



# The Texas District News

## Texas District Newsletter

*"Friends for Fun, Safety, and Riding"*



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## Hello to Everyone in Texas,

Where is this year going? The months are zipping by one by one, and so much has happened so far. At the time that I'm writing this, it is September 20th, and we have completed our first day at the Texas District Ride-In in Glen Rose, Texas. This is mostly the day that everybody comes in to visit in preparation of writing for the next three days, but to me this is always my favorite—sitting around discussing what we've been up to, what we've seen, where we've ridden. So far it's a pretty good turnout. We are learning something new every time we have an event like this. We got lucky in our planning as we had just enough brisket for everybody that showed up. Two full Packer briskets seasoned and smoked were consumed in a matter of a couple hours. And we're not talking about people packing it away, these [were] people with small and normal portions! But it's things like this that we learn about what we can do at the next Ride-in, and the next one after that. Eddie from Chapter P along [with] Vince, one of the two district ride coordinators, has come up with three days of planned rides as well as a whole host of self-led ones for those willing to brave the hot temperatures. We're expecting days of 97 degrees, which I guess compared to the rest of summer is quite cool, but after a few hours, folks will be quite warm and

looking for hydration. One of the things we have planned for is making sure at the home base (Quality Inn, Glen Rose, Texas) we have planned ahead and have a large cooler full of bottled water sitting on ice. After tomorrow's rides we planned an ice cream social. None of these preparations are that expensive, and the focus of the three days will be the riding. The Capitol Wings out of Austin will be hosting the next Ride-In out of Lufkin, Texas. The flyer for this event can be found on the Texas District web page. Jim and Dee Dee Evans, the Chapter Directors of the Capitol Wings have been planning rides for his event. I expect another great time to be had by all. This all leads to a theme: An idea that participating is the only way to have fun in a motorcycle organization. I see it on the faces of our friends as we warmly greet each other and discuss ideas we have to help our organization grow. I encourage you all to attend these Ride-Ins when possible and remember why you got into motorcycle riding, and why you joined the original GWRRA. Donna and I are looking forward to seeing so many of you over the next year at one of these events.

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# Texas District Ride-In Summary

## Hello Texas,

Today is September 25th, and again George is getting his newsletter article for me five days late. It really is not his fault. Last Wednesday we have finished up our first day of the Texas Ride In located in Glen Rose, Texas, and I went to work dictating my September newsletter. First draft wasn't too bad. I proofread it, and sent it off in e-mail. George made a good point however that perhaps the newsletter would be better if I wrote after the Ride in and included everything that happened. So here it is. Starting off on Wednesday evening, people started showing up most on bikes, but a few [in] cars. It was a nice reunion, and everybody began talking about the next few days and what was in store. We all enjoyed a good brisket dinner compliments of the district, sold 25 cubed tickets. If you're not aware, that simply means that the pot gets divided up four ways and all money is given out to participants. We discussed the rally point the next morning and the rides that were in store. At the last moment we decided to have an ice cream social on Thursday night where we could discuss the next days events and once again sell tickets. At first the ice cream was going to happen at the end of the ride assuming everybody was coming in hot and looking for a refreshment. But after some thought, it was decided to have our get together at 7:00 PM, hand out the ice cream, sell the tickets, and make this a standing thing each evening. This worked out pretty well. Donna ran out and got Klondike bars both sugar free and fully sugared. And we had a great second evening. The third evening we really felt we should have something at the 7:00 PM meeting so Donna went out and bought cookies from Walmart once again, sugar free, and fully sugared. This was Friday night and Donna and I had to leave after that to head home as it turned out I had to work the next day starting at 4:00 AM. Once again four more winners were drawn, I believe for \$20 each, we said our goodbyes, loaded up the car, and headed out. There were two more rides the next day planned, and after each ride the participants left from those events and headed home. It was a pretty good ride in considering we had never put one on before. The places we had dinner were outstanding, and they must have had

throwback pricing because every dinner Donna and I had rarely came close to \$20 total. A good value indeed. The only downside of the whole weekend was that the dinner offered at the Quality Inn was very poor. Nobody likes green eggs when they're supposed to be yellow and for the life of us we could not figure out what was wrong so most skip the eggs. But if that's the worst we had, we all had a pretty good time. Little side note, a member of chapter T did test positive for COVID on Sunday. We are not sure where he caught it or if any others were exposed, but I know most of us had caught it at one time or another and therefore hopefully any cases would be not so serious. This event is something we can definitely do each year, a couple times a year in fact. Several ideas for improvement have been hashed around with the majority being around actually registering people ahead of time, and charging a small amount that would be fully refunded in the form of 50/50 tickets. This was to resolve the problem of having no idea who and how many people were planning on coming. It was sure dumb luck that I fixed 36 pounds of brisket. At the end of the evening there were two strips left which were Donna and my meal for that evening. It worked out perfectly. We did have to order a little bit more potato salad and some coleslaw, but Donna took that opportunity to buy a couple tins of white chocolate covered pretzels which were devoured quickly. George enjoyed them so much that the next day he went back to Brookshire's and bought himself a container. As you may know, in October, the Capitol Wings out of Austin will be hosting a similar event in Lufkin, Texas, which should be even better. Jim and Deedee Evans have put a lot of time into planning that event. The flyer should be in this newsletter as well as on the chapter and district web pages. This was a great example of simple fun that should be easy to reproduce in different areas of the state. It's always fun riding somebody else's area. Hope to see you all soon.

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# Fall / Autumn Riding

By Tom Sprague

Fall is one of the best times to get out on your bike and experience the beauty of nature. There is no better way to see the fall foliage than a ride.

For many riders, there is nothing quite like a long, relaxing ride in the brisk air. Although the conditions appear to be ideal, fall poses risks for motorcyclists. These nine safety recommendations provided are a reminder for motorcyclists to help preserve them and to keep other motorists safe.

1. **Leaves on roads.** Dry leaves, although very beautiful, can camouflage potholes and other road defects. Wet leaves act more like banana peels and when you ride over a pile of leaves, especially when taking a corner, your bike can certainly slide out from under you. Keep an eye out for leaves when you ride, even the smashed, rotting ones that have melted into the asphalt pose slippery issues, and avoid them whenever possible. If you need to roll over some, slow it down and don't use the brakes.
2. **Branches.** You probably didn't expect your street ride to turn into an off-road session but along with leaves sometimes come branches. And in Texas many branches have acorns on them. Clearly, you can't swerve around every branch and the smaller ones put up little fight against your motorcycle but always take caution. Broken branches can also rupture tires and like wet leaves, leave you with minimal traction also be on the lookout for those round acorns. Falling branches hurt, too so don't forget your helmet. If the season's first storm blows through you can expect small, medium and large branches and acorns to pave whatever route you take. So, it might be worth your while to take a day off the bike and let road crews finish any necessary clean-up before heading out on two-wheels if your neighborhood looks like a forest floor
3. **Pot holes.** We have no evidence or proof of this but it seems like pot holes rear their ugly heads more so in the fall and winter months than any other time. Blame it on the rain, the mass arrival of heavier school buses on the road, inattentive government or all of the above but pot holes not only wreak havoc on your tires and suspension, the big ones can send you over the bars.
4. **Children.** To the chagrin of children everywhere, fall starts the new school year which means school buses, busy crosswalks and slower speeds in school zones (expect your local PD out in force). If adults already have a hard time seeing you in their cars then expect the same from children walking home from school with their friends. Distractions vary from cell phones to music so when riding near children take the initiative and keep an eye on them because they certainly don't have their eye on you.
5. **Shorter days.** As fall arrives, the days start to get shorter. The glare can be distracting, even with quality sunglasses. Be certain that the bulbs in your headlights, brake lights and turn signals are all working. Reduce your speed and take the time for extra breaks to give your eyes a chance to rest.
6. **Deer migration and mating season.** Autumn is mating and migration season for deer. For that reason, the roads are likely to be filled with more deer, making riders more likely to collide with them. Use extra caution to watch for deer, especially at dusk and nighttime. Remember if you see one deer there is at least another one close by.
7. **Rain.** The rain usually returns for most areas of the country which sends some motorcyclists to the confines of a car but others remain steadfast. If you are riding gear up for the occasion and brave the weather. Rain need not keep you from riding but you need to wear the proper gear to remain dry. Meet any threat of rain in the forecast with the appropriate riding gear even if your day starts with sunshine. Also,



keep in mind the first rain usually leaves roads slick with a layer of oil from the months of dry weather and, of course, rain helps to get leaves and branches loose which means an extra set of hazards coming your way.

- 8. **Cold tires.** For riders with sporty tires, fall is a dangerous season to be riding. Sportier tires have much softer rubber than touring tires. In the cold weather we see in fall, these tires become hard and lose traction. Be sure to reduce your speed and ride with extra caution.
- 9. **Fewer riders out.** It is a common concern for all riders that car drivers do not see them. After all the folks in cars may be looking at the foliage also. With the seasons changing, many car drivers expect to see even less bikes on the road. Be more cautious and alert. Make yourself as conspicuous as possible and do not assume that they see you.

Following these guidelines can help you make the most of your fall riding season and enjoy the weather before some cold weather get to Texas. Fall offers a great time to ride especially in areas where the leaves turn bright colors so don't shy away from the roads. Remain vigilant, make good decisions and wear the appropriate riding gear whether commuting, taking a short ride to the store or enjoying an extended trip through the countryside

**Submitted by Tom Sprague**

## Coming Events

Date	Chapter	Event	Location	Contact/E-Mail	Phone
September 28–30	*AL*	<b><u>Alabama District Rally</u></b>	Lakepointe Resort State Park Eufaula, Alabama	Danny Baker <a href="mailto:jdbaker1951@yahoo.com">jdbaker1951@yahoo.com</a>	205-590-1445
October 11–15	O	<b><u>Capitol Wings Ride-In</u></b>	Sleep Inn Lufkin, Texas	Jim Evans <a href="mailto:director@capitolwings.org">director@capitolwings.org</a>	512-576-8890
October 26–28	*MS	<b><u>Mississippi District Rally</u></b>	St. Martin Community Center Biloxi, Mississippi	K.Z. Kleinheitz <a href="mailto:ewmamsdd@gmail.com">ewmamsdd@gmail.com</a>	228-806-0563
October 26–29	*OK*	<b><u>Oklahoma District Rally</u></b>	Ponca City, Oklahoma	Jim and Vicki Cook <a href="mailto:jcook@cookcraftsman.com">jcook@cookcraftsman.com</a>	405-620-5325

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# TX-Capitol Wings Invites you to our FALL RIDE-IN

**October 11 – 15, 2023**

Get your motor running...Head out on the Highway...  
We're gonna ride the back roads, and have some FUN

**Located in Lufkin Texas**, arrive Wednesday afternoon, rest up and then ride THREE (3) *all day* guided rides through the Davy Crockett National Forest, Sam Houston National Forest and Sabine National Forest.

**NO Registration Fees.** Come to RIDE and have FUN!!!  
Welcome dinner Wednesday night - hamburgers & hot dogs  
Daily 25/25/25/25 Three winners each day of riding.  
Participation Tickets given out for daily Ride Gear Raffle

**Sleep Inn** - Host Hotel. \$119/night; 2409 N. Timberland Dr., Lufkin TX 75904  
For Reservations: use link below or call 936-630-4600 and request the 'Capitol Wings Ride-In' special rate

<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/GZ13R3>

**Comfort Inn** - \$109/king, \$119/double queen; 4402 S. First St., Lufkin TX 75901  
For Reservations: call 936-632-4949 and request the "Capitol Wings Ride-In" special rate

Redland RV Park, KOA and Shady Grove RV parks and many more nearby.

# 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