

Chapter T
Texas District
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Central Texas Wings

Chapter of the Year - 2018!



March 2022



WINGNUT

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

To ALL Chapter T members, for not riding enough in the last Ten Months to have any Wingnut nominations! Last award was to Chet for cow pie catastrophe in April.

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Next Chapter Meeting
April 26th
Taquerias Mexico #3

Chapter Directors' Notes

Greetings Members and Friends,



Greetings Chapter T,

Thank you all for attending today's monthly gathering. Often, organizations much like ours, go through changes, both in personnel leaving to other chapters and or other riding organizations. We also have folks that choose not to ride or belong to an organization because it simply is not for them, the fun of it is all gone, or just life takes them in a new direction. So what is all this jibberish about? Let me explain.

We have had guests come and go through our doors, some have stayed and some have joined. Chapter T, you all are to be commended for making our longest non member couples, the Nowicki's, feel warm and comfortable in our presence, so much so that they are now officially GWRRA TX-T Chapter members. We are delighted you both decided to stay.

Update on Chapter Shirts. **THEY ARE HERE.** Cost is \$20 for the shirts. If I got your size already I should have them ready for pickup on Tuesday.

Texas District Rally is coming up. I plan on being there for the day. I anticipated personally being there for the entire

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weekend but but may be there just Friday and Saturday. If you are attending and riding let me know if you will be riding on Friday.

Our second Saturday rides will be coming back. Start sending me your thoughts on ride activities that you would like to go on. This is all for now. Hope to see you on the road.

Respectfully,

Jose and Celest Soto
Chapter Directors

Chapter T Couple of the Year 2022!

Congratulations to Chet and Lucy! They were recognized as our Chapter's Couple of the Year at the February Gathering.



One fine summer's evening Nick, Lee, and Tom were riding home from the bar (must not have been Goldwingers), all three of them were on Nick's trike. Of course, they were stopped by Trooper Don, who stated that "the motorcycle or trike is only licensed to carry two people, and there are three of you.....One of you will have to get off on walk!"

"Three of us?" Nick cried, as he turned to Tom and Lee.... "Jeez....where's Billy-Bob and Jim?"

Chapter Team:

Directors: Jose & Celest Soto

Treasurers: Tim & Young Brooks

Ride Coordinators:

Membership Enhancement / Social Coordinators & Chapter of the Year Coordinators:

Webmaster/Newsletter: Gene & Quinta Harris

BIRTHDAYS

24 Mar Alvalin W

29 Apr Jose S

ANNIVERSARIES

5 Apr Tim & Young B

Stayin' Safe: Fueling Risk

Article from **Rider Magazine** By **Eric Trow** July 8, 2019

Intersections are the most common sites of motorcycle crashes involving other vehicles. You probably knew that. Oncoming vehicles turning left across the path of the unsuspecting motorcyclist and drivers pulling into the rider's lane from a side street are serious risks to the street rider. The astute motorcyclist approaches intersections with anticipation and minimizes risk by adjusting position and speed to create precious space and time.

But what does an intersection look like? Not all traffic junctions are traditional four-way cross-roads. In developed areas, the local gas station may be the busiest and most frenetic intersection in town—especially those biggie-sized gas/convenience stores popping up everywhere.



Figure 1 With multiple entrances and vehicles constantly flowing in and out, a busy gas station is one of the most foreboding intersections a rider will encounter.

Unlike the traditional intersection where vehicle drivers have limited turning options, the gas station has multiple entrances and exits as well as undefined paths of travel within the fueling compound. This creates a free-for-all and challenges the rider to determine where any given threat may come from.

Avoidance begins before you get there. Look for gas stations in the distance. Actively scan for vehicles on the highway that may turn across your lane, while also scanning for vehicles moving within the fuel stop that could present a moving threat.

Be aware there are multiple things demanding a driver's attention near gas stations. Other vehicles entering and exiting, the flow of highway traffic and even intangibles like concerns of being late for work. All of these make a rider even less noticeable to motorists.

Consider the busiest times of day for gas station traffic. Early morning can be particularly hectic as folks fill up on fuel and coffee on their way to work. As vehicles move in and out of traffic, be aware that the sun can be blinding when it's low in the sky, potentially hiding your bike in the glare.

Just passing by? Anticipate ingress and egress movement and have an escape plan. Slow your approach and, when safe, accelerate out of the danger zone. When turning into a station, assess the scene and plan your clearest path in and around the pumps, parked cars, fuel puddles and plodding vehicles before you get into the middle of it all.

By pumping a few gallons of high-octane strategy into your ride and topping up your awareness level, you'll be able to safely manage one of the busiest intersections found on any ride. Isn't that a gas?



Newsletter Article: *Motorcyclist Safety***Reprint of article from March 22, 2007****Written by Chet Roby****GWRRA Number 174559****Life Grand Master Number 6226**

Well, the weather is definitely drifting towards motorcycle riding weather. Those persons with PMS (parked motorcycle syndrome), can now “start their engines” and enjoy some terrific sights, along with comfortable riding weather; but not without performing some basic, fundamental safety checks of the motorcycle, along with re-educating one on the basic maneuverability skills.

Are you aware that single vehicle motorcycle crashes accounts for 45% of all motorcycle fatalities? Are you aware motorcycle fatalities were at an all time low in 1996 (937) and replicated in 1997. Unfortunately, from 1997 to 1999 there was an increase of 21.7% in motorcycle fatalities.

What caused the increase? According to the **NHTSA DOT HS 908 360**, the following was hypothesized.

Report Conclusions: Findings from the FARS (Fatality Analysis Reporting System) data illustrate possible reasons for motorcyclist fatalities in single vehicle motorcycle crashes:

- Helmet use among fatally injured motorcyclists below 50 percent
- More motorcyclist fatalities are occurring on rural roads
- High blood alcohol levels are a major problem among motorcycle operators
- Half of the fatalities are related to negotiating a curve prior to the crash
- Over 80 percent of the fatalities occur off roadway
- Undivided roadways account for a majority of the fatalities
- Almost two thirds of the fatalities were associated with speeding as an operator contributing factor in the crash
- Almost 60 percent of motorcyclist fatalities occur at night
- Collision with a fixed object is a significant factor in over half of the fatalities
- Braking and steering maneuvers possibly contribute for almost 25 percent of the fatalities
- More riders age 40 and over are getting killed
- Almost one third of the fatally injured operators did not have a proper license

1998 Motorcycle Facts:

2,284 motorcyclists died and approximately 49,000 were injured in highway crashes in the United States.

Per mile traveled in 1998, a motorcyclist is approximately 16 times more likely to die in a crash than an automobile occupant. And 3x (times) as likely to be injured.

Head injury is a leading cause of death in motorcycle crashes.

In 1998, 46% of fatally injured motorcycle drivers were not wearing helmets at the time of the crash.

NHTSA estimates that motorcycle helmets reduce the likelihood of a fatality by 29% in a crash.

In 1998, 41% of all motorcycle drivers involved in fatal crashes were speeding.

Nearly one out of five motorcycle drivers (18%) involved in fatal crashes in 1998 was operating with an invalid license at the time of the collision.

Motorcycle drivers involved in fatal crashes in 1998 had higher intoxication rates than any other type of motor vehicle driver at 31%.

In 1998, 500 motorcyclists' lives were saved due to helmet usage; 307 could have been saved.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Remember, motorcycle riding is not easy. It requires a level of skill and confidence to focus on executing the required maneuverability exercises to ensure safe turns, cornering, acceleration, stopping, etc. In fact, the "Hurt Study" reinforces the fundamental skills were the skill areas that needed focus from an execution perspective. Being prepared for the events that occur is just as important as being able to execute the necessary maneuver.

In order to survive and avoid a dreaded incident, one needs to be prepared by developing an awareness of what happens on the street and most importantly, what could happen. The primary precept for survival isn't one's training, practice, and inherent physical skills, it's one's ability to perceive and predict. Mental skills and strategies will continue to keep one in the realm of the active riders.

The MSF curriculum teaches that 90 percent of successful, enjoyable motorcycling is mental. The ability to process information will allow one to be in the right position, at the right time, which is also absolutely critical. One's vision must be acute and capable, without limitations or impairment.

What does this information mean...before you mount your motorcycle for another season of enjoyment be sure and review the MOM (motorcycle owners manual), to ensure tire inflation, change the oil, check all fluid levels, and then spend 30 to 60 minutes on a parking lot, with no one but you and the motorcycle to re-acquaint oneself with the skills truly needed to be developed and honed to perfection.

Yes, one does need good riding skills and it is critical to have the self-confidence to execute instinctively, which comes from practice...yes, practice.

Have a great spring and summers as you continue to ride safe, with friends having fun.

Kindest personal regards,

R Chester Roby

GWRRA Number 174559

Life Grand Master Number 6226



COY Nomination for 2022...Chapter T

By: R Chester Roby, March 29th, 2022

Lucy and I are humbled to be nominated as COY for Chapter T during the 2022 year. This is an honor we did not expect, nor do we know what is expected of us during our tenure. However, both Lucy and I are resourceful and asking plenty of questions to assure this prestigious honor is well represented within Chapter T.

Not understanding the duties or expectation of COY for Chapter T, I chose to review the requirements, as defined by GWRRA, on the national website. Struggling with the pages and pages of "job descriptions," coupled with the multiple forms required by the district and national, I became even more confused, as to my role within Chapter T of the Texas District.

Thus, I decided to ask past COYs, from various chapters, within the Texas District. One of the reoccurring nouns that was mentioned on multiple occasions...you are now an AMBASSADOR for Chapter T, with the opportunity to move on to District and possibly National.

Well, that was just peachy. So, my question to myself was...ok, I know what we are to emulate...now what is an ambassador? My only recollection of an ambassador was Henry Kissinger, the great U.S. statesman during the Nixon administration, originally born in Germany. I am now back to square one, as I had no working knowledge of how I could assimilate Henry Kissinger's duties, as U.S. statesman, with the COY duties bestowed on Lucy and myself.

Oh, I know what you are thinking...you and your wife were nominated COY; why not confer with her, as women always have a greater understanding of worldly structure. We men tend to be linear in thinking, versus our wives, who tend to be global in deductive reasoning.

Well, I did confer with Lucy and she looked at me when I sought her help for COY duties, as she did when I informed her I was the recipient of Chapter T's coveted "Wing Nut" award. I knew then I was on my own.

Therefore, I did what any good, investigative reporter would have done, and that which logic would lend itself to pursue, in order to discern to layered maze of this daunting pursuit...I looked up "ambassador" in the dictionary, which states...

An ambassador is an official envoy, especially a high-ranking diplomat who represents a state and is usually accredited to another sovereign state or to an international organization as the resident representative of their own government or sovereign or appointed for a special and often temporary diplomatic assignment. The word is also used informally for people who are known, without national appointment, to represent certain professions, activities, and fields of endeavor such as sales.

Boy, was that a mouth full...run-on sentence and all, for the first part, then something that finally made sense "...informally for people who are known, without national appointment, to represent certain professions, activities, and fields of endeavor such as sales."

Finally, something I can understand, plus fulfill, with results that assure Chapter T's confidence in our COY appointment.

Lucy has become a GWRRA member, Number 174559-01, and layered with the chapter, district, and national patches decoratively aligned on her vest.

As I mentioned in my opening statement, we are honored to accept the COY nomination on behalf of Chapter T and will be attending several rallies this year, as well.

Our joy in representing Chapter T is exciting; Lucy's interest in becoming a passenger on our 2005, GL1800, Road Smith Trike is also exciting.

We look forward to the months ahead and commit to wearing the COY medallions with honor and pride whenever and wherever GWRRA is active.

Kindest personal regards.



Mark your Calendars



2022

17 – 19 Mar - Florida District Rally - Altamonte Springs, FL

29 Mar - Chapter T Gathering, Taquerias Mexico - Harker Heights, TX

7 – 9 Apr - Chapter O Bluebonnet Rally - Fredricksburg, TX

7 – 9 Apr - Louisiana District Rally - Morgan City, LA

26 Apr - Chapter T Gathering, Taquerias Mexico - Harker Heights, TX

28 – 30 Apr - Texas District Rally - Kerrville, TX

1 - 4 May - TX District Ride, Big Bend - Alpine, TX

19 – 21 May - Arkansas District Rally - Harrison, AR

24 May - Chapter T Gathering, Taquerias Mexico - Harker Heights, TX

2 – 4 Jun - Missouri District Rally - Branson, MO

5 – 9 Jun - Republic of Texas Rally - Austin, TX

28 Jun - Chapter T Gathering, Taquerias Mexico - Harker Heights, TX

28 Jun – 2 Jul - Wing Ding 43 - Shreveport, LA

23 Jul - Chapter T Gathering, Taquerias Mexico - Harker Heights, TX

18 – 20 Aug - Michigan District Rally - St. Louis, MI

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

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

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Bluebonnet Rally & Camp Out



**Lady Bird Johnson, Municipal Park
Fredericksburg Texas
April 7, 8 and 9, 2022**

Join us early April 7 -8 for Hill Country ridding

Whether you are staying in the area or coming in for the day.

There will be led rides going thru the beautiful Texas Hill Country leaving from the camp grounds on both days ending at a couple of the great restaurants in the Fredericksburg area.

There will be more info on the rides as the dates get closer.

Camping Information

Lady Bird Johnson, Municipal
Park Campground
(830) 997-4202

Ch O has spots 1-15 reserved.
Tell the park you are with Ch O
and they will advise you on
availability.

Evening
Potlucks

**Bluebonnet Rally
Day – Saturday,
April 9th**

**Located in the
park's indoor
Pioneer Pavilion
Come Rain or
Shine!**

**Group Ride
Thursday and Friday
Thursday – Nantz &
War of the Pacific
Museum Tour**

The Hanger Hotel
155 Airport Blvd
Fredericksburg, TX. 78624
1/830-997-9900
Ch O Block
Sun-Thur. \$139 per night
Fri-Sat \$179 per night

Hotel Information

**Registration: Saturday: April 9th
8AM-12PM**

- Breakfast Tacos for Sale • Catered Lunch • Fun Run • Off-Bike games • Silent Auction •
- 50/30/20 • Participation Prizes • Cookies & Coffee • Vendors • Grand Prize •

Closing Ceremony Starts at: 2 PM

Fredericksburg Area Food Bank

Collection: We are collecting non-perishable food items to donate to the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank. If you would like to donate, please bring items to the Rally. Your name will be entered into a special drawing for a gift certificate.

**Click here for
online
registration**

<https://form.jotform.com/213324140521136>

CAPITOL WINGS



Gold Wing Road Riders Association

GWRRA TX "O"

2022 Bluebonnet Rally Registration

Rider _____ Co-Rider _____

Address	City	State	Zip
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Telephone () Chapter/Club, if any

Mail IN & On-Site Registration:	Rider \$25	Co-rider \$25	Total: \$
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Make Check payable to: GWRRA Texas Chapter Q

Mail form and fee to: Patricia Winfield, 1112 Bohica Way, Cedar Park, TX 78613

The undersigned agree to comply with the rules covering this event and agree to hold harmless GWRRA, Texas Chapter O, Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park and any sponsors of this event for loss or injury to myself or my property as a result of participation. I have read and understand this statement.

Signature _____ / _____ Co-Rider _____ / _____
 GWRRA Member # GWRRA Member #
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THE YELLOW ROSE RALLY

APRIL 28, 29, 30 2022

Y.O. Ranch Hotel and Conference Center

2033 Sidney Baker Street

Kerrville, Texas 78028

\$99 a night

Reservations: (830) 257-4440

**Vendors, Scenic Rides, Games, Bike and Light
Shows, GWRRA Training Opportunities**

Friends and Fun, ALL ARE WELCOME!

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GWRRRA - Texas District
"The Yellow Rose Rally"
April 28th 29th and 30th, 2022
Y.O. Ranch Hotel and Conference Center
2033 Sidney Baker Street
Kerrville, Texas 78028



Rally Pins to the first 200 registered, All Pre-Registrations must be postmarked by **April 21st, 2022**
No refunds of registration postmarked after April 22nd, 2022

<u>District</u>	<u>Registration form</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Miles Traveled</u>
<u>Rider</u>	GWRRRA#	Exp: Date	DOB:
<u>Co-Rider</u>	GWRRRA#	Exp: Date	DOB:
<u>Address</u>			
<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip Code</u>	<u>Phone</u>
<u>Rider's e-mail:</u>		<u>Co-Rider's e-mail:</u>	

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>(All On Site Registrations will be an additional \$5)</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>GWRRRA Pre-Registered Member</u>		_____	\$30 ea	_____
<u>GWRRRA Life Member</u>		_____	\$20 ea	_____
<u>NON-MEMBERS</u>		_____	\$40 ea	_____
<u>Child 15 years or younger is FREE with registered Adult</u>		_____	FREE	_____
<u>TRC Riding Course (full course)</u>				
<i>REQUIRES BOTH Friday afternoon and Saturday Morning</i>		_____	\$50 ea	_____
<u>ARC Riding Course (full course)</u>				
<i>REQUIRES BOTH Friday afternoon and Saturday Morning</i>		_____	\$50 ea	_____
<u>Medic First Aid Friday Morning or Saturday afternoon</u>		_____	\$30 ea	_____
<u>Level 4 Breakfast (MUST BE A LEVEL 4) L4 – Saturday Morning</u>		_____	\$10 ea	_____
			<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	_____

The following University classes are FREE.
 You can register for them at the University Table when you get to the rally.

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| • <u>Co-Rider – Offered Friday and Saturday</u> | • <u>Mature Rider – Aging Motorcyclists</u> |
| • <u>Bee Smart – Train your Brain</u> | • <u>Road Trippin' – Goal Planning</u> |

Waiver: I/We agree to hold harmless GWRRRA, the Co-Sponsoring Organization, and any Property owners for any loss or injuries to self or property in which I/we may become involved by reason of participation in this event. I/We also agree to assume responsibility for any property I/We knowingly damage.

Rider Signature: _____ Date: _____

Co-Rider Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sign form and Mail with payment (payable to GWRRRA-Texas) to: Texas District, 4024 Sunflower Lane, Plano, TX 75024