

“Boogie Woogie” Down to Marshall Region H Rally April 27-29, 2017



It's a pleasure every year to head to Marshall, Texas, "The birthplace of Boogie Woogie music," and for the GWRRA, Region H Rally. Gold Wings going to the Boogie Woogie town, it should not get much FUN'er than that.

Among those rising early on the 27th of April to begin the ride to Marshall were **Ken Jordan, Tom Hendricks, Sam Morris, Larry Hammond, Pat Wall, Pat** and **Rick Kendrick, Sal** and **Phylis Pesta**, and **Steve Van Gilder**. Members of GWRRA Chapter K-2 also accompanied us to Marshall and shared many of our adventures during the Rally. Should you happen to see their Chapter Director Mike Pineda, ask him how many different kinds of luck he encountered on this trip.

The ride to Marshall was uneventful with clear skies and decent roads. It made for a quiet ride as we travelled to East Texas. Lunch was eaten at the Dixie Café where we have historically enjoyed our mid-day meal of good Southern cooking.

Upon arriving in Marshall we checked into our hotel, registered for the Rally and sat in on the Opening Ceremonies. Region H had a plan for a well conducted, well-coordinated, and fun-filled Rally.

Returning to the hotel the members of Chapter U brought out snacks and drinks and enjoyed a few hours of camaraderie with other Region Rally participants. It was a great way to end the first day of the Region H Rally.



The good, the bad and the..., Who is who?

Friday was the day to check out the vendors, view the Regional Couple of the Year selection process, engage in seminars, and meet and greet people, new and old, from throughout the Region and country. Some of our members toured the historic town of Jefferson, Texas and took the back roads to explore the area around Caddo Lake. Although the weather was a little muggy we all enjoyed riding the Piney Woods of East Texas and seeing all the greenery. Later in the afternoon some members rode to Shreveport, Louisiana to see how Cajun's do their 50-30-20 drawings. Needless to say most of the winnings stayed in Louisiana.



Rick and Pat at the General Store in Jefferson

In what has become a Chapter U tradition, the Chapter Rally attendees went to the OS2 Restaurant and Pub in downtown Marshall for dinner. Dinner was again excellent, as were our conversation and dining companions.

The seminars and courses at GWRRA Rallies are a great ways to increase each individual's knowledge of GWRRA, safety, involvement, and of course, a great way to meet people and have FUN. Some of the seminars offered included, Brain Storming Ideas for Your Chapter, Bee Smart, and Riding "Nekkid". Who says there is not a lot of diversity in the classes and seminars at one of our rallies?

Saturday morning started out with a breakfast at the Golden Corral for the Level 4 Riders. It's good to see special recognition for people who go the extra distance to become better educated, and prepare themselves to improve their skills and abilities to provide aid and assistance to their fellow riders. Chapter U's **Rick Kendrick** was honored in front of all the attendees as one of the newest Level 4 Riders in GWRRA.

Chapter U entered almost every event in the Best Dressed Competition Categories, taking home 1st place and 2nd place in just about every event entered. In particular, two competitive and well-dressed couples were **Sal and Phylis Pesta** and **Rick and Pat Kendrick**. Larry Hammond and Tom Hendricks aided them in the Chapter categories.



Sal and Phylis all dolled up!

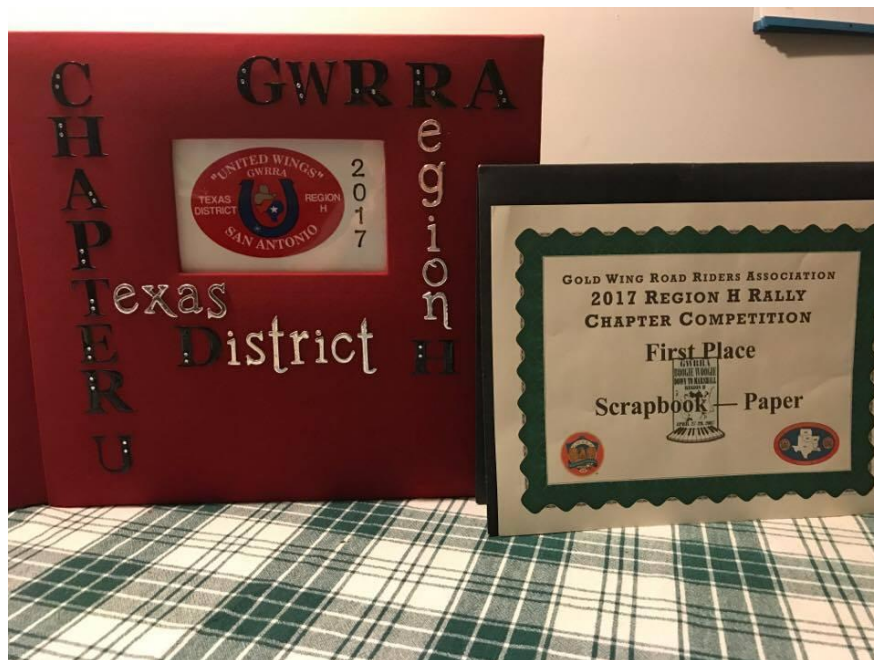
Some results of the Best Dressed Competition Categories were:
Dress Shirt Couple -1st **Rick and Pat Kendrick**, 2nd **Sal and Phylis Pesta**
Knit Shirt with collars – 2nd **Chapter U**

Chapter Jackets (Couples) – 1st Sal and Phylis Pesta , 2nd Rick and Pat Kendrick,
Chapter Jackets (Chapter) 1st Chapter U with Sal and Phylis Pesta & Rick and Pat Kendrick



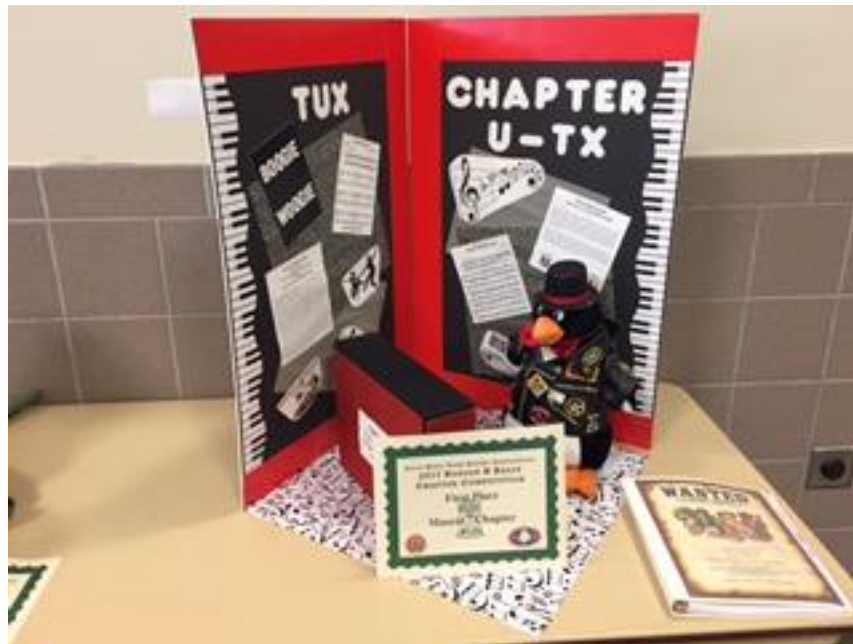
Chapter Jackets with white shirts - looking awesome!

Phylis Pesta's scrapbook of Chapter U events and activities, all compiled in one book, took **1st** place in that competition. She's ready for the Texas District Rally and expecting to be the "Scrapbook Queen" of the Texas District!



Scrapbook - Beautiful look at a Texas Chapter of the Year

Tux, with help from his primary Rally provider, **Janine Hendricks**, was outfitted in a top hat, which he wore with his leather jacket, while standing in front of a piano and board highlighting the Region H, “Boogie Woogie Down to Marshall” theme. He was the toe-tapping, Boogie Woogie piano player of the Region H Rally and took home the 1st place prize.



Best Mascot at 2017 GWRRA Region H Rally

Friends for ‘Fun, Safety and Knowledge’ has become an important part of **Tux’s** identification with GWRRA and Chapter U. He sees each Rally’s mascot competition as a means to spread the word on how involvement leads to a better enjoyment of the GWRRA experience. If it involves FUN, **Tux** wants to be a part of it; he believes in safety as part of his day-to-day life responsibilities and takes it a bit more seriously whenever he travels on 2 or 3 wheels; and lastly **Tux** supports the theory that “knowledge is power” and that the more you know the better you can prepare for life and taking advantage of what it has to offer. Yeah, **Tux** is a firm believer that the GWRRA motto is a direct complement to living a full and eventful life.



Proud penguin of Chapter U's 1st Place award

The Honda dealership in Marshall provided a great Bar-B-Q and crawfish feast for Friday's lunch. The ribs were excellent and the crawfish with potato's and corn-on-the-cob was very tasty and spicy. **Tux** was impressed with the dealership, their staff and the quality of their food. Stupendous eats H&W Honda-Yamaha of Marshall, Texas!

The Rally culminated with the presentation of two \$500.00 Grand Prize checks being written to attendees other than Chapter U members.



Just a few "Good Old Boys"

Congratulations are due to all the Region H and other GWRRA members who worked so hard during the Rally, and to those who were honored for their work over time for GWRRA. You done well!

Tux enjoyed his time with the 2017 Region H attendees, and is looking forward to the Texas District Rally in Wichita Falls, Texas. **Tux** is one penguin on a competition roll and is looking forward to bringing home the title of “Best Mascot” in the Texas District!

As **Tux** put Marshall in his rear view mirror he was heard to comment, “I love Rally’s in Marshall, you all get home safe. See you on down the road.”



Good times in Jefferson, Texas

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