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## WINGNUT

Each month, Chapter T, awards this coveted award. In February it was awarded to Jose S. If you are not riding , you are not win-



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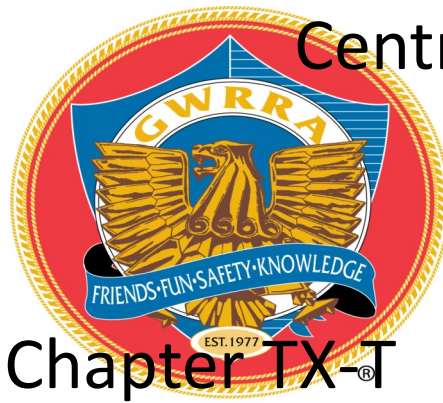
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Next Chapter Meeting ;

April 24th



Central Texas Wings



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Hello Chapter T and Friends,

March is here, Christmas is just around the corner! What? Well, Happy Easter to all!

Let me start with LeRoy first, who says “Hello” to everyone and he is doing well.

Riding season is upon us and we had some riding fun this month. I have been riding around town. Does that count? Well our Texas District Education weekend was great. Wonderful turnout, we learned how to read a class schedule! Oops! I heard lots of positive feedback. Great seminars were taught. The First Aid, ARC and Trike classes were very busy and so was the Road Captain Riders Course. If you were not able to attend, you have missed a great learning experience.

As always you can find this event in color in our photo gallery on the website.

Our ride to the Oscar Store/Restaurant on St. Patrick’s Day was a great local fun/dinner ride. We had planned on riding after the dinner, but the impending thunderstorm prompted us to reconsider and simply head back home. This proved to be

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I think all our green dressed members agreed, that they had great food and enjoyed each other's company.

April will be a busy riding month with Chapter O's rally coming up. The Louisiana District Rally is also a great one to attend. If you have never been to Louisiana, you are missing out on lots of fun. Please check the calendar and event schedule often on our website [centexwings.org](http://centexwings.org). If anyone has a place they would love to visit, let us know or put a ride together and share with our members.

Another important upcoming event will be the Texas District Rally in Brenham, TX. If you have not already done so, and plan to attend, register for the event. You can submit your registration at our next team meeting, to Jim or Alvalin with the appropriate fees, or just mail them. Join us for rides and fun along with Blue Bell Ice Cream. Whether you are riding to the rally or RV'ing, or driving, you don't want to miss out on the fun. As always, a heartfelt thank you to all our members for participating in rides and events, to include our gatherings. Remember, a chapter is only as great as our members join hands together, ride, break bread, and invite friends to join us on a ride to see what we are all about. Let's grow this team and make new friends!

Stay safe, rubber side down!

Kommt sicher an!

Andrea Douglas  
Chapter Director



Randy and Kathy Reese. Texas District Educators

## CRASHING

The famous American motorcyclist, Cook Neilson, in a old copy of Cycle Magazine listed all the motorcycle crashes of his friends, family, acquaintances, and magazine staff. Then he had this to say:

*"Everybody I know who has spent any time at all riding a motorcycle on the street has crashed. Getting off is the inevitable escapable consequence of getting on. It makes no more sense to expect a crash-free motorcycle riding career than it does to expect to play a set of tennis without hitting one into the net, or a game of pool without blowing your position, or ten rounds of boxing without catching one on the nose. You ride bikes; you crash.*

*Now tell me this, all you "It-can't-happen-to-me" ers: suppose you awake this Tuesday suffused with the absolute knowledge that at 10:00 a.m. you will have a crash on your motorcycle. The certainty of it is overwhelming; as you break into perfect consciousness you can practically feel the thumps, the scrapes, the scratches and the burns; the forlorn, smoking wreckage of your motorcycle is palpable in the mind's eye.*

*Got that? Now. How will you prepare for the morning's ride, knowing there will be a crash at 10:00 a.m., knowing you will be the feature attraction? If you really believe that swill about helmets obscuring one's vision, helmets leading to strangulation, helmets causing one's neck to snap and helmets impairing one's hearing, then I suppose you will venture out of your house, onto your motorcycle and toward your crash bare-headed.*

*But if not - if you can imagine your head flinging off some blue-haired lady's front fender, or thwacking crisply into the pavement, or glancing off a parking meter pole; if you can imagine what it will feel like to take a truly thundering shot to the temple; if you can imagine how the outside world will look through eyes that no longer communicate to a functioning cognitive apparatus - then I believe that faced with the inevitability of your 10:00 a.m. crash, you will put on your helmet and buckle up tightly.*

*Ah, you're thinking, but of course, faced with an inevitable crash, naturally I will wear a helmet. But who says a crash is inevitable?*

*You think it isn't? Why should you be different from Loughlin, my father, Halesorth, Schilling, Boiler, the Hansen brothers, Homchick, Kohr, Stein, Vamvas, Irban, Lague, Muhifeld, Stepp, Jennings, Sargent, Stermer, Phillipson, Crowder, Browne, Pererra, Dickenson. Friedman, Riggs, Hodges, Thomas, Moses, or me?*

*Why should you be special?"*

Think about it.





## A GOOD TIME LEARNING

Rider Education Weekend was well done and professionally taught. I had a wonderful time and learned quite a bit too! It seems that I had forgotten a lot of the basic fundamentals when it comes to riding, stopping and turning. I had slipped into a “comfort zone” of doing it my way, and I was reminded that my way is not always the safest way.

I knew it was going to be hot so I didn’t even bring my long-sleeve jacket! I nearly got disqualified from participating because of this. Luckily a gracious rider loaned his rain jacket to me. Believe me, a rain jacket that keeps the rain out and the heat in, made me wish I had my ventilated riding jacket. First lesson learned!

Next I was reminded that braking in a turn means that I have to adjust and be riding straight up-and-down BEFORE applying the brakes. So, of course I had to experience a front wheel slide on the gravel! Another lesson learned.

Overall I had a great time and everyone was smiling. I loved the comradery with all the other riders and my new girlfriend, Diana enjoyed sitting outside and watching everyone. (Maybe next time she can come as a second rider) See you on the road!







## Access and Verify your Training Records

GWRRRA member training records are available through the National website at <http://gwrra.org>. On the menu bar, highlight “Officers”, and click on “Rider Education”. Then click on “My R. E. Information” down the left side of the page. The next screen (Member Login) asks for your Username and Password. Your Username is your GWRRRA Member Number (on the front of your member card). Your Password is the numbers in your address (house number) and the four numbers from your membership expiration date (MMYY), also on your member card. There is a link on the login page, “I need help logging in”, which has detailed examples and additional instructions. There is also a link for National to send your password to you in an email.

The My R. E. Information page has your information from the National Rider Education Program Levels Database. This includes Member Information and membership status, Chapter Information, Rider History, and Training Courses (History). This is where you can and should verify that you have received credit for the training you have completed.

Gene Harris



# REMEMBER WHEN?



## Mark your Calendars

### April 2018

**5-7 April** - Chapter O – Bluebonnet Rally & Camp Out – Fredericksburg, Tx

**10-19 April** – 40 to Phoenix

**12-14 April** – Louisiana District Rally – Lafayette, La

**20-22 April** – Chapter K2 Picnic and Campout – Garner State Park

**21 April** – Central TX College Car & Bike Show – Killeen

**24 April** - Chapter Gathering – Killeen

### May 2018

**12 May** – Chapter LA-M Mudbug Rally – Deridder, La

**17-19 May** – Texas District Rally – Brenham, Tx

**22 May** - Chapter Gathering – Killeen

**25-27 May** – A Hoot in the Ute – Midway Ut



# April 2018

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# May 2018



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6	7	8	9	10	11	12 LA-M Mudbug Rally - Deridder LA
13	14	15	16	17 Texas Dis- trict Rally - Brenham TX	18 Texas Dis- trict Rally - Brenham TX	19 Texas Dis- trict Rally - Brenham TX
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## CONGRATULATIONS !!

PeggyT, won \$50.00 from GWRRA for finding Wingy in Wingworld magazine.



## SOME FUN STUFF

A guy walked into a Honda cycle dealership just to browse. Suddenly he spotted the most beautiful Goldwing that he had ever seen and walked over to inspect it. As he bent forward to feel the fine wide vinyl seat, some unexpected gas escaped him. Embarrassed, he anxiously looked around to see if anyone had noticed and hoped a sales person didn't pop up right now. But, as he turned back, there, standing next to him, is a salesman. With a pleasant smile he greeted him, "Good day, sir. How may we help you today?" Trying to maintain an air of sophistication and acting as though nothing had happened, he smiles back and asked, "Sir, what is the price of this Goldwing?" Still smiling, he replied, "Sir, I'm very sorry to say that if you farted just by touching it, you are going to \*\*\*\*\* when you hear the price!

Birthdays:

Apr.10 Robert R. Apr. 29 Jose S.

Apr. 28 Andrea D. & Harold F.

Anniversary's:

Apr. 5 Tim and Young B.

## NEW BANNER UNVIELED

Andrea and Jose' were proud to show off our new Chapter T banner at last months chapter meeting. The new banner incorporates our brand new patch design. The new patch is similar to our old one but gone is the motorcycle in the logo, simply because it was indistinguishable on the smaller sized logos. (I don't know who the guy with the belly is)



Next months Chapter Meeting is April 24 at Fuddruckers



Wing Nut Award

Greetings. So here's my story. My wife gave me a small assignment with some pretty specific how-to instructions. She says, "Build me a platform for the laundry room so I can have the washer and dryer off the floor. Oh, and make sure I have enough room to store things underneath." No problem. I went to Lowe's and had all the wood precut and decided to add a few more inches to leg portion which joins the two platforms. I figured this will more than adequately accommodate laundry detergent and whatever else the queen desires.

So, over the course of a couple of days, I stained the platform, and put it together. What I did not mention was that my wife was away during this time, in Oklahoma, taking care of our daughter who just had surgery. Anyway, I put the platform together, and called my neighbor to help place the machines on top. Man, it looked great for my first DIY project. I proudly snapped a photo of the finished product and my wife was so elated and showed off my handy work. She came home and the first thing she wanted to check out the platform for herself. She says it looked great and was thanking me but added.....Now I will have to use a step stool to add the soap and fabric softener because I made it just a little too tall for her 5'0 vertically challenged self. Then it dawned on me that I did not take into account that my wife is "SHORT" and adding those extra 5-7" to the height of the platform would not serve her well. Opps! Now that just earned me my first WING NUT Award. LOL! It is all good! CeeCee loves it and has gotten the hang of it now. Hey, it's a Texas two-step for her!

Jose' Soto





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