

Chapter T  
Texas District  
GWRRA  
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## Central Texas Wings

20th Anniversary (1998-2018)

*Chapter of the Year - 2018!*



# November 2018



## WINGNUT

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

This month the Wingnut goes to Jose S. for testing the time limit on listening to music on his Wing without starting it to charge the battery.



### Greetings from our Director

DEAR CHAPTER T AND FRIENDS,

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. As most of you know, LeRoy and I are house hunting in Arkansas and won't be able to hold our position as Chapter Directors. Thank you everyone for your continuous support in the past. Let's keep this chapter going with great new ideas. All chapter leadership positions are available: Chapter Director (effective December 2018), Assistant Chapter Director, Chapter Newsletter Editor (effective immediately), Chapter MEC (effective December 2018), Chapter Education/Ride Coordinator (pending new leadership appointment/volunteer) and Chapter webmaster (pending new leadership appointment/volunteer).

As we come close to the end of 2018 our Christmas Party is just around the corner. Come and join us on December 7, 2018 from 6-8pm at the Retired E-9 Association Bldg. in Harker Heights. For dinner we will have potluck. The sign up list for the Potluck looks

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Next Chapter Meeting ;

January 22nd

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pretty great and very yummy. If you have not signed up yet please do so ASAP so we know how many members will attend.

I am also looking for volunteers to help set up the Christmas Party. We will meet at noon on 7 December 2018.

Also some of you are participating in Christmas Parades which can be lots of fun. Check them out.

Check our website, [centexwings.org](http://centexwings.org), for information, photos, events and upcoming gatherings!

Be safe out there! Kommt immer gut an!

Your Chapter Director  
Andrea Douglas



#### Chapter Team:

**Director:** Andrea & LeRoy Douglas

**Asst. Directors:** Jose & Celest Soto

**Webmasters:** Gene & Quinta Harris

**Treasurers:** Tim & Young Brooks

**Ride Coordinator & Education:** Dale & Carleen Garrett

**Membership Enhancement/ Social Coordinators & Chapter of the Year Coordinators:**  
Danny & Peggy Thacker

**Newsletter Editor:** Open

## ***Chapter T Christmas Party is December 7th!***

***Friends, food, fun and  
games!***

***Retired E9 Assc Bldg, Harker Heights***

Collection for Homeless Shelter  
(food, clothing, toiletries)

Collection for Animal Care

Potluck meal

Bush's Chicken Iced Tea

Starbucks Coffee

White Elephant Gift Exchange

Chapter Team positions for 2019

## Preparing for Toy-Run Season

One activity that many motorcycle riders participate in this time of the year is Toy Runs for kids. Our chapter enjoys the comradery of a large mixture of motorcyclists and the excitement of the children as we roar up with our gifts. Because Toy Runs are a group riding experience, it is important to review some of our basic group riding guidelines to keep everyone safer. Here is what the Motorcycle Safety Foundation suggests:

**Arrive prepared.** Arrive on time with a full gas tank.

**Hold a riders' meeting.** Discuss things like the route, rest and fuel stops, and hand signals. Assign a lead and sweep (tail) rider. Both should be experienced riders who are well-versed in group riding procedures. The leader should be aware of each rider's skill level before the ride and monitor the riders during the ride.

**Keep the group to a manageable size,** ideally five to seven riders. If necessary, break the group into smaller sub-groups, separated by a few seconds, each with a lead and sweep rider.

**Ride prepared.** At least one rider in each group should have a first-aid kit and full tool kit, and all riders should carry a cell phone, so the group is prepared for any problem that they might encounter.

**Ride in formation.** The staggered riding formation allows a proper space cushion between motorcycles so that each rider has enough time and space to maneuver and to react to hazards. The leader rides in the left third of the lane, while the next rider stays at least one second behind in the right third of the lane; the rest of the group follows the same pattern. A single-file formation with a minimum 2-second following distance is preferred on a curvy road, under conditions of poor visibility or poor road surfaces, entering/leaving highways, or other situations where an increased space cushion or maneuvering room is needed.

**Avoid side-by-side formations,** as they reduce the space cushion. If you suddenly needed to swerve to avoid a hazard, you would not have room to do so. You don't want handlebars to get entangled.

**Periodically check the riders following using your rear view mirrors.** If you see a rider falling behind, slow down so they may catch up. If all the riders in the group use this procedure, the group should be able to maintain a fairly steady speed without pressure to ride too fast to catch up.

**If you're separated from the group,** don't panic. Your group should have a pre-planned procedure in place to regroup. Don't break the law or ride beyond your skills to catch up.

**For mechanical or medical problems,** use a cell phone to call for assistance as the situation warrants.

**Please note:** Some Toy Runs can involve up to several hundred motorcycles. This is inherently a dangerous situation. Consider smaller events or sponsor one with just one or two chapters. Gold Wingers are generally better trained and more skilled in group riding techniques.

Have a very merry holiday season and remember to adjust your riding to the weather to keep safe!

Randy and Kathy Reese

Texas District Educators

**2017-18 International Couple of the Year**

*All The Gear All The Time*





## Murphy's Motorcycle Laws

1. A motorcycle cannot / will not fall over without an audience.
2. The fact your keys are still in your pants pocket will become apparent after you put your gloves on.
3. Motorcycles are to yellow bugs what aircraft carriers once were to Kamikaze pilots.
4. Quick fixes are named for how long they stay fixed.
5. The only part you really need will also be the only part on permanent backorder.
6. Nothing is harder to start than a used motorcycle being shown to a prospective buyer.
7. You will never suffer a punctured tire on the road until you leave the repair kit at home.
8. "Universal" accessories are so named because that is where you must search to find the bike they fit.

**Be Smart. Ride Safe.**

## BIRTHDAYS

NOV

DEC

12 Sherri R.

7 Susan M.

12 Dale G.

9 William C.

15 Susan R.

26 Stephen H.

18 Bob W.

## ANNIVERSARYS

7 Nov Erik & Lori E.

23 Dec Jim & Alvalin W.

29 Dec Don & Susan R.

You've finally reached the age in life where you have the freedom to be yourself...

No matter how much it embarrasses your kids..



Life as I see it-Feel it-Live-Welcome to it..

**The most dangerous part of a motorcycle...**



**IS THE NUT**

**CONNECTING THE SEAT TO THE HANDLEBARS!**



# Mark your Calendars



## November 2018

**27 November** - Chapter Gathering – Killeen

## December 2018

**1 December** – Copperas Cove Christmas Parade – Copperas Cove

**2 December** – TriCounty Toy Run of Central Texas – Temple to Lampasas

**7 December** – Chapter Christmas Party – Harker Heights, TX

**8 December** – Killeen Christmas Parade – Killeen

## January 2019

**22 January** - Chapter Gathering – Killeen

**25-31 January** – [Wingers-N-Waves 2019](#)

**26 January** – TX District Mid-Winter Roundup – Paris, TX

## February 2019

**26 February** - Chapter Gathering – Killeen

## March 2019

**25 March-2 April** – [10th Annual 40 to Phoenix Ride](#) –

**26 March** - Chapter Gathering – Killeen

**28-31 March** – [Thunder in the Hill Country- Bandera TX](#)

## April 2019

**4-6 April** – [Louisiana District Rally – Lafayette LA](#)

**23 April** - Chapter Gathering – Killeen

## May 2019

**16-18 May** – [Texas District Rally – Paris TX](#)

**28 May** - Chapter Gathering – Killeen

**30 May-1 June** – [Missouri District Rally – Branson MO](#)

## June 2019

**21-22 June** – [Kansas District Rally – Branson MO](#)

**25 June** - Chapter Gathering – Killeen

## July 2019

**23 July** - Chapter Gathering – Killeen



## **26<sup>th</sup> Annual TriCounty Toy Run Of Central Texas**

*The TriCounty Toy Run Committee and the American Legion Post 133 Invite ALL  
Bikers and Those Interested in Helping Needy Children at Christmas to Come Out and Participate.*

**Sunday, December 2, 2018**

**RAIN OR SHINE**



**RIDE FOR THE KIDS**

Bell, Coryell and Lampasas Counties

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 133**

Corner of 25<sup>th</sup> and Ave "M", Temple

**Admission: \$10 DONATION OR NEW TOY**

**FREE BREAKFAST (9:30AM UNTIL WE RUN OUT)**

Facebook Page: The TriCounty Toy Run of Central Texas

**ESCORTED RIDE DEPARTS AT 1:00PM**

**DESTINATION: 281 Café & Dancehall, Lampasas**

**CELEBRATION & TOY DISTRIBUTION AT DESTINATION**

**FREE CHILI SUPPER AT DESTINATION**

***Thanks to our Sponsors & Supporters for their continued assistance!***

Forgotten Soldiers MC,  
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Buffalo Soldiers MC,  
Tonka Toy's MSC,  
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Nolanville, Harker Heights, Killeen, Copperas Cove,  
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Texas Depts of Public Safety & Transportation  
**Volunteer Fire Departments OF**  
Briggs, Kempner, Sparta, Adamsville,  
Lometa, Salado, Turnersville & Lampasas

# November 2018

Sun 28	Mon 29	Tue 30	Wed 31	Thu Nov 1	Fri 2	Sat 3
Wingers-N-Waves Arizona District Ra	7pm KPS Bike Ni		Halloween	Lone Star Rally	Lousiana District Ride-In to Natchitoches	
4 Lone Star Rally Lousiana District Ri Daylight Saving Tim	5	6	7	8	9	10 5pm KPS Saturd
11 Veterans Day	12 Veterans Day obser	13 7pm Chapter O G	14	15	16 7pm KPS Bike Ni	17
18	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving Day	23 Black Friday	24
25	26	27 7pm Chapter T G	28	29	30	Dec 1
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# December 2018

Sun 25	Mon 26	Tue 27	Wed 28	Thu 29	Fri 30	Sat Dec 1
		● 7pm Chapter T G				
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16	17	18 ● 7pm Chapter O G	19	20	21	22
23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29
30	31 New Year's Eve	Jan 1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
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