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



Next Gathering:
October 24, 2017

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Hello Chapter T and Friends,

This month has really gone by so quickly, even though we didn't have a lot of things planned. We attended the event at KPS where they had test rides for Triumph Motorcycles. We had a good time there and met some possible new members that were attending the function. Really the only other thing we had was the dinner ride to Henderson's Restaurant. There were 15 members and 4 guest attend. And a short ride afterwards to settle down the great food we consumed. Some of our members then went to KPS for their monthly bike night.

Next big thing is T-Fest!!! We are so glad that it will be here soon and hopefully we have a good turn out. As of today we have 106 silent auction items, numerous door prizes and a lot of gift cards to hand out. And if the lunch is as good as the food we ate at Henderson's, we will have a great meal during T-Fest!! Please if you have not signed up to help, please do so at the gathering, or show up early on 7 October and we will assign you a task. Also if you have not registered, do so at the gathering!!

I also forgot that we made a trip to Arkansas to pick up Andrea's new trike. Gary Tracy joined us and we had a short but very nice ride there and back.

Other future events have us going to Castroville on 14 October for Chapter K2's rally and San Antonio on 21 October for Chapter H's rally. Please join us!! I will put out ride info the week prior to each event. More than likely we will skip a dinner ride in October but pick it up again in November.

See you on a ride soon.

LeRoy and Andrea Douglas

Chapter Directors

Rider Education

“Safety is for Life”



Sometimes a question is just a question but at other times it starts one to search for something more. I have talked about the levels program and how to get and maintain each level. A few weeks ago I was asked, “Why is the program important and why should I make the time and effort to get the classes and education that is needed?”

I found myself not really able to answer that question, therefore I started looking for an answer that would make more sense than that is just the way we have been doing it. I wanted to say that education is one of the main stays of our association, but that just really does not cut it. So I went deeper. I started asking myself questions why I put forth the effort? In searching I came upon the following article, and found it made sense to me so I am presenting it to you.

Why Should I Take a Rider Course?

This question is one that many of us find easy to answer. What we may not understand is why anyone would need to ask it. There are some riders in each of our chapters that choose not to participate in an instructed Rider Course. Let's examine this and try to understand why, and look at what a Rider Course can do for you.

Some may say, “I've been riding for years. I don't need to take a class.” Others will boast about the miles they have accumulated on two wheels and ask “what can they teach me?” Have you ever tried to persuade someone with that attitude that a Rider Course might help them be an even better rider? Their position can be so negative and so strongly put that you don't want to talk to them about the benefits of rider training. Sometimes, people hide their self doubt behind a curtain of confidence and bluster. Is it possible to have all the knowledge and skill necessary to avoid any accident? Well, if one chooses not to ride very far or very often, then perhaps it is possible. But I wouldn't want to bet **my** life on it!

Do you remember a single season in your riding career without at least one close call or near miss due to another motorist's driving behavior?



Rider Education

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How about a single *month*? If you ride around the state or across the country, you expose yourself to many different situations that require anticipation of all the possible actions of other drivers. You have to be prepared to counter with the proper response - *whatever their action* - and do it in a split second! A motorcycle Rider Course helps prepare you mentally and physically to execute

the kinds of maneuvers called for by a driver's unexpected actions. We look upon these classes as an opportunity to learn and improve our riding skills in a safe environment.

The instructors are trained to spot the little techniques during range exercises that riders tend to forget to employ on the road. They provide reminders to all students in a positive manner. Their trained eyes and constructive comments are geared to put each of us on the path to being the safest riders we can be. This can help with your attitude and performance on the road. Being reminded of the best techniques to execute different skills does not hurt at all. It is painless. The practice and coaching helps to improve our skills, whether we never knew the technique to use, or just need the occasional reminder. Hey, who doesn't appreciate a reminder from time to time? Especially when it is about something you want to do correctly and safely, but may have just forgotten the best method.

In athletic training we are taught that practice makes perfect. And when you practice something you enjoy doing, it's just a lot of fun! Practicing motorcycle riding maneuvers in a closed parking lot with someone else (the instructors) monitoring the range to protect the riders from outside hazards helps you focus your attention on the task at hand - becoming a better rider!

On another level, taking a Rider Course will help you qualify for advancement in the Rider Education Levels Program, to Level II or above, or keep you current in your present level. And there is one more thing to remember about *all* GWRRA Rider Course offerings. Nobody fails! Everyone who completes the course receives a course completion card. There are no minimum performance requirements. You are asked to push yourself to improve your abilities. You won't get better at it if you don't try. Sign up for a Rider Course today.

You will thank yourself later!

Dale and Carleen Garrett
Chapter Educators

Do You Remember?!



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From National:

GWRRA Leadership believe that the changes being instituted will better support the chapter in having fun. Safety will always be the number 1 factor in havening fun and we all must be good safety stewards. Better understand the changes taking place within GWRRA by reading the August [Insight](#) letter found at:
<http://gwrro.org/oconnect/newsletter/2017/InsightNewsletter0817.pdf?v=2>



From Region:

November 3-5 is the Region H ride-in starting in Van Buren, AR on Friday the 3rd, riding up to the HUB on the 4th and riding home on the 5th. This ride-in may become an annual reunion for Region H. Info is on the [Region](#) webpage at www.region-h.org.



From District:

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(Excerpt from TX District September Newsletter)

Texas District was recognized for having the largest district in attendance by percentage and by total count. Congratulations to Randy and Kathy Reese as the new 2017-2018 International Couple of the Year. They have done us proud and will be great Ambassadors for GWRRA in their travels this coming year.

In other news, the Ride Coordinator must be Level II, in the levels program, and a trained Road Captain. District will be hosting the District Education Weekend, February 2-4, 2018, offering seminars and presentations to assist in qualifying those in need.

You may see more information by going to the [TX District Newsletter](#) for September at: <http://www.gwrro-tx.org/photos/2017-09%20NL.pdf>



2017—2018 Save the Date



September 2017

28 - 30 September - Oklahoma District Rally - Muskogee, Ok

October 2017

****7 October - T-Fest Rally - Harker Heights, Tx****

12 - 14 October - Mississippi District 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

January 2018

13 January - Mid Winter Roundup - Washington On the Brazos State Park

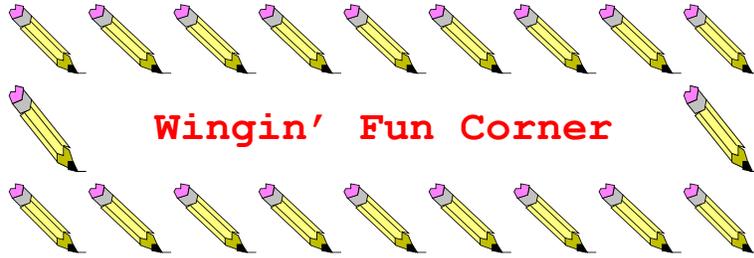
February 2018

2-4 February - District Education

Weekend (TAMUCT) - Killeen

May 2018

17-19 May - District Rally - Brenham, TX

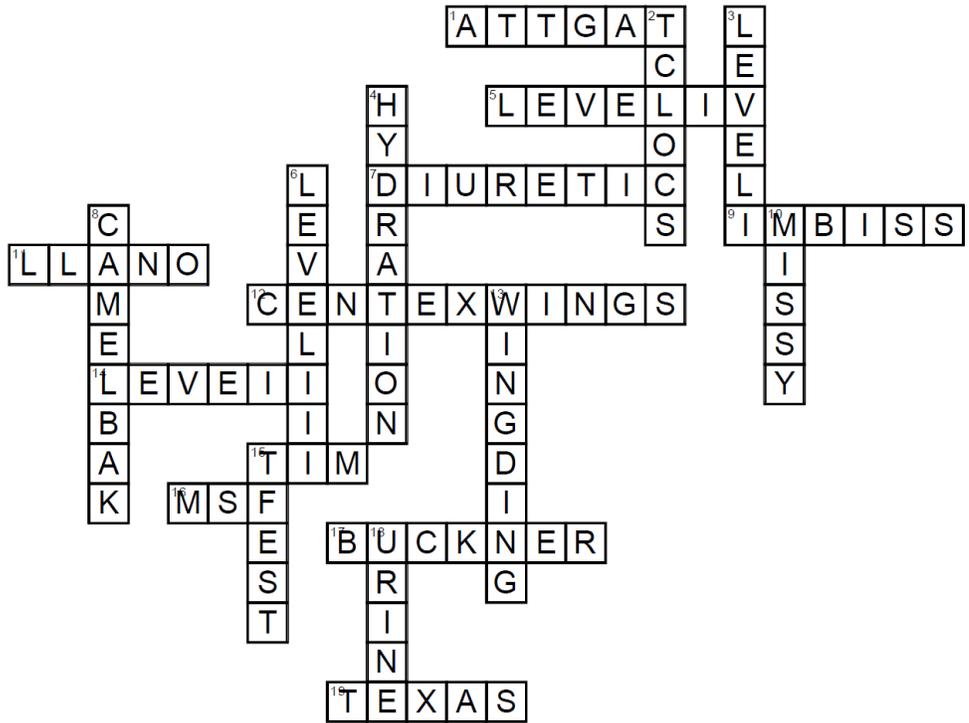


Wingin' Fun Corner

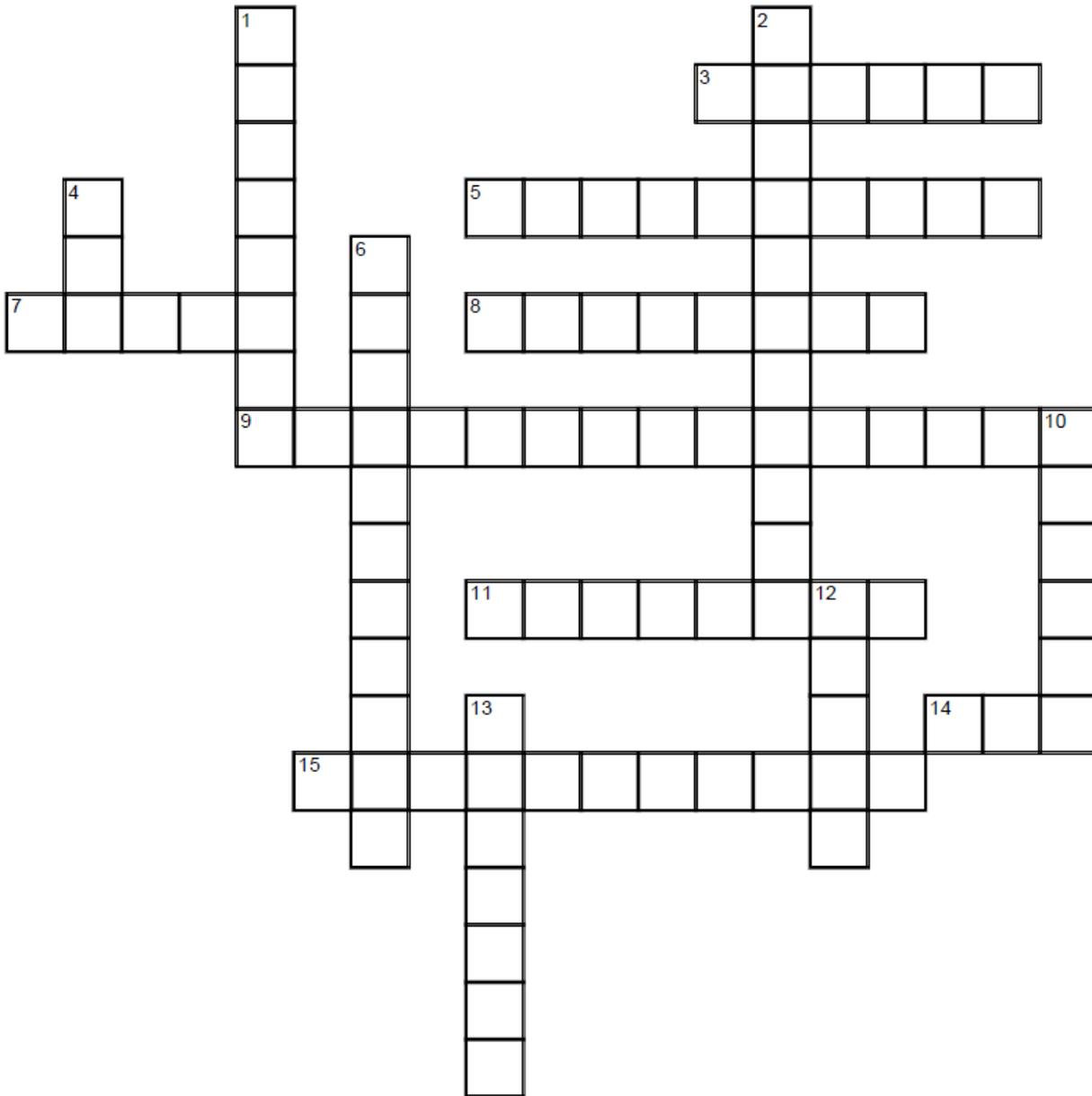
Wingnut Funny Business

August 2017 (Answers)

While robbing a home, a burglar hears someone say, "Jesus is watching you." To his relief, he realizes it is just a parrot mimicking something it had heard. The burglar asks the parrot, "What's your name?" the parrot says, "Moses." The burglar goes on to ask, "What kind of a person were name their parrot Moses?" The parrot replies, "The same kind of person that names his Rottweiler Jesus!"



September 2017 Puzzle

**Across**

- 3 One primary concern of GWRRA
 5 Chapter H's rally place
 7 Chapter T Fun in October
 8 GWRRA "Book of Knowledge"
 9 New officer position in GWRRA
 11 Excellent baked goods from "an old country"
 14 One primary concern of GWRRA
 15 A way to refresh your riding skills

Down

- 1 No longer a GWRRA Officer, but still important to the Chapter
 2 Chapter K2's rally place
 4 Organization dedicated to motorcycle safety
 6 A qualifier for Ride Coordinator
 10 A Region H ride beginning in Arkansas
 12 ICOY (2017-2018)
 13 A qualifier for Ride Coordinator



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Birthdays and Anniversaries



GWRRA

October: Jim & Al-
valin W. (08), Tim
B. (99)

November: None Re-
ported

December: None Re-
ported



Birthdays

October: Jim W.
(3), Don R. (14)

November: Sherri R
(12), Susan R (15),
Bob W (18), Dale G
(21)

December: Bill C.
(9), Stephen H.
(26),



Anniversaries

October: Brady &
Jeannie (23)

November: None Re-
ported

December: None Re-
ported



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Our Next Gathering is Oct 24, 2017



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October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 T-Fest @ Harker
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
				Mississippi District Rally @ Gulfport, MS, USA		Chapter K2 Rally @
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
						Chapter H Rally @
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		7pm - Chapter T				
29	30	31	1	2	3	4



November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	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 7pm - Chapter T	29	30	1	2



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 7pm - Chapter T	26	27	28	29	30