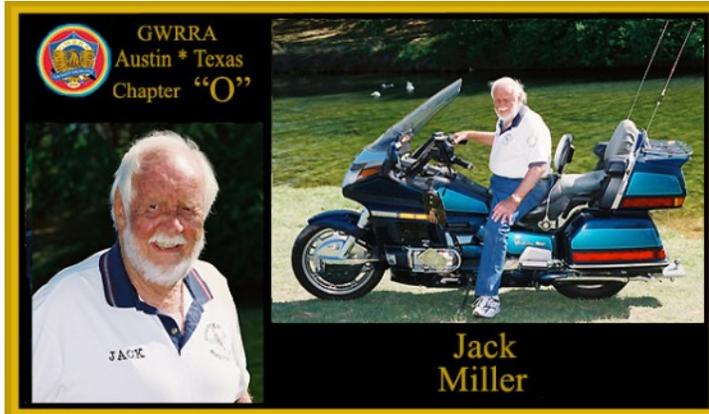


Member Spotlight

Jack Miller An "O"iginal

By Robby & Tricia Winfield on behalf of Jack Miller



What can you say about Jack Miller? Well Jack is an "O"iginal even though he was not one of the charter members he has been around awhile. He believes he joined Chapter "O" in 1983 sometime. Jack actually took up the hobby of riding motorcycles in 1981 sometime. His first bike was a Honda CB750 and his first Gold Wing was a 1984 1200cc bike. Then he bought the bike we all see him riding the 1994 1500cc Wing.

Jack is a Native Texan who was born and raised in Memphis, Texas. Where is that you ask? Memphis is located in the pan handle region at the crossroads of Texas Highway 256 and US Highway 287 about 87 miles south east of Amarillo. He was the only child in his family. His father was a book keeper in the Memphis area. Jack graduated from high school there and headed for college at North Texas Agriculture College in Arlington or what we now know as UTA (University of Texas at Arlington). Then with WWII, Jack joined the Navy and was sent to flight school to become a pilot. Guess where they sent him? It was the year 1943 and he came to Austin to the University of Texas for his ground school or as Jack put it his class room training. That's when he fell in love with Austin. Jack was then sent to Kerrville for his first flight training and then on to Athens, Georgia and California for more advanced flight training with dive bombers. His tours of duty included Hawaii, China, Philippines and the

Atlantic on aircraft carriers. Jack separated from his military duties in 1946.

After the war he went to work at a flight school in Fort Worth as an instructor.

Jack went back to school in 1948 and graduated in 1951 from Texas Tech as a civil engineer. He went to work for the FAA doing engineering upgrades to the Omni Stations in Ponce City, Ok. and Gallup, NM. until the Eisenhower administration started cutting jobs. Then he went to work for the Highway department in Abilene, Tx. Jack moved back to Austin in 1954 and went to work for Collins Construction. Collins did signs, guardrails and traffic lights to regulate traffic flow. Jack worked for them for 7 or 8 years. Then he took the plunge and started his own company. Jack Miller Construction was born and they did the same type of work as he had previously done with Collins until he agreed to be bought out by a competitor and Jack retired.

At one point Jack was married for 12 years and has 2 children and also has one grandchild. His children live close by in Cedar Park and Georgetown and he visits them several times a week.

Jack also has a friend he made during the war, "Pops" who is now 90 years old. Jack takes Pops to doctor appointments to help occupy his time and to help out a friend.

Jack, as a member of Chapter O has always been a JAM "Just A Member" and has not held any positions or offices but he really loves the chapter fellowship. Jack has only been to one Wing Ding and it was in Springfield, Missouri. He has been to many rallies in Marshall, TX and enjoys the smaller rallies put on by various other chapters close to the Austin area. Jack has been going to the Chapter O Rally since joining the Chapter, including the Dam O Campout which he believes started in 1987 when it was at the dam at Lake Buchanan on a member's property. He remembers the entertainment in the form of skits as put on by the members. As Jack remembers it the original charter members of chapter O were all named Bill he wonders if that was a requirement for the founders.

Thanks for being our "O"iginal member Jack. It was a great conversation and fellowship that Tricia and I enjoyed over breakfast getting to Spotlight you.