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Central Texas Wings

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Chapter Directors' Notes

Good evening CenTex Wings,

Prime riding season is here at last! Beautiful weather, great roads, and wonderful riding companions.

Quinta and I were pleased to attend the Capital Wings' Blue Bonnet Rally in Fredericksburg 13—15 Apr. The Rally included a ride and tour of the LBJ Ranch (aka the Texas White House) which was much more interesting and educational than I imagined. We enjoyed a picnic style box lunch along the way.



Tim at a Louisiana Gator Farm

The following weekend was the Louisiana District's Mardi Gras Festival Rally in Morgan City, LA. Big turnout, lots of activities and entertainment, and fantastic food! We drove out to Grand Isle in the Gulf for lunch with Tim and Young. I was awestruck by the terrain, and the enormous engineering challenges involved in their transportation system. We visited a commercial Gator Farm on the way back. We also went to Avery Island, the home of Tabasco, Inc. Touring the manufacturing facilities, and the beautifully landscaped trails and gardens was exciting, but watching Tim consume some crazy hot sauces without melting his plastic stomach was scary.

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We are looking forward to this coming weekend with the Texas District Yellow Rose Rally in Kerrville, and the follow-on Big Bend Ride led by Jim and Alvalin.

If anyone is interested in free registration for the Mississippi District Rally, 26—28 Oct in Biloxi, please contact me.

Next Chapter Meeting
May 23rd
Golden Corral

Gene

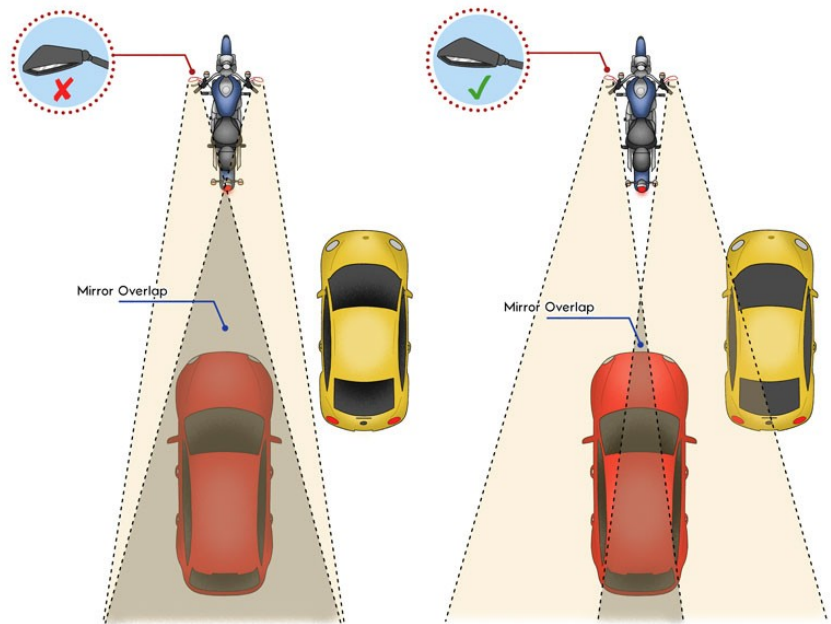
Stayin' Safe: Proper Motorcycle Mirror Positioning

Article from Rider Magazine, by Eric Trow, September 28, 2018

You wouldn't ride with a blindfold on. Nor would you ride with blinders to obscure your peripheral vision (like horses wear). Yet, many riders keep their right and left mirrors adjusted in a way that provides the narrowest view (including an excellent view of their elbows).

Next time you hop aboard your bike, and before you pull away, take a careful look into each mirror. What do you see? Is the view in the left mirror virtually the same as the view in the right mirror? How much of the scene behind you can you see in both mirrors?

If the scene is largely duplicated by each, try angling both mirrors outward to expand the width of your overall view. The ideal adjustment allows you to see a vehicle directly behind in either mirror but with minimal overlap of that image. You should have a distinctly different view to the outside of the mirror now as well. The left mirror should reveal more of the space adjacent to your bike on the left (where cars pass), and the right mirror should expand the view of the space to the right of your bike (where merging vehicles appear from), significantly expanding your total rearward view.



While we're talking mirrors, it's a good time to consider what other drivers see. Car drivers have a rearview mirror mounted on the windshield that provides exactly what the name suggests: a rear view. Cars also have two side-view mirrors mounted to the outside of the vehicle on the right and left side. Unfortunately, despite the name, those mirrors are typically adjusted inward to take in the same rearward view as the inside mirror. That means that vehicles—including our motorcycles—are easily obscured from the driver's view. Be aware as you ride alongside other vehicles; if you can't see their reflection in the mirror, they can't see you!

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BIRTHDAYS

25 Aug	Jeannie K
17 Sep	Young B
24 Sep	Chet R

ANNIVERSARIES

None



Mark your Calendars



2022

23 Aug - Centex Wings Gathering, Golden Corral - Killeen, TX

10 Sep - Centex Wings Ride, Dahlia Café, Liberty Hill, TX

16 – 18 Sep - Oklahoma District Rally - Ponca City, OK

27 Sep - Centex Wings Gathering, Golden Corral - Killeen, TX

29 Sep – 1 Oct - Alabama District Rally - Eufala, AL

7 - 9 Oct - *(T) Centex Wings Ride - Alamo and River Walk—San Antonio*

25 Oct - Centex Wings Gathering, Golden Corral - Killeen, TX

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10– 14 Nov - *(T) Centex Wings Ride - Big Bend/Ft Davis - Alpine, TX*

22 Nov - Centex Wings Gathering, Golden Corral - Killeen, TX

9 Dec - Centex Wings Holiday Party

2023

24 Jan - Centex Wings Gathering, Golden Corral - Killeen, TX

28 Feb - Centex Wings Gathering, Golden Corral - Killeen, TX

28 Mar - Centex Wings Gathering, Golden Corral - Killeen, TX

25 Apr - Centex Wings Gathering, Golden Corral - Killeen, TX

23 May - Centex Wings Gathering, Golden Corral - Killeen, TX



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