

Chapter T
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Central Texas Wings

Chapter of the Year - 2018!



October 2021



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 Six Months to have any Wingnut nominations! Last award was to Chet for cow pie catastrophe in April.

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Next Chapter Meeting

November 23rd

Rosa's Cafe

Good evening Chapter T,

The Fall season is upon us. The leaves are falling; grass is going dormant pretty soon. The weather is ripe for fall riding which is super great for all of us still on two's, three's and yes....fours. I think now is a great time of year to ride through the beautiful Park Road 4 scenic route, our scheduled Chapter Ride on November 13.

Our Holiday Party is not far away. This year we will be gathering Jim and Alvalin's home here in Killeen for a night of food and camaraderie. As of the current plan, it is shaping up to be a POT LUCK theme of traditional holiday foods and desserts.

There may still be time to participate in the Cove Christmas Parade so if you are interested, please let me know. This time around, it is a Moving one, not a Stationary one like last year due to COVID restrictions. More on this at the meeting.

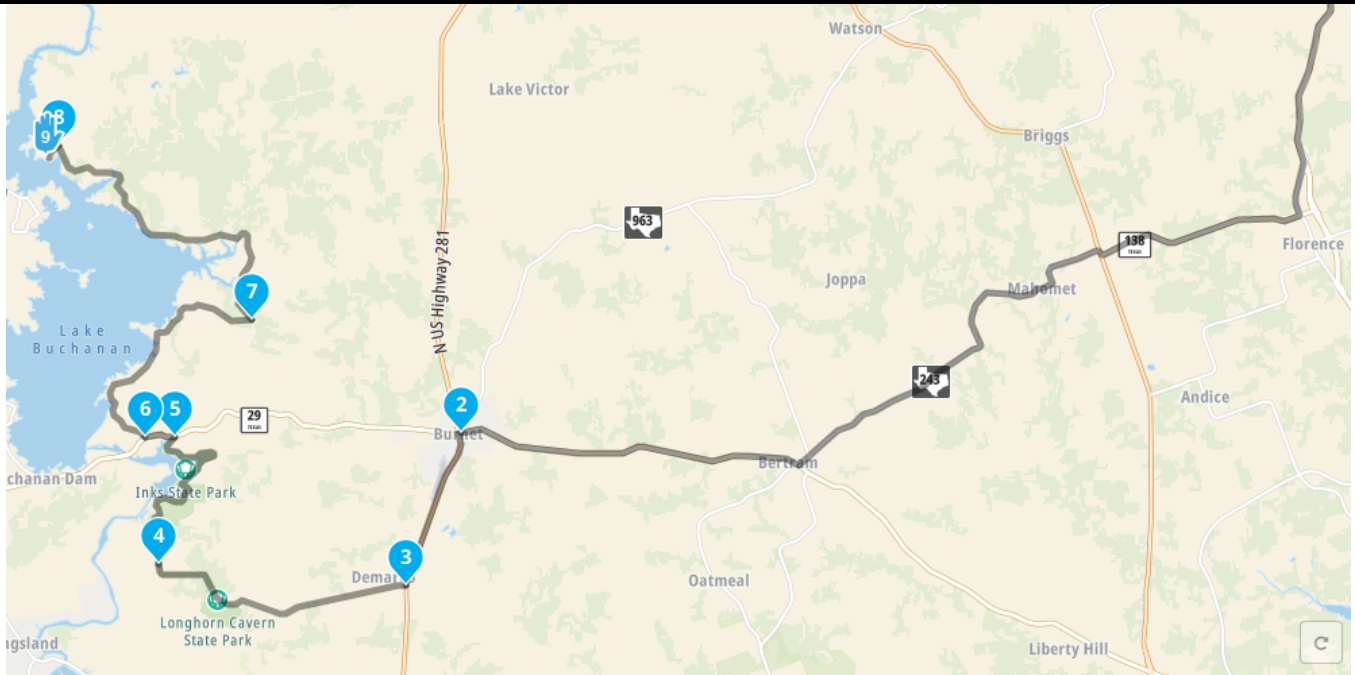
Chapter Elections are here. It is that time of year, before January's mid-winter conference, to select your new chapter leaders. POSITION VACANCIES: MEC's, Ride Coordinator, and I am putting my position as Chapter Director out there for the taking (upon approval by membership and district). If you want to be a part of change, you must take a leap of faith and go after it. I do not own the rights to be Chapter Director forever. I have personally been in position for two and a half years. It is my hope to have served this chapter for the better, and in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, if you desire to take the helm of Chapter T, it is open. Just let me know by the November meeting if you want any of the positions within this chapter.

On a side note, there are OPEN POSITIONS in the District as well. Members can still have a home chapter and serve on the District leadership team. We have a few members that serve on the Texas District Leadership Team.

Lord willing I will see you all this Tuesday at Rosa's Café for our monthly gathering.

Jose and Celest Soto
Chapter Directors

Chapter Ride to Park Road 4 and the Overlook Restaurant at Canyon of the Eagles



Scheduled for Nov 13 (Second Saturday).

Meet up at Valero Station, 1000 W. Stan Schlueter Lp, Killeen (across from HEB). KSU 8:00. 88 miles each way. Approximately 7 hrs, including two rest stops and Brunch Buffet at the Restaurant. Buffet and drink cost ~ \$15.

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

Our Chapter needs **Ride Coordinator**, and **Membership Enhancement Officers**. If you are willing to serve, or would like additional information, please contact Jose.



Reservations recommended. Please let Gene know if you will be participating in this Chapter T Ride.

BIRTHDAYS

3 Oct	Jim W
12 Nov	Dale G

ANNIVERSARIES

23 Oct	Brady & Jeannie K
23 Nov	Jim & Alvalin W

Newsletter Article for Chapter T**October 26, 2021****Written by Chet Roby****GWRRA Number 174559****Life Grand Master Number 6226**

The following article was written by Jeff Buchanan and appeared in September's "RoadRunner E-Magazine."

The following information provides an excellent analysis of the value of motorcycle helmets, one company, in particular, Arai.

In motorcycling, there is no piece of safety equipment as critical as the helmet. Helmets protect the essential gray matter of the human brain, the stuff that makes up our character, preserves our memories, grants us speech, motor actions, vision, hearing, and virtually all thought processes. Essentially, helmets protect who we are.

The key to a helmet's protective qualities is its ability to stand up to "impact energy." This is the inherent energy created upon impact, which the helmet absorbs in a variety of ways—primarily with the shell deforming against the impact forces and the inner liner cushioning against the pressure of the wearer's head as it moves inside. Ultimately, the effectiveness of a helmet is in its ability to disperse the energy generated by an impact, keeping it away from the head inside. This destructive process can be interpreted as the helmet doing its job.

Delving deeper into the science of energy absorption, there's the helmet's ability to slide past or glance off of objects, which can dramatically reduce the amount of energy being sent directly into the helmet. This effect disperses as much of the energy sent into the helmet as possible without stopping and is unsurprisingly known as "glancing-off."

The most common motorcycle accidents result in the helmet receiving an impact from an oblique angle (as opposed to a 90° angle). In this regard, when the head strikes the ground off-center, the helmet moves past the impact point, sliding across the crash surface. Provided the energy isn't directed at the center of the helmet, and the liner provides a decent amount of energy absorption, this sliding action minimizes the impact energy being transferred to the rider's head. Glancing off works in concert with energy absorption as the two halves of energy

management that define head protection.

Helmet certification involves various direct impact and penetration tests, yet doesn't set any criteria for glancing-off capabilities. Trying to establish what angles to test for and the degree of impact force make it especially difficult to create a truly standardized test. By the simple laws of physics governing movement, all helmets will respond to glancing off to some degree. However, how well they respond to controlling that energy varies greatly depending on construction, materials, design, and finish.

In the carefully-worded arena of marketing, where it is paramount to never introduce anything remotely negative, we have to give kudos to "anonymous helmet maker" for openly acknowledging the dangers that exist with riding motorcycles. "Anonymous helmet maker" chooses to openly address the reality of risks, choosing to promote how best to guard yourself against them. This approach stems from "anonymous helmet maker's" advanced research and development in helmet design. The company is focused on discovering innovative ways to further the science of head protection.

"Anonymous helmet maker's" approach to creating helmets that excel in their capabilities to manage energy impact is to prepare for situations that "far exceed their imagination." Glancing off is a focal point for the company, with "company X" developing strong helmet shells that feature smooth, round surfaces that enhance the helmet's ability to prevent energy from entering the helmet and getting to the rider's head.

Because there is no general guideline to comparatively test glancing off, "company X's" engineers rely on their own experience and expertise in studying the aftermath of impacts, setting their own standard. Through experimentation and research, they have come to understand that smoothness is a critical aspect of glancing off, as it prevents the helmet from snagging on the crash surface. The round, egg-shape properties of "company X's" helmets, inspired by nature's strong design—which exhibits unusually high resilience to impacts—are free of any exaggerated shapes or hard edges. They combine a strong shell with smooth paint finish, which contributes to their glancing off capabilities.

Additionally, any ventilation parts are designed to break off in the event of a fall to prevent snagging, avoiding a disruption to the shell's ability to slide. Even the face shields used on "company X's" helmets are designed to maintain the continuous, smooth shape of the helmet shell for uniform strength, improving the helmet's ability to glance off.

The helmet shell's strength is another aspect of providing good glancing-off properties. The

less a shell deforms, the better its ability to slide. “Company X” is dedicated to creating the sturdiest helmet shells by utilizing their complex laminate construction (CLC), which provides incredibly lightweight strength. “Anonymous company’s” helmets employ Super Fiber Belts to reinforce critical edges, which operate like barrel rings to prevent cracks from spreading in an impact. Even the resins used on the shell add to the helmets’ glancing-off properties.

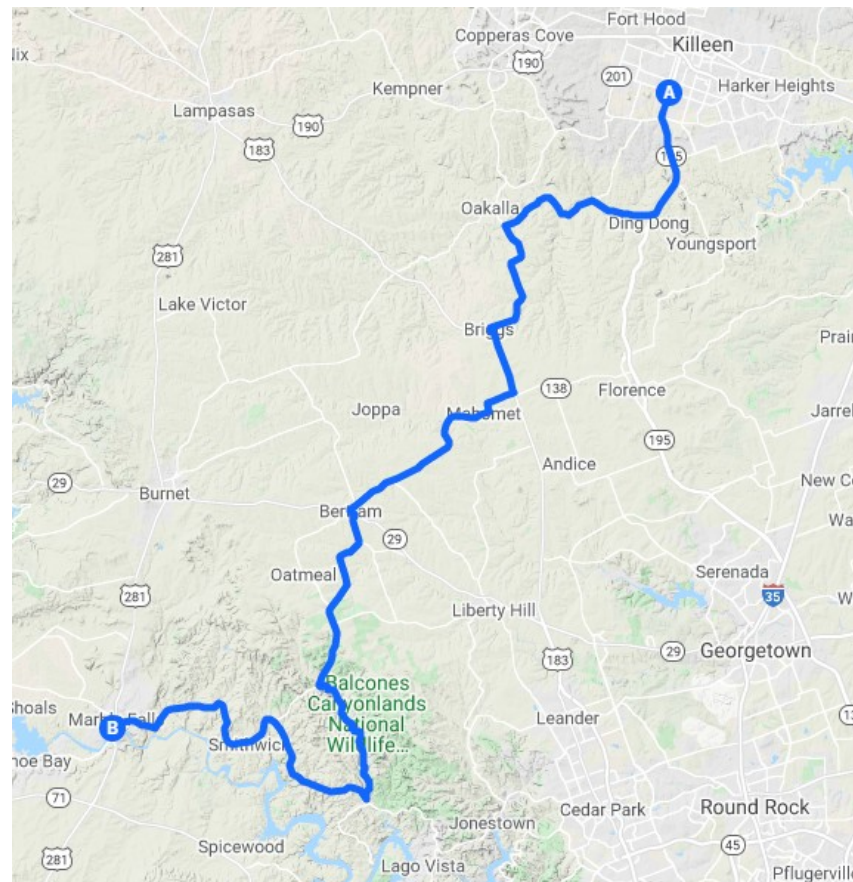
“Anonymous company’s” commitment to creating the world’s best helmets stems from their understanding of the dangers of motorcycling. They’ve risen to the challenge of moderating the risks by crafting helmets that take advantage of ever-evolving technologies and materials. The bottom line is that it’s all about saving your precious head, and ultimately, the things in your head that make you, you.



CENTEX WINGS

9 October 2021 Ride to Blue Bonnet Café, Marble Falls, TX

Gene Harris



Perfect weather, light traffic, great roads, wonderful friends, and the Best Pie in the World!

Thanks to Erik and Lori and Peggy for coming out to ride with Quinta and I. And a very special thanks to Peggy's sister Vicky for joining us. Erik and Lori were combining the Chapter ride with some Grand Tour of Texas stops, specifically the Hill Country Motorheads Motorcycle Museum in Burnet. It was especially great to see Peggy back on her Spyder again, with Vicky riding with her, whipping around the twisties in the Balcones Canyonlands. Vicky was a delight, and I look forward to hearing more stories about growing up with her big sister. And Vicky learned a Central Texas tradition. When asked if she wanted a piece of pie, she said she would share Peggy's. The waitress brought an extra piece of peanut butter pie on the house, and explained, "Honey, it's a sin to ask someone to share their Blue Bonnet pie!"

*For additional info about the Motorcycle Grand Tour of Texas, please see
<https://motorcyclegrandtouroftexas.com/>*

Product Review: Bohn Body Armor**October 26, 2021****Written by Chet Roby****GWRRA Number 174559**

Riding in Texas, during the summer and early fall months can be very challenging, due to the heat. I am a firm advocate of ATGATT (All The Gear...All The Time) and choose to follow this standard. I will not condemn those who choose a different standard, but I have chosen a life style, when riding, and committed a personal discipline in not deviating from ATGATT, when riding.

As mentioned above, I have chosen a standard; I cannot expect my wife to invoke the same standards. I need to understand why ATGATT is not an acceptable premise during her riding experience and seek to find an alternative to allow her riding comfort, which also includes her riding safety.

My research took me to a company called Bohn Body Armor, which makes multiple safety gear, for motorcyclists, including a great shirt/jacket style, that could be unisex, in nature, (All-Season Airtex Armored Riding Shirt). There are multiple colors, but safety green, safety orange, safety hot pink are the colors of choice for this rider. Note: The hot pink is for my wife.

This item has six points of body armor, (can also be purchased without body armor), which includes the shoulders, elbows, forearms, back and spine. There are options for purchasing regular body armor or CE Level-2 Back Armor Upgrade.

The material is a mesh comprised of 82% nylon, 18% spandex, machine washable and tumble dry low. Armor is removable for easy laundering, but virtually invisible under one's favorite clothing, as the material is non-shrink/non-run fabric, in sizes are from XSmall to 4XLarge.

The armor is high-performance shock absorption, soft, flexible, fits the curves of the body, extremely comfortable, lightweight, low profile, tear and break-resistant.

The fabric and design are sporty jacket style, with checkered flag trim, convenient full-length front zipper, easy on, easy off design, soft Lycra and mid-weight mesh construction, ventilated comfort, which makes this attire great for all seasons.

The Airtex Armored Riding Shirt allows air flows freely through ventilated front, back, and arms, coupled with stretchy Lycra fabric keeps armor in place, while giving one great range of motion.

The benefits of the above design are cool and comfortable while riding, freedom of movement, Unisex design fits both men and women from XS to 4XL, lasts for years with proper care, and easy to launder, with fast drying.

In my opinion this item is a great alternative to the mesh jacket, lighter, in weight, with much more air flow, very comfortable...very, very comfortable, safety is a sound as any riding jacket with full body armor, and fits better than riding jackets, as well. Lucy, who get hot very easily, also supports the Bohn Body Armor's Airtex Armored Riding Shirt and also supports the price (starting at \$173.00) to be reasonable. I personally, would highly recommend this product, plus other Bohn products, as the supplier has unparalleled customer service.

The above item starts at \$173.00, but discounts are available (military and first responder discounts) for selected groups (being a rider coach for MSF allowed me an extra discount), if a call is made to the manufacturer. Contact information and pictures are noted below.

I trust this information was helpful.

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Mark your Calendars



October 2021

- 1 - 3 Oct** - MOTO GP Red Bull Grand Prix of the Americas - COTA, Austin
- 7 Oct** - Bell County Motoworks Bike Night - Temple, TX
- 9 Oct** - Second Saturday Ride - Blue Bonnet Café—Marble Falls, TX
- 22 - 23 Oct** - Alamo City Wings (Chapter TX-H) 40th Birthday - Bandera TX
- 26 Oct** - Chapter T Gathering - Rosa's Cafe, Killeen, TX

November 2021

- 4 Nov** - Bell County Motoworks Bike Night - Temple, TX
- 6 Nov** - 9th Annual Texas Motorcycle Revival (Vintage Bikes) - Burnet, TX
- 4 - 7 Nov** - Lone Star Rally - Galveston, TX
- 13 Nov** - Second Saturday Ride - Inks Lake Park Road 4 - Burnet, TX
- 23 Nov** - Chapter T Gathering - Rosa's Cafe, Killeen, TX

December 2021

- 3 Dec** - Chapter T Holiday Dinner (TBA)
- 11 Dec** - Second Saturday Ride - TBA

2022

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

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

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