ideas of his own, but he will need your assistance as much as I did. We can't wait to see what he's got planned. No doubt 2011 will be an exciting year for X2!

So, without further adieu, out with the old and in with the new!



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Unless otherwise noted, all X2 rides leave from the Shell station at the corner of Highway 290 and Hwy 6 North. Departure times vary, so please check the X2 calendar at [www.TXX2.org](http://www.TXX2.org) for individual ride details.



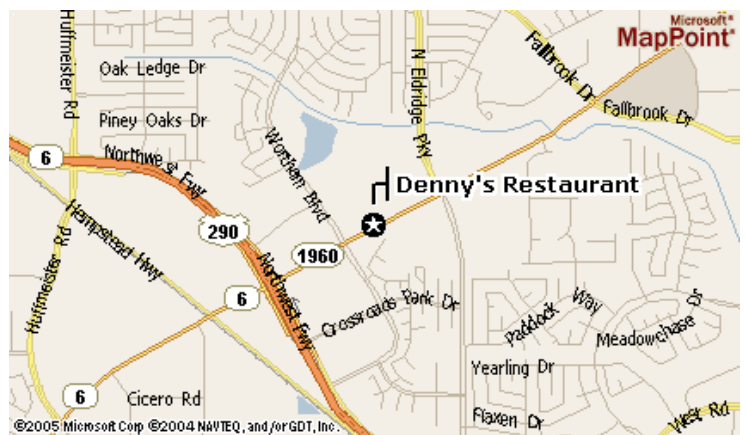
### X2 MEETING DETAILS:

2nd Thursday - 7:30 PM  
Chapter Mtg

4th Thursday - 7:00 PM  
Staff & Planning Mtg  
(Only if scheduled on calendar)

### Location:

Denny's Restaurant  
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# R.E.A.D.

*Rest, Eat And Drive!*



## Holiday Safety

*by Greg Decker*

*This time of year, I usually run an article about being extra careful on your motorcycle during the holidays, and that still holds true. As in all other years, everyone has a lot on their mind. But this year more than any other, folks have the economy and the impact it has had on them to deal with. So please be extra, extra careful if your out on your scooter.*

The following are a few extra precautions you can take during the holiday season to help ensure that you have the safe and uneventful celebration you envision and deserve:

- ☆ Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, park in a well lighted area, go with a friend or family member and ensure that you tell someone where you are going and when you intend to return.
- ☆ Try to shop when it is less crowded.
- ☆ Dress casually and comfortably. Reducing stress during shopping can increase your awareness and safety.
- ☆ Avoid wearing expensive jewelry if possible. Save it for your family gathering.
- ☆ Don't carry a purse or wallet if possible.
- ☆ Always carry your California Driver License or an Identification Card.
- ☆ Stay alert to your surroundings and always be ready to provide your location.
- ☆ Always carry a cell phone and have local emergency numbers available.
- ☆ Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- ☆ Avoid carrying large or bulky items. Ask for help from a trusted source.
- ☆ Pay for purchases with a check, credit or debit card when possible.
- ☆ Keep cash or wallets in your front pocket.
- ☆ Keep you credit account information and phone numbers in a safe place and immediately report any lost, stolen or misused cards.
- ☆ Make sure you keep an eye on your credit card when it is being processed and make sure you get it back after the transaction.
- ☆ ALWAYS keep an eye on your children or if possible leave them at home with a responsible adult. If you must bring them, have another adult with you who can watch them while you are conducting a transaction.
- ☆ Teach children to stay by you and what to do if they lose site of you.
- ☆ Be prepared to provide complete information about your children to law enforcement in the event of an emergency.
- ☆ Immediately report any suspicious activity.



*Greg Decker  
Chapter Educator  
Master Tour Rider  
#4349*

### Getting Money:

- ☆ While using an ATM machine during the holidays you should be extra alert:
- ☆ Use them during daylight hours if possible. If not, pick a well lighted and populated area.
- ☆ Use machines in populated areas at all times.
- ☆ Have a friend or family member with you.
- ☆ Protect your personal identification number (PIN).
- ☆ Make sure it does not appear that the ATM machine has been tampered with.
- ☆ Be aware of your surroundings and look around for anyone acting suspiciously at or near the machine before you use it.
- ☆ Never help others at the ATM machine.
- ☆ Be prepared to make your transaction. Do not stand at the machine figuring out deposits.

### Parking:

- ☆ Park in well lighted areas and as close to the establishment as possible.
- ☆ Make note of where you parked your vehicle.
- ☆ Walk with a friend or relative.
- ☆ Ask for a security escort to your car if you feel unsafe or it is a late hour.
- ☆ Leave with large "friendly" groups.
- ☆ Lock your vehicle.
- ☆ Keep all valuables, including items you just purchased, out of view. Use your trunk if possible.
- ☆ Have your keys in your hand before you leave the store.



It was an overcast Saturday at 11:00 A.M.. Several riders from X2 met at James Coney Island for a feeding frenzy before arriving at the Texas Tumbleweed at high noon. We met with our instructor, and after filling out the necessary forms and verifying our licenses and insurance, we were given a briefing ... and then the fun began.

Approximately five and a half hours of watching demonstrations of correct riding techniques, reading instructional materials, and riding, riding and more riding. Our rear tires are no longer flat in the center but well rounded from hours of turns, stops, acceleration and more turns. Lots of turns.



The instructor always gave explanations as to why some turns were more difficult than others. The difference in a left turn from a right turn. Push, pull, clutch, throttle, brake and shift. With over 40 years of riding experience, I definitely came away with a new perspective of riding and safety. I cannot speak for the others of our group, but Sunday morning was enlightening. Both wrists and palms were sore. Thighs were stiff due to stress of going slow and tight turns without putting your foot down or dropping your bike.

I honestly believe this ERC course has made me a better rider.

*ERC courses are available at Awesome Cycles ([www.awesomecycles.com](http://www.awesomecycles.com)).  
See their website for full details.*

#### **Who should take this course?**

##### **Anyone that:**

- Has taken the BRC and been riding for at least 6 months or 3000 miles.
- Operates a motorcycle on a frequent basis, but has never had any formal instruction.
- Has not taken a course in the last year and would like to refresh their skills.

No matter how long you have been riding, the Experienced Rider Course is tough enough to challenge your skills. This one-day course is designed as a street survival check-up and is intended for licensed riders with a minimum of six months and 3000 miles of current riding experience. The ERC is taken on your own motorcycle.

This is **NOT** a high performance riding school. The ERC will help you to sharpen your street riding survival skills. It is intended to help you polish those skills that motorcycle accident research has shown were lacking in those riders who crashed.

#### **You will learn:**

- How to have a strategy to deal with traffic hazards.
- How to corner skillfully.
- Swerving techniques.
- Quick Stop techniques (both in a straight-line and in a curve).
- Skills that you will be able to use riding to the corner store, or cross-country.
- Skills that will help keep you from becoming another statistic .

#### **Successful completion of the ERC allows a participant to:**

- Understand the Texas Helmet Law.
- Be eligible for an insurance discount (dependent upon the Insurance Carrier).
- Have a driving ticket dismissed (dependent upon the Court's approval) .
- Provide their own street legal, registered motorcycle. Motorcycle must pass a pre-ride (TCLOCS) inspection.
- Provide their own protective gear. Helmets are available for loan if needed.

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With the introduction of a new Chapter Director and some new support staff members, it seems appropriate to evolve the newsletter at this time too.

So I would like to hear from you as to what you would like to see in our newsletter. Do you want more articles about our rides, what GWRRA is doing as an organization, what our District Staff is up to, biographical pieces on our members, bike maintenance tips/tricks, recipes, sports, travel, etc.....? Send your ideas to me at [Rnunez6@comcast.net](mailto:Rnunez6@comcast.net).

For now, I will remain the newsletter editor while our new CD gets settled in. But if you'd like to take on the task, no doubt our newsletter would benefit from some fresh eyes as well. Just let me know if you're interested!

Lastly, have you been published? If not, maybe it's time to test the waters. It's really not difficult to write an article, especially if you're writing about something that really interests you. An article doesn't have to be long or perfectly written. The newsletter editor will help you with that. It just has to be written.

In an attempt to get our newsletter published by the first of the month, every month going forward, the deadline for articles will now be the **21st of each month**. That gives me a week to pull it all together, edit, gather pictures if necessary, etc. Don't worry, reminders will be sent out prior to the 21st.

I would like to thank the following people for contributing to our newsletter in 2010:

- ☆ Greg Decker
- ☆ Deborah Decker
- ☆ Bill Elliott
- ☆ Drew Gros
- ☆ Lisa Gros
- ☆ Brad Gwinn
- ☆ Buck Huddle
- ☆ Robert Laffitte
- ☆ Kurt Massey
- ☆ Pam Massey
- ☆ Steve Mueller
- ☆ Steve Rhoden
- ☆ Mike Schreckenbach
- ☆ Fred Arbuckle & Barbie Trink



My sincere thanks to all of you for making my "job" easier and keeping the newsletter interesting.

If your name is not on this list, let's get it on there for 2011!

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## Italian Christmas Bread with Eggnog Glaze



### Ingredients:

- 1 (18.25 ounce) package yellow cake mix
- 1 cup eggnog\*
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- CUSTARD SAUCE:
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup milk
- 1 egg yolk, lightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon butter or margarine
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup whipping cream, whipped

### Directions:

In a mixing bowl, combine the first five ingredients. Beat on low until moistened, scraping bowl occasionally. Beat on medium for 2 minutes. Pour into a greased and floured 12-cup fluted tube pan. Bake at 350 degrees F for 40-45 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool in pan for 10 minutes; invert onto a wire rack. Remove from pan; cool completely.

For sauce, combine sugar, cornstarch and salt in a saucepan; gradually stir in milk. Bring to a boil over medium heat; boil for 1-2 minutes, stirring constantly. Blend a small amount into egg yolk. Return all to the pan; mix well. Cook and stir for 2 minutes. Remove from the heat; stir in butter and vanilla. Cool for 15 minutes. Fold in whipped cream. Store in the refrigerator. Serve with the cake.

## *How do you grow a chapter?*

On February 19-20 2011, Chapter C of Baytown is sponsoring the GWRRA's Horizons Seminar directed by District Leadership Trainer Lynn Heene.

The seminar will be held at the Deer Park Masonic Lodge 1362, located at 2809 Center St. in Deer Park (next door to the police station).

We are inviting Texas GWRRA Chapter Participants to join us. Learning is one of the important ingredients for personal growth and this is a day and a half of learning that can be used not only personally, but more importantly, to grow your chapter. Some of the topics that will be covered will be Team Building, Expectations, Meeting & Gatherings and Communication. These, as well as other skills that will be learned, can be used in all aspects of your life and are basic skills for any member who is involved in a local Chapter. The program is fun filled and fast paced with exercises and games. We are asking for a small donation of \$10 for each person attending. This will cover the building fee and pay for the motel for Lynn and her husband.

We can only have 20-30 people, so let us know as soon as possible that you want to be included.

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## DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 28	29	30	December 01	02	03	<b>04</b> 7:30 A Breakfast Ride (somewhere)
05	06	07	08	09 7:30 P Monthly Chapter Meeting	10	11 7:00 P X2 Christmas Party
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 8:00 A 20th Annual Toy Run	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	January 01 9:30 A Polar Bear Ride

### BIRTHDAYS

12/22—Deborah Decker



### ANNIVERSARIES

12/16—Bill & Marty Elliott  
12/31—Robert & Laura Laffitte





## JANUARY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 26	27	28	29	30	31	<b>January 01</b> 9:30 A Polar Bear Ride
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
09	10	11	12	13	14	<b>15</b> 8:00 A Mid Winter Round-Up
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	<b>29</b> 8:32 A Officer Certification Program TX
<b>30</b> 8:32 A Officer Certification Program TX	31	February 01	02	03	04	05

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1/07—Pam Massey  
1/10—Lynn Perrin  
1/21—Gerard Doyle



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None for January.



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