

Chapter T
Texas District
South Central Region H
GWRRA

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Each month, Chapter T, awards this coveted award. In July it was awarded to Jim W.. If you are not riding, you are not winning.



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Hey Chapter T,

Wing Ding is upon us and we are departing in the morning for a 20 day exciting adventure for Wing Ding in Billings, Montana. Traveling with us are Brady and Jeannie, and Tim and Young. We are excited and looking forward to a great trip. We will send back word of the location for next years Wing Ding as soon as they announce it at opening ceremonies. We will also let you know how Randy and Cathy Reese do in the Couple of the Year selection. Please consider planning now to be able to come enjoy the fun of Wing Ding next year with us.

Thank all of you who attended our second Chapter Education Day. It was a great success and we learned a lot and had a great time fellowshiping and telling stories about each other and ourselves, oops. We covered Team Riding, riding in groups under controlled guidelines, Dealing with Distracted Drivers and how to watch for and protect ourselves from them, and Going, Going, Gone how to plan for a trip and all the things we should be prepared for and maybe don't always think about, Riding With New and/or Inexperienced Riders, maybe not new to riding but to riding in a group or after changing bike size or type. If these classes sound like good information might have been shared, then plan on attending our next Education Day. We are looking at possibly Jan/Feb for this and also will have a First Aid refresher course.

Chet Roby is looking for riders needing a Trike course, he is available Oct 8-9 (not an option as I'm sure you will all be at T-Fest sorry Chet). Oct 15-16 this is also Mississippi District Rally and Chapter H in San Antonio, or Oct 22-23 best choice with no other commitments. The cost is \$75.00, go to Horny Toad HD in Harker Heights to register. And talk to Chet about specifics.

T-Fest is fast approaching and we will have lots to do in the month of September to finish getting ready. Please talk it up with your biker friends and acquaintances, and plan to be there to help support the chapter on Saturday, October 8th. Gather up items you have for the silent auction and plan on what areas you are interested in helping with that day. If everyone helps in just one part of the day, everyone enjoys and nobody is overworked. This is our main fund raiser for the year and how we pay for our expenses all year and the Christmas party at no expense to the members. Ask somebody who attended last year how much was given away in door prizes at the Christmas Party.

Speaking of Christmas Party it will be on the 9th of December, same place as T-Fest. So please mark your busy calendars now.

After we return from Wing Ding, the next weekend we will be going to Castorville and attending Chapter K-2's first chapter rally. Some of us will be going to camp at the High Pointe Resort in Medina and some will just ride down for the day. And just after our meeting in September we will be leaving for the Oklahoma District Rally in Muskogee, OK on September 29 to October 1st. Come along and join us as we travel along and have loads of fun!

See ya Ridin

Jim and Alvalin

Rider Education

“Safety is for Life”

Group Riding Responsibilities

In GWRRA we are always doing things in groups. We meet our fellow chapter members and ride together for a dinner run. Or we join each other for a breakfast before going on a run. Or we make an ice cream run together. Most chapters have this kind of fellowship in one form or another. Then there are the monthly Gatherings where we meet and eat and have fun. And the rides to visit other chapters and support them at their Fun Run or Anniversary Party or Pig Out, and various other events that chapters put on. Much of the time we ride together in groups traveling to and from our various destinations.

Whenever we ride in groups, someone is in the Lead position. Hopefully, it is one of our GWRRA-trained Road Captains. In our chapter, it is someone whom we trust, respect and have confidence in; someone with good judgment who is prepared to lead the group from the starting point all the way to our destination; someone who has a planned route and shares it with all who join the ride. They hold a pre-ride meeting with all participants to tell us the route, advise us of any stops along the way, and discuss our speed on the road. Our Lead may ask questions about who is on medication, which may need to stop at shorter intervals (perhaps due to a smaller gas tank), who has a CB radio and who does not, etc. Our Road Captain may cover hand signals for riders that are new to our group, too. We don't think twice about following him or she because they have never let us down. We always arrive safely when we follow them

We also have another Road Captain, trained in the GWRRA way, to bring up the rear of the group. This is our Drag bike. The Drag seems to know what the Lead is thinking, securing the lane almost as the thought passes through the mind of our Lead. They communicate well with each other and with the rest of the team. They let the group know what is going on around us. They inform us about things, like telling us we will be turning – in advance of the turn; when a car is attempting to pass the group on a 2-lane road; or when a car is passing on the right when we are on the highway. Our Lead and Drag always keep us aware of hazards on the road and all around us. We know they are looking out for the safety of the group. With Road Captains of this caliber, we feel very safe. We know we can enjoy the ride and watch the scenery with them charge.

But Wait! They are not the only members of the ride that have responsibilities!

We all need to remember that even those of us in the middle of the formation have responsibilities, too. We are responsible to pass on the hand signals from the Lead, such as for single file, stagger formation, pointing out pot-holes and road kill, sand in the corners, and other hazards, etc. We need to be aware who we are riding with, too. The burden is not all on the Road Captains. We cannot sleep because we ride in the middle of the pack. We need to maintain safe spacing with the other bikes around us. And most importantly, we need to ride our own ride. We must all stay alert. Hazards don't always appear in front. Sometimes they come at the riders in the middle of the group. We need to be aware of our surroundings and always be prepared to react to the unexpected at all times. We must remember that, just because our Road Captain is leading us, we are not excused from thinking for ourselves and riding our own ride. We are all responsible for our own safety at all times. Never give that responsibility away. It is nice to have someone willing to help look out for your safety, but ultimately, it is your life. Guard it wisely!

Rider Education

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Be sure to ride your own ride, even while Team Riding!

After attending our Chapter Education Day last Saturday, I was pleased to see that one of the seminars was on Team Riding. Even though I used the term Group Riding they are all the same. Chapter T has a good group of certified Instructors for just about every GWRRA course. I have had the privilege to take these courses over the last ten years or so, and have seen every course go through changes. Our GWRRA leadership has been working hard to make changes to its courses that not only keeps them up to date but making apply to every member's Safety, Fun and Knowledge. If you have not taken the opportunity to attend one of these Education Days, put the next one on your calendar. It will make you a better safer rider.

See Ya' Ridin,
Dale and Carleen Garrett
Chapter Educators



Save the Date

2016 DATES TO REMEMBER



Aug 31-Sep 3

Wingding 38, Billings, MT

Sep 17

Chap K2 Rally in Castorville

Sep29-Oct 1

OK District Rally

Oct 8

Chap T, T-fest

Oct 13-15

Mississippi District Rally

Oct 15

Chapter H Rally

Dec 9th

Chapter T Christmas party



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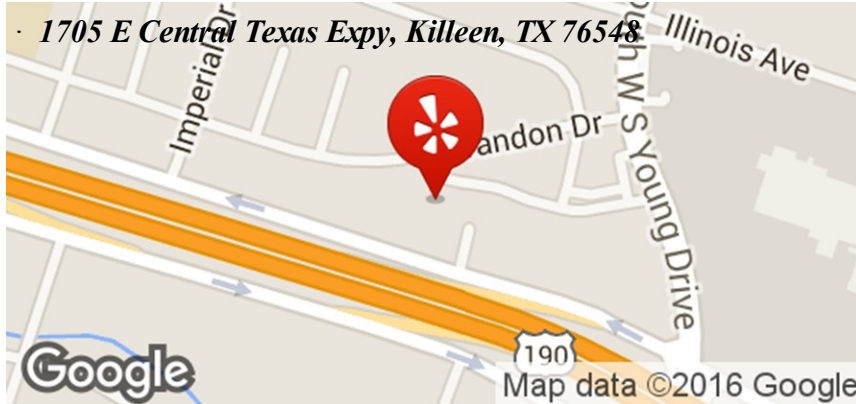
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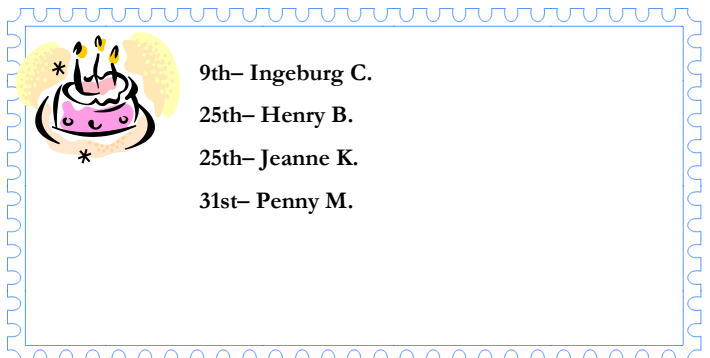
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August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Breakfast Ride	8	9 Taco Tuesday ride <div>Chapter T2</div>	10	11	12	13
14 Breakfast Ride	15	16 Taco Tuesday ride	17	18	19	20
21 Breakfast Ride	22	23 Taco Tuesday ride Chapter T meeting	24	25	26	27
28 Breakfast Ride	29	30 Taco Tuesday ride	31			





September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Breakfast Ride	5 Labor Day	6 Taco Tues- day ride	7	8	9	10
11 Breakfast Ride	12	13 Taco Tuesday ride Chapter T2	14	15	16	17
18 Breakfast Ride	19	20 Taco Tuesday ride	21	22	23	24
25 Breakfast Ride	26	27 Taco Tuesday ride Chap T Meeting	28	29	30	

4th- Kay & Richard Mc



9th- Patti M.

17th -Young B.

24th- Richard Mc

24th- Chet R.

28th- Pat F



October 2016

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2 Breakfast Ride	3	4 Taco Tues- day ride	5	6	7	8
9 Breakfast Ride	10	11 Taco Tuesday ride <div>Chapter T2</div>	12	13	14	15
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23/30 Breakfast Ride	24/31	25 Taco Tuesday ride Chap T Meeting	26	27	28	29



23rd-Jeanne & Brady



3rd-Jim W.

6th-Miles A

14th Don R



November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Breakfast Ride	7	8 Taco Tues- day ride <div>Chapter T2</div>	9	10	11	12
13 Breakfast Ride	14	15 Taco Tuesday ride	16	17	18	19
20 Breakfast Ride	21	22 Taco Tuesday ride Chap T Meeting	23	24 Thanks- giving	25	26
27 Breakfast Ride	28	29 Taco Tuesday ride	30			



15th-Susan R
18th-Bob W
21st-Dale G

