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## Central Texas Wings

*Chapter of the Year - 2018!*



# September 2021



### WINGNUT

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

**To Chet R. For his epic encounter with a cow pie while on the Three Twisted Sisters ride.**

## **TRiO™-equipped Honda Gold Wings from Tilting Motor Works, Eugene, Oregon.**

Stability, safety and comfort of a trike. Ride, handling and performance of a two-wheeler.



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Next Chapter Meeting

October 25th

Henderson's Restaurant

Authorized installation shops in Springfield Missouri and Round Rock Texas.

<http://tiltingmotorworks.com>



# Autumn Riding Season is Here! Let's Go!



## 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.

## BIRTHDAYS

1 Sep	Missy H
17 Sep	Young B
24 Sep	Chet R
27 Sep	Erik W
28 Sep	Pat F
3 Oct	Jim W

## ANNIVERSARIES

23 Oct	Brady & Jeannie K
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## Newsletter Article for Chapter T

September 28, 2021

Written by Chet Roby

GWRRRA Number 174559

Life Grand Master Number 6226

Saturday, 11th September, 2021, Chapter T held a **MFA/CPR class**, supported by GWRRRA's HSI institute. There were three couples in attendance (6-persons), from Chapter O, all focused on continued learning. Although this was a GWRRRA sponsored event, all three couples drove 4-wheeled vehicles...go figure.

The 4-hour class of unparalleled exposé focused on an academic dissemination, coupled with hands-on practical application of basic skill sets, as it relates to MFA/CPR. This involved a CD review, coupled with performing some basic first-aid, CPR, which included rescue breaths.

All 6-persons actively participated in all structured classroom lessons. Each person was left with their Certification Card, which expires 11th September, 2023. The class was also left with a couple of tid-bits, supporting continued education.

The classroom set-up occurred at Texas Motor Sports' classroom building, which had ample room, coupled with the required set-up to support the required electronic communications.

All attendees arrived prior to 10:00AM, and departed at 2:05PM.

Just an additional note, **if anyone needs a riding course, TMS (Texas Motor Sports) can conduct an MSF structured ARC (Advanced Rider Course...1-day) and 3WBRCu (Trike class...2-day). Both are Rider Only classes.** The ARC would be a Saturday or Sunday class, with the 3WBRC occurring on a Tuesday and Wednesday. I do not have a cost, as I just teach the class, but Texas Motor Sports, at 254-526-7800, can provide all the details supporting either class.

My only request, if any chapter member chooses to register for either the ARC or 3WBRCu, is to request myself, as their RiderCoach.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kindest personal Regards,

Chet

## Reprint of article from Chapter T News Letter – Chapter Rider Educator

*Date: 09-27-07*

*Written by Chet Roby*

As I cogitate on the content of September's news letter and focus on the relevance of the topic, I have come to the conclusion that knowledge is important, but even more important is the ability to express thoughts and ideas in a format that educates, without insulting.

A philosopher once said, "...In times of change, learners inherit the earth, while the learned find themselves beautifully equipped to deal with a world that no longer exists..." (I apologize for not being able to identify the source of this quote.)

Let's look at the three primary causes of single rider motorcycle accidents...

- inability to negotiate a turn
- unable to stop quickly

inability to swerve to avoid an obstacle

Some additional statistics that are of great concern to this writer involves alcohol, while riding.

- Did you realize that 1 in 4 motorcyclist involved in a single rider accident, in 2006 were impaired due to alcohol?
- Did you realize that over 41% of motorcycle operators who died in single rider accidents had a BAC (blood alcohol concentration) of over .08?
- Did you realize that a motorcyclist is 34X more likely to die in a single rider accident than a passenger car occupant?
- Did you realize that nationally, between 2004 and 2005, single rider accidents increased 25%?
- Did you realize that nationally, between 2004 and 2005, motorcycle fatalities increased 24%?
- Did you realize that nationally, between 2004 and 2005, 27.3% of all single rider accident fatalities had a BCA equal to or greater than .08?
- Did you realize that nationally, in 2005, motorcycle fatalities, due to the lack of a DOT approved motorcycle helmet was 10.5%?

Did you realize that the state of Texas was #1, in a 5-state area (OK, LA, AK, MS, TX), for motorcycle fatalities involving single rider accidents, in which the rider had a BAC of .08 or greater?

Some additional statistics for the year 2006, on alcohol related accidents and impairments are as following:

- Did you know that 44% of single motorcycle rider accidents were alcohol impaired?
- Did you know that 31% of motorcyclists who died were impaired, compared to 23% of car drivers?
- Did you know that 80% of alcohol related motorcycle fatalities were from beer?

- Did you know that a .08 BAC is legally impaired in most states?
- Did you know that a .02 BAC reduces physical skills (equal to 1-drink)?
- (Note: A group of 5 professional motorcycle riders were unable to safely maneuver around a stationary obstacle in a simulator, after only two drinks.)
- Did you know that 2 drinks will impair most riders' night vision?
- Did you know that a .05 BAC increases the risk of an accident 11X?

Did you know  $\frac{3}{4}$  of all single rider motorcycle accidents that occurred between Midnight and 0300 hours were impaired with alcohol?

The above information may be an eye-opener, but let's review some myths about alcohol. Remember the remedies for reversing the effects of alcohol...food, coffee, and a cold shower? I am here to tell you these are old wise tales, as food will just make you full, while coffee will keep you awake, and a cold shower will only make you wet. The only thing that will reduce the alcohol concentration in one's body is time; about one drink per hour. (Women process alcohol at about three-fourths of that rate or one drink every hour and thirty minutes.) That's right, time, and only time can reverse the effects of alcohol in the blood stream. (Note: An accepted definition of a drink is beverage alcohol that contains around one-half ounce of pure ethyl alcohol, which is equivalent to a 12-ounce can of beer, a 5-ounce glass of wine, or a shot of liquor (1.5 ounces), as each contains about the same amount of alcohol.

Remember, a motorcycle requires one to balance, maneuver, sound vision, solid motor skills, judgment; both cognitive skills and reaction time are required in riding a motorcycle.

Not only does alcohol impair judgment, but the financial implications of a DUI could continue for 10 years, with the physical implications possibly for life.

- If you were to be found guilty of a DUI, as a first-time offender in Glendale, California, the out-of-pocket costs would be \$4,315.00.
- If you were to be found guilty of a DUI, as a first-time offender in Oak Beach, Florida, the out-of-pocket costs would be \$5,293.00.
- If you were to be found guilty of a DUI, as a first-time offender in Albany, New York, the out-of-pocket costs would be \$8,185.00.
- In addition to the cost of the DUI offense, one's insurance premium would increase 80% for the next three years, plus an additional 25% for the next seven years. (Note: This is like buying a new motorcycle for \$9,000 and giving it to your brother-in-law.)
- First time offenders would have their motorcycle license suspended for 6 months...
- Second time offenders could serve jail time...

Third time offenders could lose motorcycle riding privileges...

Remember, drinking and riding should not be an option, as alcohol is a depressant drug that affects safety. It reduces one's ability to search for hazards, to evaluate factors that lead to crashes, and to execute coordinated physical movement.

When someone has had too much to drink, it is the responsibility of others to keep that person from taking too many risks. No one likes being in a situation that requires intervention, but the payoff can be enormous. What are some ways of responsibly intervening, when someone is alcohol impaired? Consider enlisting others, arrange a ride home, assist in slowing the pace of drinking, consider delaying one's departure, and ensure the motorcycle stays parked. Whatever method you choose to use the key is early intervention.

Riding a motorcycle requires a great amount of mental alertness and physical skill, and alcohol has extraordinarily detrimental effects on a rider's capabilities. Thus if one chooses to continue to drink and ride, one is choosing to roll the dice, that will eventually come up "snake eyes,"

Although the above provides factual statistics and information related to alcohol impairment, I would be remiss if other forms of impairment were not noted; fatigue/drowsiness, emotions, and riding to the limit.

- Fatigue-Drowsiness raises the level of risk because the mind and the senses are not as responsive. Being tired when riding invites disaster. Riding when fatigued requires you to allow extra time and space to identify important clues in traffic and to leave extra room for following and stopping. It is more important than ever to ride only when fully alert so you can be responsive to traffic situations.
- Emotions are not easy to determine to personal effect when riding, but experts recognize that feeling angry, troubled, or stressed makes safe, responsible riding more difficult. Any emotion that distracts your attention away from being fully attentive in applying your strategy will increase risk.
- Riding to the limit, with the exhilaration and sense of freedom can lead to poor judgment and increase risk. Aggressive riding, such as challenging the road or other riders, should be saved for the race tracks and closed-course riding areas, and only after receiving proper instruction.

Additional impairments include over-the-counter and prescription drugs, as well as illegal drugs; all have effects and side effect that increase risk, as well. Although it is difficult to accurately determine the effect of some drugs on individual riders' performance and behavior, the effects of drugs on the processes necessary to ride safely are know.

Remember, the key element for a good rider would for one to have the desire and motivation to choose to reduce risk while riding. It takes superior riding skills, a positive mental attitude, and a strategy for thinking and planning to avoid trouble.

Ride for fun, safety, and knowledge, always returning home, safely.

Kindest personal regards,

Chet Roby



## Mark your Calendars



### September 2021

- 28 Sep** - Chapter T Gathering - Rosa's Cafe, Killeen, TX
- 30 Sep - 2 Oct** - Alabama District Rally, Eufala, AL
- 30 Sep - 2 Oct** - Chapter O 2021 Fall Ride In & Campout - Smithville, TX

### 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 - TBA
- 22 - 23 Oct** - Alamo City Wings (Chapter TX-H) 40th Birthday - Bandera TX
- 26 Oct** - Chapter T Gathering - Henderson's Restaurant, Killeen, TX

### November 2021

- 4 Nov** - Bell County Motoworks Bike Night - Temple, TX
- 4 - 7 Nov** - Lone Star Rally - Galveston, TX
- 13 Nov** - Second Saturday Ride - TBA
- 23 Nov** - Chapter T Gathering - Henderson's Restaurant, 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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