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Chapter of the Year - 2018!



March 2019



WINGNUT

Chapter T awards this coveted trophy each month. If you are not riding, you are not winning.

The Wingnut was awarded to Jose S. for forgetting to bring the award to the February gathering to be passed on.

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Greeting Chapter T and Friends,

Hello March. Can you smell the fresh air of Spring in Texas? I sure can.

For those of you who attended the Texas District Education weekend here in Killeen, you learned that we lost one of our own tragically, while on their way there. Regrettably and sadly I report to you that TX-N2 Karen Frazier was killed on her motorcycle as she struck a curb and lost control. Please keep her husband and family in your prayers.

Chapter T's riding season is off to a good start. I hope your two/three wheeled engines are tuned up and ready to do. Bluebonnet season is upon us, which means there will be many rallies popping up on the schedule for you to choose from. Plan accordingly and bring a friend along to enjoy the ride with you.

We would like to welcome back Mr. Otis (aka: Mitch) Hill to our ranks of Chapter T. It is sure good to have you and your beautiful wing back in formation. Just one thing: What took you so long? Lol. Mitch, Gary, Danny, Alvalin and I went out on a ride to Andice on the 9th of March and had their specialty burger. It taste great. Thanks for coming out on the ride. Oh, and thanks to GPS Gary for the route. The weather was absolutely gorgeous. Plenty more rides coming up so sign up and support as many as you like.

What's next? Chapter O's Bluebonnet Rally in Fredericksburg, Texas as well as the Louisiana District Rally in Lafayette, LA, the first week in April. Our chapter ride to the Fredericksburg area will be on the 13th of April. Yet again, I am committed that weekend unless it is agreed to move it to Sunday (to be discussed at the meeting). Anyway, please check your calendars and plan your summer fun accordingly. See you all soon.

Next Chapter Meeting

April 22nd

Jose and Celest Soto

Chapter Directors

Well, I earned it again. I am the famous winner of the notorious Wingnut award. And I did it in great fashion. Oh, and I may earn it again this month of March as well. Why? You will have to wait for that story if there is not a better, more deserving winner.

At the February 26th monthly meeting, there were a few good nominations for the Wingnut award. There was Danny T's communication snafu.....or lack there of for reasons unknown to him. Judging by his raised both hands up to the sky and then pointing to his Sena headset indicating he could not hear anyone on the CB comms check. Even Gene H, pulled up alongside Danny to help try to figure it out. Then, it dawned on Danny he forgot to turn on the Sena's Freewire which enables him to be connected via Bluetooth headset, and therefore communicate with us all. That was a good one. Oh, wait! And then there was the split decision to make a right turn while all the bikes, and cars were on the left lane mind you, and causing a split in the formation (some went straight, others were able to make a right). Yup, the ladies were left out by the men, unintentionally lol.

Prior to Danny's last one for that day, came my wingnut moment. Having previously discussed the route, and GPS set up to go, and ensuring Danny was in communication with us, we departed to our destination in Waco. After making our right off FM116N, we entered 84E and where, according to my GPS heading straight. Well, Danny reminded me I about the next left off 84, that I sort of forgot right as I pulled into the intersection, with about half the bikes on the left turn lane and me, well, on the left lane and in the middle of the intersection. Yup, that was my moment. Or so I thought. Which brings me to Tuesday, February 26th meeting. I was so prepared to relinquish my "hard" earned wing-nut, with Danny certainly on the forefront to earning it tonight. There was just one small problem. I, as the previous winner, did not bring the wingnut to the meeting. It was perfectly sitting in the trunk of my motorcycle, which was in my garage at home and not parked outside. And yes folks, that was sure slam-dunk way to retain your coveted WINGNUT award for another month. That's my story and I am sticking with it. Get out and ride folks, perform your safety checks and keep the rubber side down.

Respectfully,
Jose Soto

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BIRTHDAYS

MAR	APR
24 Alvalin W.	10 Robert R.
	28 Harold F.
	29 Jose S.

ANNIVERSARYS

5 Apr Tim & Young B.

Getting to Know Your Tires

When we returned from a long ride recently, I took a good look at my tires and determined that I might need to change the front tire and both of my trailer tires. Hated to part with the money, but my safety is more important to me. The article below has been modified from a New Jersey Rider Education site: Tires are all there is between you and the road. Do not skimp on tires. Don't ride on bad tires or even questionable ones. What keeps the motorcycle from sliding out from under you is what is known as friction. Firestone tires used the ad campaign "Where The Rubber Meets The Road". They were referring to that magical element known as traction. Traction is the friction that exists between the road surface and the tire. The greater the amount of friction, the more traction. When you run out of traction, sliding is the result.

New Tires must be broken-in. They break-in between 50-100 miles. Breaking them in means travelling at reduced speeds, using great care to gradually increase speed and thereby increasing lean angle. The new tires come out of the tire molds by the use of a releasing agent. This agent is sometimes silicone based and very slippery. It is not usually water soluble and the only way it can be removed is by wear. New agents are being used by some manufacturers with the hope of reducing the time it takes to wear off the releasing agent. Clean tires as per manufacturer's directions. Never use an oily substance like Armor All.

Old tires sometimes need to be replaced even if they look new. As they age they lose their elasticity and get dry and hard. This has an effect on the braking and handling of your motorcycle. Tires are now date coded by the manufacturer so that it can be determined how long the tires sat on the shelf before being installed. Ask about the dates of manufacture of the tires you are about to buy. Sitting on a shelf for three years gives a dealer good reason to want to sell them cheap, and gives you a good reason to look elsewhere for that extra margin of safety.

Cold tires have less traction. Warm the tires gradually by riding at reduced speeds. In cold weather this could take a few miles. Better safe than sorry.

Under inflated tires wear off the part of the tire that you need for leaning. Always check your air pressure and tread. Check your air pressure when the tires get cold and then again when they are heated up. There shouldn't be more than a 10% difference between the readings. Then you know if the tire pressure is correct.

The mileage you get on your bike tires is a lot less than you get on a car tire. A hard tire gets more mileage, but less traction, than a softer tire. All tires are not created equal. The composition of the tires makes a big difference. Generally speaking, you will get twice the mileage from a front tire than a rear. Some manufacturers sell tires in sets of three for this reason. Many tire manufacturers are now using a harder compound in the center of the tire to make them wear more evenly.

Ask your dealer or knowledgeable friends about the differences in tire brands and manufacturers. Select tires to meet your needs and riding style. Many riders sacrifice long wear for added traction. Conservative distance riders alter their riding style for mileage. Know your tires and remember, "Traction is like money in the bank, you can never have enough".

Ride Safely, Ride Often, and HEY! Be Careful Out There!

Randy and Kathy Reese
Texas District Educators



Mark your Calendars



March 2019

25 Mar-2 Apr – 10th Annual 40 to Phoenix Ride

28-31 March – Thunder in the Hill Country - Bandera TX

April 2019

4-6 Apr – Louisiana District Rally – Lafayette LA

4-6 Apr – Chapter O Bluebonnet Rally – Fredericksburg TX

13 Apr - Chapter T Bluebonnet Ride – Fredericksburg, TX

May 2019

4 May—Chapter H Rally—Bandera TX

4 May Mudbug Rally—DeRidder LA

11 May - Chapter T Ride – Overlook Cafe,
Canyon of the Eagles, TX

16-18 May – Texas District Rally – Paris TX

30 May-1 Jun – Missouri District Rally – Branson MO

June 2019

8-9 Jun - Chapter T Ride – Palo Duro Canyon, TX

8-9 Jun—Arkansas District Rally—Harrison AR

21-22 Jun – Kansas District Rally – Salina KS

July 2019

13 Jun - Chapter T Ride – Koffee Kup Restaurant, Hico TX



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2019 Second Saturday Rides



23 Feb – *Heritage Homestead, Waco, TX* ✓ (9 participants)

9 Mar - *Andice General Store, Andice, TX* ✓ (5 participants)

13 Apr - Bluebonnet Ride – Fredericksburg, TX

11 May - Overlook Cafe, Canyon of the Eagles, TX

8-9 Jun - Palo Duro Canyon, TX

13 Jul - Koffee Kup Restaurant, Hico, TX

10 Aug - Miller's BBQ, Belton, TX


14 Sep - Dahlia's Cafe, Liberty Hill, TX

18 – 20 Oct - Twisted Sisters Ride – Kerrville, TX

9 Nov - Regency Suspension Bridge, Mills County, TX

14 Dec - Green's Sausage House, Zabcikville, TX

MARCH 2019

SUN 24	MON 25	TUE 26	WED 27	THU 28	FRI Mar 1	SAT 2
		7pm Chapter T Gath			Texas Independence Day Celebration - Washington	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
					South By Southwest - Austin	T Ride - Andice General
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
South By Southwest - Austin Daylight Saving Time s	KISD Spring Break				2019 Spring District Ed	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
South By Southwest - Austin 2019 Spring District Ed St. Patrick's Day		7pm Chapter O Gath				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		7pm Chapter T Gath 378158-1		Thunder in the Hill Country		
31	Apr 1	2	3	4	5	6
Thunder in the Hill Country				Chapter O Rally - Fredericksburg Louisiana District Rally		




SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31 Thunder in the Hill Co	Apr 1	2	3	4 Chapter O Rally - Fredericksburg Louisiana District Rally	5	6
7	8	9	10 The Bluebonnet Festival - Burnet	11	12 MotoGP - Austin	13 T TM Bluebonnet Ride
14 MotoGP - Austin	15 Tax Day	16 7pm Chapter O Gath	17	18	19	20
21 Easter Sunday	22 Easter Monday	23 7pm Chapter T Gath	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	May 1	2	3 Hill Country Run	4

May 2019

SUN 28	MON 29	TUE 30	WED May 1	THU 2	FRI 3	SAT 4
					Hill Country Run	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Hill Country Run Cinco de Mayo						"T" Ride - Overlook Caf
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Mother's Day				TX District Rally - Paris, TX		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		7pm Chapter T Gath 7pm Chapter O Gath				
26	27	28	29	30	31	Jun 1
	Memorial Day			Missouri District Rally - Branson, MO		
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June 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	Jun 1
	Memorial Day			Missouri District Rally - Branson, MO		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
				"O" Ride to Palo Duro Canyon		"T" Ride - Palo Duro Ca
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
"O" Ride to Palo Duro Canyon				Republic of Texas (ROT) Rally - Austin, TX		
"T" Ride - Palo Duro Ca						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Republic of Texas (ROT)		7pm Chapter O Gath		Kansas District Rally - Salina, KS		
Father's Day						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		7pm Chapter I Gath				
30	Jul 1	2	3	4	5	6
				Independence Day		



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