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"Friends for Fun, Safety, and Riding"

From the District Director

Congratulations to us, all of us!

We have made it to 2023 And GWRRA is in the rearview mirror for most of us. I believe most of us were made whole when are membership dues were refunded, especially those of us whose checks did not bounce. If vou are one of the few unfortunates that are still having issues please reach out to Donna and I, and we will see if we can find people from the old organization that may be able to help. P.S. We still have some financial work that will need to be done in the beginning of 2023, which includes our filing of our 990-Ns. We are still awaiting the final details of that from Randall Drake. More on that once we have the information available.

Chapter staff, keep an eye on your emails, as we are sending out the officer appointment forms for all Chapter Directors, and Chapter Treasures to fill out and return to us. We are also sending out Chapter Application forms to a couple folks who are wishing to bring their chapter into EWMA. As stated before, Texas district will cover the charter fees for any chapter joining EWMA for at very least the 2023 calendar year. It is one of the goals of the district to raise enough money at our District Rally and any Ride-Ins to cover the charter fees at the end of the year for 2024. We in the district would really like to remove financial hardships from chapter life so that we can focus in on riding.

The new district website (ewmatx.org) has gotten a refresh thanks to Tom Sprague, and new information is being posted on a regular basis. All EWMA forms will start being available on this website, until the national website is up running and functional. One of the services the district will do for all of our chapters is to offer a place for the chapter websites to exist. As of right now we are encouraging chapters to create a graphically interesting PDF would mimic a web page including chapter staff information, regular logistic information like chapter gathering locations, and where you regularly gather at the beginning of a ride. This PDF will be linked to your chapter information to make it easy to get new members to locate you and your crew. It is obviously still acceptable for you to have your own website and domain registration, but by using district resources you avoid the costs that your chapter membership has to pay. These PDFs can be refreshed as often as you wish to keep the information from getting stale. We encourage everyone to visit (ewma-tx.org) and review information for accuracy.

The Texas District Rally will be happening in Kerrville TX, at the Y.O. Ranch just like last year. This will be happening from April 27th through the 29th, and we have a special rate at the Y.O. Ranch of \$119 a night. This

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is obviously more expensive than last year, but inflation is hitting everyone hard. I do not look forward to seeing the cost of their egg breakfast! Details about the rally will be discussed on January 28th, by the Texas district staff, and we will have a better idea of cost, training schedules, and other rally related activities. This will be our first rally since the dissolution of GWRRA, and we looked to have this rally be open to any and all comers, inexpensive, and full of activities that take advantage of the Kerrville area. All proceeds from this rally will support district commitments to Texas district chapters, and the training of all motorcyclists for the common goal of safer roads.

Now that the new organization has been established, the larger and more complicated goal of growth and providing increased value for our membership begins. Region and national staff are encouraging all chapters and members to focus on attracting motorcycle riders who will enjoy our groups who actively promote local rides, as well as throughout Texas and beyond. It is not that the new organization does not value former riders, or the experience that they bring to our meetings, it is simply the fact that a new rider, joins a motorcycle organization to find people to ride with. The dining with friends is a side benefit. As is the case in any organization, if you want the organization to thrive, you need to constantly augment membership with that of the next generation. GWRA had in many ways failed in keeping relevant with new riders. Our reputation of being old men and women driving to DQ had been cemented in the minds of so many potential members. It was truly a shame that we were not able to attract more youth to our groups. Having a more diverse age group at our gatherings would have made all of us feel younger. And we believe this is the recipe for success in any new organization.

Many of us who experienced firsthand the closure of GWRRA at WingDing last year, where to a degree, a bit excited about the possibilities. Out of the dust And excitement, three organizations were created, each with a slightly different focus, but ultimately with the end goal of offering motorcycle enthusiasts opportunities similar to what was offered in the old organization. Many of us chose to join the two membership based organizations, EWMA, and Wing'd Riders. I for one have enjoyed the monthly

magazine coming out of the Wing'd Riders organization, and look forward to many more. The EWMA organization however has given me the familiar home feel chapter life with plenty of opportunities for riding and socializing. The third organization it's not as well-known, but offers an important service that all motorcycle organizations are now free to use. Built upon the GWRRA education programs, including the levels program, RPM, LLC will, for the foreseeable future be our partner for offering our chapters and members training opportunities to keep their skills focused and sharp. The levels program is not gone, and passed achievements have been carried over to the new organization. Texas district is completely committed to offering training and safety instruction to everyone to make sure everyone gets home safely after each ride. Ultimately the gist of these three organizations, in my view, is that the three should continue to work together for the benefit of all the members. There is no reason to put up defensive walls or restrictions that would get in the way of our friendships. As of right now, the three organizations are not in conflict with one another, offering complementary services, which after adding up all membership fees, still remain less expensive than the old organization. I feel that the disciplines that each bring to the table will get us far greater attention to detail, and will in the end make the experience better not worse.

This is a very exciting time! I wish you all the greatest of New Years and ask you to join with your fellow members, friends, riding partners to make everything that we do a success. When things get tough in life it is friendship, and extended family that help us pull through. For most of us, an extended ride on the motorcycle helps us get our thoughts straight, and puts us in a mood more worthy of this gift of life we have all been given.

God bless you all, and may our guardian angels ride with us every time we hit the road.

Dan and Donna Rymarz
Texas District Directors, EWMA

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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.



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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Ţ	Orange	Director = Kimbrough, Randy Assistant Director = Jeanis, Charles & Kathy Membership Enhancement = Dorothy Thomson Treasurer = Pierson, Debbie Ride Coordinator = Open	409-201-1955
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Chapter Staff as of December 31, 2022

Chapter	Area	Chapter Leadership	Contact Info
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<u>S2</u>	League City	Director = Newman, Scott & Debbie Assistant Director = Cox, Steve Membership Enhancement = Koerber, Beth & Tom Treasurer = Scholes, Jim & Genie Ride Coordinator = Open	281-534-1864
<u>T</u>	Killeen	Director = Soto, Jose & Celest Assistant Director = Open Membership Enhancement = Open Treasurer = Brooks, Tim & Young Ride Coordinator = Open	646-258-5308
<u>U</u>	San Antonio	Director = Hay, Scott Assistant Director = Open Membership Enhancement = Burke, Shonale Treasurer = Morales, Maria Ride Coordinator = Shared	210-414-7288
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RPM Training Academy Announcement

I know that many of you are wondering when On-Bike, Classroom, and MFA/CPR training will be offered again. Although GWRRA shut down all operations and programs, the training programs including all riding courses, most of the classroom modules, MFA/First Aid classes, and the return of the Levels program have been acquired by a new

provider: RPM Training Academy.

I just received an announcement this week from Lorrie Thomas, former GW University Director and Susan Huttman, former GW Rider Education Director announcing that RPM is almost ready to open. They have their website https://rpmacademy.net/ being developed and the initial framework is online now. If you spent any time on the University website, you'll see many similarities and forms already posted. There are links to coming classes, how-to's and more.

RPM is currently contacting former instructors to secure their commitment, but new instructors are welcome and the training will be similar to the ITCP training GW offered. By my count, we currently have 14 certified Academy instructors spread over different chapters in Texas.

There are still some unanswered questions regarding protocols and structure of the training. I will update you as we find out more regarding this rollout, but I hope you will share my excitement that we are continuing our commitment of Safety and Knowledge for all riders in Texas.

Ride Safely, Ride Often!

Randy Reese District Trainer

Coming Events

Date	Chapter	Event	Location	Contact/E-Mail	Phone
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@gwrra-tx.org	469-669-9191
May 18-20	*AR*	Arkansas District Rally	Quality Inn Convention Centre Harrison, Arkansas	Randall Drake treasurer@argwrra.org	479-224-6240

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Membership Enhancement Coordinator By Gary and Becky Wheatley

Increasing Membership

From the information sent down from the national office, membership interests seem to be very good, going forward, in this new chapter of our lives.

I have sent out separate group e mails to 18 different areas throughout our great state of Texas. There have been different amounts of people, in different areas, and I am hopeful we will be getting more replies back as to the interest of adding more chapters or groups throughout Texas.

This month (Jan. 28th) our TEXAS District will be having a meeting in Pflugerville as to what ideas we can bring forward, increasing our District and local Chapter rides, rally's, ride in's, meetings and just great fellowship.

We are always looking for new ideas and if you would like to add something, contact any of the members of your Chapter or District and we will see what we can do.

If you or you know someone who would be willing to be a chapter director or treasurer in your area, again contact your local chapter or a district member.

To add a little fun and good news – there is going to be a EWMA / Wingers and Waves cruise going out in September form Galveston to the Caribbeans and if this goes well there will be more from Galveston. This is really good news, so we won't have to always fly to Florida for our fun!!! Call me if you are interested. There will be a flyer sent out to all Region B members of EWMA soon. Get booked through Wingers and Waves for the best cabins available and excursions. More info to come.

Gary Wheatley, Texas Members Advisor

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Assistant District Directors

Lyle and Sherri Altes

Another year and a lot of new changes happening, but with all of that one thing should not change but get better is communications. This is the lifeblood of any organization, without good communications bad things happen misunderstandings etc. and organizations and groups fail. So it is highly important that we all do our upmost best at communicating. And this starts at both ends of the organization.

Let's start at the bottom our members, they must have ways to those of us in leadership to let us know their desires, frustrations, and what they would like to see done with in the Chapter or organization. Chapter leadership to have channels to members open and listen to what they are saying, and let them know you are listening and are open to their suggestions. Chapter leadership must have the support and help of the District staff to give help, suggestions, and general guidance. And this goes on up to Region, and National levels.

There are a great many ways to accomplish this starting at the Chapter level, phone numbers, and emails, at social gathering encourage input and discussion. Most of you aren't doing newsletter now, but a bi-weekly or monthly email blast to keep members informed and part of what is happening within the chapter. Be sure to forward important information sent from District or National. Use Calendars', and other notification engines to inform and remind members of rides and events local and throughout the District. If you do not have access or know how to use these tools contact you're District Director or any district staff member, and they will help you get what you need.

At the district level we are there to lead in communications and help the chapter with whatever tools they need. The District will be providing Website with information, forms and tools for all its members, including District wide Calendar of events, and a place for your Chapter to post information for your members. We are also doing a monthly newsletter and you are welcome to send articles or fliers about your chapter and events. The District still maintains GroupWorks and have a page for each chapter. We are active on Facebook and try and post as much as we can there also.

Dan & Donna, Sheri & I, and our entire staff plan on making visits to your Chapter social gatherings, where can pass on any information we have about other Chapters and their events or anything else happening in the District, Region, or Nationally including any information we have on other organizations. I will be reaching out to all Chapters in the State of Texas not matter what organization or not you belong to just like I did the last half of last year. So that anyone that wants to visit your Chapter they know when and where to find you. It is also a tool that if someone contacts us for a Chapter in their area we can point them to you, there again it does not matter what organization you belong to or not we want any rider that is interested in checking out any of the great Chapters in our state find a home

There are a lot of Rallies and events happening in the next few months we hope to see you there.

Lyle Altes

Texas Assistant Director



Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association

EWMA International Team

On The Fly

From our Team to You Welcome to the Family!

January 2023

On The Fly Introduction Continued By EWMA Founder and President Bruce Beeman

Founders

Anita and JR Alkire Bruce and Barb Beeman

Officers

Anita Alkire, CEO Bruce Beeman, President Patti ONeill Esposito, CFO

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Bob and Nan Shrader
Flip and Debbie Morton
Chantal and Francois
Seguin, (Canada)
Alessandro Boveri and
Maria Rosa Bruzzone,
(Overseas)

VP of Ride Coordination and Safety

Bill and Cheryl Smith

VP of Finance

Randall and Janet Drake

VP of Special Operations Ray and Sandi Garris

Special Points to Know

- We have 30 Districts from a possible 38 and Canada is staying just 3 Regions.
- * 152 Chapters
- * We are at 2300 Households
- * That is 4030 Members
- Planning is progressing on our 1st Ride-In Annual Rally
- Charter Members patches will be out starting Feb. 2023

Happy New Year!Anita, JR, Barb and I look forward to an amazing year with our EWMA family.

I want to give you my side of how this partnership came about. Barb & I first met Anita & JR when we were both Region Directors and right away became good friends. From there we were both Deputy Directors under Ray & Sandi Garris and then when Anita was hired as the President of GWRRA she appointed me & Barb as Presidential Assistants. Anita has always known I was a Member Director and if I didn't feel it was right for the Member she'd know.

There is no one other than Anita that I would have taken on such huge
undertaking like
starting a new
association like this
one. It's my honor not
only as her friend, but
as her partner. We
just seem to think
alike; not always
agree on the how, but
would end up in the
same place or with the
same results. So
Anita, thank you for
the call and the trust.

Barb & I thank all of you for joining the EWMA family. The year 2023 is looking like it's going to be AWESOME (for those of you that don't know me, you'll hear awesome a lot).





Anita and Bruce
are pleased to
announce
Region "C"
Directors
Steve & Roslynn
Sprenkle
And Region "G"
Director
Mike Vailancourt

On The Fly

www.ewma-world.org

EVENTS in 2023

FEBRUARY

2/6-2/11 1st Annual EWMA Wingers N Waves cruise

MARCH

3/16-3/18 FL District Rally 3/18/23 Missouri March Into Spring

APRIL.

4/1-4/8 Italy's Amalfi Coast and Southern Italy Tour

4/20-4/22 LA District Rally Mardi-Gras

4/27-4/29 TN District Spring Fling

More events are located on our website at. If your event is not listed, please email Mike at eaglewings.web@gmail.com



Thank you for helping us grow!

We have an incentive program for you starting

NOW thru 3/31/2023!!!

For every paid household you bring into the EWMA family we will reward you with a 1 month extension to your membership to a max of 6 months as a thank you.

Just be sure your name and member # are on their application when they submit it by mail or online

Greeting from Florida! By Bob and Nan Shrader, VP of Operations

Greetings, fellow EWMA members! We are Bob and Nan Shrader, Vice President for Operations and Chapter Director for Florida FL1-A in Tampa (Nan). We're pleased to have been selected by Anita Alkire and Bruce Beeman for this position and are having a great time helping to organize, shape and recruit members for we just might be what you are Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association. Judging by the current membership figures, it check us out. If you like to see appears that lots of folks feel the same way and are joining in sizeable numbers.

Our goals are to engage our

members in lots of riding activities, bike games, tour riding to unique destinations, picnics, and a host of other genuinely fun events. If you'd like to join an all-brand motorcycle association that emphasizes fun riding experiences while keeping member safety in mind, then looking for. We have much to offer and encourage you the an example, check the FL1-A Facebook page (Chapter FL1-A Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association) for a running



account of rides, socials and other fun events or the calendar on EWMA website. www.EWMA-World.org .

For further information, see our web site, our Facebook group named Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association or for specific questions, email us at ewmamembership@gmail.com. Hope to see you at some event soon and be sure to come and say "hi"!



Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park Fredericksburg Texas April 13, 14, and 15, 2023

Join us early April 13-14 for Hill Country riding

Whether you are staying in the area or coming in for the day, there will be led rides going thru the beautiful Texas Hill Country leaving from the camp grounds on both days.





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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

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 \$45.0	0, 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: (ple	ase select all that apply)		
Honda Harley-Davidson Indian BMW Yamaha Du	cati Triumph Other		
New Member – Who referred you to us? Name	Member #		
Where did you hear about us? (Example: magazine, we	ebsite dealer, etc.)		
Signature			
Signature			
Make check payable in U.S. funds to Eagle Wings Moto Valley RD., Suite A104-443, Glendale, AZ 85310	rcycle Association and mail to 6635 W. Happy		