



The Texas District News

Texas District Newsletter

"Friends for Fun, Safety, and Riding"

From the District Director

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Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy Holidays

At the end of this month, GWRRA will become a memory. Many decades of friendship built through the enjoyment of riding motorcycles under the GWRRA banner will end. But as I have said many times since July, out of the ashes of one organization is the opportunity to build something new. This cannot be a simple continuation of the old organization, but instead must be a shift towards the future. As of today, the new organization effective January 1st we'll have nine chapters at least, throughout the state of Texas. The focus of this new organization will primarily be taking those beautiful bikes we own and riding the beautiful roads of not just Texas, but of this great nation. The goals in 2023 will be to continue to seek out riders of every make and model of motorcycle and invite them to join us in our exploration of the countryside, mountain passes, sprawling plains, monuments, and our National Park system. For those members who have been riding long time and have seen

so much already, it is an opportunity for you to guide those new riders and pass on both your experiences, and devotion is safety. We want to help ensure that every ride ends up back at home safe and sound. As we continue to get together, and as we add new members, I look forward to breaking bread and making new friends. 2023 is an opportunity, with a nod to the past, but a focus on the future, to create something that can grow and endure.

We wish you all a great holiday season with friends and family. We are looking forward to extending this family as we continue in the new organization of EWMA.

With love and respect,
Dan and Donna Rymarz
Former GWRRA Texas Directors
(After December 31st)
New EWMA Texas District
Directors (Effective January 1st)

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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

Jim Berry, Director, Region B

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Chapter Staff as of December 31, 2022

Chapter	Area	Chapter Leadership	Contact Info
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G	Tomball	Director = Deluke, Joe & Tammy Assistant Director = Norwood, Brian Membership Enhancement = Larry & Sally Dresch Treasurer = Stan Brown Ride Coordinator = Greenway, David	713-498-3201
G2 Roadrunners	Greenville	Director = Wiggins, Jim and Barbara Assistant Director = Open Membership Enhancement = Barbara Wiggins Treasurer = Augustas, George Ride Coordinator = Wiggins, Jim and Barbara	903-217-4066
H	San Antonio	Director = Griffin, Keith & Milligan, Paula Assistant Director = Open Membership Enhancement = Smith, Dan Treasurer = Charles Fleming Ride Coordinator = Charles Fleming	210-478-8928
J	Orange	Director = Kimbrough, Randy Assistant Director = Jeanis, Charles & Kathy Membership Enhancement = Dorothy Thomson Treasurer = Pierson, Debbie Ride Coordinator = Open	409-201-1955
K2	Castroville	Director = Michael Pineda Assistant Director = Open Membership Enhancement = Open Treasurer = Charlotte F Ride Coordinator = Open	210-707-8411
M2	Spring	Director = Gresak, Scott & Linda Assistant Director = Open Membership Enhancement = Gresak, Linda Treasurer = Andrew Woodward Ride Coordinator = Tim & Kathy Bryan	281-386-7800

Chapter Staff as of December 31, 2022

Chapter	Area	Chapter Leadership	Contact Info
<u>Q</u> Capital Wings	Austin	Director = <u>Burnett, Ken & Terri</u> Assistant Director = <u>Jim & Deedee Evans</u> Membership Enhancement = <u>Winfield, Robby</u> Treasurer = <u>Winfield, Patricia</u> Ride Coordinator = Ken Burnett	512-497-1259
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<u>S2</u>	League City	Director = <u>Newman, Scott & Debbie</u> Assistant Director = <u>Cox, Steve</u> Membership Enhancement = Koerber, Beth & Tom Treasurer = <u>Scholes, Jim & Genie</u> Ride Coordinator = Open	281-534-1864
<u>T</u>	Killeen	Director = <u>Soto, Jose & Celest</u> Assistant Director = Open Membership Enhancement = Open Treasurer = <u>Brooks, Tim & Young</u> Ride Coordinator = Open	646-258-5308
<u>U</u>	San Antonio	Director = <u>Hay, Scott</u> Assistant Director = Open Membership Enhancement = Burke, Shonale Treasurer = Morales, Maria Ride Coordinator = Shared	210-414-7288
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Rider Education

By Leo and Margaret Smith

While we are already 1/2 through December it still looks like a good possibility there will be a few more decent riding days left in 2022. If you're riding has been dormant due to the weather, the business of the season or any other reason, below are a few basic safety tips for refreshing your knowledge before sliding back into the saddle.

Starting the first of 2023 Rider Education/ Personal Development and Management Services (RPM, LLC) will launch and be putting out more information and materials about their services. This is an organization owned and operated by Susan Huttman, former GWRRA Director of Rider Education and Lorrie Thomas former GWRRA University Director that is carrying forward the all important mission of education and training motorcycle riders and co-riders with the support of past credentialed GWRRA instructors.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a SAFE Happy and Healthy New Year.

Leo Smith Jr

Texas District Educator

Tips for Motorcycle Safety

CN Consumer Notice.org

WEAR A HELMET
The CDC and NHTSA estimate a helmet reduces your chance of dying due to a fatal head injury by 40 percent.

KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE ROAD
Road hazards as small as leaves or pebbles can result in disastrous consequences for motorcycles.

INSIST ON ANTI-LOCK BRAKES
The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety reports that bikes with anti-lock brakes are 37 percent less likely to be involved in a fatal crash.

AVOID BAD WEATHER
Rain, snow and sleet are harder to handle on two wheels than four. Use extra caution if you have to ride in bad weather.

BE A DEFENSIVE RIDER
Crashes between cars and motorcycles are usually the fault of the car's driver. Watch out for unexpected turns and lane changes.

MAKE YOURSELF VISIBLE
Bright markings or clothes make you easier to see.

RUN A CHECKLIST BEFORE YOU RIDE
Make sure the lights, horn, tires, engine and drive train are in good shape. Any part of the bike that keeps you safe should be in working order before you head out.

WATCH FOR DANGERS
Keep an eye on other vehicles' blind spots, know how to safely pass different types of vehicles and always have an escape path in mind.

WEAR THE RIGHT GEAR
Leather jackets, gloves, long pants and boots that cover the ankles can protect skin and bones.

DON'T BUY MORE BIKE THAN YOU CAN HANDLE
Shop for a bike that fits, that you can easily manage and that isn't overpowered for your experience.

WEAR EYE AND HEARING PROTECTION
Earplugs to reduce the roar of engines and wind can save your hearing but don't block out sounds that could warn you of approaching cars or other danger. Riding glasses or helmet visors will protect your eyes from bugs or debris.

TAKE A MOTORCYCLE SAFETY COURSE
These courses let riders sharpen their skills and build riding experience before hitting the open road.

Membership Enhancement Coordinator

By Gary and Becky Wheatley

“STARTING A NEW”

GWRRA TO EWMA, GWRRA TO WINGDRIDERS, OR
GWRRA TO INDEPENDENT!!!! That is the question?

Here we go, starting a new, which way do we go?

I can only speak for myself, but I believe everyone wants to keep riding and if they are beyond their years, still want to have fun with likeminded friends.

We need to keep an open mind, be patient while we restructure, and share information with others when it is presented.

EWMA plans on having a Region, District, and Individual levels which is to help all of us to ride and have fun together with less positions and paperwork than we were used to with GWRRA. As we know of it now, this organization is open to all types of motorcycles. We just want to have fun with everyone!!!

WingDRiders, I am not sure about this organization, I was told as for motorcycles they are leaning to keeping it mostly Gold Wings. As I get more information, I will share it.

Independent is just what it says, you have your own choices, ride & mingle as a group or ride solo, your call.

As the EWMA District Members Advisor, if I can assist anyone in moving forward please give me a call, text, or email me. I would love to help everyone in having a great time riding and just having fun!!!.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

2022 - 2023

Gary Wheatley / 713-859-6589 / txmec@gwrra-tx.org

Ride Coordinator

Sam Belinoski

Now it's time to say goodbye to all our company...

Goodbye Gold Wing Road Riders Association. Although our involvement only lasted 24 years, it was a great adventure with many wonderful people and places.

But this goodbye isn't the end. We should probably say aloha, which most folks know to mean both hello and goodbye.

Hello to the two new organizations, Wing'd Riders and Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association.

We still plan on riding our Gold Wing and visiting our riding friends, no matter which (if any) organization you have chosen.

These bonds of friendship run deep. Stay true to yourself and your friends and you will forever be a happy person.

Your former GWRRA Texas Assistance Directors and Rider Coordinators,

Sam & Anita Belinoski

Coming Events

Date	Chapter	Event	Location	Contact/E-Mail	Phone
January 28	★	EWMA Mid-Winter Meeting	Pflugerville Methodist Church Pflugerville, Texas	Lyle Altes txadd2@gwr-ra-tx.org	512-415-1920
February 12	★	North Texas Bowling Challenge	Lion Lanes Ennis, Texas	Bobby Williams and Joetta Oliver	972-978-7744
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@gwr-ra-tx.org	469-669-9191
May 18-20	*AR*	Arkansas District Rally	Quality Inn Convention Centre Harrison, Arkansas	Randall Drake treasurer@argwr-ra.org	479-224-6240

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Assistant District Directors

Lyle and Sherri Altes

Happy Holidays

With the holidays upon us we know everyone is getting really busy and it is a crazy time of year. On to of all that Chapters have to start looking at the new year and the changes that have come about, and make plans accordingly. We know that this is a tough time of the year to do any planning so why not schedule a chapter planning meeting after the first of the year, that is what the District is doing this year as well. Then you can decide if you still want to have a monthly social gathering since meetings are not required anymore, but we have heard from several Chapters that they still plan on having monthly gathering's where the can get together and visit and pass on information and just have fun with friends.

Also, at your planning meeting it is a great time to discuss future rides, ride In's, rallies, or other events your Chapter might me planning for the up coming year, also look at getting together with other Chapter around you to possibly doing joint rides, meetups, or other events. Working together helps bring the Chapter closer together and make event planning much more fun and less work for all, plus joint events tend to bring in much more participation from our members and others who we always welcome.

One last thing you should discuss at your planning session is recruiting, we know some Chapters are already actively working on that, but is going to be a big subject through out the organization. The District is going to make it one of our priorities during our planning session and for the up coming year. We hope to have ideas and resources available for the Chapter's by the first part of February, we will also be looking for ideas from all of you, all ideas are good please pass them along to Dan & Donna Rymarz or us and we will figure out how to use those ideas District wide.

Also remember we are here to help the Chapters so if you need any assistance in anything including planning for rides and events help in getting the Chapters together, or anything else in general, we and the entire District staff are here for you so let us know what you need.

We wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. Enjoy your family and friends and if you get a chance to ride please ride safe

Lyle & Sheri Altes
Texas District Assistant Directors

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**

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 \$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