



The Texas District News

Texas District Newsletter

"Friends for Fun, Safety, and Riding"

From the District Director

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Thank God it's almost the end of summer.

I know we're still seeing temperatures in the 90s, but it feels almost like a winter breeze after a summer in the hundreds. Being the end of September, we only have until the end of the month if we wish to join EWMA as a charter member or charter chapter. But as I've joked before, that and \$4.50 will buy you soup at Applebee's.

As many of you already know, the district has both applied, and been accepted as the Texas District, within Region B, in EWMA. The decision to do this was rather clear; the vast majority of folks that we had talked to across Texas and from the states around us were leaning in this direction. The EWMA organization was more welcoming to motorcycles of any type, and appeared to have a greater focus on riding, than any other group. It gives us the ability to run our chapters pretty much exactly as we do today with GWRRA. Gold Wing riders are still encouraged to become Wing'd Rider members if for no other reason than their excellent magazine, which does have a focus on the Gold Wing motorcycle. They also plan on having a rally around the Niehaus corporation in Litchfield IL. It can be one of our goals to make sure Texas is well represented at this rally in June.

Our Texas district will also maintain a strong relationship with RPM LLC led by Susan Huttman, as they will maintain accessibility to the previous GWRRA university training, and access to the levels

program we have enjoyed for years. We are looking at this more as an a la carte opportunity for the state where we can get whatever we need or want, and only paying for those features we will use. Lastly, one of the biggest items that made this decision so clear was the appointment of Jim Berry as our Region Director. He has a long history of supporting members across our region and being approachable and reasonable when decisions have to be made.

One thing for our chapter directors and chapter treasurers as our final responsibility to the GWRRA organization is closing out the financials for 2022 and doing our best for our members and participants in Texas. Almost every chapter in Texas previously part of GWRRA has made the decision to join their chapter TO EWMA. Many of us are looking at this first year as a courtship. The organization has responsibilities to the members of Texas and the chapters making these decisions. They are responsible to be good custodians of our information, and honorable leaders. I have great confidence they will do so. we will obviously review this throughout 2023.

Our goal in Texas is to continue to serve the membership and participants in a way to honor this commitment to Fun Safety and Riding. We look forward to continuing to serve you in the future.

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EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association

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.

Our Core Values:

FAIRNESS: All issues should stand the test of "is it fair?"

COMMUNICATIONS: The more we share information and communicate about our common love of motorcycling, the more we will all learn and benefit. **TEAMWORK:** Working together forward our common vision, motto and mission keeps us focused and gives us the ability to become exceptional.

QUALITY: To be the best we can, treating all the way we would want to be treated, holding each other in highest esteem and respect in all we do.

ATTITUDE: We are each responsible for our own attitude. Strive to be positive, constructive, respectful, enthusiastic and creative in all interactions with members or public to enhance the relationship and promote our motto.

EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



Anita M. Alkire, CEO

Bruce Beeman, president

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Membership Enhancement Coordinator

By Gary and Becky Wheatley

Here it is September 2022 wrapping up 2/3 of this year and what a year it has been. The first of the year, all was going well for all chapters or at least we thought it was.

There we were, early in the year anticipating meeting up with all our friends throughout GWRRA at our upcoming National Rally (Wing Ding). We make all our reservations, get all our bikes and accessories ready for the big trip. We have reached the moment, (Kick Stands Up) leaving home with friends from our local chapter on to the big event. We have reached Shreveport, La... On to the opening welcoming dinner & entertainment.

Here we are, the next morning at opening ceremonies. (BOOM) the group we thought we had was ending at the end of the year !!!!!. We finished out the rest of the rally and decided to move forward.

We all found out there was three different routes we could take. Eagle Wings Motorcycle Assoc., Wing'd Riders, or go Independently that was both personally and for the Chapters as well.

After all is done, we hope all can make the right decisions that works for them, and everybody can respect their choices. Remember we were all family before; we still can be when some don't make the same choices we do.

We as a district will be helping all no matter what you do !

Gary Wheatley

Rider Etiquette: The Hand Signals

Leo Smith, Jr. —GWRRA Texas District Educator

Pop Quiz: What does it mean when you see a rider coming toward you, tapping the top of their helmet? Don't know the answer? Well you probably should because it can potentially save you money and headache.

Read on to find out what it means.

Hand signals are an integral part of riding, especially when it comes to group rides, but can also be very important when out on your own.

"Why are they important?" you may be asking. After all, today's bikes are equipped with everything you could possibly want: navigation, Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, automatic shifting capabilities, bluetooth tech, a built in Traeger barbecue...the list goes on. So why should you take the time to learn such an archaic skillset like hand signaling?

Whether you're group riding or going solo, turn signaling lets the traffic around you know your intentions and tells fellow riders in your group to prepare for a turn. "Isn't that what turn signals on the bike are for?" you might ask. And the answer would be yes. However, some would argue that it's better to err on the side of safety and implement both, particularly during group rides. Plus, if you've ridden long enough you know that lights on bikes eventually fail you.

1. Right Turn - Bend your left arm at the elbow to form a 90 degree angle with your clenched fist held high like you're about to politely knock on someone's front door



It's true, motorcycles have come a long way in terms of technology, especially the Honda Gold Wing. However, if you've ridden long enough you know that things still go wrong. What if a blinker stops working mid-ride? Or what if your headset fails?

We recommend you invest in a communication system such as J&M's, Sena's or Cardo's to help you talk easily with your riding buddies. But sometimes headsets stop working.

If you're a part of a group ride, there's no guarantee that all participants will have a headset or CB and, even if they do, that they will all be compatible. In other words, learning and implementing hand signals is a nice failsafe for when things inevitably go wrong. It's always good to be prepared, right?

With that in mind, here are the 16 hand signals every motorcycle rider should know.

2. Left Turn - Left arm straight out with your palm facing down

3. Stop - Bend your left arm at a right angle, with fingers facing downward. The leader of a group ride should be the one initiating this signal with others down the line echoing the signal for riders further back who might not be able to see the leader. This signal is particularly beneficial when engine braking because, in this scenario, the brake light will not light up.

4. Speed Up - This particular signal is most beneficial for inexperienced groups. To tell fellow riders in your group to speed up, stick your arm out, palm up, and slowly move your hand up and down.

5. Slow Down - To tell them to slow down, stick your arm out, palm down, and slowly move your hand up and down, like a bird taking flight.

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6. You Lead - This is when the leader tells a rider behind them to take the lead. To do this, the leader will simply point at the person's bike who they want to take the lead and then point out ahead of the group.

7. Follow Me - This is usually to indicate that someone else is now taking the lead. It's particularly useful when a group is temporarily separated due to a stop light. It's similar to the right turn signal, but instead of a closed fist you leave your hand open like you're about to give someone a high-five or saying "present" when your junior high math teacher took attendance. PTSD flashbacks anyone?

8. Road Hazard - If there is a road hazard, such as a pothole, roadkill, or some other dangerous debris is on the left side, point toward it with your left index finger. If it's on the right, point to it with your right foot as best you can. Obviously you don't want to take your hand off the throttle. If you come to a particularly dangerous and crumbling road, stick all your limbs out like a starfish! Just kidding.

9. Single File - Raise your hand as if to signal you are the leader, but only point the number of fingers that correspond to the number of columns you want. So for a single file hold up your index finger.

10. Double File - Raise your hand just like you would for single file riding, but for double file hold up your index and middle fingers. Like a peace sign.

11. I'm Tired, I Need A Break (Rest/Comfort Stop) - Extend your left arm straight out, make a fist and motion up and down like you're shaking a can of spray paint or a ketchup bottle.

12. I'm Hangry (Food/Refreshment Stop) - Give a thumbs up with your left hand and point it toward your mouth/helmet a few times. Some riders will alternatively point toward their stomach or give themselves a belly rub.

13. Fuel Stop - Point to your gas tank with your left hand. Don't be the rider who runs out of gas during a

group ride unless you like being endlessly heckled and are fond of nicknames.

14. Pull Off - This signal is used if the group needs to pull over right away (or as soon as possible). It's given for any other reason than a Rest, Food or Fuel stop. It might have to do with a bike malfunction, a deflating tire, or perhaps the rider is feeling overly anxious. Extend your left arm out and point your index finger to the side, then motion your arm up and toward the right shoulder, bending at your elbow. Repeat this motion a few times.

15. You Left Your Blinker On - At some point we all forget to turn off our turn signals. If you want to be a well-liked, well-respected group rider and earn brownie points, when this happens to someone in the group stick out your left arm then open and close your hand a few times.

16. Cops Ahead - When you see a fellow rider coming at you in the opposite direction and they are tapping the top of their helmet with their open palm face down, they are letting you know that law enforcement is ahead. Alternatively, if the group leader sees law enforcement in the distance they can give this signal so that the group is aware.

With modern day motorcycles and headsets with cutting edge tech, it's likely you will rarely need to use hand signals on the road. Still, it's a good idea to learn them. Getting acquainted with and memorizing these signals will only help you become more prepared for whatever scenario arises on the road ahead whether you ride alone or with others.

The more we ride, the more we learn. We discover new routes that become our favorites, learn new tips and tricks that enhance the experience, come across motorcycle accessories we couldn't live without and cultivate lifelong friendships that teach us more about ourselves and the sport.

Source:

https://wingstuff.com/blog_detail/rider-etiquette-the-hand-signals-

Ride Safe, Ride Smart!

Leo Smith Jr

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The District Educator Report Form is no longer required and is discontinued. —*Editor*

Coming Events

Date	Chapter	Event	Location	Contact/E-Mail	Phone
September 29– October 1	*AL*	<u>Alabama District Rally</u>	Lakepointe Resort State Park Eufaula, Alabama	Carl and Jan Breeding cebreeding@att.net	256-230-5505
October 13–15	*MS*	<u>Mississippi District Rally</u>	St. Martin Comm. Center Biloxi, Miss.	Charles and Melinda Lipe clipemsdd@att.net	662-816-5986
October 28–29	*OK*	<u>Oklahoma District Rally</u> <u>Oklahoma District Rally</u>	Ponca City Civic Center Ponca City, Oklahoma	John and Shawn Irons Ironsline3414@gmail.com	405-747-4618
2023 April 13-15	TX-O	Chapter TX-O Bluebonnet Rally	Ladybird Johnson Municipal Pa Fredericksburg, Texas	Ken & Teri Burnett director@goldwingaustin.org	512 497-1259
April 27-29	*TX*	Texas District Rally “Yellow Rose Rally”	Y.O. Ranch Hotel Kerrville, Texas	Dan and Donna Rymarz txdd@gwrwa-tx.org	469-669-9191

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Congratulations to Dan and Donna Rymarz on the birth of their grandson, Wes Daniel, on 13 October 2022.

Pictured at left: Wes Daniel and Leo James

Photo: Donna Rymarz

And congratulations to Lyle and Sheri Altes, Leo and Margaret Smith, and Gary and Becky Wheatley, who just became University Instructors. —Randy Reese

Happy Anniversary

Dan and Donna Rymarz

October 21

Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association

Membership Application

Member Name: _____ Member DOB: _____

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Mailing Address: _____

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

USA _____ Canada _____ Other _____

Member Phone number: _____ Member Email: _____

Select One:

Individual Membership: 3 years \$65.00, 2 years \$45.00, 1 year \$25.00

Family Membership (2 or more people in household): 3 years \$80.00, 2 years \$55.00, 1 year \$30.00

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



FUN Friendship Rides \$\$\$\$\$

- *Give A Ways
- *Seminars
- *Games
- *Vendors
- *Business Bingo
- *OHP Safety Course
- *CPR/First Aid
- *Medallion Hunt
- *Ice Cream Social
- *Lighted Parade
- *Vendor Poker
- *\$500 for Grand Prize
- *Potato Bar
- *\$500 in Drawings

*Preplanned Rides

Host Hotel is the Fairfield Inn & Suites 3405 N. 14th St. Ponca City, OK. Phone number is (580) 765-3000. Rates go for \$69.99 + tax for rooms. Give code GWRRA for reservations.

For Rally registration, go to gwrraokla.org and make checks payable to OKLAHOMA DISTRICT. Mail to Jeannie Smith, PO Box 140485, Broken Arrow, OK 74014. Must pre-register by October 15, 2022.

Rally Location
City Central Bldg.
400 E. Central Ave.
Ponca City, OK 74601

Oklahoma District Rally

October 27 – 29, 2022

Ponca City, OK

HALLOWING

Host Hotel
Fairfield Inn & Suites
3305 N. 14th St.
Ponca City, OK 74601
PH: 580-765-3000
Rate - \$69.99 + tax
Rate code = "GWRRA"

Rider: _____ GWRRA # _____ DOB: _____
 Co-Rider: _____ GWRRA # _____ DOB: _____
 Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 District: _____ Chapter: _____ Miles to Convention: _____
 Plan to stay at: Host Hotel _____ Other Hotel _____ Camp _____ Other _____

DESCRIPTION: (All on-site registrations will be an additional \$5.00)	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
GWRRA Life Member	_____	\$20.00	_____
GWRRA Member	_____	\$30.00	_____
Non-GWRRA Member	_____	\$35.00	_____
Closing Banquet Meal Ticket (per person regardless of age)	_____	\$17.00	_____
Children under 12 attend rally for free (+ fee for meal). NO MEAL TICKETS WILL BE SOLD ON SITE			
Level IV Breakfast (Must be current and list number.)	_____	FREE	_____
Rider Master # _____ Co-Rider Master # _____			
Level IV Breakfast (Not current)	_____	\$10.00	_____
CPR/First Aid – Renewal Only (Friday 9-12 am)	_____	\$25.00	_____

TICKET SALES (MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN)

50/50 Tickets Thursday	10/27/22 (Per Stretch)	_____	\$10.00	_____
50/50 Tickets Friday	10/28/22 (Per Stretch)	_____	\$10.00	_____
50/50 Tickets Saturday	10/29/22 (Per Stretch)	_____	\$10.00	_____
\$500.00 Grand Prize	(Per Stretch)	_____	\$10.00	_____
		GRAND TOTAL	\$	_____



Make checks payable to: **OKLAHOMA DISTRICT** - Mail to: Jeannie Smith PO Box 140485, Broken Arrow OK 74014- Must preregister by October 15, 2022

Any questions contact John & Shawn Irons OK DD email: ironline3414@gmail.com or 405-747-4618



I/We agree to hold harmless the GWRRA, co-sponsoring organization, and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property to which I/we may become involved by reason of participation in this rally. I/We also agree to assume responsibility for any property which I/we knowingly damage.

Rider: _____ Date: _____
 Co-Rider: _____ Date: _____