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## Central Texas Wings

*Chapter of the Year - 2018!*



# May 2021



WINGNUT

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

**To Gene H. While leading a ride to Andice Store, missed the desired return road three times before giving up.**

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Next Chapter Meeting  
June 22nd  
Henderson's Restaurant



### **Big Bend Ride (Santa Elana Canyon), May 2021.**

A truly wonderful, unforgettable ride! Thanks to Jim and Alvalin for all their hard work to make it happen! Let's do this one every May!

Greetings,

This year is moving pretty fast. We are already at the end of May of 2021. The summer fun is about to begin, but not before all of this rainy weather that has been in our forecast for well over a month now. The rain has definitely slowed us down. Speaking of the rain, I drove down to Kerrville for the TX District Ride-In, in the rain on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April, and returned the 1<sup>st</sup> of May safely. Many brave souls did the same, and quite a few went on the follow-on trip to Big Bend, co-led by Jim and Alvalin, and our former chapter directors, Leroy and Andrea Douglass. I will ask Jim, Alvalin, Gene, Quinta, and Chet speak on that trip.

We will be gathering on Tuesday, May 25<sup>rd</sup> at Henderson's at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and fellowship. I hope you will be joining us.

Respectfully,  
Jose and Celest Soto  
Chapter Directors



### Chapter Team:

**Directors:** Jose & Celest Soto

**Treasurers:** Tim & Young Brooks

**Educators:** Dale & Carleen Garrett

**Ride Coordinators:**

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

**Webmaster/Newsletter:** Gene & Quinta Harris

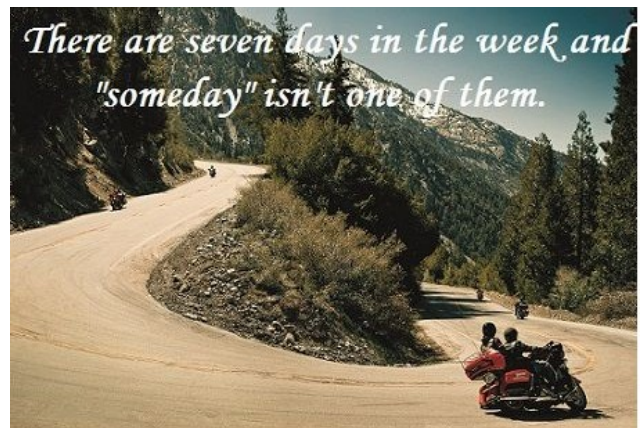


**Congratulations to the Soto's!**

**Grandson Alexander Niklaus Soto**

**May 11, 2021**

**7 lbs 7 oz, 19.5 in**



### BIRTHDAYS

1 May	Tim B
8 May	Peggy T
11 May	Celest S
28 May	Brady K
17 Jun	Carleen G
22 Jun	Lori W

### ANNIVERSARIES

11 May	Jose & Celest S
28 May	Dale & Carleen G
28 Jun	Gene & Quinta H



## **“Some Rides Are Filled with Bull...”**

The day was cloudy, with low lying fog. However, not riding was not an option. Traveling several hundred miles (approximately 4-hours of riding) was not going to be out done by the potential perils of nature. The morning started out with a good night's sleep, coupled with a great breakfast. (Note: It was a buffet breakfast, thus taking portions to the room, for consumption while riding was frowned on by management.)

The ride started around 8:00AM, with low lying fog prevalent during most of the first couple of hours. The fog, due to the height from the pavement, placed a blanket of opaqueness to the pavement. Therefore, one's acute sense of direction, and keen eye sight was heightened, as if to possess a level of night vision, or “eagle eye” optics. (Note: This can only occur with seasoned riders, who train daily, and focus on being in a view...with a view.

I tend to digress...

Following a great breakfast (one of the key components in preparing for a ride) coupled with a strategically planned route, complemented with proper riding gear (ATGATT), and assurance of T-CLOCKS review, the trip into the ibis was initiated.

The environmental conditions were previously addressed, thus repetitiveness will do nothing in supporting the level of sophistication and professional skill sets, for this trip.

A couple of hours into a fog ridden, visibly challenged ride, cresting hills and skillfully managing hair-pin curves, a sharp pain on my right foot, that would have crippled the average rider, created a level of concern and quantifiable question as to the culprit of



the pain.

Choosing intense pain management skills, by using unparalleled mental faculties to separate the excruciating discomfort of the right foot, I was able to safely make the scheduled stop several miles down the road, only to discover a situation that was... well, let's say the right foot needed some serious attention.

Following many more miles of travel, with continued pounding/throbbing of the right foot, a stop was made, in Leakey, Texas, to potentially address the mishap, which occurred about an hour ago. The challenge in understanding why something, other than not wearing a face mask, would have this writer asked by the owner of the establishment, to leave the property. I mean, it wasn't like I was contagious.

However, I left, without reproach, only to find a water hose, to sooth the discomfort of my right foot. Ah...the cool, well water felt good, as the intense pain was subsiding from the cascading water flowing through the end of the hose. I was actually able to see the black of the riding boot, again, something that has eluded me for much of the past 90 minutes.

The short time spent in comforting my right foot, and ego, was time well spent, as I was able to re-enter the food side of the business, uninterrupted. My only drawback was the table I chose to eat at, and to save for my riding friends...they felt sitting alone would be to my advantage.

Well, the balance of the day went better, with a stop at the local manual car wash booth, to assist in preparing the FJR13 (Yamaha) for the rides to come. Yes, this was definitely a ride for the history book. Thank goodness I have spent hundreds of hours fine-tuning the riding skills to bring me through the previously noted challenge.

The purpose of this article is to reinforce the importance of always riding defensively, using one's mirrors to assure safety, and always being aware of potential road hazards that can create a bull of a mess, with just one pile.

Safe riding.

By the way, I am due to receive my Life Grand Master, for Level IV, safe riding, this August, and that's no bull.

Kindest regards...GWRRA #174559

Chet Roby



## **Rider Education**

*Reprinted from Chapter T Newsletter article dated 03-27-08*

Medic First Aid Basic CPR and First Aid training programs are required to advance from Level II through Level IV, within the GWRRA's Rider Education program. The goal of the program is to help one gain the knowledge, skills, and confidence necessary to manage a medical emergency until more advanced help is available.

Emergency first aid does not require one to make complex decisions or have in-depth medical knowledge, but establish you as an important part of a team of emergency medical care providers that includes fire-fighters, EMTs, paramedics, hospital emergency room personnel and others.

- The program will focus on one's essential responsibilities as a first aid provider allowing for the following:
- Recognizing a medical emergency
- Making the decision to help
- Identifying hazards and ensuring personal safety
- Activating the Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Providing supportive basic first aid care

The popularity of motorcycling has increased in the last few years; more than 1.1 million motorcycles were sold in 2006, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council. The popularity of this pastime has resulted in an increasing in motorcyclist deaths in recent years, more than doubling between the all-time low in 1997 and 2005. In 2006 4,810 motorcyclists were killed, up 5.6% from the 4,553 motorcyclist fatalities in 2005. In addition, 88,000 motorcyclists were injured in traffic crashes in 2006. Motorcycle rider fatalities accounted for 1 percent of total 2006 fatalities, exceeding the number of pedestrian fatalities for the first time since the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration began collecting fatal motor vehicle crash data in 1975.

To reduce the percentage of deaths and injuries from motorcycle crashes, the federal government and many states have established safety programs. These programs address the importance of using helmets, licensing correctly, educating riders, and avoiding alcohol, when riding. (The above information was obtained from the National Conference of State Legislatures...Transportation Review...Motorcycle Safety, in December 2007, by Anne Teigen.)

## **Rider Education (cont)**

Being certified and skilled in First Aid and carrying the basic first aid kit on your bike allows the necessary assistance to those riders who have encountered riding opportunities.

One last note of interest would be the essentials of a first aid kit, which should be checked at least twice a year to ensure the integrity of the products and equipment.

- Surgical gloves
- Saline Solution
- Bandage Material
- Pocket Mask
- Trauma Shears
- Triangular Bandages
- Cold Pack Compress
- Trauma Dressing
- Kling
- Medical Tape
- Water

Kindest personal regards,

R Chester Roby



# Mark your Calendars



## May 2021

**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

## 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** - Minn/Iowa/Wisc/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, Muskogee, 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





## Mark your Calendars



### 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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