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Texas District Newsletter

"Friends for Fun, Safety, and Riding"

From the District Director

Well we are into the Ride-In/Rally season; we kicked it off with our 2025 Spring Yellow Rose Ride-In which I believe was quite successful. We would have liked a few more people, but we did have 77 attend, and almost all were out riding each day with beautiful weather, and at the end of each day everyone seemed to really enjoy the rides. Our evening activities also went very well and the meals seemed to be a hit; a special thanks to Jim McMillian for the Venison Chile on Thursday night. People loved it. Also thank you to everyone who hosted and helped with the meals, registration etc. We can't put on one of these events without you! And a personal Thank You to Jim and DeeDee Evans who stepped up and ran the evening events since I was under the weather and had lost my voice; they did a great job filling in for us, and Sheri and I really appreciate it.

Coming up next is the Louisiana District Rally Apr 23 -25, Sheri and I are leaving later today to go to Ruston, La for this event. We hope we get to see several of you there also; they always put on a great rally and have real good rides planned. Several of their folks came to our Ride-in and we would love to return the gesture.

After that event is the Arkansas District Rally May 15 – 17, In Harrison, Arkansas. They are working very hard on this event and had several of their members at our Ride-In. Anyone that has been there before knows of all the great rides in that area, and they are planning some real good ones. This year the event will be held entirely at the Hotel, so that should make it a little more convenient for everybody.

There are also a great many other District Rallies and Ride-Ins all around us. Go to <https://EWMA-World.org> login and see all the listed events and if you have trouble logging please get with your Chapter Director, Jim Evans or myself and we will help you get logged in. And don't forget about the **International EWMA Rendezvous Rally** in Fort Smith, Arkansas, August 28th – 30th 2025. This one is practically in our backyard so would love to see a big Texas/Oklahoma turnout; they have some great rides and events planned, and there will be vendors and other fun activities. If you are planning on going, please book soon; the host hotel is already full but the other hotel Courtyard Fort Smith Downtown is just across the parking lot from the host hotel and has rooms still available. Hope to see you there.

We are already working on our Fall Ride-In and should have more information and a flyer ready in the next couple of weeks. Keep an eye on GroupSpot for latest information. We will also have it in next month's newsletter. As we have said the three Districts in Region B are looking at having a Tri-District Ride-in next spring. We are still working on it and hope to have things ironed out and ready to announce by the end of the Arkansas District Rally, so stay tuned for that information also.

Ride Safe Be Safe

Lyle and Sheri Altes
Texas and Oklahoma District
Directors, EWMA

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Choose the Right Motorcycle Helmet

Wearing the right motorcycle helmet can mean the difference between life and death. We know it can also mean the difference between a comfortable and miserable ride. As you search through the many options—online and in stores—we have tips to help you find a safe helmet that fits.

Find Your Fit

SHAPE

Everyone's head is shaped a bit differently, and that's why helmets come in different shape styles—round oval, intermediate oval (the most common), and long oval. While we all generally have between a round and oval shaped head, it's important to determine your actual shape before buying a helmet. Use a mirror, or have a friend look down on your head from the top. Remember to focus on your *head* shape, not the shape of your *face*.

When trying on a helmet, take note of any pressure points on your forehead—a sign that the helmet is too round. Pressure points on the sides of your head indicate a helmet is too oval for the shape of your head. After you buy a new helmet, try wearing it for 30 to 45 minutes to check for pressure points before using it on a ride. These hot spots may not be immediately apparent but can grow into painful problems over time.

SIZE

When measuring your head, use a cloth tape. Start it just above your eyebrows and circle it around the thickest point in the rear of your head. Cross-reference this measurement with a helmet size chart. A helmet that is too loose will move around or will not sit down completely on your head. A correctly sized helmet will be a little tight, providing even pressure around your head without uncomfortable pressure points. It should not move when you shake your head.

STYLE

There are several different categories of helmets, each with different features that correspond to the various types of riding and different types of bikes, as well as various price points and safety features.

Choosing a Helmet Style (the following is a list of common styles to buy)

Full Face	Half & Open Face
Modular	High Vis
Dual Sport	Off-Road

Check Safety Ratings

Make sure your helmet has the DOT symbol on the outside back; this means it meets our Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 218. The other qualification for Helmets is the SNELL rating.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) does not approve helmets, or any other motor vehicle equipment, instead relying on a self-certification process. However, we conduct tests on some helmets to make sure they meet our standard. While our selection is typically random, we do take into account feedback and complaints from consumers in determining which helmets to test each year. If a helmet does not meet our standard when tested, we can issue a formal recall of the helmet, requiring that it be removed from stores.



Article submitted by Tom Sprague

Membership Enhancement Coordinator

By Gary and Becky Wheatley

The “love of motorcycles” is a multifaceted passion driven by the freedom, thrill, and community associated with riding. It's not just about the machine itself, but the experience, the sense of adventure, and the camaraderie within the motorcycle community. Motorcycle riders often report feeling a strong connection to their bikes and derive pleasure from the physical and mental challenges of riding.

Here's a more detailed look at what fuels this passion:

1. The Thrill and Freedom:

Open Road and Adventure:

Many riders are drawn to the feeling of freedom and adventure that comes with exploring open roads.

Sensory Experience:

The wind in your face, the rumble of the engine, and the feeling of control over the machine are all part of the experience.

Escape from Routine:

Motorcycling can be a way to escape daily stresses and connect with the natural world.

2. The Technical and Mechanical:

Appreciating the Machine:

Some riders are deeply involved in the technical aspects of their motorcycles, from maintenance and repairs to modifications and customization.

Understanding the Mechanics:

Learning how a motorcycle works can be a rewarding experience for many riders.

3. The Community:

Camaraderie:

Motorcycling often fosters a strong sense of community, with riders sharing experiences, stories, and mutual support.

Shared Passion:

The love of motorcycles unites riders from all walks of life, creating a bond based on a shared passion.

4. The Psychological and Physiological Benefits:

Improved Focus:

Riding requires intense concentration, which can clear the mind and reduce stress.

Endorphin Release:

The thrill of riding stimulates the release of endorphins, which can improve mood and provide a sense of euphoria.

Increased Testosterone:

Some studies suggest that riding can also influence hormone levels, potentially reducing cortisol (related to stress and anxiety) and increasing testosterone.

In essence, the love of motorcycles is a complex combination of factors that appeal to different aspects of human nature, from the desire for freedom and adventure to the appreciation for mechanical precision and the bonds of community.

Gary Wheatley, EWMA Texas Dist. Membership

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COMING EVENTS

Date	District	Event	Location	Contact/E-Mail	Phone
May 15–17	AR	<u>Arkansas District Rally</u>	Quality Inn Harrison, Arkansas	Louis Wofford director@diamondstateriders.org	479-883-2621
May 15–17	SC	<u>South Carolina District Rally</u>	Hampton Inn Newberry, SC	Jon J. Horning jjhorning63@yahoo.com	803-924-5243
May 16–17	IL	<u>Illinois District Spring Rally—Ride In</u>	Tremont Community Centre Tremont, Ill.	Bob Adams, DD my1986goldwing@yahoo.com	815-535-6576
May 29–31	MO	<u>Missouri District Rally</u>	Angel Inn Branson, MO	Ken Lueckenotte kluke45@aol.com	573-680-6238
June 5–7	WI	<u>Wisconsin District Rally</u>	Radisson Hotel Fond du Lac, Wisconsin	Robert S. Simonis robert.s.simonis.mil@gmail.com	N.A.
June 5–7	GA	<u>Georgia District Rally</u>	Yonah Convention Center Helen, Georgia	Tommy Martin gadirector@ewma-ga.com	N.A.
June 12–14	OH	<u>Ohio Buckeye Rally</u>	Champaign County Fairgrounds Urbana, Ohio	Darrin Ebright ohiodd2021@gmail.com	N.A.
June 26–28	AL	<u>Alabama District Rally</u>	Clarion Inn Sheffield, AL	Danny Baker jdbaker1951@yahoo.com	205-936-7843
July 11–12	MN	<u>MinnKota District Rally</u>	Riverside Inn and Event Centre Cold Spring, MN	Rick Eckstein rickeckstein@comcast.net	507-766-7976
July 17–19	MT	<u>Montana District Rendezvous</u>	Heritage Inn Great Falls, Montana	William Jeffries grampswiggly@aol.com	N.A.
August 28–30	★	<u>Eagle Wings Rendezvous III</u>	Fort Smith Convention Ctr Fort Smith, Arkansas	Mike Melton eaglewings.web@gmail.com	843-847-1444
September 25–27	NC	<u>North Carolina District Rally</u>	Clarion Pointe Hotel Sylva, North Carolina	Libby Jennings libbyjennings@yahoo.com	919-291-1918
October 16–18	MS	<u>Mississippi District Rally</u>	St Martin Community Centre Biloxi, Miss	Connie Fero connlefero@yahoo.com	228-238-3870

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EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



Arkansas

DISTRICT RALLY

MAY 15 - 17, 2025
Harrison, AR

M*A*S*H BASH



EWMA members and friends! Join Diamond State Riders at the Quality Inn & Conference Center in Harrison, Arkansas, for our District Rally, Thursday, Friday & Saturday, May 15th - 17th, 2025. We'll have 3 days of Rides, Food, Fellowship, Photo Ops, more Food and a little Dancing!

Welcome Picnic/Ice Cream Social ♦ Guided Rides ♦ Self-Guided Rides
♦ Friday Night Dinner & Dance ♦ Daily 50/50 ♦ Beanbag Baseball ♦
♦ Games of Luck & Skill ♦ Door Prizes ♦ First Aid / CPR Course ♦
Motorcycle Safety Breakfast ♦ \$500 Grand Prize ♦ and more!

- Register Online at: DiamondStateRiders.org -

Host Hotel: Quality Inn and Convention Center 1210 US 62/65, Harrison, AR
For reservations, call: (870) 741-7676 - ask for "EWMA" or "Eagle Wings" Rate



Missouri Eagle Wings Rally

at Angel Inn

May 29, 30, and 31, 2025

Branson, Missouri

Eagle Wings in the Ozarks

Ken Lueckenotte, District Director

Cell: (573) 680-6238 Email: kluke45@aol.com website: moewings.org



Noraleen and Gary Hord, preparing for the 2024 light parade contest.

Host Hotels:

Howard Johnsons - formerly
Southern Oaks Inn
3395 Shepherd Hills Exp
(417) 335-8108
\$69.00/night + tax (2 queen beds)
Jacuzzi King (\$80/night + tax),
Veranda King (\$101/night + tax)
No Pets
Cut-off April 29, 2025

Angel Inn at IMAX
3311 Shepherd Hills Exp
(417) 334-2300
\$69.00/night + tax (2 queen beds)
King Suite (\$80/night + tax),
King Jacuzzi (\$101/night + tax)
No Pets
Cut-off April 29, 2025

Code for both hotels: Eagle Wings

Campers: Willow Tree RV Park, 3381 Shepherd Hills Expressway (417) 334-8890

All Pre-Registration forms must be received by: **April 30, 2025. NO REFUNDS** after May 15, 2025. Each full registration (\$35 or more) will receive three \$10 vouchers (\$30 total) for

Billy Gail's, Danna's Bar-B-Que and McFarlain's restaurants

First 200 registrants receive a free Rally Pen.

Door prize drawings for FREE tickets at various venues and cash prizes.

50/50 drawings daily.

On-bike games!

SWAP SHOP

Attendees are eligible to purchase discounted tickets to various venues in Branson

MEW Rally May 29, 30 & 31, 2025 Registration Form – *Please print clearly*

Rider: _____ State: _____

Eagle Wing #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone numbers: (home): _____ (cell): _____

Co-Rider: _____ State: _____

Eagle Wing #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone numbers: (home): _____ (cell): _____

Please complete the items you want:

Eagle Wing Member Registration	\$35 x _____	= \$ _____
Eagle Wing Member Registration after 4/30/25	\$40 x _____	= \$ _____
Non-Member Registration	\$45 x _____	= \$ _____
Non-Member Registration after 4/30/2025	\$50 x _____	= \$ _____

(Each paid registration of \$35 or more receives 3 \$10 meal vouchers at various restaurants).

Rally T-shirts *Short sleeve, Heather Military Green, Gildan Ultra, large logo on back, small logo on front, crew neck.*
Visit www.moewings.org for picture.

S _____, M _____, L _____, XL _____	\$15 x _____	= \$ _____
2X _____	\$17 x _____	= \$ _____
3X _____	\$19 x _____	= \$ _____
4X _____	\$21 x _____	= \$ _____

REGISTRATION TOTAL: \$ _____

Make checks payable (include registration form) to '**Missouri Eagle Wings**' & send to:

Diane Phelps
350 West St. Anthony Lane
Florissant, MO 63031

Liability Release (ALL registrants must sign)

WAIVER: *I/We agree to release and forever hold harmless the Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association and its subordinate, Missouri Eagle Wings, its officers and volunteers, the co-sponsoring organization, vendors, sponsors, and any property owners for any loss or injury in which I/we may become involved by reason of participation at this rally, bike games, skill exercises, or rides/activities offered at the event. I/We have read this waiver and acknowledge with signature(s) as below:*

Rider signature: _____ Date: _____

Co-rider signature: _____ Date: _____

Day pass available on-site.



Eagle Wings Texas - Why Join us?

- We are an open motorcycle association that caters to a variety of riders
- We are welcoming toward owners of ANY motorcycle brand or design.
- We are made up of a diverse population of welcoming friendly people.
- We are Built on the legacy of GWRRA and have been promoting safety since 1977
- We have served generations of members with our leadership including the grandchildren of early members.
- We work to participate and serve in community events and charities and have for decades.
- We plan and sponser chapter, state, and National riding events, as well as rallies to reinforce our commitment to safety, fun and friendship.
- Our membership costs are extremely low and we make every effort to ensure money does not get in the way of riding.
- Our members share their experience, and knowledge.
- Maintenance day events can be found where folks work together to keep our bikes in safe condition.
- We visit with other chapters, states and regions to keep the scenery new, and friendships plentiful.
- The national organization works to foster relationships with vendors to provide enhance value, quality products and services for our members.

We want you to be a part of our growing family as we continue to evolve our motorcycle association.

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Our Vision:

A simple, fun, riding, social association of like-minded motorcycle enthusiasts

Our Motto:

Friends for Fun, Safety & Riding

Our Mission:

To provide to our Membership a fun and social environment that focuses on the love of motorcycling.

To bring the world together around that passion while helping them to be safer and mindful when riding a motorcycle.

To be a family-oriented, non-religious, non-political association, respectful of each other's beliefs.

Enjoying the ride together with like-minded motorcyclists.

Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association Membership Application

Member Name: _____ Member DOB: _____

Member Name: _____ Member DOB: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ ST/PV: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

USA _____ Canada _____ Other _____

Member Phone number: _____ Member Email: _____

Select One:

Individual Membership: 3 years \$70.00, 2 years \$50.00, 1 year \$30.00

Family Membership (2 or more people in household): 3 years \$85.00, 2 years \$60.00, 1 year \$35.00

I currently own the following motorcycle brands: (please select all that apply)

Honda Harley-Davidson Indian BMW Yamaha Ducati Triumph Other

New Member – Who referred you to us? Name _____ Member # _____

Where did you hear about us? (Example: magazine, website dealer, etc.)

Signature _____

Signature _____

Make check payable in U.S. funds to Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association and mail to 6635 W. Happy Valley RD., Suite A104-443, Glendale, AZ 85310