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Central Texas Wings

Chapter of the Year - 2018!



March 2021



WINGNUT

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

The Wingnut has been vaccinated and is ready to ride!



Danny Thacker



Jerry Parnell

Greetings Chapter T and Friends,

For all those wondering if we are still an active chapter, YES WE ARE. WE has just been kicked around a bit by weather, broken pipes at our favorite gathering place (Henderson's), the passing of two of our esteemed members, and that pesky COVID-19 pandemic.

We will be gathering on Tuesday, March 23rd at Henderson's at 5:30 p.m. I spoke with April, the manager, who stated that all the pipes have been fix from that heck of a cold snap we had recently. Henderson's is ready to serve you.

On another note, as you well know, this year we lost two chapter members, Danny Thacker, and Jerry Parnell. Both has been long standing members of Chapter T. Both love to ride the open roads, and all the adventures that it brings. Even the good folks you meet along the way. We wish them both a safe trip to Heaven's Winggate. It was our honor as a chapter to be able to provide the final escort from the funeral home their final resting place.

Texas District Rally is still going on at the Y.O. Ranch Hotel, 2033 Sidney Baker St., Kerrville, Texas 78028, April 29th-May 1nd. Plan to attend and meet up with old friends and meet new ones.

Respectfully,

Jose and Celest Soto

Chapter Directors

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Next Chapter Meeting

April 27th

Henderson's Restaurant



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BIRTHDAYS

24 Mar Alvalin W
29 Apr Jose S

ANNIVERSARIES

5 Apr Tim & Young B



2021 GOLD WING

The 2021 Gold Wing expands on the goal of long-distance touring luxury with updates aimed at greater comfort and convenience. The Tour model's top trunk is 11 liters larger, for a total of 61 liters storage capacity, and the passenger seat's backrest features a more relaxed angle, thicker foam and a taller profile. The seat has a suede-like cover with an enhanced appearance, and the Gold Wing has colored seat piping for added color contrast. A number of audio improvements were incorporated, including upgraded, 45 watt speakers with richer audio; optimized automatic volume-adjustment level and a standard XM radio antenna. Android Auto™ integration joins Apple CarPlay® integration, and the rear turn signals are now all red for a clean, stylish look.

Colors

Gold Wing Tour Air Bag DCT: Candy Ardent Red

Gold Wing Tour DCT, Gold Wing Tour: Candy Ardent Red; Metallic Black

Gold Wing DCT, Gold Wing: Deep Pearl Gray

MSRP

Gold Wing Tour Air Bag DCT: \$32,600

Gold Wing Tour DCT: \$29,300

Gold Wing Tour: \$28,300

Gold Wing DCT: \$25,100

Gold Wing: \$23,900

Available: February

Honda Gold Wing to Get Adaptive Cruise Control

Radar-assisted safety systems under development for future GL1800s

By [Ben Purvis](#) , Cycle World Magazine, December 3, 2020

If you want to experience automotive-like levels of comfort and equipment on two wheels, [Honda's Gold Wing](#) has been the go-to bike for decades, but in 2021 it's now starting to lag behind in the key safety areas, such as external sensing technology. That's something the firm is clearly keen to rectify, so development work is already well underway on a radar-equipped Wing with adaptive cruise control.

Whether [Honda](#) has signed up with Bosch or is developing its own radar cruise isn't clear yet, but the firm's latest patent filings show that an ACC system is being developed for the Gold Wing. Since the technology behind adaptive cruise control and radars themselves is already well established, Honda's patent doesn't focus on the electronic aspects of the radar system, but on how the radar sensor itself is bolted to the bike and hidden behind the fairing.

The Gold Wing radar patent specifically focuses on isolating the radar sensor and the bodywork in front of it from vibration. The radar is firmly mounted on an extension of the bike's fairing and headlight stays, themselves bolted to the front of the frame, and [Honda](#) suggests that the gap between the radar and the body panel in front of it would be filled with a spongelike, radar-invisible damping material.

The radar doesn't change the appearance of the bike compared to the current, non-radar version. It sits above and between the headlights, set back behind the sloping front bodywork. Honda's patent document doesn't specify whether the radar unit is a Bosch part, as used by its rivals, but the firm does have deals in place with Bosch; the German firm provides radars for some of Honda's cars and makes many of the ABS systems used on its bikes, so to adopt the same technology would be the simplest way to catch up with the competition.

[Ducati's Multistrada V4 radar system](#) also includes a rear-facing radar to monitor blind spots, with mirror-mounted lights to alert riders if there's anything lurking over their shoulder, but Honda's Gold Wing patent makes no mention of a rear-facing sensor. It's possible the firm isn't interested in the rear-sensing part of the system—[BMW's R 1250 RT doesn't use it](#), so it's not a vital component—but another patent suggests the firm is working on its own alternative.

The second Honda design uses an Africa Twin as its guinea pig rather than the Gold Wing, but shows the fitment of rear-facing ultrasonic sensor rather than a radar unit to provide warnings of vehicles behind. It's a cheaper, simpler arrangement than radar, and one that's already been seen on at least one two-wheeler; BMW's C650 scooter has been offered with ultrasonic blind-spot monitoring since 2015. It's basically the same technology that's been used in cars' parking sensors for decades, measuring the distance to objects using ultrasonic frequencies instead of radio waves.

Between them the two patents show that Honda won't be left behind for long when it comes to the latest trend of bikes that are aware of their surroundings.



Mark your Calendars



March 2021

- 23 Mar** - Chapter T Gathering - Henderson's Restaurant, Killeen, TX
- 25 - 28 Mar** - Thunder in the Hill Country, Bandera, TX
- 27 Mar** - HogFest 2021 - Horny Toad Harley Davidson, Temple, TX

April 2021

- 1 Apr** - BellMoto Bike Night - Temple, TX
- 3 Apr** - Chapter T Ride - Andice General Store (Tentative)
- 3 Apr** - Charity Car & Bike Show / Beard and Stache Competition - Pit Stop, Belton, TX
- 9 - 11 Apr** - Texas Fandango (Vintage bikes show & swap meet) , Fredericksberg, TX
- 10 Apr**—Chapter O Rally, Fredericksberg, TX
- 27 Apr** - Chapter T Gathering - Henderson's Restaurant, Killeen, TX
- 29 Apr - 1 May** - Texas District Rally/Ride-In, Kerrville, TX
- 29 Apr - 1 May** - Tennessee District Rally, Pigeon Forge, TN
- 30 Apr - 2 May** - Hill Country Run Motorcycle Rally, Luckenbach, TX

May 2021

- 8 May** - Second Saturday Ride - Open Date
- 8 May** - Third Annual GWRRA Motorist Motorcycle Awareness Day
- 20—22 May** - Pennsylvania District Rally, Cranberry Township, PA
- 25 May** - Chapter T Gathering - Henderson's Restaurant, Killeen, TX

June 2021

- 3 - 5 Jun** - Missouri District Rally, Branson, MO
- 4 - 5 Jun** - Kentucky District Ride-In, Union, KY
- 10 - 13 Jun** - ROT Rally 2021, Austin, TX
- 12 Jun** - Second Saturday Ride - Open Date
- 17 - 19 Jun** - Ohio District Rally, Wooster, OH
- 22 Jun** - Chapter T Gathering - Henderson's Restaurant, Killeen, TX
- 29 Jun - 3 Jul** - Wing Ding 42, Springfield, MO

July 2021

- 10 Jul** - Second Saturday Ride - Open Date
- 15 - 17 Jul** - West Virginia District Rally, Summersville, WV
- 23 - 24 Jul** - Minnesota/North Dakota District Rally, Winona, MN
- 27 Jul** - Chapter T Gathering - Henderson's Restaurant, Killeen, TX



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August 2021

- 5 - 7 Aug** - Illinois District Rally, Rock Falls, IL
- 14 Aug** - Second Saturday Ride - Open Date
- 13 - 15 Aug** - Idaho District Rally, Kamiah, ID
- 19 - 21 Aug** - Michigan District Rally, St.Louis, MI
- 19 - 21 Aug** - Kentucky District Rally, Lawrenceburg, KY
- 19 - 22 Aug** - New York District Rally, Cortland, NY
- 24 Aug** - Chapter T Gathering - Henderson's Restaurant, Killeen, TX
- 27 - 28 Aug** - Minnesota/Iowa/Wisconsin/Illinois/North Dakota Districts Ride-In, Dubuque, IA

September 2021

- 11 Sep** - Second Saturday Ride - Open Date
- 16 - 18 Sep** - Georgia District Ride-In, Dillard, GA
- 16 - 18 Sep** - Oklahoma District Rally, Muscogee, OK
- 23 - 24 Sep** - Iowa District Rally, Fairfield, IA
- 28 Sep** - Chapter T Gathering - Henderson's Restaurant, Killeen, TX
- 30 Sep - 2 Oct** - Alabama District Rally, Eufala, AL

October 2021

- 9 Oct** - Second Saturday Ride - Open Date
- 26 Oct** - Chapter T Gathering - Henderson's Restaurant, Killeen, TX

November 2021

- 13 Nov** - Second Saturday Ride - Open Date
- 23 Nov** - Chapter T Gathering - Henderson's Restaurant, Killeen, TX

December 2021

- 11 Dec** - Second Saturday Ride - Open Date

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