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



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Hello Chapter T,

Well, I hope you are with us at the Texas District Rally and ready for a great weekend of fun.

Thank you to all who participated in our first chapter education day. It was a great day of seminars, fellowship and food. Alvalin and I were certified as seminar presenters in both Leadership and Rider Ed and we as a chapter are planning on making this a quarterly event so that the chapter members can receive all the training they need and spend time at the rallies having fun. This will also give us a chance to gain additional points for Chapter of the Year.

Thanks to Jerry P. for planning the dinner after the education day. The next chapter meal will be Friday May 20th at Henderson's in Temple on the north side of the loop (old Mazzio's location) at 12 noon. We will be celebrating Jimmy P's birthday.

Thanks for everyone who went to the Louisiana Chapter M Rally, I understand a great time was had by all and lots of prizes were carried home.

After Texas District we will depart on Wednesday May 25th for Arkansas District Rally in Harrison, Arkansas and lots of great riding and scenery. Some of us will be staying around and attending the Missouri District Rally in Branson the next weekend.

Also please remember to continue planning to attend Wing Ding in Billings, Montana. We are looking for input from those attending as to what they want to do on the way to Billings and coming home.

Remember to plan for the heat as we approach summer.

See you ridin,

Jim and Alvalin

Rider Education

“Safety is for Life”

How to Safely Ride a Motorcycle at Night

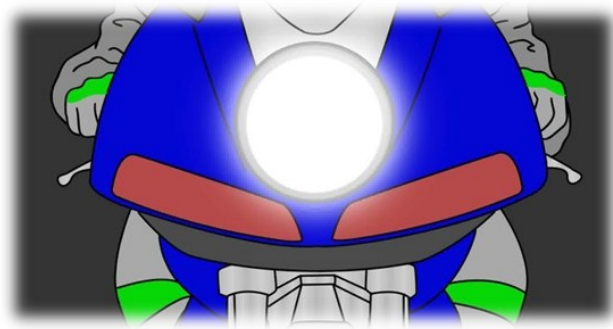
Night riding can be one of the most enjoyable experiences you will encounter on your motorcycle. However, night motorcycle riding can also be an extremely dangerous activity as it is difficult for some motorists to see you and respond by avoiding you. This article includes helpful hints that can make your night motorcycle riding safer and more enjoyable.

Safety comes through increased road presence. While your bike is 1/12 the size of a typical SUV, there are some steps you can take to increase your visual road presence to something much larger. It's a proven fact that larger vehicles are easier to see and avoid. With the steps herein, you can greatly improve your road presence and help avoid an accident with another motor vehicle.

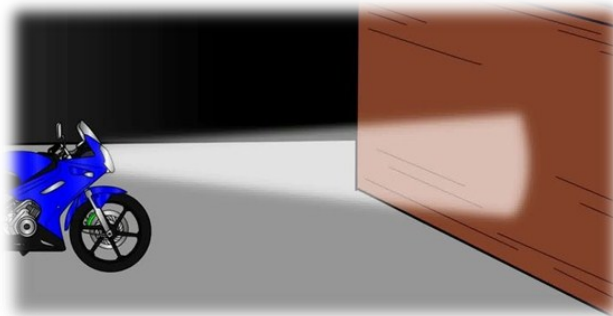
The most common cause of accidents and death for motorcyclists is a motorist turning left and into the pathway of the biker. Other types of common accidents are at intersections and rear end collisions. The techniques herein are designed to improve your day and night presence and help other motorists see you.



1. Wear bright clothing. Those black leather jackets look good in the day, but for the night, you might want to consider wearing something that reflects light. Consider adding a fluorescent highlights on the back of your jacket, a smart message maybe. Your helmet is also a nice place for the same.



2. Motorcycle Lighting: Good lighting is a crucial factor in your safety. In the quest for stylish lighting, many manufacturers use undersized brake lighting and most will aim the headlight lower to the street than the legal angle allows. Your first step is to examine your front and rear lighting. If you have a tiny brake light, consider replacing the light with a larger model. You can also buy super bright LED lighting that is much brighter than the typical automotive bulb. This lighting is best purchased from a specialty company with LED made for a motorcycle.



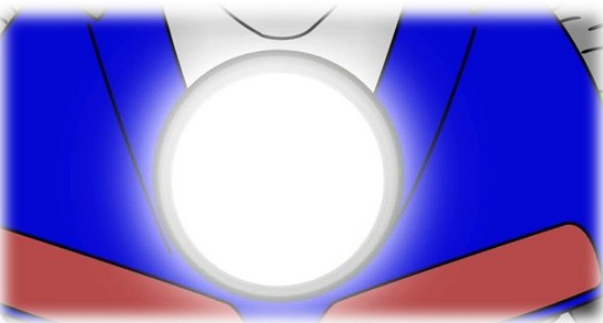
3. Check your headlight aiming angle. Check your state regulation on aiming. Raise the beam to the maximum angle allowed by your state. You can do this without special tools by up-righting your bike and casting the headlight on the wall of your garage. Measure from the ground to the exact center of your headlight, adjust the beam projected on the wall (high beam). A rule of thumb is to drop 2" for every 10 feet, but you should check with your state to conform their regulations. Goldwings can adjust from the saddle.

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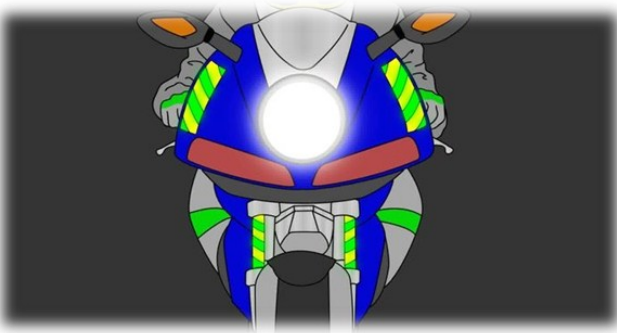
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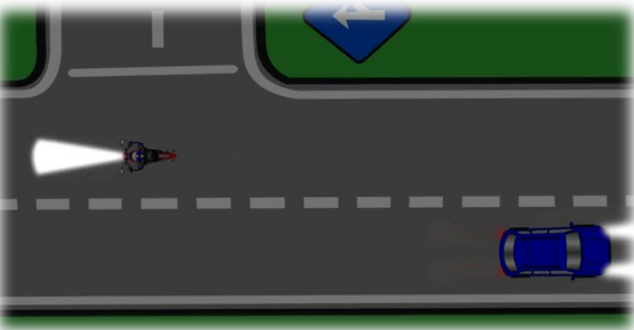
4. **Add dual running headlights to your motorcycle.** Three properly aimed headlights are much more noticeable than a single headlight.



5. **Consider replacing your headlamp bulb with a super bright DOT approved model.** Some bikers have been known to replace their headlight bulb with a non-DOT approved off-road lamp which is 40-50% brighter than the brightest legal lamp. There are legal lights that maybe brighter than the stock bulbs and are legal in most states.



6. **Add reflective tape to your bike.** You can also purchase reflective decals and add reflective flame decals to your helmet. Also add lights. Lights are to be seen not just to see.



7. **Consider your driving technique:** Are you speeding so fast you will not be able to stop in time? Are you driving between vehicles waiting at a red light to get in front of the traffic? Are you racing with other motorcyclists? Are you trying to show off in front of a large group of people?

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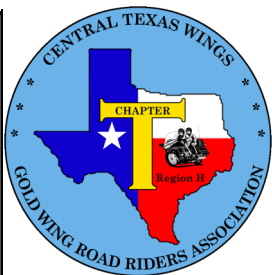
Stay near the center of the lane when practical. This is where you are best seen. Riding on the edge of the road causes you to blend in with street lighting. Riding on the center of the lane is also dangerous, as this usually is the dirtiest and most slippery part of the road. However always give yourself plenty of room when passing other vehicles traveling in the next lane in case they decide to change lanes while you're passing. This will give you more time to react. And never stay in any vehicles' blind spot.

See Ya' Ridin',

Dale and Carleen Garrett

Chapter Educators





Save the Date

2016 DATES TO REMEMBER



May 19-21

May 19

May 26-28

June 2-4

Aug 31-Sep 3

TEXAS District Rally, Temple, TX

Chapter T meeting following opening ceremonies.
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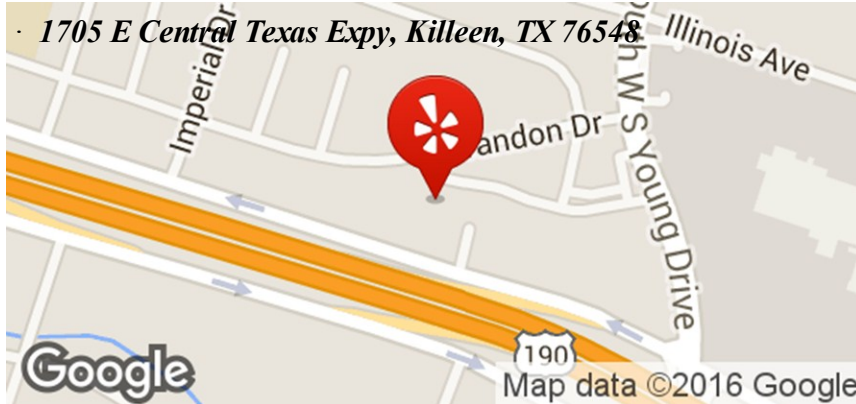
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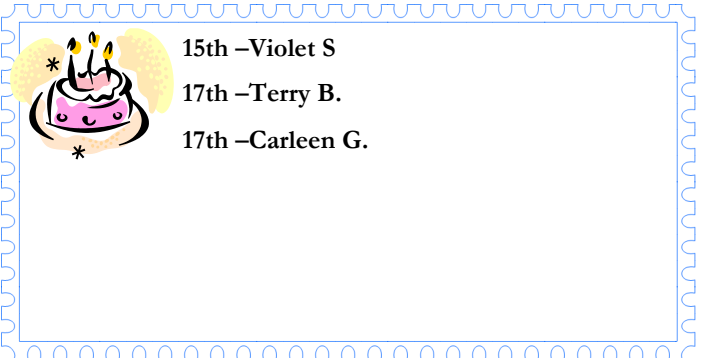


June 2016

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



21st -Peggy & Miles A



15th -Violet S

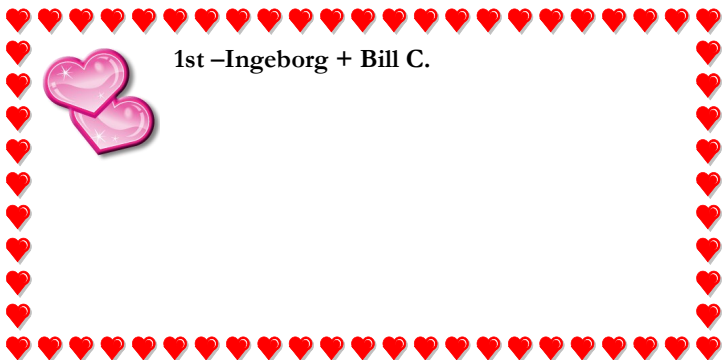
17th -Terry B.

17th -Carleen G.

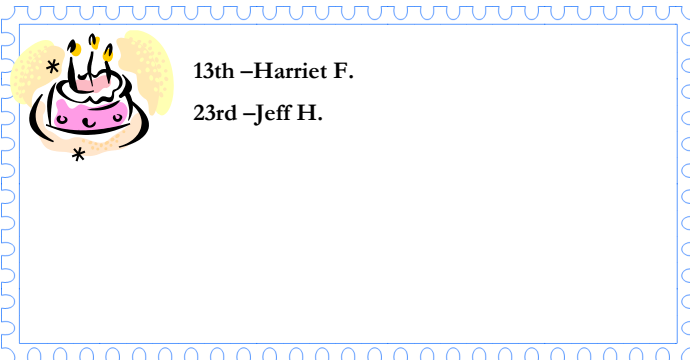


July 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Breakfast Ride	4 Independence Day	5 Taco Tuesday ride	6	7	8	9
10 Breakfast Ride	11	12 Taco Tuesday ride <div>Chapter T2 Gathering</div>	13	14	15	16
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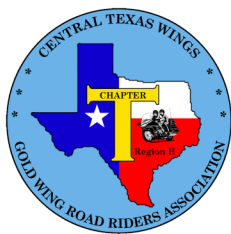


1st -Ingeborg + Bill C.



13th -Harriet F.

23rd -Jeff H.



August 2016

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

