

Chapter T
Texas District
South Central Region H
GWRRA
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November 2017



WINGNUT

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



Next Gathering:
Dec 8, 2017

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Chapter T and Friends,

Hello again all. After the busy month of October, it was a laid back November. But it should pick back up in December.

We are really looking forward to our Christmas Party scheduled for 8 December. As of now, we will have about 30 people at the party and it should be a lot of fun. If you are coming, don't forget to bring items for the Friends in Crisis Shelter. Lists were handed out at last months gathering and will be attached to this newsletter. We also would like you to bring a gift for our gift exchange, if you would like to be a part of it. We will have plenty of food, drink (non-alcoholic), and prizes for give-away.

We will be looking for volunteers to take over some positions in the Chapter that will be vacated next month. You will see an attached article for one individual that is leaving our chapter and GWRRA and we have some very big shoes to fill!!!

And on top of that, I (LeRoy) will be departing for an overseas job in January. We have decided that Andrea will continue to be Chapter Director but will need support from the whole chapter to continue to operate, especially around T-Fest time. I will be looking for someone to take over the website, so please if you can, please consider helping us out.

Let's start planning on attending the Texas District Rally on 17-19 May 2018!! If you are going, please go to the Texas District website and look for upcoming information!!!!!! Make your reservations as soon as possible!!

Hope to see everyone soon on a ride or event, but whatever you do, please be safe doing it!!

LeRoy and Andrea Douglas
Chapter Directors

Rider Education

"Safety is for Life"



Howdy, All!

Another winter is about to be thrust upon us, and we have to ask, "Are we ready?!"

Here are some tips to help you through the "blistery" winter of Central Texas.

For your motorcycle:

- You need to get a windshield. Don't ever think that twenty degree temperatures with severe wind chill factors are enjoyable enough for you to neglect having a windshield.
- If you have a windshield, as most of us do...you may want a defogging or deicing product, because, as you all know, Goldwingers are full of hot air, and that can quickly fog up the windshield in cold weather!
- Make sure your motorcycle battery could stand the strain of chilly blasts. Keep it charged and you can try to use Battery Tender for this.
- Using the proper oil for your motorcycle is also top priority. The 10w - 40w oil is sufficient enough.
- For those with liquid-cooled bikes, make sure that the reading on the anti-freeze is sufficient for the temperatures you'll be expecting.
- Make sure your bike has been thoroughly inspected for any mechanical problems before starting your ride.
- Along with maintenance, perform TCLOCS and ensure your tires have enough tread.



Rider Education

“Safety is for Life”

For yourself:

- Keep yourself posted over weather forecasts and road condition reports over the route you'll be taking. It is a good measure especially for those who will ride a long way from home.
- Dress in layers to help you stay warm, the seat and handgrip warmers do not perform that well in extreme cold. Be mindful that too many layers may place you in a “cocoon” syndrome, which may cause you to have tunnel vision. A little bit of cold will help you stay alert.
- Obtain the winter clothing especially designed for motorcyclists.
- Electric vests and electric gloves can also be preferable. These electric gadgets are interconnected with wires that also connect to a thermostat that can be kept in your pocket. One end of the thermostat goes to a dedicated connector that leads to the battery.



Ride Safe,
Dale and Carleen Garrett
Chapter Educators



Do You Remember?!



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From the Editor

GWRRA and Chapter T friends,

I have reached a crossroads in my life and had to decide on the appropriate path for me to take. It is with heavy heart that my decision is away from GWRRA and the camaraderie within the organization as a whole and within Chapter T, in particular. I shall then resign from my positions as Newsletter Editor and Assistant Chapter Director effective December 9, 2017. I shall also be selling my Goldwing as I will not be making time to ride as I travel this new path.

I have fully enjoyed my time and the camaraderie in GWRRA and in Chapter T, and will always cherish the fun, learning, friends, and memories.

Farewell, and keep your rubber side down!

Rick Simmons

Assistant Chapter Director

Newsletter Editor

News from Above



From District:

(Excerpt from TX District October Newsletter – Rider Ed)

Kathy and Randy requests you to visit the Texas Motorcycle Safety Coalition at the LookLearnLive.org website. It is a group of concerned riders that work in conjunction with The Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Department of Transportation, and Texas A&M Transportation Institute.

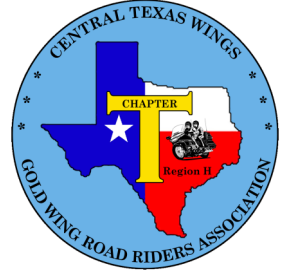
The goal of the TMSC is to reduce the number of crashes involving motorcycles and deaths and injuries resulting from these crashes. They study data from all facets of motorcycling to identify and propose strategies to improve motorcycle safety. The most recent addition to the [Look-LearnLive.org](http://LookLearnLive.org) website is an addition of an [interactive map](#) of Texas that shows where motorcycle crashes have occurred along popular riding routes (at <https://www.looklearnlive.org/routes/>).

While there are many online resources that also plot popular riding routes, few - if any of them - include a safety component. It is the TMSC hope that this website will aid riders as they plan their riding routes around the State. By selecting one of these routes, you can learn more information about the route, including where motorcycle crashes have occurred, factors that contributed to these crashes, and riding and safety tips.

By creating a user account, you can suggest routes, add route ratings, and share your own photos and videos. Your input is what will make this website a useful and meaningful tool for other riders.



2017—2018 Save the Date



December 2017

8 December – Chapter Christmas Party –
Harker Heights

January 2018

13 January – Mid-Winter Roundup – Washington
on the Brazos State Park

23 January - Chapter Gathering – Killeen

February 2018

2-4 February – District Education Weekend –
TAMUCT – Killeen, Tx

27 February - Chapter Gathering – Killeen

March 2018

22-24 March – [Florida District Rally – Orlando, FL](#)

27 March - Chapter Gathering – Killeen

April 2018

12-14 April – [Louisiana District Rally – Lafayette, La.](#)

24 April - Chapter Gathering – Killeen

May 2018

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

22 May - Chapter Gathering – Killeen

June 2018

26 June - Chapter Gathering – Killeen

July 2018

24 July - Chapter Gathering – Killeen

August 2018

28 August - Chapter Gathering – Killeen

28 August – 1 September – [Wing Ding 40 – Knoxville, Tn](#)

September 2018

25 September - Chapter Gathering – Killeen

October 2018

6 October – T-Fest – TBD

13 October – Chapter K2 Rally – Castroville Tx

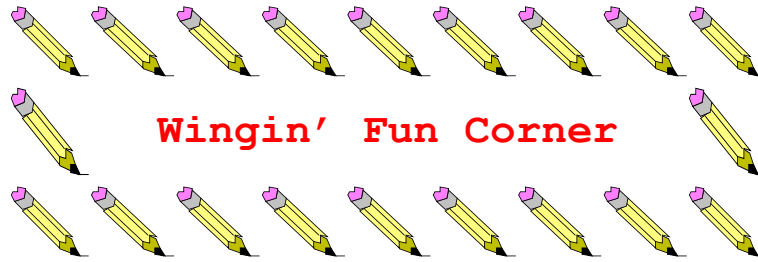
23 October - Chapter Gathering – Killeen

November 2018

27 November - Chapter Gathering – Killeen

December 2018

7 December – Chapter Christmas Party – TBD



Wingin' Fun Corner

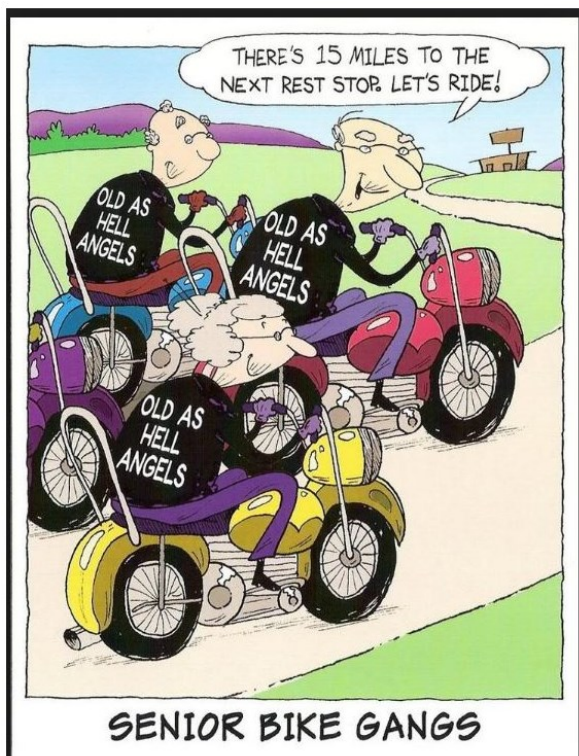
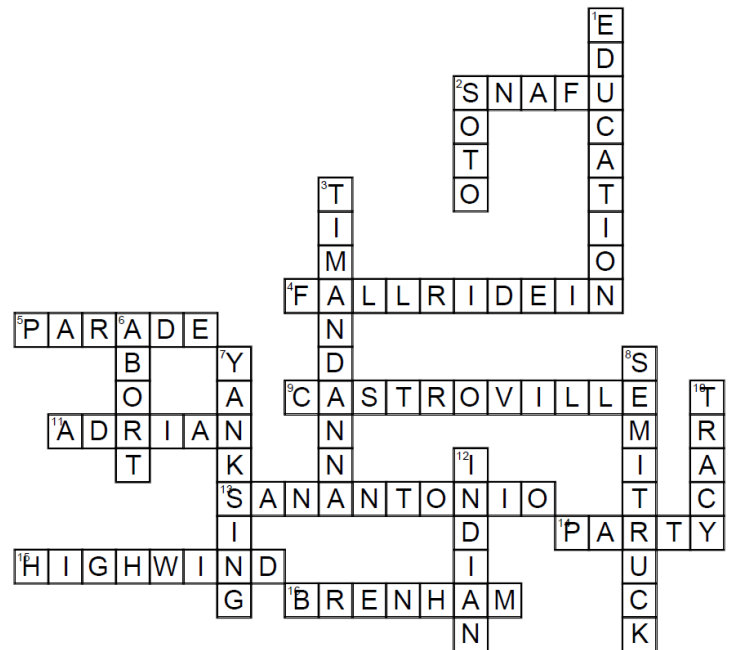
Wingnut Funny Business

October 2017 (Answers)

Q: Why do deep sea divers jump out of the boat backwards when they want to go into the water?

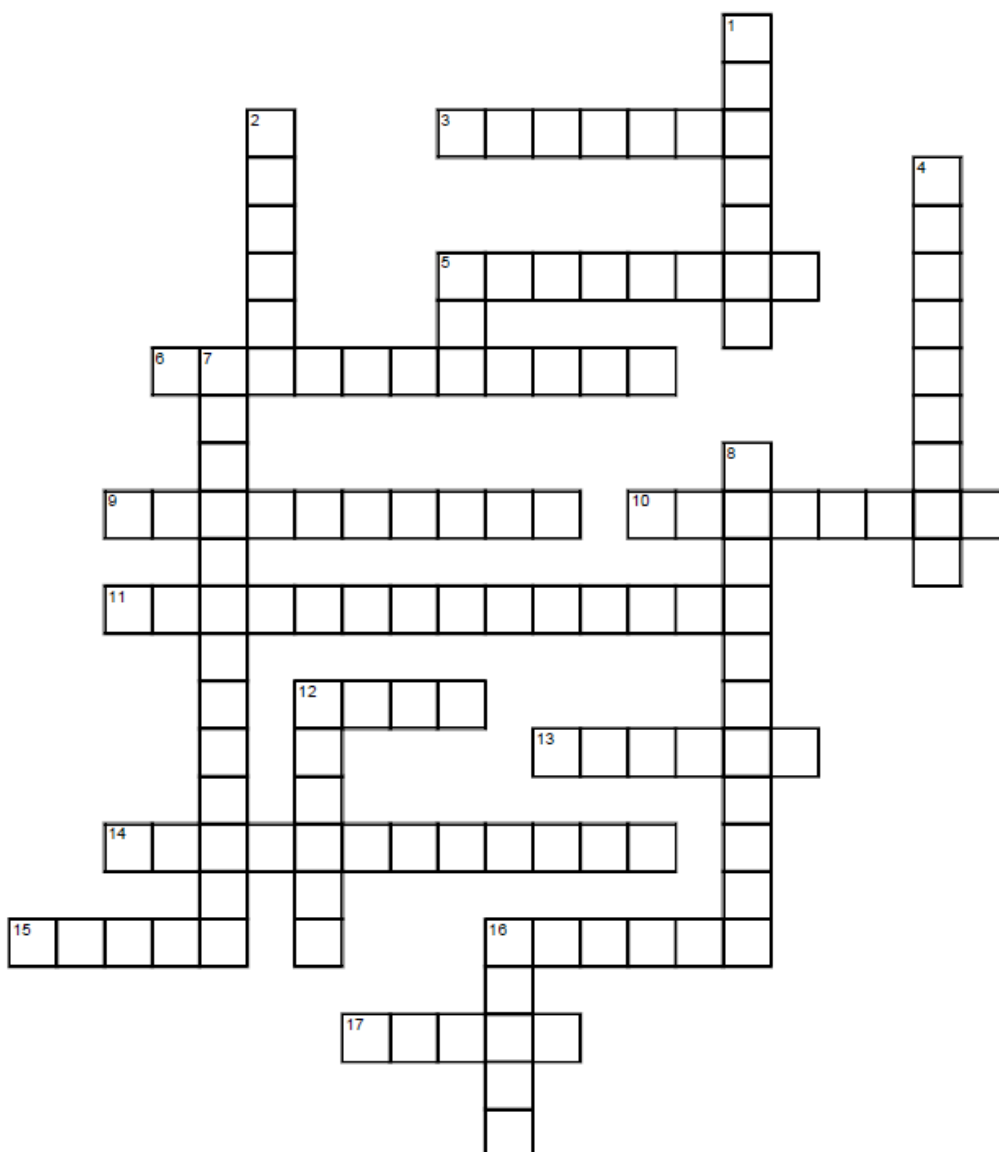
A: Because if they jumped forward, they would fall into the boat!

A guy tries to enter a nightclub but is stopped at the door by the bouncer



who tells him that he can't get in without wearing a necktie. The guy goes back to his car, looks around but can't find a tie. He sees a set of jumper cables in the back so he puts them around his neck and ties a rough knot. He walks back to the nightclub. When the bouncer sees him he looks him over and says "OK you can go in --- but don't start anything!"

November 2017 Puzzle (Happy Thanksgiving)

**Across**

- 3 One of the favorite pies
- 5 Main Thanksgiving Day sport
- 6 Day after Thanksgiving
- 9 Signifies the start of the Christmas season in Macy's Parade
- 10 That famous turkey day rock
- 11 This garnish complements turkey
- 12 Which turkeys say "gobble gobble?"
- 13 Annual Presidential event for a turkey
- 14 The first took place in 1621
- 15 Parade that begins the Christmas season
- 16 This flying ace appeared the most during Macy's Parade
- 17 A favorite potato dish

Down

- 1 The President who declared the final Thursday in November as a national day of thanksgiving
- 2 Other country celebrating Thanksgiving
- 4 State which produces the most turkeys
- 5 The President who moved Thanksgiving to the 3rd Thursday in November
- 7 First Thanksgiving broadcast football game
- 8 Monday after Thanksgiving
- 12 Favorite main dish of Thanksgiving
- 16 Main desire after 2nds and 3rds



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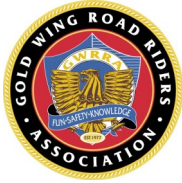
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Birthdays and Anniversaries



GWRRA

December: None Reported



Birthdays

December:

Bill C. (9)

Ron D. (15)

Stephen H. (26)



Anniversaries

December:

Alvalin and Jim (23)



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**Our Next
Gathering is
Dec 8, 2017**



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December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28 7pm - Chapter T	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Chapter Christmas	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	6



January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Mid-Winter Roundup
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 7pm - Chapter T	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3 Texas District Education Weekend @ Texas



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



Friends in Crisis donation list

1. Liquid detergent
2. Powder detergent
3. Bleach
4. Men's underwear all sizes
5. Women's underwear all sizes
6. Socks
7. Deodorant for both men and women
8. Over the counter medicine
9. Toilet paper
10. Rain ponchos
11. Hair brushes and combs.
12. Hair ties
13. Flip flops

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Maria Carmona
Shelter Coordinator



Friends In Crisis

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Friends In Crisis provides shelter and supportive services to the homeless. This 74-bed facility offers a safe place to sleep, an evening meal, shower and laundry facilities, onsite medical clinic provided by Greater Killeen Free Clinic, and the opportunity to participate in case management services designed to strengthen personal stability. Listed below are items needed.

Travel Sized Personal Care Items:

Shampoo
Conditioner
Bar Soap
Body Wash
Lotion
Toothpaste
Deodorant

Personal Care Items:

Razors
Toothbrushes
Deodorant
Brushes
Combs
Nail Clippers
Sanitary Pads
Tampons

Paper Products:

Paper Towels
Bathroom Tissue
Napkins
Tissues
Paper Plates
Plastic Cutlery
Disposable Cups
Styrofoam Coffee Cups

Cleaning Supplies:

Bleach
Bathroom Cleaners
Comet
Disinfectant Sprays
Dish Soap

Powdered Laundry Soap

Dryer Sheets

Underwear - men's and women's, all sizes

Socks - men's and women's, all sizes

Bras - all sizes

Shower Shoes (flip flops)- adult, all sizes

Large Adult T-Shirts

Back Packs/Tote Bags

Zip Lock Bags - sandwich, quart, gallon sizes

Food - non perishable and unopened;

large/bulk sizes preferred:

Canned vegetables, fruit

Pasta

Rice

Instant Potatoes

Cereal

Coffee

Sugar

Creamer

Ramen (individual packs)

Snacks - non perishable and unopened single packs such as:

crackers

pudding

cookies

granola bars

chips

Bottled Water

Board Games

Over the Counter Medications

*For more information, please call Maria Carmona,
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