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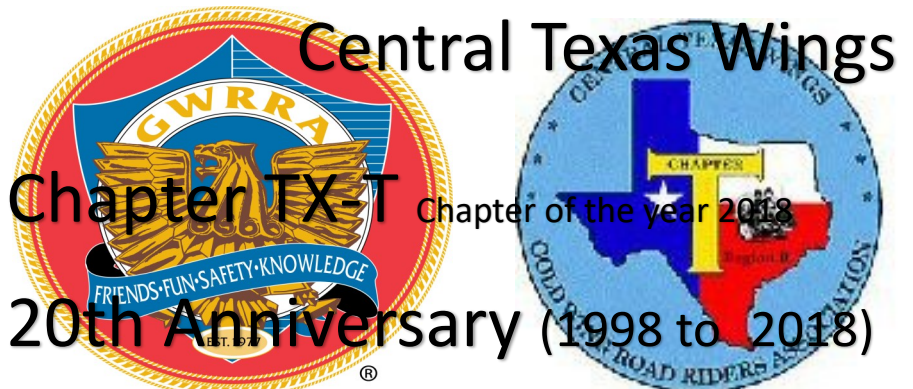
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Each month, Chapter T, awards this coveted award. If you are not riding, you are not winning.

Last month, Dale G won.



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Next Chapter Meeting ;
September 25th

Greetings from our Director

Dear Chapter T and friends,

Yes, I am back and it is good to see everyone again! I am sure Jose S. filled my shoes well at last month's gathering. This is a very hot summer and I hope everyone is staying cool. I had a great fun time in Germany. The food was tasty as always, all the different cakes and pastries were just so yummy. I did a few field trips, like visiting the Autostadt in Wolfsburg where they produce the VW and other brands. I also went to visit the international Windmill Museum in Gifhorn and the largest bird park in the world in Walsrode. I also had a fun gathering again with our Goldwing Friends from Braunschweig.

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Visiting my family was the most important part. We all had a fun time and I had to make up for lots of hugs.

Because of the heat we have not been riding as much. Gary and I joined Chapter T2 this month. I also joined Chapter O at their gathering. And some of our members are already on the way to, or are already at Wing Ding! I am sure they will have fun and we will get to hear good stories next month.

T-FEST; Dear members, is just around the corner and I need everyone involved. I got a good head start on donations from businesses. We will set up a date for September in my house to get things finished off for all the positions at T-Fest. Auction items must be set and ready to go. Our lunch is set with Bush's Chicken.

If you have more items for the Auction, please let me know. You can drop them off at my house or call me and I will pick them up. I am looking for extra tables, so we have enough for the set up. THANK YOU!

There are more Rallies to come this year. The Oklahoma District Rally, Chapter K2 Rally, Chapter H Rally and the Mississippi District Rally. Please check on our website for all information on these Rallies or pick up a flyer today at your Chapter gathering.

Greetings from LeRoy. He is doing well with his little furry friends!

There you have it again, if you don't participate you won't find out how much fun you can have.

Thank you all! Ride safe! Kommt immer gut an!

Andrea Douglas
Chapter Director

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Motorcycle Parking 101



Yeah, I know...you're probably thinking, "What could be so hard about parking a motorcycle that could possibly warrant an entire article?" Well, if you are headed for Wing Ding, you will be sharing parking lots and spaces with thousands of your closest friends!

If you've been riding for years and years and have never:

- Tipped over while backing your bike into a parking spot.

- Laid your bike over because your foot slipped on loose debris or a wet surface.

- Needed a little push into or out of a parking space.

- Had your kickstand sink into the ground or asphalt.

- Had your bike tampered with or stolen.

...then you should probably count your lucky stars and go buy a lottery ticket

However, if you're like most of us and have at one time or another encountered one or more of the above scenarios, this article might be worth taking a quick look over.

Security:

I don't know about you but depending on where and for how long I plan to leave my bike parked, I take different precautions to keep it safe and secure. For example, if I'm:

- Fueling up and need to step inside the store for only a few seconds, I lock the ignition switch.

- Stopping for lunch and I can see my bike from where I'm sitting, I lock the ignition switch and forks (never know when nature might call and you need hit the john).

- Stopping overnight, I try to get a ground floor room near an exit so I can see my bike from the window of my room, lock the ignition switch and forks, and try to secure my bike to another bike or solid object using my cable and place a weatherproof cover over my bike.

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Depending on your own personal experience, the above examples may seem like overkill, and to some of you they may seem like I'm leaving my bike exposed to possible theft. To me, there's a fine line between paranoia and precaution. I sure as heck don't want my bike stolen, but at the same time I don't want to be a nervous Nelly and go through the hassle of always locking my bike up tighter than a drum whenever I want to buy a pack of gum.

If I had to give any advice I'd have to err on the side of caution, because taking a little more time to properly secure your bike is a lot better than having your bike stolen and never seeing it again.

Surface Hazards:

You should always:

- Watch for surface debris, loose and uneven surfaces and wet or potentially slippery spots where oil accumulates.

- Be aware of surfaces where you could lose your footing.

- Take care that your tires and feet do not become contaminated with fluids when entering or exiting a parking space.



Sloped Surfaces & Stability:

You should always:

- Park on level ground whenever possible.

- Leave your bike in first gear to keep it from rolling.

- Park with your front-end facing uphill so your bike doesn't roll forward and retract the kickstand.

- Turn your handlebars to the left to increase stability.

- Place a small piece of flat metal or other solid object under your kickstand when parking on hot asphalt or wet ground. In a pinch, you can use an empty aluminum can.



Parking Spots:

You should always:

Park off the street in a parking lot whenever possible.

Find out if there are local parking restrictions.

Parallel Parking:

You should always:

Pull into the parking space and maneuver within its boundaries.

Take your time positioning your bike once you are safely inside the parking space.

Diagonal Parking:

You should always:

Back in rather than pulling in forwards for easy departure.

Park near the back of the parking space so other drivers see your bike before pulling into your spot.

Mechanical Arms (John Osborn, this is for you):

You should always:

Move quickly through mechanical arms that control access to parking lots.

Wait for any vehicles in front of you to pull ahead and watch for mechanical arms to lower prematurely if your bike is lost in the detection “loop.”

Parking at the end of a row:

You should always:

Leave plenty of room for vehicles to be able to make the turn.

Place your bike near the back of the parking spot so drivers can see your bike before pulling into your spot.

I bet you never thought there was so much to consider when parking your bike, huh? A few simple precautions can go a long way toward insuring your parked motorcycle is safe and will be there when you return.

Ride Safely, Ride Often, and HEY! Be careful out there!

Randy and Kathy Reese

Texas District Educators

“Eat to Ride, Ride to Eat”



“My new security system vaporizes anyone who gets too close to my bike. I’m going to miss Jim.”

SEP. BIRTHDAYS SEP. ANNIVERSARYS

1st Missy H.

4th Richard and Kay M

17th Young B.

24th Chet R and
Richard M.

28th Pat F.



I met a young lady a couple of months back. I really thought she was the one until I sneaked a look in her wardrobe one day, it was clear I would have to break off the relationship. I saw a policewoman's uniform, a nurses uniform and a maids uniform. It was then I realized she could never hold down a job.

Mark your Calendars

September 2018

[15 September – Texas Honor Ride 2018 Fundraiser, Conroe, TX](#)

[20-23 September – New York District Rally – Watertown, NY](#)

25 September - Chapter Gathering – Killeen

[26-29 September - Bikes, Blues, and BBQ Rally – Fayetteville, AR](#)

[27-29 September – Oklahoma District Rally – Lawton OK](#)

[28-29 September – Iowa District Rally – Fort Dodge, IA](#)

October 2018

[6 October – T-Fest – Harker Heights](#)

13 October – Chapter K2 Rally – Castroville TX

[14 October – Dallas/Fort Worth Ride For Kids – Texas Motor Speedway](#)

[18-21 October - Biketoberfest – Daytona Beach, FL](#)

[20 October – Chapter H Rally – Kerrville, TX](#)

[21 – 28 October – Wingers-N-Waves Cruise](#)

23 October - Chapter Gathering – Killeen

[26-28 October – Arizona District Rally – Lake Havasu City, AZ](#)

November 2018

27 November - Chapter Gathering – Killeen

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October 2018

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