

Chapter T
Texas District
South Central Region H
GWRRA

February 2017



WINGNUT

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

We are looking for another recipient!

Any nominations??



Next Gathering:
March 28, 2017

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Greetings Chapter T,

Hope you all had a great month and all you guys remembered Valentine's Day, or there might be some Wingnut nominations.

We had another good Chapter education day on January 28th, and had many in attendance from chapter T2 and O as well as our chapter. Our next education event will be the First Aid/CPR class on March 4th at Texas A&M Central Texas. Gathering at 8AM for donuts and coffee, with class starting at 9AM. Please check with Dale and see if you need refresher First Aid to maintain your level currency. This will also be the new format class and have lots of new videos and updated information. We will break for light lunch and finish about 2PM. We will discuss having another chapter dinner night out and decide on a location and time, so be thinking of your favorite restaurant.

We also just had a great attendance at Cycle Gear Bike Night on February 23rd. We passed out some flyers and information and talked to one Goldwinger who was interested in possibly riding with us. Thanks to all who helped with that recruiting event. We saw a new option for bikers to be carried to their final resting place. Chopper Hearse is a new business to central Texas available to those who desire that style of service.

Well it's time to start rally season. Alvalin and I head off to Florida on March 20th to attend Florida District Rally and will return to Louisiana the next weekend March 30th to April 1st. It's still not too late to make plans to travel with us or meet us in Louisiana.

Chapter Director's Message Continued

Danny and Leroy have put together two rides for March, one on the 11th, we will go to Horny Toad Bar & Grill in Cranfills Gap and on the 18th to Bandera. Hope you can make plans to join us. I'm sure both rides will include lots of great scenery and food.

Also on your medium range calendar keep the Region H Rally in Marshall, TX on April 27-29th, this is probably the last time we will be in this great town for the Region Rally. Then Texas District Rally is in Wichita Falls on May 18-20th. We found a super hamburger place that you have got to come experience with us while we're there.

And of course Wing Ding in Grapevine, TX on August 29th - September 2nd. It will never be any closer to us, so lets take full advantage and have a huge chapter attendance, PLEASE!

See Ya Ridin,
Jim and Alvalin



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January 2017 Education Day



Chapter T hosted its third quarterly Education Day on January 28, 2017 at Texas A&M University - Central Texas, in Killeen. Participating with Chapter T were members of Chapters T2, from Georgetown, and Chapter O, from Austin.

Additionally, the GWRRR trained presenters were from all three chapters, and a big THANKS must go out to Judy Finnell, of Chapter T2, for presenting the Co-Rider Course; Scott Finnell, also of Chapter T2, for presenting Leadership Survival Skills; Randal Reese, from Chapter O, for presenting Running Mountains, Hills, and Curves; and our very own Jim Woodul, for presenting the ever elusive Time Management.



Rider Education

"Safety is for Life"



Our Motto...

"Safety is for Life"

Our Mission...

" To Save Lives Through Quality, World Class Education"

So you want to ride a motorcycle?

If you're like most men, you may be thinking, "How hard can it be? I've had that two-wheeled thing down since, what, age 6?" But a motorcycle does not suffer fools. Most motorcycles will go from zero to 60 faster than you can read this sentence. There are no seatbelts on motorcycles. If cars are more and more about being protected in a cocoon, motorcycles are about being out there in the wind. With a motorcycle, you wear your protection. Screw up in a car and you might bend some sheet metal; screw up on a bike and you might die. Riding a motorcycle will always include an element of danger; there's no way around that. But there are ways to minimize your risk and put the odds more in your favor.

Get some training. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation has training programs all over the country. Your chapter educator or director can point you in the right direction, GWRRRA has many great educational class and programs. Many of these programs are official parts of state programs, here in Texas education riding programs are provided by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. Some, even provide the bike for beginning students. They've trained close to 6 million students since 1974. They'll teach you the techniques of throttle, clutch and brake control, and more. And they don't stop there. As you get better, you can also take their Experienced and Advanced courses.

Ride like you're invisible and everybody else is drunk. Car drivers, at least the ones who aren't texting, fighting with their spouse on the phone, applying make-up, or messing with their iPods, are looking for moving objects the size of cars and trucks. A motorcycle is a much smaller thing and might not even register with a driver. And since so many cars are wired to have their lights on all the time, even the bike's headlight doesn't make it stand out in traffic. Never assume that the car driver sees you. Always assume that the car driver will do something dumb. Be ready for it. Plan accordingly.

Look as far down the road as possible. This is a corollary to the previous paragraph. The best riders don't want to be surprised, so they anticipate. They see a truck on an entrance ramp and move left long before the truck merges. They see cars waiting at an intersection, so they slow down and put the first two fingers of their right hand on the front brake lever so they can reduce reaction time if they have to get on the brakes. They ride a little faster than average traffic to stay out of blind spots. In short, they anticipate the dumb things a driver might do and position themselves to avoid the consequences if the driver does, indeed, do that dumb thing. The best riders are the smoothest riders, constantly moving their machines to the least risky place. Some of my comments I am sure Chet will concur and some he may not, safe riding is an individual concept that is learned through education and just plain old getting out and riding.

Rider Education

"Safety is for Life"

Wear a helmet. A helmet won't protect your head if you hit a tree at 60 mph. Nothing will. A helmet is designed to protect your head in a fall from ride height (4 or 5 feet) to the ground and the ensuing slide for life. You've seen riders whose only head protection is a bandana. These people aren't cool; they're stupid. Years ago, Bell Helmets had an advertising campaign that said, "If you have a \$10 head, buy a \$10 helmet." What does it say about the value of your head if you don't even wear one?

Always wear your gear, All The Gear All The Time. Your skin is your body's largest organ. Guess what happens to your skin if you fall off your bike. Experienced riders call it road rash. So protect your body's largest organ with a jacket, pants, boots, and gloves every time you ride. There are jackets on the market that pass air almost as well as a t-shirt, yet protect well in a crash. Jeans aren't the best in a crash, but they protect better than shorts. Boots that lace up will stay on your feet; loafers or flip-flops won't. Remember don't dress for the ride, dress for the slide.

Practice, practice, practice. Given a good surface, a motorcycle will stop faster than any car. But it won't if you're timid about using the brakes. Go find an empty parking lot and practice a series of stops say 25 or so, squeezing the brakes a little harder each time you stop until you get used to maximum braking. Some motorcycles have ABS, most don't, so practice is valuable when it comes to stopping as quickly as possible. Without sliding the front tire. Get used to the fact that the front brake contributes far more to a fast stop than the rear brake.

Learn to maintain your machine. We're not talking about rebuilding the engine – we're talking about the really simple stuff: **TCLOC**. Make sure your tires are properly inflated and have enough tread. Check your oil. Make sure your lights aren't burned out. Here's why all of this is important: If your tires are underinflated, or even overinflated, your bike won't handle properly. If your lights are burned out, it's harder for cars to see you.

Don't scare your wife or girlfriend. Don't ride with your significant other on the back until you're thoroughly comfortable riding by yourself. Adding a passenger drastically changes the riding characteristics of the bike. Do some short distances at lower speeds with a passenger to get used to how the bike handles. Get out in the parking lot again and practice two up riding and braking. And don't give in to the temptation to show your passenger how quick your bike is. Scaring the crap out of your passenger is not manly, just dumb.

Riding a motorcycle will never be as safe as driving a car. But, as Helen Keller once wrote:

"Security is mostly a superstition. It does not exist in nature, nor do the children of men as a whole experience it. Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. Life is either a daring adventure, or nothing.

See Ya Ridin'

Dale and Carleen Garrett

Chapter Educators



Whose Feet? And Bike Night!

Whose Feet?

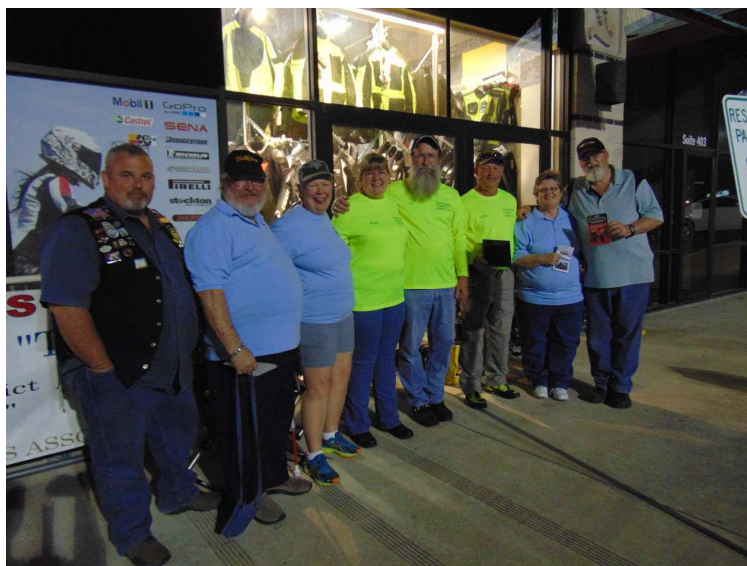
Can you guess whose feet belongs to these shoes?

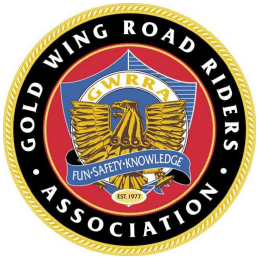


Cycle Gear "Bike Night"

Chapter T made a great showing at Cycle Gear "Bike Night" on Feb 23, where many local clubs came together for fellowship, music, hamburgers, and hotdogs . . . and prizes! As you can see from the picture, LeRoy, Danny, and Peggy won prizes out of an attendance of at least a couple of hundred riders, co-riders, and family members. See all the Bike Night pictures at [Cycle Gear Bike Night - 23 February 2017](#) in the Photo Gallery of the Central Texas Wings website!

By the way . . . Andrea attended as well, she is behind the camera!





From National:

Training

By Clara Boldt, Director of Training
(edited for space)

Most, if not all, of you have heard the saying, "Over two years in the making," when a new movie is released to the public. The Instructor Training and Certification Program (ITCP) could very well use the same introduction. Joe Price, former Director of Training, announced, at Wing Ding 2015, that ITCP would be rolling out soon. He also announced that by the time we arrived at Wing Ding 2016, 30 new training modules would be taught by newly certified ITCP Instructors. It is now 2017, and the 30 modules are ready for the ITCP certified University Instructors to present them. The challenge, then, is to go to GWRRRA University at gwrratraining.com and select the "Resources" link, then the "Learning Module List," and find the modules that interest you. Then contact the District Trainer [TX: Cliff and Gillian Allen] and schedule.



From Region:

Discover the Hospitality Region

"Boogie Woogie" Down To Marshall

Region H Rally

April 27, 28, 29, 2017



From District:

Our district directors will be soon stepping down to pursue the next chapter of their lives. Over the next several months, Region H will be conducting a TX statewide search for someone to fill those large Texas Boots!

We know you have probably heard by now that we have decided to step aside and let new blood come in with new ideas and fun for you members. We have had so much fun and have met the most awesome people while being your Directors. We have come to a time in our life that we will be retiring soon and we need to get some things in order. We have a lot of "Honey Do" lists for each of us. You know, like remodeling the house. Getting new motorcycles, going on more rides. Things like that.

Region Director-Jim Berry is excepting resumes now, up until the end of February. We would like the new Directors to come on board before the rally that way we can begin to pass things along. Not just drop everything in their lap. So, PUT YOUR RESUME IN TODAY!

Mike & Robin Thacker

Texas District Director



2017 Save the Date



March 2017

4 March – First Aid/CPR Training – Texas A&M

Central Texas – Killeen, TX.

23 – 25 March – Florida District Rally – Altamonte Springs, FL.

28 March - Chapter Gathering – Killeen

30 March – 1 April – Louisiana District Rally - Lafayette, LA.

April 2017

25 April - Chapter Gathering – Killeen

27 – 29 April – Region H Rally - Marshall, TX

May 2017

18 – 20 May – Texas District Rally - Wichita Falls, TX

23 May - Chapter Gathering – Killeen

June 2017

1 – 3 June – Missouri District Rally – Branson, MO.

23 – 24 June – Kansas District Rally - Hutchinson, Ks.

27 June - Chapter Gathering – Killeen

July 2017

14 – 15 July – Arkansas District Rally - Eureka Springs, AR.

25 July - Chapter Gathering – Killeen

August 2017

29 August – 2 September – Wing Ding 39 – Grapevine, TX

September 2017

26 September - Chapter Gathering – Killeen

28 – 30 September – Oklahoma District Rally – Muskogee, OK

October 2017

14 October – T-Fest Rally – Harker Heights, TX

12 – 14 October – Mississippi District Rally – Gulfport, Ms.

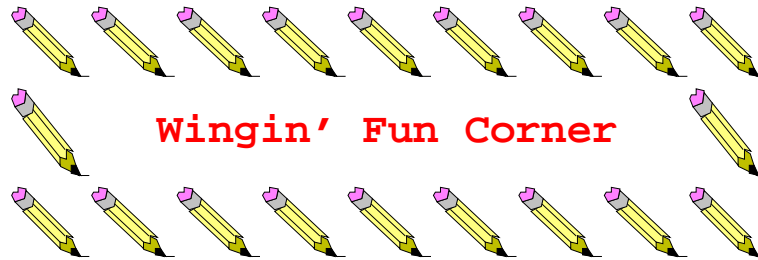
24 October – Chapter Gathering – Killeen

November 2017

28 November - Chapter Gathering – Killeen

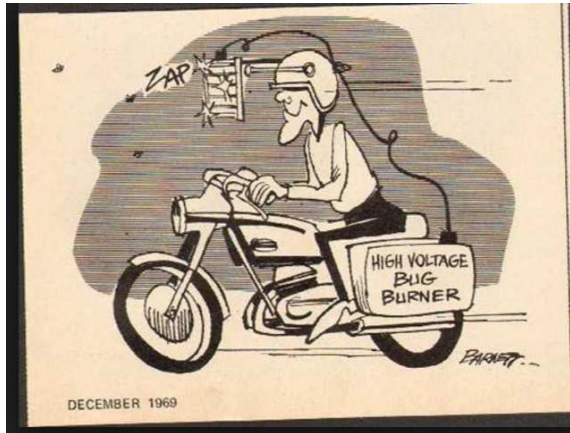
December 2017

8 December – Chapter Christmas Party – Harker Heights



Wingin' Fun Corner

January 2017 (Answers)



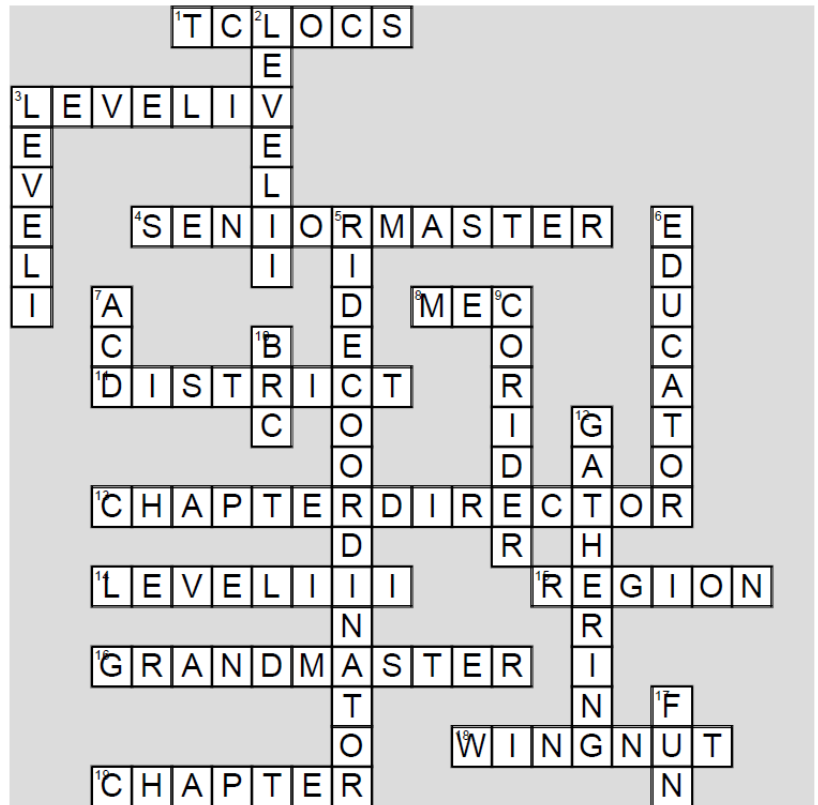
Wingnut Funny Business

1. A motorcycle patrolman was rushed to hospital with an inflamed appendix. The doctors operated on him and when he came round he was relieved when they told him all had gone to plan and he was going to be fine.

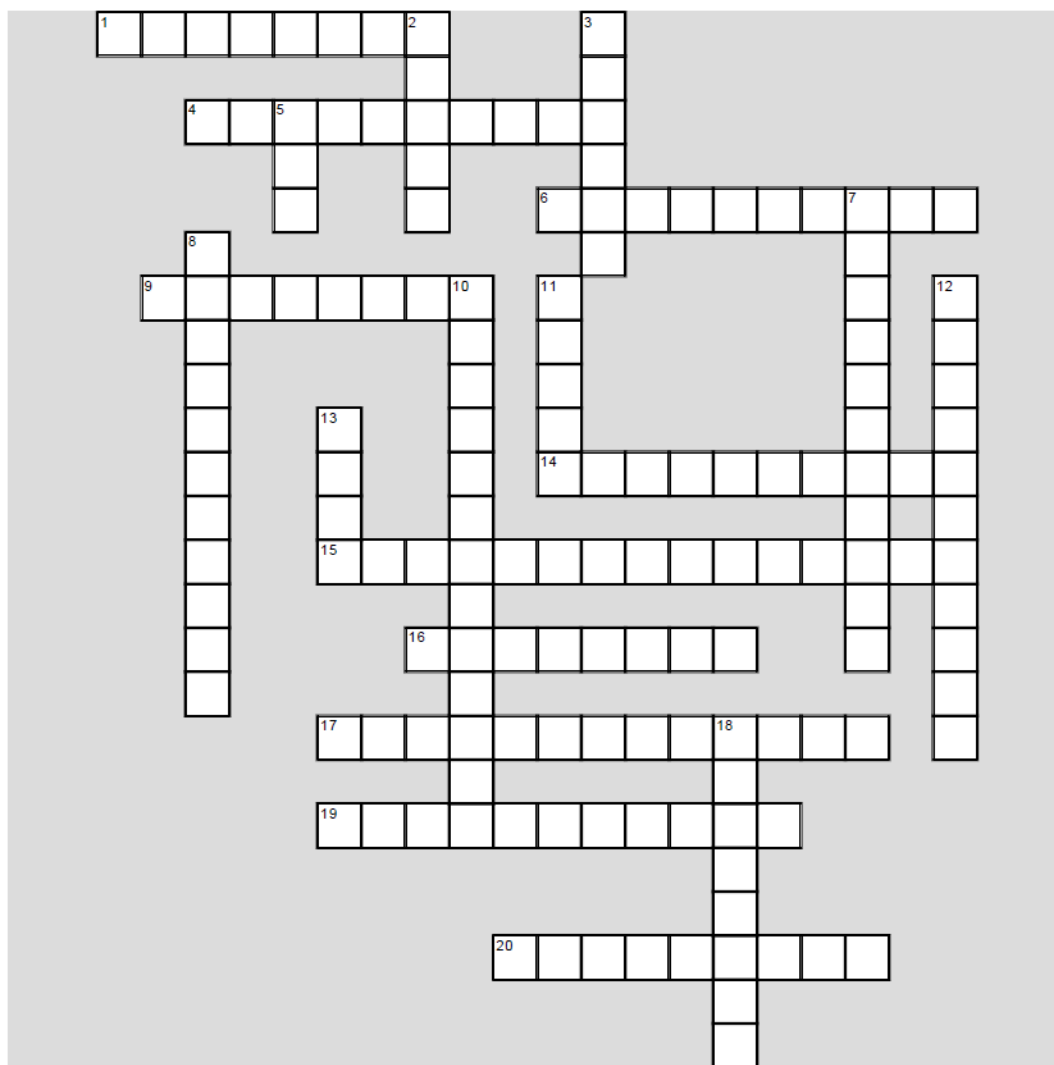
But the patrolman kept feeling something pulling at the hairs on his chest. He was worried that something may be wrong but he was still too weak from the surgery to do anything. Eventually, he managed to pull his hospital gown down enough to check what was causing the discomfort. When he looked down at his chest he saw three wide strips of ultra-adhesive tape stuck firmly to him. Written on it in large black letters was the message:

"Get well soon... from the nurse you gave the ticket to last week. I'll be round to remove the tape later."

2. What's the most dangerous part of a motorcycle? The nut that connects the seat to the handlebar.



February 2017 Puzzle

**Across**

- 1 Huge annual rally
- 4 September & November 2013 Wingnut "winner"
- 6 T-Fest Location
- 9 2017 Region Rally location
- 14 The rally after region
- 15 Rally competition
- 16 A rally ride game
- 17 Long time T-Fest Coordinator
- 19 Long time CH T Ride Coordinator
- 20 GWRRA Journal

Down

- 2 International motorcycle organization
- 3 Friends, fun, safety, knowledge
- 5 Owns motto: Saving lives through awareness ed
- 7 Replaced PLP
- 8 2012 Region COY
- 10 Rider Ed advancement
- 11 Chapter convention
- 12 District rally fun
- 13 2017 District rally location
- 18 The one thing Chet forgets



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March 28, 2017**



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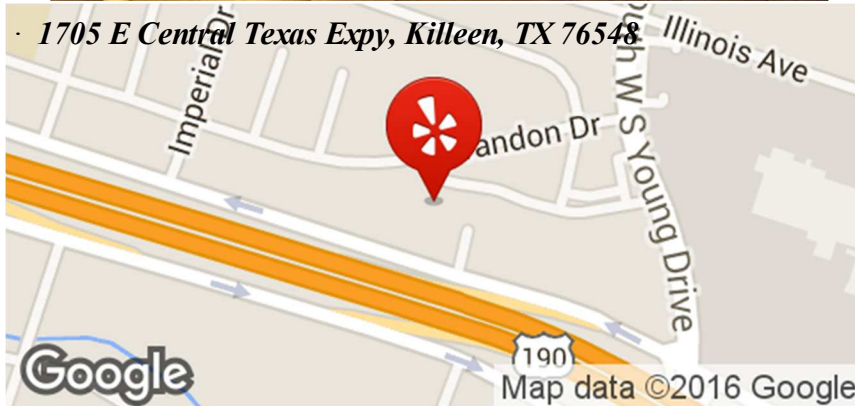


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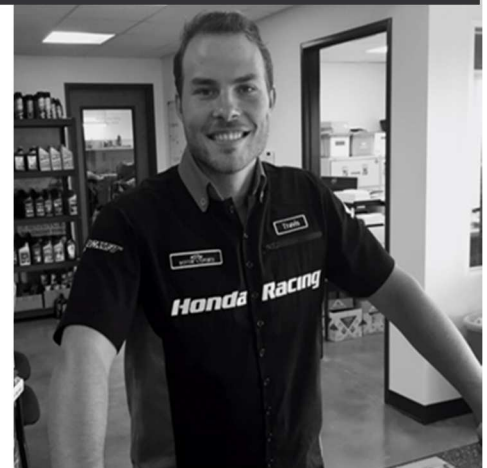
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March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28 7pm Chapter T	Mar 1	2	3	4 First Aid/CPR
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Ride to Cranfi
12	13	14 9:30am Chapter	15	16	17	18 Ride to Bande
19	20	21 7pm Chapter O	22	23	24	25 Florida District Rally - Altamonte Springs, FL, USA
26	27	28 7pm Chapter T	29	30	31	Apr 1 Louisiana District Rally - Lafayette, LA, USA

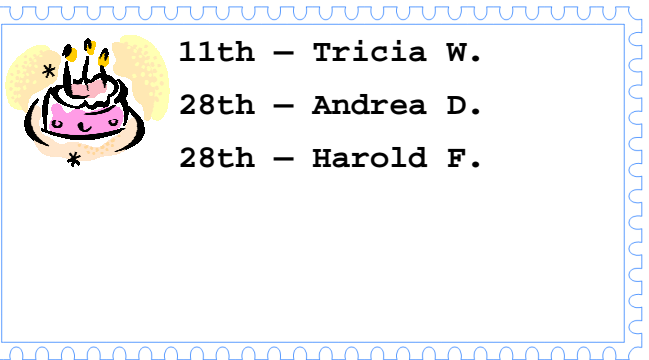
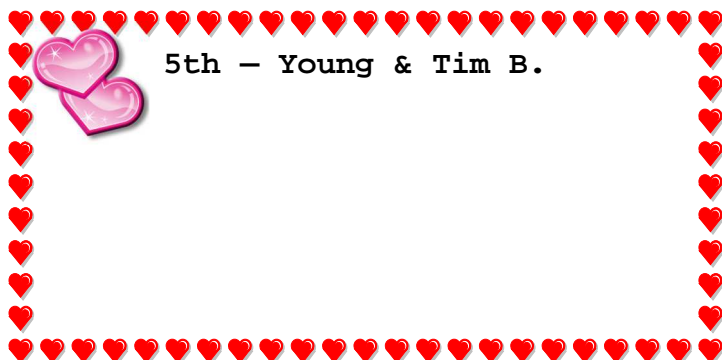


9th - Louise S.
24th - Alvalin W.
31st - Alonzo B.



April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	Apr 1
		7pm Chapter T		Louisiana District Rally - Lafayette, LA, USA		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
					Chapter O Rally - Fredericksburg	Ride to Fredericksburg
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		7pm Chapter T.				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		7pm Chapter O				Chapter J Rally Ride to Llano
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		7pm Chapter T		Region H Rally - Marshall, TX, USA		
30	May 1	2	3	4	5	6





May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	May 1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		9:30am Chapter				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		7pm Chapter O		Texas District Rally - Wichita Falls, TX, USA		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		7pm Chapter T				
28	29	30	31	Jun 1	2	3
				Missouri District Rally - Branson, MO 65616, USA		



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.