

February 2016



## Central Texas Wings



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### WINGNUT



**Each month, Chapter T, awards this coveted award. In January it was not awarded. If you are not riding, you are not winning.**

Hey Chapter T,

We hope everyone had a great and memorable Valentine Day with your sweetheart. As we mentioned last month Dale, Carleen, Alvalin and I went to Nauvoo, Illinois to celebrate with Iowa Chapter E and friends. They have been having this special weekend for 28 years, you should think about joining us next year.

There were also a number of ya'll who went to dinner at Logan's steakhouse, I'm looking for a good report on that event. Thank you Jerry P. for recommending this and working out the details. If anyone else has a fun idea like this, please let us know.

We had a great ride to Kerrville and the Three Twisted Sisters on Jan 23rd and had a great 82 degree day. Danny and Peggy camped for the weekend and LeRoy, Ron D., Alvalin and I rode down Saturday morning and joined them for the day, and returned home that evening. It was 50 degrees when we left Killeen at 7 am then dropped to 37 degree as we went thru Bertram, but was a very nice day after that.

As a chapter we again attained Bronze level for the Chapter of the Year competition. This was achieved without any real planning, but by just doing what we like to do. If we will all take the challenge to get out a little more this year and attend just one or two more events than we did last year we can definitely move up on our points and make silver or gold for this year.

At our planning meeting last month we discussed having a monthly presence at the KPS bike night and at Cycle Gear's monthly bike night and use them as recruiting and Motorist Awareness events. Check out the calendar and please plan to support us when you can.

It's time to start on the Rally circuit. In just three weeks we kick off with Region H in Marshall, TX on March 17-19. Then Louisiana District Rally in Lafayette, LA on March 31-April 2. This is one of the most fun rallies of the year. Chapter Rallies start with Chapter O and the Bluebonnet Rally in Fredericksburg on April 9th, always good food and lots of fun. Check out the events page on the web site for other dates to plan for throughout the rest of the year.

The biggie for us as a chapter will be the Texas District Rally in Temple on May 19-21. We will be asked to assist with directions for good places to eat and ride. We are also in charge of the bike and light shows and will need several members for these events. You will also see the appearance of our covered wagon from the theme bike show in Marshall several years ago. It will be a prop piece somewhere at the rally.

So again please mark your calendars for the events you want to attend and let's get out there and ride, ride, ride.

See you ridin,  
Jim and Alvalin

## Rider Education

## “Safety Is For Life”

### Where do I start?

Well it is getting close to the time that a lot of us are looking forward to getting out on the road on our bikes and trikes.

Do you just remove the cover and take off?

How long has my bike been setting, what do I need to do to get it ready for riding?

A lot of questions should be running around in your mind. What kind of maintenance needs to be completed on my bike, how about my riding clothes, do they still fit after Christmas and New Year's?

Where do I start????

It can be overwhelming to the point that you want to give up, but don't! GWRRA has a complete set of check lists for your bike, trike, trailer and sidecar that will make the process much easier and quicker. These check lists can be found on line at [GWRRA.org](http://GWRRA.org) or our chapter website or you can obtain them from your Chapter Educator...that's me!

The following article is a good start and just a little suggestion on where to start.

### Tires

Start by checking the air pressure in all your tires. Tires lose pressure slowly over time. Low tire pressure can make motorcycles hard to handle and increase wear and tear on your tires. This is a particular concern after your bike has spent a winter in the garage because air pressure also decreases with colder temperatures.

While you're looking at your tires, check for cracks, dry rot, or other damage, and make sure your tread is in good shape. If you left your motorcycle sitting in the same position for a while, the tires may have developed flat spots that could cause handling problems.

### Brakes

While you're down there checking your tires, take time to inspect your brake pads. Worn pads that got you through the end of last season may need replacing before you hit the road this year.

Check your brake lines for cracks and leaks, and make sure that your brake-fluid reservoir is full. Test your front and rear brakes separately to make sure that they work and when riding listen for scraping or squealing noises that could indicate trouble.

### Battery

If your bike has been sitting for a while, the battery may need a charge. Before you start up, check both terminals for dust, dirt, and corrosion. Make sure the terminals are clean and the cables are securely connected.

### Fluids

Motorcycles need a lot of fluid to run smoothly, from oil and gas to hydraulic and break fluids. Checking your fluids at the end of a long winter means more than just making sure all the reser-



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voirs are full. Fluids left sitting for a couple of months may degrade, so look for changes in color and consistency, and replace any fluid that looks dirty or different than it did when you put it in. This is a good time to check your manufacturer's suggested schedule for changing fluids. If you missed a scheduled change over the winter, now you can atone for the lapse. Remember to check your oil filter and inspect fluid lines for cracks or signs of leakage.

### Controls

Try out your steering, throttle, clutch, and other controls to make sure they still work properly. Check cables for fraying, signs of corrosion, or damage to coverings. Check lines and hoses for cracks, cuts, or other signs of a leak. Make sure that none of your control cables or hoses are folded or kinked, and test the steering to make sure you can move freely without snagging anything.

### Belts and Chains

Most of us do not have to really worry about belts and chains, but if your bike has them be sure and check them. Whether your bike has a drive belt or a drive chain, make sure it's in good shape and has the correct tension. Check your drive belt for signs of cracking or tearing, or check your drive chain for damaged teeth and lubrication.

### Lights

After an accident involving a car and a motorcycle, drivers often swear that they never saw a bike. Your safety depends on your ability to get drivers' attention. Make sure your headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and flashers are all working and connected securely. And make sure your lenses are clean, and test both the high and low beams. Test your horn while you're at it—it could be a lifesaver.

### Safety Equipment

Before you ride, check your helmet for cracks, dents, or other damage. Make sure the inner lining is clean. Try your leathers on to make sure they still fit comfortably. Pull out your emergency kit, inventory it and check all of the parts that may have an expiration date and replace them if needed. Verify that nothing is missing or broken.

### Yourself

Now for the most important part; the rider and co-rider. Take it easy when you first hit the road. You will be relying on skills that you may not have used for a few months, so give yourself some time to get up to speed. Once again check your clothing to make sure you still have a good range of motion that can affect your ability to maneuver easily and comfortably. This is also a good time to check the GWRRA Rider Ed Database and ensure all of your riding courses, first aid and other education classes are up to date. Make a list of what you need, then as you attend the upcoming rallies you can schedule to take advantage and participate in the classes you need.

Now it is time to get on the road and have fun.

Remember our mottos: "Safety is for Life"; "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge" and "All the Gear All The Time."

See YA' Ridin'

Dale and Carleen Garrett  
Chapter Educator



## Riding the Roads of Central Texas

On January 23, 7 of us took a ride to Florence, TX to see the wineries there. Those who went were Jerry P, her daughter Linda G and granddaughter Laura. Jeannie K, James S, Bob W, and Harriet F. After sampling the wine and chips, we were given a tour of the grounds. The houses on the grounds are for rent and for sale. They are beautiful, and bring back a nice memory of Italy. (Harriet spent 3 ½ years of her time overseas in Italy). After the tour, we went to Florence for a meal. Mano's was not open, but one of the workers told us of another place in Florence that was open: Florence Café. The food was good and plentiful.

Harriet F, Newsletter Editor



Jerry P suggested that instead of traveling all the way to Illinois, we go somewhere closer for a Valentine's day celebration. Since we had good luck going to Logan's Roadhouse in the past, we decided to go there. In the past we reserved

to room by the fireplace for our group. Now, a reservation fee of \$50 was requested. We didn't want anyone to pay the extra fee, so we got a table in the main dining room for no extra fee. All 15 people seemed to enjoy their meal and the company. In attendance were: Judy and David, James S., Connie M., Harold and Pat F, Peggy and Danny T, Jim and Nora B., Jerry P. and Bob W and Harriet F.







## Save the Date

### 2016 DATES TO REMEMBER



17 March

Chapter Gathering

17-19 March

Region H Rally, Marshall, TX

31 Mar-2 Apr

Louisiana District Rally, Lafayette, LA

April 9th

Chapter O Rally, Fredericksburg, TX

April 22-23

Kansas District Rally, Hutchinson, KS

14 May

Chapter LA-M (Mudbugs), Deridder, LA

May 19-21

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May 26-28

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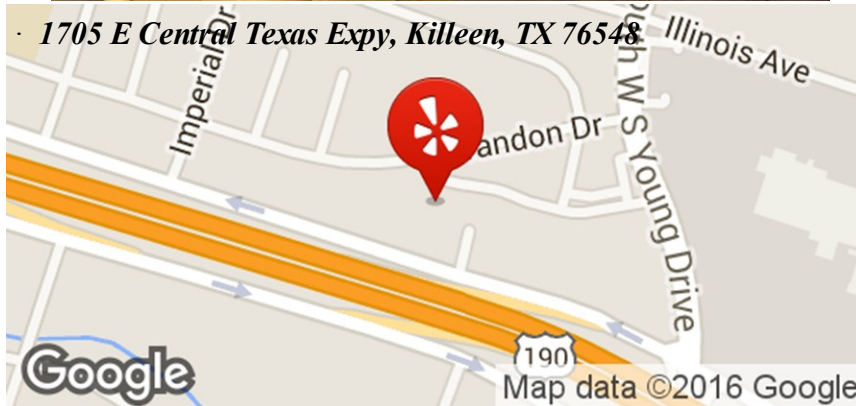
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# March, 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Chapter T2 Gathering	9	10	11	12
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins	14	15	16	17 Chapter T Gathering  Region H Rally, Marshall, TX	18	19
20 Palm Sunday	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Easter Sunday	28	29	30	31		



8th - Nancy C.

9th - Louise S.

24th - Alvalin W.

31st - Alonzo B.





# April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Chapter O Rally
10	11	12 Chapter T2 Gathering	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Chapter T Gathering	22	23 Kansas District Rally
24 Kansas District Rally	25	26	27	28	29	30



5th - Young & Tim B.

10th - Louise & Bill S.



.8th - Betty V.

11th - Tricia W.

28th - Andrea D.

28th - Harold F.



# May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Chapter T2 Gathering	11	12	13 Mudbug Rally	14
15	16	17	18	19 Chapter T Gathering Texas District Rally	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Arkansas District Rally	27	28
29	30	31				

