Chapter T Texas District South Central Region H GWRRA

April 2016



Leroy and Andrea D.were awarded high milage pins and rockers last month.



Please notice the new heading of the newsletter. If anyone has a photograph that you think will fit into our banner space, please let us know.

Please email it to us, Harriet & Bob, Newsletter Editors

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Hello Chapter T,

Well we are not with you again this month as we are off in Hutchinson, Kansas at the Kansas District Rally. Wish you were with us touring the many interesting sites we're seeing, but we'll fill you in next time you see us. Last month we were in Marshall, TX at the Region H Rally and had a great time at the Three Wing Circus.

Please mark your calendars for the following events. We will have a chapter training day on Saturday April 30th. This will be at the Texas A & M campus on SH 201. We will start the day with breakfast (coffee, juice and donuts) at 8am, followed by two seminars and lunch (pizza) at noon. After lunch we will have two more seminars and end about 4:30. That evening at 6pm is our next scheduled chapter dinner, probably at an Italian restaurant (dutch treat). Sound like a fun day?

Watch for an email listing the seminars for our education day. That email will also list the restaurant for our chapter dinner. We need an accurate count, so if you know of someone who doesn't get or read email, please give them a call and let them know about everything that's going on.

A big "Thank you" to LeRoy and Danny for planning rides the last few months! I'm sure a fun time was had by all who attended.

Let May begin! The first event is May 14th with the LA-M Mudbugs in Deridder, LA. Then our very own Texas District Rally in Temple on 19-21 May. Since Thursday May 19th is our chapter gathering, we will probably hold it somewhere in Temple after opening ceremonies. We really need your attendance and support for this rally as Chapter T has many responsibilities to support the district. Some of the areas we will need help with are the light show and the bike show, as well as providing information on the area for our out of town visitors about great places to eat and where to ride. The very next weekend is Arkansas District Rally in Harrison, AR on 26-28 May. Alvalin & I along with the Garretts will be staying around and continuing our riding with the Missouri District Rally just 30 miles up the road in Branson, MO on 2-4 June.

See you ridin,

Jim and Alvalin

Rider Education

"Safety Is For Life"

It is Time to Ride

Looking forward to your first ride of the year? What hazards are you planning to look out for?

As we to emerge from coldness, it's nearing the time to put your bike back on the road. But, when you do, that first ride of the year can be one of the most dangerous. Here are some of the things you need to watch out for on your first spring motorcycle ride.

Sand/Gravel/Salt

Some areas the roads will have been covered in traction-aiding substances like these. They tend to stick around for the first few weeks after the ice melts and gather in corners and intersections. We all know what the consequences of hitting this stuff in a corner or while braking is, so keep any eye out for it.

Potholes

These are formed as water expands and contracts with freezing; they're created over the winter. There'll be more of these in the spring than there were last fall. Small ones aren't a huge concern so long as you don't hit one while connering or braking, but they can get big enough to swallow a car, let alone your bike.

Subsidence

With heavy rains and ice, erosion can occur, undermining the footing of roads, especially in the boonies where there's little road maintenance. Pay special attention to the edges of the asphalt and the verges, where previously firm ground can crumble away.

Animals

Spring means babies and animals migrating in search of food. Pay particular attention near bodies of water during dawn and dusk hours. You wouldn't want to kill a duckling, would you?

Flowing Water

Heavy rains or busted water pipes can create streams of water running across roads in unexpected places. Even if water is not currently present, its previous flow could have swept sand and other debris across the road. Turn around don't drown in fast moving water over the roadway.

Cold Temperatures

You're eager to start riding again, we get that, but doing so in just-above-freezing temps requires a little extra caution. Even if all other hazards are nonexistent, your tires aren't designed to work well at temps below about 50 degrees and you'll need to account for the cold's effect on your body and dress accordingly.

Other Riders

It's not just you who's skills are rusty. Other riders are already a major hazard on the best of days, but on their first ride back in the spring? Watch out, particularly on popular riding roads.

What You Can Do About It

In town and on the highway, leave extra following distance behind other vehicles; they can obscure potholes, gravel and other hazards until it's too late.

Ride with extra caution, leaving more room than usual to slow down, change line or avoid hazards. Your skills will be rusty too, so leave some extra speed in your pocket to account for that too.

Heading to your favorite riding road for the first time in a while? Run a reconnaissance lap looking for hazards before you try and take it at your normal pace.

Even if the day starts warm, the sun still sets early. Make sure you pack a clear visor and pack a balaclava and glove liners in your trunk in case temperatures drop unexpectedly.

See Ta' Ridin'

Dale and Carleen

Chapter educator



Save the Date

2016 DATES TO REMEMBER



April 22-23 Kansas District Rally, Hutchinson, KS April 30 Chapter T Education Day, Chapter Dinner follows Chapter LA-M (Mudbugs), Deridder, LA May14 May 19-21 **TEXAS** District Rally, Temple, TX **May 19** Chapter T meeting following opening ceremonies. In Temple. Exact location to be announced. May 26-28 Arkansas District Rally, Harrison, AR **June 2-4** Missouri District Rally, Branson, MO Aug 31-Sep 3 Wingding 38, Billings, MT









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May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9	Chapter T2 Gathering	11	12	13	14
15	16	17		19 Chapter T Meeting		21 Armed Forces Day
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	30 Memorial Day	31				



15th - Andrea & LeRoy D.

28th - Carleen & Dale G.



1st - Tim B.

8th -Peggy T.

12th - Jerry P.

23rd - Jim B. (PT)

28th - Brady K.

29th - Mary Ann B.



June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Chapter T2 Gathering		16 Chapter T Meeting	17	18
19 Father's Day	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



21st -Peggy & Miles A



15th –Violet S

17th -Terry B.

17th -Carleen G.



July 2016

	Sun Mo	n Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	Chapter T2 Gathering	13	14	15	16
17	18	19		21 Chapter T Meeting	22	23
24/ 31	25	26	27	28	29	30



1st –Ingeborg + Bill C.



13th –Harriet F. 23rd –Jeff H.