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Central Texas Wings

Chapter of the Year - 2018!



October 2019



WINGNUT

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

The Wingnut was awarded to Peggy T in September. When we left the Rally Point for the ride to Dahlia Café, she left her cell phone on an outdoor table at the CEFCO. The staff recovered it, and returned it to her when we got back

Greetings Chapter T and Friends,

We did it. T-Fest is in the books. I appreciate the help our members provided. I truly hope that you enjoyed the food and time spent with our fellow riders, and co-riders from Chapters H and O. Speaking about the food, what a cooker we had on the premises. We were truly grateful to Danny's brother-in-law. Although the games were out during T-Fest, I don't believe anyone played with any. The silent auction went.....well, it went let's just say. Many of the items went home at a significantly reduced price. It was a steal!



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The ride for this month was to the Twisted Sisters. I regret that I was unable to attend that ride as things around my home have changed significantly. There were not too many members who signed up, but man, I missed that ride for sure and it will be up on next year's calendar. Speaking of the ride calendar, I want you all to drop me a note to let me know where you would like to go on our monthly chapter rides in 2020. Also, looking ahead, we have the Christmas Party coming up in December, as well as the Copperas Cove Christmas parade (we received an invitation to participate again). We are going to need a few folks to help out with decorations of the hall at the E9 Retired club. We will discuss more details at our meeting as well as find out who plans to attend.

Jose Soto
Chapter Director

Next Chapter Meeting

November 26th



WORK

This is why you do it.

I'm still waiting
patiently for the
wisdom that
supposedly comes with
old age. Anyone else?



I'm going to retire and
live off my
savings.

What I'll do
the second
day, I have
no idea.



Chapter Team:

Directors: Jose & Celest Soto

Treasurers: Tim & Young Brooks

Educators: Dale & Carleen Garrett

Ride Coordinators: Danny & Peggy Thacker

Membership Enhancement / Social Coordinators & Chapter of the Year Coordinators: Lori & Erik Wiggins

Webmaster/Newsletter: Gene & Quinta Harris

BIRTHDAYS

Oct	Nov
3 Jim W	12 Dale G
14 Don R	12 Sherri R
	15 Susan R
	18 Bob W

ANNIVERSARIES

Oct	Nov
23 Brady & Jeannie K	7 Erik & Lori W

Stayin' Safe: Idle Threat – The Danger From Behind

RIDERMagazine.COM, By [Eric Trow](#)—September 9, 2016

Back in the days of the legendary Hurt Report (1981), a.k.a. the Motorcycle Accident Cause Factors and Identification of Countermeasures technical report, the incidence of rear-end collisions was vastly underrepresented. Riders simply weren't being struck from behind back then. Then came cell phones and texting. Now, being hit from behind by a distracted driver is a growing concern for motorcyclists...and a compelling reason to find ways to avoid being a sitting Duc. Or Hog. Or Tiger.



In the new normal, drivers simply aren't paying enough attention. They aren't recognizing traffic slowing ahead until it's too late. Bad news when it's your butt that's next in line ahead. In addition to increasing your conspicuity with hi-viz clothing and products like brake light flashers, here are some recommendations we've integrated into our Stayin' Safe rider training program in response to the growing volume of distracted drivers.

Slow gradually. When you anticipate a changing traffic light or see a stop sign ahead, take your time getting there. Slow gradually instead of carrying speed to the intersection. You'll have a better chance of getting that distracted driver to slow down with you rather than relying on them to suddenly react to you. That way you'll also spend less time actually stopped and vulnerable. Once you do come to a standstill, maintain a "tactical ready" position, keeping the bike in gear, your hands on the controls and an eye to the mirror. Avoid stopping at the rear bumper of the car ahead. Instead, leave a space cushion that allows you to have a distinct escape.

As my dad used to say, "Don't just sit there. Do something!" Be aware of the idle threat of sitting in traffic, be ready with a plan and be poised to take action should the driver behind fail to slow.



Mark your Calendars



October 2019

5 Oct - T Fest, Harker Heights TX

18—20 Oct - Chapter T Twisted Sisters Ride, Kerrville TX

31 Oct—3 Nov - Lone Star Rally, Galveston TX

November 2019

9 Nov - Chapter T Ride – Regency Suspension Bridge, Mills County, TX

9 Nov - Texas Honor Ride - Round Rock-Sequin-San Antonio, Fundraiser for wounded service members & families

December 2019

6 Dec - Chapter T Holiday Party (Tentative) - TBD

14 Dec - Chapter T Ride – Green's Sausage House, Zabikville, TX

January 2020

11 Jan – Second Saturday Ride – TBA

28 Jan – Chapter T Gathering – Fuddruckers, Killeen, TX

February 2020

8 Feb – Second Saturday Ride – TBA

25 Feb – Chapter T Gathering – Fuddruckers, Killeen, TX

March 2020

14 Mar – Second Saturday Ride – TBA

24 Mar – Chapter T Gathering – Fuddruckers, Killeen, TX

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2019 Second Saturday Rides



Danny, Quinta, and Peggy on Twisted Sisters Ride

23 Feb – Heritage Homestead, Waco, TX ✓ (9 participants)

9 Mar - Andice General Store, Andice, TX ✓ (5 participants)

13 Apr - Bluebonnet Ride – Fredericksburg, TX (Cancelled)

27 Apr—Llano Crawfish Fest—Llano, TX ✓ (11 participants)

25 May - Overlook Cafe, Canyon of the Eagles, TX ✓ (4 participants)

8-9 Jun - Palo Duro Canyon, TX ✓ (4 participants)

13 Jul - Koffee Kup Restaurant, Hico, TX ✓ (10 participants)

10 Aug - Miller's BBQ, Belton, TX ✓ (6 participants)

14 Sep - Dahlia Cafe, Liberty Hill, TX ✓ (6 + 2 participants)

18 – 20 Oct - Twisted Sisters Ride – Kerrville, TX ✓ (4 participants)

9 Nov - Regency Suspension Bridge, Mills County, TX

14 Dec - Green's Sausage House, Zabcikville, TX

Regency Suspension Bridge

The **Regency Bridge**, locally known as the "Swinging Bridge," is a one-lane suspension bridge over the Colorado River in Texas. It is located at the intersection of Mills County Road 433 and San Saba County Road 137, both gravel roads, near a small community called Regency. The bridge saddles the Colorado River between Mills and San Saba counties.



The main span is 343 feet long, but counting the approach spans, engineers list the bridge's overall length at 403 feet (122.8 meters). The wooden deck of the bridge is 16 feet across. It was built in 1939, with most of the work being done by hand. An earlier bridge constructed in 1903 collapsed under the weight of a herd of cattle, and a later bridge built in 1936 washed away in a flood.^[2] The Regency Bridge was restored by James Harris in 1997, with then-Governor Bush attending the re-dedication service. This was a major event for the community of around 25 people.

Local teenagers accidentally set the wood surface on fire on December 29, 2003, burning a hole in some planks and causing \$20,000 in damage.^{[3][2]} The bridge was repaired and re-opened to traffic in early 2005.^[2] After closing in late 2014, the bridge is once again open to traffic.^[4]

October 2019

Chapter T, Holidays in United States

Oct 2019 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Oklahoma District	30	1	2	3	4	5 9am - T-Fest @
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Columbus Day	15 7pm - Chapter O	16	17	18 T-Twisted Sisters Ride @ Kerrville, TX	19
20 T-Twisted sisters	21	22 7pm - Chapter T	23	24 Lone Star Rally - Galveston @ Galveston, TX, USA	25	26
27 Lone Star Rally -	28	29	30 Halloween	31	1	2

November 2019

Chapter T, Holidays in United States

Nov 2019 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Lone Star Rally -	28	29	30 Halloween	31	1	2
3 Daylight Saving	4	5	6	7	8	9 T Ride - Regency Texas Honor Ride
10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 7pm - Chapter O	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 7pm - Chapter T	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29 Black Friday	30

Dec 2019 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 "T" Ride - Green's
15	16	17 7pm - Chapter O	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve 7pm - Chapter T	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4

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