



The Texas District News

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"Friends for Fun, Safety, and Riding"

From the District Director

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Happy Halloween!

So, we're almost 10 months into this year, and it was only three months ago where our motorcycle association GWRRA announced that they were closing. Since that time quite a bit has occurred. But the most important thing is that our chapters continue to operate just as they had before and are planning on doing so going forward. Most chapters have decided to go the Eagle Wings route, many of us have also joined Wing'd Riders, at least those of us who own Gold Wings. I do know that most of our chapters they have turned in their paperwork to become charter chapters and that paperwork was sent off at the end of September. I've not heard much since then from the Region Director or national leadership. I anticipate this will take a little bit of time just like the membership is taking about 30 days. As stated, the most important thing is that we continue to ride and get together as friends and as the weather continues to cooperate. Just a couple weeks ago Donna and I rode with our home chapter, The Rally Cats out of Grapevine TX, and went for a ride up into Oklahoma. We expected a small group maybe four or five bikes, but we're thrilled when we ended up having twelve. It was a beautiful day to ride and was surprisingly cool. It was only in the low 60s for most of this ride which was very comfortable. The destination was the Anchor N Restaurant. The food was delicious the portions generous, and the service was excellent. This had been my first ride in a couple months, and my first group ride for probably over a year.

As always there were lessons to be learned. The Rally Cats might be one of the first chapters to be majority Sena wireless headsets users. We have plenty of new motorcycles in the group, mostly the new Gold Wings, and putting a CB on that motorcycle costs in excess of \$2500. Donna and I have been using Bluetooth headsets for a few years and have enjoyed it, but we also had the benefit of a CB on my 2003 Goldwing. We recently upgraded to the 50 S from Sena, which now uses open mesh technology. In many ways it's like sitting around a table where everyone can be heard at the same time, so basic etiquette need to be exercised. This new technology though is likely the future of motorcycle communications. Unfortunately, CB radios are offered less and less on the new bikes which makes it a good time to relearn the old fashioned hand signals. At the very least share with your riding partners the few hand signals that are very important, like when you have to use a restroom, when you need gas, and warning your fellow riders of debris or obstructions on the road.

Hope to see you all on the roads soon, because before we know it, the holidays will be here and those free weekends will be filled with family events and obligations. I am currently praying for a mild winter with many riding opportunities. Make sure your heated gear is ready!

Be well friends,
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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



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Ride Coordinator

Sam Belinoski

Time to “Fall” in love with riding

The temperatures are finally cooling off. Crisp mornings that lead to sunny and warm afternoons.

Layering is now the ideal plan before heading out. And even though we aren't in the Northeast with their beautiful colors, we still have our own Southern options.



Arkansas has always been a great choice to view some incredible color changes. Their change usually occurs in late October. But you can also visit Ouachita State Park around mid-November to see the best fall foliage on the oaks, maples, and other hardwoods.

Around the same time period in Oklahoma autumn foliage peaks around Halloween and stretches into early November. That's when they are ablaze with yellows, reds and oranges at such popular fall foliage hotspots as Talimena Scenic Drive, the Ouachita National Forest, and the Chickasaw National Recreational Area.



Not to be outdone, Texas has the Lost Maples State Natural Area. Usually around mid-November is the best time to see some brilliant colors. Be mindful that lots of folks travel there on the weekends. Plan ahead and make your reservations early.

Easily a day's ride to either of our Northern options, or a quick early morning ride to Lost Maples, now is the time to get in some riding time during these wonderful cooler temperatures and see some amazing views of what Mother Nature has to offer.

Sam Belinoski

Coming Events

Date	Chapter	Event	Location	Contact/E-Mail	Phone
April 13-15 2023	TX-O	Chapter TX-O Bluebonnet Rally	Ladybird Johnson Municipal Pa Fredericksburg, Texas	Ken & Teri Burnett director@goldwingaustin.org	512 497-1259
April 20-22	*LA*	Mardi Gras Madness	Morgan City, LA	Fritz and Johnette Beter dd@larevelers.org	504-469-3178
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
May 18-20	*AR*	Arkansas District Rally	Quality Inn Convention Centre Harrison, Arkansas	Randall Drake treasurer@argwrwa.org	479-224-6240

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Rider Education Update

Leo Smith, Jr. —GWRRA Texas District Educator

As we value the importance of safety through education and practice, we are thrilled to pass on to ALL motorcyclists the announcement of a new venture by Lorrie Thomas (GWRRA's University Director) and Susan Huttman (GWRRA's Director of Rider Education) called **RPM**. Lorrie and Susan have worked hard and relentlessly to design and structure a SERVICE where education will not be left out of the loop of the motorcycling community. On a personal note, I can attest that education and training saves lives and should not be forgotten about with all the changes and uncertainties whirling around as new groups form or even riding by one's self. Below is a brief synopsis of Lorrie and Susan's plan. Keep in mind though, it is still business as usual until the end of this year so if any chapter needs training we will do the best we can to accommodate your needs. We are right around the corner from the busy holiday season and instructors also have schedules, so request early! Also, if any member needs their information updated in the current data base I can send it forward to be processed. At this time I have the capability to read/check only, no data entry.

INTRODUCTION TO RPM ACADEMY

We are pleased to announce our joint venture, **RPM Academy**, (Rider Safety, Personal Growth and Management Skills).

Our Vision: To offer sustained knowledge development and skill enhancement through quality adult learning opportunities on-bike and in the classroom.

Our Mission: To ensure the availability of proven classes and courses to benefit every motorcycling enthusiast and supporter regardless of their personal group affiliation.

Our Purpose: To advocate for all RPM Academy participants, instructors and trainers with passion and integrity.

RPM Academy has been granted sole and exclusive ownership and use of all GWRRA University and Rider Education Program content and have acquired copyright protection.

Beginning in January 2023, all offerings by RPM Academy will be provided in the US by certified Instructors and Trainers who meet defined qualifications and uphold certain standards.

Until the end of the calendar year, courses and classes will continue to be conducted under GWRRA Handbook directions and covered by the existing GWRRA insurance policy.

Database records will continue to be maintained through December 31st, 2022, using current guidelines. A revised version of the levels program to recognize individual achievements will be released on January 1st, 2023.

Concurrently an Academy reference manual will be made available providing specific procedural information for individuals, groups, instructors, and educational field representatives. Management and administration will be centralized for simplicity and continuity.

As an LLC, we will use any income to finance the cost associated with liability insurance and the delivery of exceptional educational content presented by qualified Instructors and Trainers.

RPM Academy has partnered with **Wing'd Rider** and have the full support of an organization with a genuine interest in the motorcycling culture, safe and enjoyable riding, and the value of life-long learning.

As we continue to build on our firm foundation, we appreciate your support and look forward to serving you in the future.

Lorrie M. Thomas, **Managing Member**

Susan N. Huttman, **Managing Member**

RPM ACADEMY LLC

I want to take this opportunity to reiterate, in cooperation with and as the result of an agreement with GWRRA, the University Program and ALL certified instructors (without exception) will continue to follow the program's established policies and procedures until the close of business on 12/31/2022.

The University will continue to provide administrative management of the program and would encourage any current University Instructor who would like to continue in their role in the new year to contact me.

We look forward to continuing to certify and recertify instructors, present Instructor Training (ITCP), and support all participants and their personal goals.

Lorrie M. Thomas,
University Director

Ride Safe, Ride Smart!
Leo Smith Jr
Texas District Educator
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FORMER GWRRA NORTH TEXAS MEMBERS BOWLING CHALLENGE

**Brought to you by CHAPTER “G2” and
Hosted by Bobby & Joetta Williams**

February 12, 2023

Registration 11:00 AM, Bowling time 11:30 PM

Lions Lanes 2303 W Ennis Avenue, Ennis TX

COST IS \$20.00 PER PERSON & INCLUDES 3 GAMES & SHOES (IF NEEDED)



**Men and Women First & Second Place game CASH prize
(Bobby Williams and Joetta Oliver are ineligible to win prizes)**

This is a FUN Raiser, not a Fund Raiser.

**Plan on bringing as many of your chapter members as possible,
Even if they don't bowl**

**Chapter U, GWRRA
Ride to the Valley
October, 2022**

Over the past 7-8 months I have ridden my Honda trike over much of the great state of Texas, and one small part of New Mexico. It's been a fun-filled adventure travelling as far West as Hobbs, New Mexico; as far East as Lufkin; as far North of Amarillo, to the little town of Borger; and as far South as Big Bend National Park, and South Padre Island.

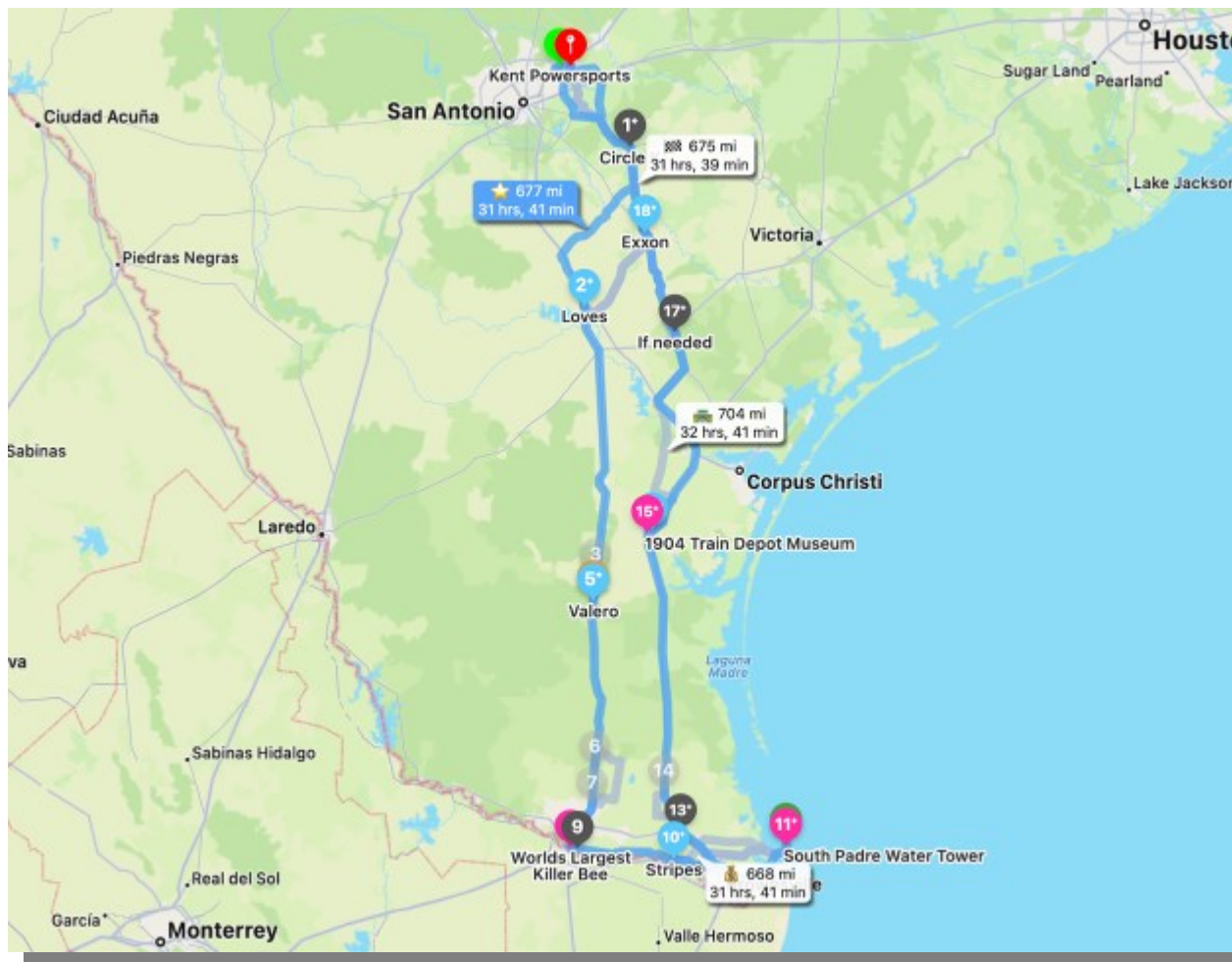


One of many stops along the MGTT

Last February I signed up to participate in the 2022 Motorcycle Grand Tour of Texas (MGTT). The tour has a motorcycle Rider travelling to fifty different sites throughout the state of Texas, taking a picture at that location, and submitting the results to verify their visit to the site. If I had elected to ride to all these sites on one concurrent trip, I would have minimally ridden over 3700 miles, and that's seeing a whole lot of the Lone Star state! In my case I went on 3 major overnight rides and numerous local/daily rides, easily totalling 4-5,000 miles to complete the tour requirements. Needless to say, I paid differing amounts for gas along the way, prices varying as much as a dollar or more depending on the gas supplier, remoteness, and the time of year based on our countries energy policies. I figure gas to complete the tour was in the \$450-600 range. Add in 7-8 days of shared lodging costs of approximately \$700, and I spent over \$1,200 without considering snacks, fluids, and meals. That's a decent expense amount, but it seems a bargain for the sights, points of interest, wind therapy, and great companions.

There's always a price to be paid for our hobbies, and life in general. I had some great experiences, and even considering the time and financial costs, I will continue to participate in future MGTTs.

The final leg of my 2022 MGTT included South Padre Island and the Rio Grande Valley to complete the final three of my fifty sites.



Route travelled

Travelers were myself (Tom Hendricks), Wade Wells, Scott and Debbie Hay, and Ron and Shonale Perry. Roland and Maria Morales rode up separately and also completed the 50 site finalist MGTT requirements. In this life we are sometimes fortunate to have able companions there for the good ride, and occasionally standing by and helping when complications arise. This core group has completed the base requirements for the past 1-2 MGTTs, in addition to numerous other rides, and we are looking to the future for more shared excursions.



Stark country with some small showers

Leaving the San Antonio vicinity is something I always look forward to, as I know I will see new roads, towns, and Texas countryside. The ride through this part of south Texas is predictably austere with lonesome houses, large ranches with mesquite trees and some cattle, and small towns that often appear to still be barely hanging on, as they have for many years. It is easy to visualize why some old pioneer types stopped where they did; some because they had purchased land and were finally home; and others possibly decided that this was as good as it was going to get, and just decided to settle here. I was glad to have a destination, a trike to roll up the miles, and a home in the “big” city to return to.

Every ride in pursuit of seeing all of the MGTT sites has certain aspects that make it special. We started from Schertz, Texas at 7:00 in the dark, and as the sun rose we were treated to a marvelous red and pink tinged sunrise. Well, it had to rain on our parade and about 1-2 hours into our ride we were treated to a light rain, which in addition to the overcast skies, made for slight discomfort, but a cool morning. We proceeded to the site of the World’s Largest Killer Bee in Hidalgo, and after a quick photo op we headed to South Padre Island.



World's Largest Killer Bee (24)

Along the way we paralleled the Rio Grande River and saw large portions of “The Wall” along the Southern U.S. border. It was interesting to see the amount of construction on the wall that was finished, and we also noticed that so much was unfinished, i.e., there were large sections of finished wall but also large holes where we presumed gates were to be installed. As it stood, it did not appear, in many places, that it would stop anyone from crossing the border.



Driving through “The Wall”

We finished our riding day taking photos of the South Padre Water Tower and checking into our respective hotels. We ate dinner at the Meatball Café, which was recommended to us; we fully endorse it, as they make some wicked Italian food. We retired to the pool after dinner for some hydration therapy, where we were treated to a fireworks demonstration to top off our day.



South Padre Water Tower (29)

Rolando and Maria Morales bumped into Ron and Shonale Perry on Padre Blvd in South Padre Island, as both couples completed their last of the 50 site stops on the 2022 MGTT.

Day two of our Valley ride had us up with the birds, eating our complimentary hotel breakfast, and heading for our final and fiftieth stop at the Train Depot Museum in Kingsville. High fives were exchanged and congratulations given for making our last stop on the MGTT. We stopped at Sammy's in Beeville for lunch, and had some excellent burgers at a fair price. After lunch we gassed up and proceeded home via Kenedy and Stockdale.



Train Depot Museum (38)

Pat Wall, Wade Wells, and Tom Hendricks visited the Train Depot Museum in Kingsville to finish their last stop on the 2022 MGTT.

We had a lot of fun, visited a variety of Texas localities, and thoroughly enjoyed our 2-3 wheeled methods of travel as we finished the MGTT. As was said when I was in the Army, "Job well done, mission complete."



All 50 MGTT points completed

This article was written by Tom Hendricks; pictures were provided by Roberta Wells and Debbie Hay.

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 _____

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