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Again in November, our ride schedule for the Chapter had some interesting rides. The Canton trip was a 3 day excursion; the ride to Salado for lunch, the Highland games and parade was fun; the Chapter gathering always brings friends together to enjoy one another; and 11 motorcycles helped escort and do road monitoring for the Buffalo Stampede 5K race. And then came Thanksgiving—our day to be with family and enjoy various activities, to eat, to watch football, to eat, to relax, and to eat some more.

Thanksgiving Thursday was a full day. Friday was a shopping day for a lot of us (it being Black Friday and all)—again, a full day. Thank goodness for those leftovers, no cooking required!

Saturday should be the day to ride, but someone had other plans. It rained all day. Our last chance for the weekend was Sunday, but it was extremely windy and cold, so riding gave way to football and more leftovers. It seemed to be a very long holiday weekend, at least for some of us.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the **Road Captain/Co-Rider class** we had planned for

Saturday, Dec. 3 at Kent PowerSports (aka YOSA). Many people think they know all they need to know about riding motorcycles safely because they've probably been doing it for years. But, believe it or not, you will learn something new (or at least something you may have forgotten). The Chapter really needs more dedicated people as Road Captains who are willing to lead and drag rides when called on. We need to share the wealth, so make plans to attend the next scheduled class. Be sure to check the webpage frequently for any changes to the schedule.

A reminder to everyone that our **Christmas party** will be December 10 at Montana Mike's Steakhouse in New Braunfels, Texas. If you bought Christmas raffle tickets from Millie, remember that you must be present to win if your ticket is drawn. We hope everyone can be there.

We wish you and your family a wonderful and safe Christmas.

Be sure to join us on our next ride and Chapter meeting **AND BRING A FRIEND.**

Ride safe,

Ken and Connie Jordan, Chapter "U" CDs



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Ride Meeting Location

Unless otherwise specified, all Saturday rides depart from Kent Power Sports, (YOSA), 15564 I-35 N between Evans Rd and Olympia Parkway. Check the website at www.texaschapteru.org for ride information.

Friday Night Rides

Meet at your favorite place to eat, all are pre-destined rides that are scheduled every other Friday of the month. So be sure to let Jack and Linda know where you would like to see the Chapter meet up for a Friday night dinner ride!

Chap "U" Gatherings

3rd Wednesday of each month at the La Cabana Restaurant, just outside of Cibolo, TX; 170 Buffalo Pl, Cibolo, TX. 78108. We "Meet-to-Eat" at 6:00 with "Information Sharing" beginning at 7:00 pm. Hope to see "U" there! Next Chapter Gathering is 18 Jan 12.

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ALL BETTER NOW

Doctor Bloomfield, who was known for miraculous cures for arthritis, had a waiting room full of people when a little old lady, completely bent over in half, shuffled in slowly, leaning on her cane.

When her turn came, she went into the doctor's office, and, amazingly, emerged within five minutes walking completely erect with her head held high.

A woman in the waiting room who had seen all this walked up to the little old lady and said, "It's a miracle! You walked in bent in half and now you're walking erect. What did that doctor do?"

"Gave me a longer cane."

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Rider Education

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I was thinking about what to write on for this month's article and decided I would choose something I knew about and make it easy on myself. What I learned was even though I have been riding for years I didn't know anything about motorcycle helmets. So I thought I would do a little research and be done. I ended up reading a great deal and learning about motorcycle helmets and their test requirements. I also will be a much more informed consumer next time I am in the market for a helmet. I hope this helps you all and you find it as interesting as I did.

Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards -

The NHTSA, or National Highway Traffic Safety Administration set a FMVSS (Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard) for motorcycle helmets in the U.S. all the way back in August of 1973. This was last updated in October 1998. These standards cover impact and penetration protection, as well as being able to remain on the rider's head during an accident. There is also a requirement that motorcycle helmets sold in the U.S. allow at least a 210 degree field of vision, and a multitude of regulations regarding the labeling of helmets.

Labeling requirements -

So what are these labeling requirements? A sticker or label from the DOT must be attached on the back of the helmet, centrally located and towards the bottom. There also must be a DOT label permanently sewn in to the inside, and not located where it could be removed along with the foam cushioning. A genuine DOT label will have the following information: the name or logo of the manufacturer, size, date of manufacture, model name or number and the components from which the helmet is made. If you do not see this information on the label, do not, repeat do not purchase this helmet.

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This is the Snell Standard for Protective Headgear:

There are four reasons for you to be interested in this Standard:

1. The use of motorcycles and other motorized vehicles imposes risks of death or permanent impairment due to head injury.
2. The proper use of protective helmets can minimize the risk of death or permanent impairment.
3. The protective capacity of a helmet is difficult to measure, particularly at the time of purchase or use.
4. Snell certification backed by ongoing random sample testing identifies those helmet models providing and maintaining the highest levels of head protection.

Four of the most critical elements affecting a helmet's protective properties are:

1. Impact management — how well the helmet protects against collisions with large objects.
2. Helmet positional stability — whether the helmet will be in place, on the head, when it's needed.
3. Retention system strength — whether the chin straps are sufficiently strong to hold the helmet throughout a head impact.
4. Extent of Protection — the area of the head protected by the helmet.

This Standard describes simple tests for all four of these items. However, the tests for the second item, helmet stability, of necessity presume that the helmet is well matched to the wearer's head and that it has been carefully adjusted to obtain the best fit possible. Unless you take similar care in the selection and fitting of your own helmet, you may not obtain the level of protection that current headgear can provide.

Here is what I gleaned from the DOT and NHTSA web sites about motorcycle helmets. I was a little surprised at what I read. I bolded what I thought was the most interesting information I learned.

DOT or NHTSA does not "approve" motorcycle helmets, thus, there is no list of "approved" helmets. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has the statutory authority to issue Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) applicable to motor vehicles and items of motor vehicle equipment, including motorcycle helmets. **The law establishes a self-certification process in which**

the motorcycle helmet manufacturers certify that their products are in compliance with FMVSS No. 218, which establishes minimum performance requirements that the products must meet.

NHTSA enforces the standard by randomly selecting and purchasing motorcycle helmets from the marketplace and testing to the requirements of the standard at independent test labs. Motorcycle helmets manufactured for on-road use cannot be lawfully imported into the U.S. unless they were originally manufactured to comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 218, Motorcycle Helmets, and bear a symbol certifying such compliance. The labeling requirements are specified in FMVSS No. 218 and the symbol DOT on the helmet constitutes the manufacturer's certification that the helmet conforms to the standard.

Get a proper helmet on your head, and get your head around these statistics -

The DOT's studies show that the percentage of motorcycle riders wearing helmets has dropped 13 percent in the last four years, down to 58 percent of riders. Despite accounting for only 2 percent of the traffic on our roads, motorcycles are involved in 10 percent of all road accidents. **Deaths from motorcycle accidents have more than doubled in the last decade, and number over 4,500 highway fatalities annually. There are also 78,000 motorcycle crash related injuries, and the rate of accidents among motorcycle riders over the age of 50 has increased fourfold.**

Lets be safe as we enjoy our motorcycles and the friendship they bring into our lives.

Safe riding to you and we will see you at the rides.

Skip

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Finding Jesus

An old Irishman is stumbling through the woods, totally drunk, when he comes upon a preacher baptizing people in the river. He proceeds into the water, subsequently bumping into the preacher. The preacher turns around and is almost overcome by the smell of alcohol, hereupon, he asks the drunk, "Are you ready to find Jesus?" The drunk shouts, "Yes, oi am." So the preacher grabs him and dunks him in the

water. He pulls him back and asks, "Brother, have you found Jesus?" The drunk replies, "No, oi haven't found Jesus!" The preacher, shocked at the answer, dunks him again but for a little longer. He again pulls him out of the water and asks, "Have you found Jesus, me brother?" The drunk answers, "No, oi haven't found Jesus!" By this time, the preacher is at his wits end and dunks the drunk again -- but this time holds him down for about 30 seconds, and when he begins kicking his arms and legs about, he pulls him up. The preacher again asks the drunk, "For the love of God, have you found Jesus?" The drunk staggers upright, wipes his eyes, coughs up a bit of water, catches his breath, and says to the preacher, "Are you sure this is where he bloody fell in?"

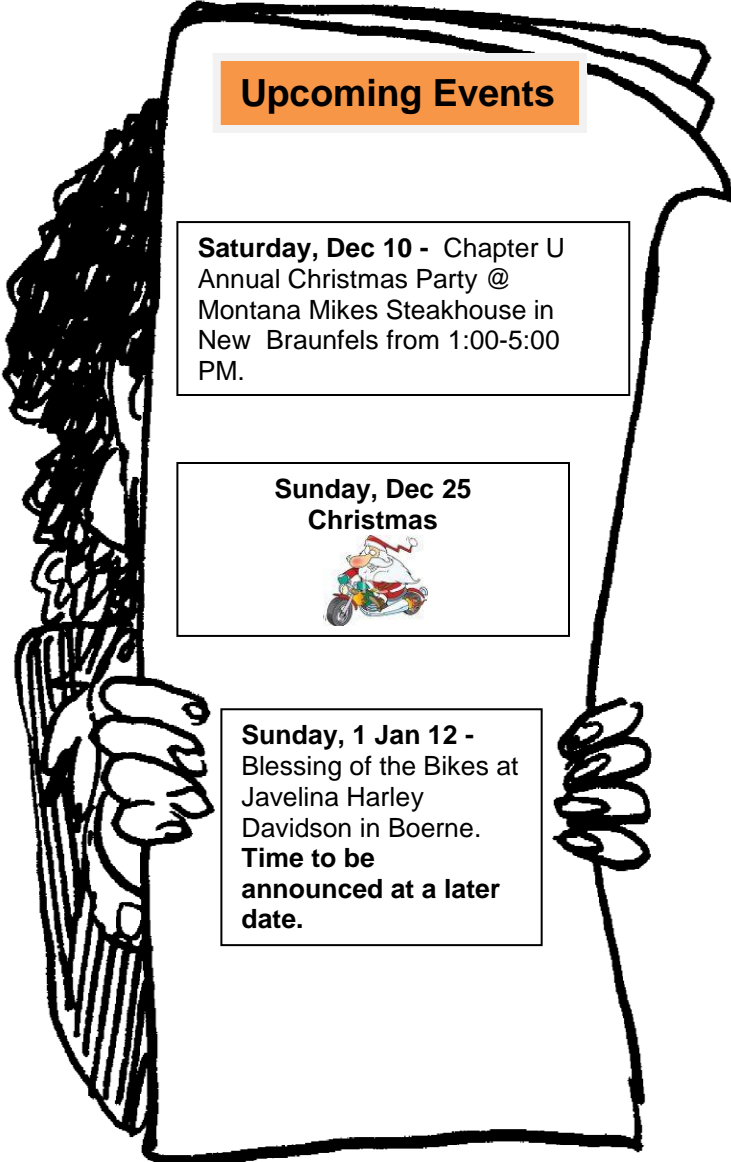


AN AMISH GUY GETS A IDEA

An old man lay sprawled across three entire seats in the movie theater. When the usher came by and noticed this, he whispered to the old man, "**Sorry sir, but you're only allowed one seat.**" The old man groaned but didn't budge. The usher became more impatient. "**Sir, if you don't get up from there I'm going to have to call the manager.**" Once again, the old man just groaned. The usher marched briskly back up the aisle, and in a moment he returned with the manager. Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move the old disheveled man, but with no success. Finally they summoned the police. The officer surveyed the situation briefly then asked, "**All right buddy what's your name?**" "**Fred,**" the old man moaned. "**Where ya from, Fred?**" asked the police officer and without moving a muscle, Fred replied, "**The balcony...**"

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, Dec 10 - Chapter U Annual Christmas Party @ Montana Mikes Steakhouse in New Braunfels from 1:00-5:00 PM.

Sunday, Dec 25 Christmas



Sunday, 1 Jan 12 - Blessing of the Bikes at Javelina Harley Davidson in Boerne. Time to be announced at a later date.

Thanks to Maria & Ron Delaughter and Jack & Linda Dowda for helping us put together our Chapter "U" rides and Meet & Eat get togethers!!!

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December

Steve Cloud	1st
Rod Cotter	4th
Charlie Brown	5th
Judy Curtis	8th
Joan Custer	8th
Sue Lyon	11th
Martha Gover	15th
Chela Thompson	28th
Mike Edmonds	28th
Candy Brown	31st

**If we don't have your birthday listed
please let us know!**



December

Harrel & Robin Scott	3rd
Rod & Sandy Cotter	14th
Jack & Linda Dowda	11th
Ron & Maria Delaughter	14th
Steve & Donna Van Gilder	14th

**If we don't have your anniversary
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