



# The Texas District News

## Texas District Newsletter

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

### From the District Director



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## Good Morning,

I cannot believe it is almost November already. We have successfully pulled off two Texas ride-ins, one in Glen Rose, Texas in September, and the Capitol Wings had one in Lufkin, Texas at the beginning of this month. Attendance wasn't too bad, and those that attended had nothing but compliments. We are beginning to plan a Ride-in for the spring, and we'll give you more information as we know more about it.

At this time of year the next order of business that I have on my plate is to identify all of the chapters we have in Texas, find out if there's any changes to the leadership of these chapters, and start the financials for 2024. What I need from each of you, whether you intend to continue with EWMA [muffin] there's no one there or not. The Texas District will be paying for the charter fees of every chapter that decides to continue in 2024. As we have stated before, we do not want money to be a main

concern for any chapter. The goal of these chapters are to ride as often as possible and share that love of riding.

Now that the weather has become quite a bit cooler things should get exciting. With the cooler temps often comes precipitation, so always keep that in mind as you're heading down the road that wet roads reduce your traction and make your cornering and braking a little bit more difficult. There's no reason not to ride in the rain, as anybody who really rides will tell you. It's all about preparation.

Donna and I hope you have a wonderful Halloween and hope your preparations for Thanksgiving will bring you closer to family, friends and one another.

God bless,

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# Oklahoma District Rally Report

## Ross Flanigan

We had a great time in Ponca City, Oklahoma at their annual state rally for 2023. I estimate there may have been 75 or so attendees.

The weather did not cooperate (rain, wind and cold). The G2 members did not ride their bikes and most attendees also did not ride. This really showed up in the bike show and light show as there were only a few bikes entered for each category.

Some vendors were there, and the City Center building is a nice venue. Our meals that were provided were good. We had ice cream each evening!

We were able to play bean bag baseball on Friday and Saturday. Our G2 members had fun playing against our spouses!

There were rides most days. We did not partake due to the cold, but some more hardy members enjoyed their rides. Also there were a few classes provided for CPR/First Aid and ARC classes.

Good fellowship with old friends and new friends. Jim Cook and team did a great job and fun was had by all.

Next year's Oklahoma rally will be a few weeks earlier in October than this year's.

Ross Flanigan  
The Roadrunners (Chapter G2)

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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
December 9	★	<b><u>North Texas Toy Run</u></b>	Main Event Grapevine, Texas	<a href="mailto:northtexas ToyRun@gmail.com">northtexas ToyRun@gmail.com</a>	

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10:00am Kick Stands Up

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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

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Where did you hear about us? (Example: magazine, website dealer, etc.)

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