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South Central Region H
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May 2017



WINGNUT

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

Congrats to Dale Garrett for the month of April!



Next Gathering:
June 27, 2017

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Howdy, Chapter T!

Well, this is the first gathering with a change in chapter leadership!

I would like to extend to both Jim and Alvalin my heartfelt gratitude for all of their hard work and sacrifice to ensure we had fun. Their shoes will definitely be hard to fill. They will be coming to our gatherings, when they have time, but I believe they will be busy with many other chapters in the state.

They should know that this chapter will always be their home and are welcome whenever they can make the time!

I am filling in as the Interim Chapter Director, until we have found the appropriate couple to take the reigns! Please know our schedule remains in force, we will have our T-Fest, now on October 7, and the Christmas party as planned. And, of course our gatherings will remain at the Yank Sing Chinese Buffet for the coming future. . . every fourth Tuesday evening.

As I am only one person, I must ask the chapter to really pitch in to ensure we will continue to move forward. This includes needed positions. . .

Summer is right around the corner, Killeen Independent Schools will be out about a week or two earlier than last year, so vacationing will be happening sooner. I need you all to take care of yourselves while riding in the Texas heat...or wherever you may be riding, and be wary of those drivers that are not looking for you.

I hope to see you all in June...where I will give you a report of my Horseshoeing School experience.

Safe Rides!

Rick Simmons, Interim Chapter Director

Rider Education

"Safety is for Life"



Our Motto...

"Safety is for Life"

Our Mission...

"To Save Lives Through Quality, World Class Education"

The Rider Education Program

Each GWRRA member is encouraged to think seriously about motorcycle safety and be a participant in the GWRRA Rider Education Program. Remember the old cliché, "an ounce of prevention IS worth a pound of cure." **Wear All The Gear All The Time!**

Here is the program structure:

- Level I Safety by Commitment
- Level II Safety by Education
- Level III Safety by Preparedness

Level IV Safety by Enhanced Commitment and Preparedness

Purpose

The GWRRA Rider Education Program (REP) is intended to make the motorcycle environment safer by reducing injuries and fatalities and increasing motorcyclist skills and awareness. The REP does not propose to have all the answers. However, our close-working relationship with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF), as well as additional GWRRA programs and studies, has provided a wealth of information for use in establishing a comprehensive Rider Education Program. Through Commitment, Education and Application, we can reduce our accident rate significantly. Listed below are several benefits of a fully implemented GWRRA Rider Education Program at the Chapter level:

- Increased rider knowledge
- Increased rider safety skills
- Prevention of accidents
- Reduced injuries
- Reduced fatalities
- Improved general public image of motorcyclists

Rider Education

“Safety is for Life”

Enhanced enjoyment of motorcycle riding

The motorcycle community is already realizing many positive benefits from the GWRRA Rider Education Program. Through the efforts of the Rider Education Officers and participation of the membership and others, we will reach our goal of establishing the safest motorcycle environment possible.

Level I: Safety by Commitment – The first big step to success



Level I of the Rider Education Program is also referred to as Safe Miles. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or the Co-Rider to practice safe motorcycle operation whenever they operate their motorcycle.

Safety is a state of mind which can only be attained through total commitment. Every successful accomplishment begins with a commitment to reach the intended objective. This is true of the Rider Education Program and includes a promise to learn for the sake of Rider, Co-Rider, friends and family, and others on the road.

Though there is no mileage requirement to enter Level I, the commitment to safe riding is tracked by the number of accident free miles since joining GWRRA. Accident free miles are accumulated in 5,000 mile increments and may be updated at yearly intervals. Requirement: Verbal commitment to ride safely at all times.

Level II: Safety by Education

Level II of the REP is also referred to as Tour Rider. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to be safer motorcycle riders by taking approved motorcycle riding courses at regular intervals.



GWRRA has chosen several educational training programs for the Riders and Co-Riders such as the MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) programs, the United Sidecar Association course, the CSC (Canadian Safety Council) programs, and the GWRRA's Advanced Riding courses.

Completing these courses provides the foundation and skills for your quest to be a safe motorcycle rider. All recognized programs are taught by qualified and Nationally certified instructors.

Rider Education

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For the Co-Rider, we have provided an excellent seminar and "Two Up" programs to assist in their role in the safety aspect of motorcycle riding. Motorcycle education goes "hand in hand" with commitment. The "on bike" education by MSF, USCA, CSC and GWRRA for the Rider and Co-Rider and the "off bike" education designed specifically for the Co-Rider, provide a very effective approach to motorcycle safety. This is when a REP participant truly begins to understand what the Level I commitment means and sees the value in the program.

Requirement: Rider - a Certified Rider Course with 5,000 safe miles. Co-Rider - certified Co-rider Seminar or 2-up Rider Course.

Level III: Safety by Preparedness

Level III of the REP is also referred to as Certified Tour Rider/Co-Rider. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to be prepared in the event of an accident to give aid and possibly save lives.

CERTIFIED TOUR RIDER

This is done by being knowledgeable in First Aid or CPR and carrying a first aid kit on their motorcycle at all times.

CERTIFIED CO-RIDER

It would be wonderful if we could achieve the coveted goal of zero accidents, however, we know realistically, accidents will happen. Because of this, it is important to be fully prepared to lend aid to unfortunate accident victims. It is important to always be prepared to save a life. Level III of the Rider Education Program was developed to deal with such circumstances by recognizing and encouraging proper First Aid or CPR training. CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation), has been used to save many lives. Being trained to render CPR or First Aid is a tremendous asset to those the REP participant will come in contact with daily.

Attendance of a Motorist Awareness Seminar at this level exposes the Member to our program to improve awareness of all road users to the presence of motorcycle, trike, and sidecar enthusiasts. When interfacing with the public in the future, the Level III Rider or Co-Rider can inform them about what we have available to help others share the road with us. GWRRA University Trainers certified in Rider Education are authorized to present Motorist Awareness Seminars.

Requirement: Current in Level II and have taken either First Aid or CPR training.

Rider Education

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Level IV: Safety By Enhanced Commitment and Preparedness



Level IV is the most prestigious of the REP levels and is referred to as Master Tour Rider/Co-Rider. It represents the highest commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to safe riding and preparedness. This commitment is shown by a demonstrated history of safe miles and current certification in both First Aid and CPR.. These Master Tour Riders/Co-Riders are the finest example to everyone of the highest commitment to safe motorcycle operation and preparedness.

Level IV of the REP, the Master Tour Rider, was designed for those special caring individuals who desire to "be all they can be" with regards to motorcycle safety. The requirements are more stringent than Level III and require a greater commitment. These individuals are caring, trained and prepared with the experience to back them up. It is realized Level IV is not for everyone, but for those who desire to be of greater service to their fellow man, it is the correct prescription.

Why desire to be a Level IV Master Tour Rider? It's a worthy goal. Being prepared to save a life is a high calling indeed! These individuals are shining examples to the rest of the GWRRA membership. Others aspire to practice the same commitment as displayed by those who have attained Level IV. For that reason, because these individuals are ambassadors to the members at all levels, GWRRA provides a special gathering to celebrate the Master Tour Rider commitment each year at the District Rally, Region D Rally and Wing Ding.

Requirement: Current in Level III for one year and have taken both First Aid and CPR training. Have 25,000 Safe Miles and must be committed to riding with "Proper Riding Gear" at all times.

Receive: "Special Triangular" patch with dark blue border and your individual Master number embroidered on it.

Note: All Level Program Patches are available in "Color" or in "Black and Gold" and the cost of all patches and levels are paid for by the chapter.

See Ya' Ridin'

Dale and Carleen Garrett

Chapter Educators



Rallies and Rides

Region H Rally and Caddo Lake Ride



On 27 April 2017, Andrea and I headed out once again for a ride to Marshall and the Region H Rally. We were joined on the ride by Gary Tracy, our adopted son!! We left on time from Nolanville and weaved thru the back roads toward our first stop in Kosse. So far so good with the weather and we really didn't expect bad weather, but in Texas you never know. We did run into some fog but nothing to really slow us down. We continued on Hwy 7 to Marquez where we spent a time on Hwy 79. Roads were

good and we were making very good time. In Henderson I had planned to stop for lunch but with the good time we were making, we decided to get to Marshall first and then eat. In Henderson we hit Hwy 43 that took us to Marshall and the Rally site. It didn't take Gary very long to find the vendors and lend his support. When we took a break, it was to Jalapeno Tree for lunch/dinner and then back to the Rally for opening ceremony. We were joined by members Jim/Alvalin Woodul, Dale/Carleen Garrett and Rick Simmons. There was an ice cream social downtown Marshall and we went to see if we could get a tasty delight and visit with good friends. Once that was over, we headed to the motel for rest and to clean the bikes.

Next day we took a short trip to Caddo Lake State Park for a look around. Each time we had went to Marshall, we wanted to visit the park but always seemed to be too busy. This time, we took the time and went looking at the beauty of the lake and surroundings. We were very happy, took lots of photos and enjoyed the scenic beauty. Only issue was finding a gas station, but before we ran out of gas, we found a place and were able to top off before I could earn the coveted Wing Nut Award!! The ride back went thru



Rallies and Rides



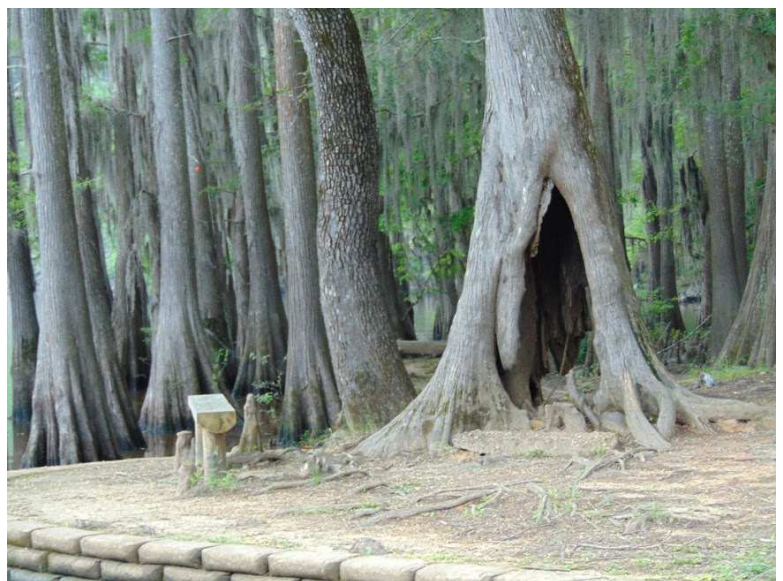
some more great back roads and we hit Marshall right after lunch time. This time we ate at Porky's which was a great place to eat. After lunch it was back to the rally site for games and shopping.

On Saturday, it was back to the rally site for games and the bike show. Closing ceremony saw the announcement of next year's rally being held in Paris-is!!! Paris, Texas that is!! After the ceremony, we headed out for a Chapter Dinner and

then back to the motel. We had escaped the bad weather to this point but it was only a short time before the rains and storms hit, but not before we had covered up the bikes for the night. Next morning it was time to head back home. We knew we would get wet but just didn't know how bad it would be!! We were very lucky as we hit the same route back home and didn't get anything more than a light shower before we stopped in Palestine. We quickly covered the bikes and went in to eat, but the heavy rain just passed without much rain, but it brought other things. We left Palestine and within 15 minutes, hit a sudden hail storm, but it only lasted 10 seconds and it was nothing more than pea size. What it did bring was strong winds, enough to toss us from side to side but not so as to slow us down. We were back in Killeen by noon, just in time to get the bikes cleaned and in the garage.

It was a great trip and we were thankful to have Gary join us!! See everyone for the next ride!!

LeRoy and Andrea Douglas



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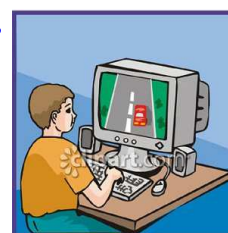
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From National:

Wing Ding 39

From President GWRRA



In celebrating 40 years of GWRRA, National is hosting a "Throw Back" disco ball on Thursday evening of August 31. National has challenged all chapters to take all of those platform shoes, polyester leisure suites, and long and wide collared shirts out of mothballs and show off all of your John Travolta moves! Show them how you are "Stayin' Alive", you closet Bee Gees fans!



From Region:

An excellent rally, where fun was had by all! The rally included a downtown ice cream social, sponsored by the local businesses of Marshall, Texas, Boogie Woogie dancers and dancing lessons, exercising, table top fun and games, vendors, and, of course, local area rides!

Congrats to the new Region Couple from Oklahoma: John & Sarah Hoogendoorn! Let's cheer them on at WingDing!!

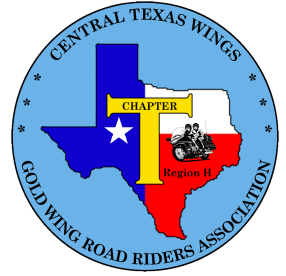


From District:

Welcome to Jim and Alvalin Woodul, from Chapter T, as the new Texas District Coordinators!



2017 Save the Date



May 2017

27 May - Chapter LA-M, Mudbug Rally
- Deridder, LA

June 2017

1 - 3 June - Missouri District Rally
- Branson, Mo.

13 June - Chapter T2 Gathering -
Georgetown, Tx

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

22 August - Chapter Gathering -
Killeen

29 August - 2 September - Wing Ding
39 - Grapevine, Tx

September 2017

26 September - Chapter Gathering -
Killeen

28 - 30 September - Oklahoma Dis-
trict Rally - Muskogee, Ok

October 2017

****7 October - T-Fest Rally - Harker**
Heights, Tx (Change)**

12 - 14 October - Mississippi Dis-
trict Rally - Gulfport, Ms.

14 October - Chapter K2 Rally -
Castroville, Tx

21 October - Chapter H Rally - San
Antonio, Tx

24 October - Chapter Gathering -
Killeen

November 2017

28 November - Chapter Gathering -
Killeen

December 2017

8 December - Chapter Christmas Party
- Harker Heights

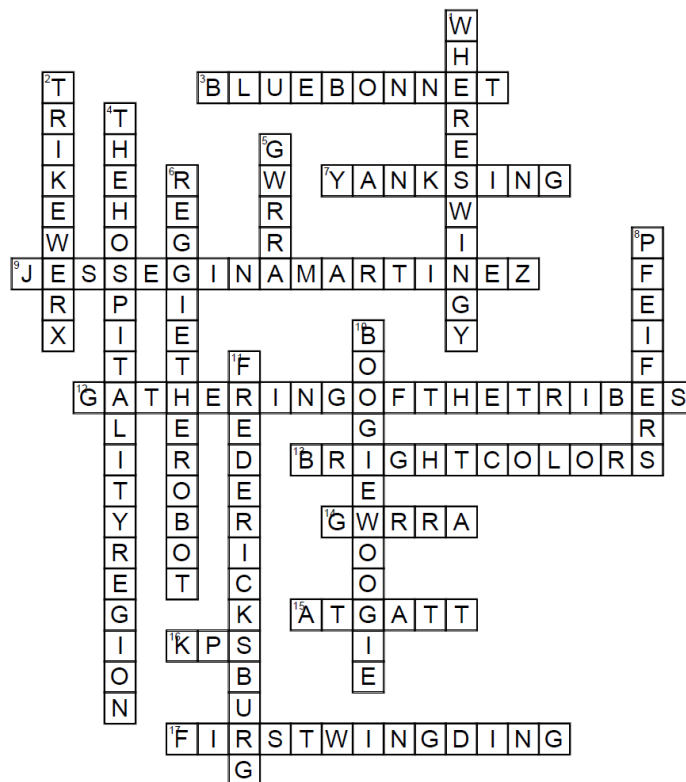


Wingin' Fun Corner

April 2017 (Answers)

Wingnut Funny Business

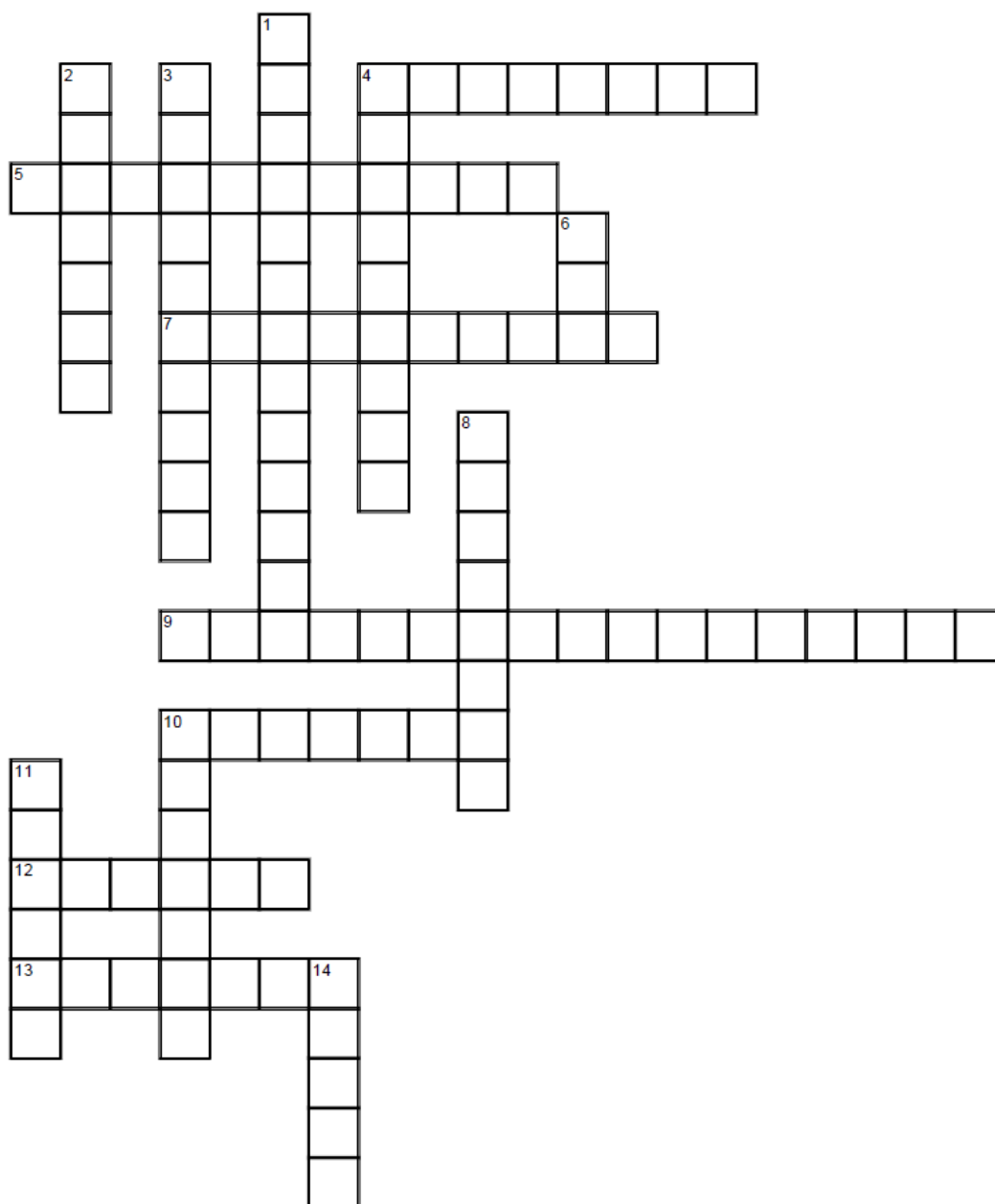
Two riders were roaring down the road on their motorcycles when one signaled to the other to pull over. His leather jacket had a broken zipper, and he told his buddy, "I can't drive anymore with the air hitting me in the chest" "Just put the jacket on backwards," his buddy advised. They continued down the road but the rider with the broken jacket, rounded a bend, lost control, and fell off his bike. A nearby rancher came upon the accident and ran to call the police. They asked him, "Is he showing any signs of life?" "Well," said the rancher, "the rider was until I turned his head around the right way!"



Biker and His Babe



May 2017 Puzzle

**Across**

- 4 GWRRA Book of Knowledge
 5 Course that teaches how to lead a ride
 7 Course that teaches how to ride as a member of a group
 9 Chapter T
 10 Safety by Education
 12 Safety by Commitment
 13 Course that teaches the person in the backseat to assist the rider

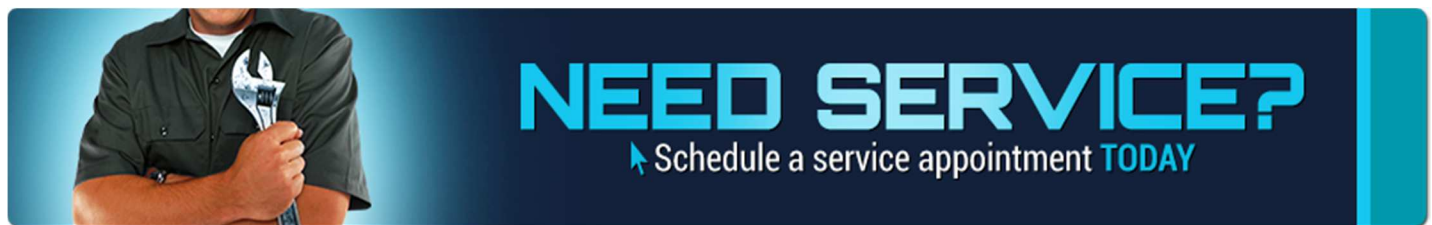
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- 1 TX District Directors
 2 Former CH T Directors
 3 May 2017 Rally
 4 A GWRRA Chapter Meeting
 6 What we are all about in GWRRA
 8 Safety by Preparedness
 10 Safety by Enhanced Commitment & Preparedness
 11 Pre-Ride Maintenance
 14 A GWRRA District or Region convention



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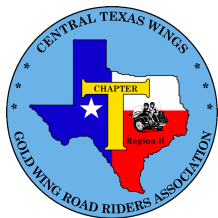
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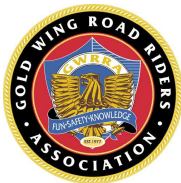


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Birthdays and Anniversaries



GWRRA

June: Sondra P (84), Carlos J (99), Richard K (00), Young B (03), Deorald F (05), LeRoy & Andrea (06), Bob & Harriet (06), David & Deb T (08), Jim & Nora (09)

July: Richard D (07), Rickey G (08), Thomas B (14), Robert & Sherri R (14), Scott C (15)

August: Dale & Carleen G (02), Terry B (10), James L (12) Dennis & Roianne A (16)



Birthdays

June: James S (2), Violet S (15), Carleen G (17), Terry B (17)

July: Robert F (6), Harriet F (13), Clifford W (15), Jeff H (23)

August: Ingeburg C (9), Jeanne K (25), Dennis A (28), Penny M (31)



Anniversaries

June:

July: Bill & Ingeborg C (1)

August: Rick & Violet (18)

Do You Remember?!



When and where was this picture taken? And . . .who took the picture? I see Andrea (not behind the camera!)



Chapter T Team

Chapter Directors:

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Rick Simmons

Rider Educator:

Dale & Carleen Garrett

Ride Coordinators:

Danny & Peggy Thacker

Chapter Couple of the Year:

Danny & Peggy Thacker

Membership Enhancement Coordinators:

Danny & Peggy Thacker

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Tim & Young Brooks

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**Our Next
Gathering is
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July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

Arkansas District Rally @ Eureka Springs.

7 pm - Chapter O

7 pm - Chapter T



August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 7pm - Chapter O	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 7pm - Chapter T	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Wing Ding @ Grapevine, TX, USA	30	31	1	2