



The Texas District News

Texas District Newsletter

“Friends for Fun, Safety, and Riding”



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From the District Director

On March 20th, Texas will host its spring Ride-In out of Kerrville, Texas. We have close to 60 people who have already registered, and we expect more before that event in late March. The goal is to make sure we have plenty of rides as well as leads and drags to ensure that no group is larger than ten motorcycles. Destinations will be interesting, and places to eat are plenty. Every evening, we will host a meeting in the Boone Crockett room at the Y.O. Ranch [Hotel] to discuss the day's rides and plan for the next. Folks will be able to sign up as well as voice ideas to enhance the experiences. We are currently looking for restaurants that can handle larger groups of people so that many of us can dine together if we so choose. As we have done in the past, the district will provide plenty of drinking water and snacks. All you have to provide is enthusiasm.

Spring is almost here, and our thoughts return to the road. Are our motorcycles ready for the road? The most dangerous of vulnerabilities when riding, besides people around us being inattentive drivers, is the rubber that we roll on. How old are our tires? Most of us will simply look at the tread and determine that there's still

rubber yet to be used. But age can be a factor that we must think about. When were these tires purchased and installed? How hot did they get in my garage? Sometimes you need to replace old motorcycle tires regardless of tread, because the rubber compounds used in tires can age, lose elasticity and strength over time, and cause the tire to fail, even if the tread appears adequate. For this reason, most tire manufacturers recommend replacing tires after 5 to 6 years, regardless of existing tread. Tires harden and lose grip, which can affect your handling, braking, and safety. A new set of tires will cost way less than a crash and will also improve your ride quality and performance. Besides, fresh new tires feel so good!

Your Texas District team is looking forward to seeing so many of our friends, and making plenty of new memories. Just make sure your bikes are ready, and that you are well rested for three days of riding. Safe travels!

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Chapter Staff as of September 2023

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Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Gary and Becky Wheatley

Powersports Helped His Physically Challenged Father Enjoy Family Outdoor Time

By Scott Schloegel

Senior Vice President of Government Relations for the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, Motorcycle Industry Council, Specialty Vehicle Institute of America, and the Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association

I grew up as one of four boys in the rural Upper Peninsula of Michigan where I spent nearly every day outside doing something with my brothers and their friends. At the end of my driveway was the familiar 1970s worn-down single-track that ran up and down highway M-35, cutting into every lawn and driveway along the way. My home was on the shores of Green Bay, where we fished in the summer and rode powersports vehicles on the frozen bay in the winter. My family owned restaurants, which occupied most of my parents' time, but to decompress from the busy work week we also had a 280-acre "camp" where we hunted, farmed, and rode go-carts, motorcycles, ATCs, ATVs, and snowmobiles.



Family ATV: Scott (far right) with his family at camp. Scott's father had contracted polio and lost the use of nearly all the muscles in his legs, but he was still able to enjoy time outdoors with his family through powersports vehicles.

When I was 3 years old, my father contracted polio, resulting in near full loss of the muscles in his legs, relegating him to using a walker, crutches, and power scooter for the remainder of his life. My dad couldn't go out and play soccer, football, or basketball with us boys, but he could pull his leg over the seat of a snowmobile, ATC, or quad, which

became our outdoor time together. We spent a ton of time hunting, fishing, and cutting wood that was used for heating our home and building a large addition to the house. After starting out on a Sears, Roebuck and Co. go-cart with a Briggs & Stratton engine, my dad bought me a Kawasaki 75, in 1975, so I could ride with my older brother who had a Honda Trail 70. Many kids in our neighborhood had a mini-bike for the spring, summer, and fall, and a snowmobile for the winters. It was part of our culture. The unique two-cycle exhaust aroma and the thwap of the exhaust still invoke a Pavlovian response in me to this day.

In the early 1980s, I secured my motorcycle endorsement by completing a local Motorcycle Safety Foundation course which enabled me to ride my motorcycle to and from high school. My love of riding was cemented and has never waned since.

Following three years working for the Michigan House of Representatives, 18 years working for Congress, and another seven years working as a Presidential appointee in two administrations, I now serve as the SVP of Government Relations for MSF, MIC, SVIA, and ROHVA. I lead the Government Relations Office team that works with all 50 states and the U.S. Government to promote safe riding/driving and sensible policies that benefit our powersports industry. In October I celebrated five years with the associations. The MSF Government Relations team and I were integral in securing a U.S. Senate resolution honoring MSF's 50th anniversary this year, and a Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month recognition from President Biden last year.

This truly is a dream job representing the industry that is such a huge part of my family memories and that affords people of all economic and physical abilities the opportunity to get outdoors to enjoy our beautiful country. Like the times riding quads and snowmobiles around camp and across frozen Green Bay with my dad, some of my most treasured time today is going on rides with my daughter, who loves cruising scenic and windy roads on the back of my bike while she decompresses from her graduate school studies, and while I decompress from dealing with elected officials. I'm honored to be a small part of MSF's history and look forward to another 50 years of high-quality rider education for generations to come.

Submitted by Gary Wheatley

Riding Safely from Motorcycle Safety Foundation / Feb. 24 2024

Riding a motorcycle properly is a skill you can learn. It's not something you are born with, like having red hair or blue eyes. It takes thinking and practice to ride one well. Unfortunately, many riders never learn the critical skills to ride safely and enjoy the sport to its fullest.

The staff at the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) has prepared this booklet to provide you – the motorcycle rider – with important tips that can help you to ride safely. Read these pages carefully. Thirty minutes spent reading this information can be one of the most valuable half-hours of learning you have ever had.

You will learn about:

- **Rider Gear:** Essential riding gear for street motorcycles includes helmets, eye protection, jackets, pants, gloves, boots, raingear, hearing protection, and high-visibility gear. Wearing the right gear enhances safety and comfort while riding.
- **Legal Responsibilities:** Understand your legal responsibilities, which cover licensing requirements and the necessity of having insurance. Adhering to these legalities ensures a safe and lawful riding experience.
- **Knowing Your Motorcycle:** Familiarize yourself with your motorcycle's controls, gear shifting, braking, and turning. Mastering these fundamentals is crucial for safe and effective handling of the bike.
- **Pre-Ride Checks and Maintenance:** Conduct pre-ride checks and maintain your motorcycle regularly. This includes inspecting tires, controls, and ensuring all lights and signals are functioning properly.
- **Road Awareness and Safety Strategies:** Implement the SEE system (Search, Evaluate, Execute) for heightened road awareness. Techniques for increasing your visibility to others and enhancing your ability to see other road users are vital for safety, especially at intersections.
- **Handling Special Situations:** Learn to handle special situations like emergency braking, braking while leaned into a curve, coping with skids, and navigating across poor road surfaces, including steel bridge gratings and rain grooves. Understanding how to ride in rain and wind, and how to deal with animals on the road, is also crucial.
- **Equipment Failures:** Prepare for equipment failures such as blowouts, a stuck throttle, or a broken clutch cable. Knowing how to respond to these situations can prevent accidents.
- **Group Riding and Passengers:** Group riding and carrying passengers require specific considerations. Adhere to guidelines for group riding formations and ensure that passengers are well-informed about safety and riding protocols.
- **Loading the Motorcycle:** Secure all loads on your motorcycle, using bungee cords or cargo nets for items like groceries. Utilize a tank bag for optimal weight distribution near the bike's center of gravity. Ensure nothing on the gas tank or inside the fairing interferes with steering for safe riding.
- **Drugs, Drinking, and Riding:** Be aware of the dangers and legal consequences of riding under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Riding sober is essential for your safety and that of others on the road.

Submitted by Gary Wheatley

Well, what a beautiful day to ride UNTIL BAM our new rider went down into guard rail at 50 mph in a turn. Gut wrenching feeling when you see a fellow biker go down. We all stopped and my rescue mode jumped in and (IC) incident commander came through and I directed Robert Yanez to stop traffic on one side, Donna Wilson on other direction. Jessica grabbed my first aid bag and I helped Charles to side of road, assessed his injuries, and stopped bleeding on his left arm gashed open seeing down to his muscle, checked his body for any other injuries, and other standbys called 911 from their car. What a Day! This is one reason we should all ride with first aid training and first aid kit. And have safety riding courses like pro ProRider Central Texas offers.

Michael Pineda
 Director of operations
 Natural Shrimp



COMING EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Event	Location	Contact/E-Mail	Phone
March 20–23	TX	<u>Yellow Rose Ride-In</u>	Y.O. Ranch Hotel Kerrville, Texas	Dan Rymarz Dan.Rymarz@outlook.com	469-669-9191
April 18–20	LA	<u>Louisiana District Rally/Ride-In</u>	Holiday Inn Express Ruston, La	Mary and Mickey Searels rc@chapterlam.org	337-370-8956
April 25–27	TN	<u>Tennessee District EWMA Rally</u>	Holiday Inn Johnson City, Tenn.	Bob Mack thunderchief452@yahoo.com	865-258-9872
May 16–18	AR	<u>Arkansas District Rally</u>	1515 Pioneer Dr Harrison, Arkansas	Louis and Pam Wofford director@diamondstateriders.org	479-883-2621
May 17–18	SC	<u>South Carolina District Rally</u>	Newberry Fire House and Convention Centre Newberry, South Carolina	Jon J Horning SC District Director sc.ewma@gmail.com	803-924-5243
May 30–June 1	MO	<u>Missouri District Rally</u>	Angel Inn Branson, Missouri	Ken Luekenotte, DD kluke45@aol.com	573-680-6238
June 13–15	GA	<u>Georgia District Ride-In</u>	Dillard House Convention Ctr Dillard, Georgia	Tommy and Vicki Martin tommymartin2520@gmail.com	706-746-5348
June 21–22	★	<u>EWMA International Ride-In</u>	Fairgrounds Park Loveland, Colorado	Mike Melton eaglewings.web@gmail.com	N.A.
June 29–29	AL	<u>Alabama District Rally</u>	Clarion Inn Sheffield, Alabama	Danny Baker jdbaker1951@yahoo.com	205-590-1445
July 11–13	WV	<u>Region F/WV Ride-In</u> (flyer not available)	Quality Inn Summersville, WV	Bruce A. Stanley N.A.	N.A.
July 12–13	MN	<u>MinnKota District Rally</u>	Everspring Inn Marshall, Minn.	Rick and Jenny Eckstein rickeckstein@comcast.net	507-766-7976 507-217-7239
July 19–21	H	<u>Region H Ride-In</u>	Selkirk Inn Nakusp, BC	David Ward N.A.	N.A.
July 26–27	E	<u>Region E Ride-In</u>	American by Wyndham Anamosa, Iowa	Roger L. Bahe iowawingers@gmail.com	N.A.
August 29–31	★	<u>Eagle Wings Rendezvous</u>	KI Convention Center Green Bay, Wisconsin	Patty O'Neill ewmacfo@gmail.com	408-639-0415
October 24–26	MS	<u>Mississippi District Rally</u>	St Martin Community Centre Biloxi, Miss.	KZ & Terry Kleinheit ewmamsdd@gmail.com	228-806-0563

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Yellow Rose Ride-In

March 20th - 23rd, 2024

Kerrville, Texas

Y.O. Ranch Hotel and Conference Center

Kerrville, Texas

Special Rate \$119 a night

Reservations: (830) 257-4440



Early Registration

\$15 per person or \$20 at the door

3 days of Scenic Led and Self Guided Rides,

25-25-25-25, Ice Cream social, Drawings and

Prizes



EWMA Texas - Membership Drive

EWMA Texas will be drawing Raffle tickets at the Texas Fall Ride-In, Date and location TBD. Grand prize is \$500 and ALL current EWMA Texas members will automatically be eligible to Win!

- **New Members:** Every new Texas member will receive one entry for per person (Limit 2 people) per year you sign up for! Dates: September 1st, 2023 thru September 1st, 2024
- **Existing members:** Anyone Texas member who signed up for more than one year since EWMA was formed will receive one entry for each person (Limit 2 people) for each additional year you signed up for at your original joining!
- **Renewing members:** Any renewal of your EWMA Texas membership will earn you one raffle ticket for EACH member (Limit 2 people) for each year you extend your existing membership.
- **Recruiting a Member:** Any member who brings a NEW Texas membership to EWMA (Family or individual count as One entry) and new memberships can only have one recruiter. Email dan.rymarz@outlook.com with the name of your recruit.
- **The Only Texas members not eligible:** Texas District Directors – Dan and Donna Rymarz
- **Winners must be a member at the time of the drawing**
- **Drawing Date:** This will be taking place at the evening get together during the Texas Fall Ride-In on (TBD). Winner(s) do not need to be present to win.
- **What do I have to do?**
 - Visit - https://ewma-world.org/content.aspx?page_id=60&club_id=719997
 - Sign up or Renew (Existing Multi-Year members are already entered)
 - You are automatically entered! (we get reports)
 - You will get an email as we approach the Fall Ride-in confirming your numbers in the drawing.
 - Need Not Be Present to win.
- **Membership Cost and Raffle entries:**
 - **Individual Membership**
 - 1 Year – \$25 - 1 Raffle Entry
 - 2 Year – \$45 - 2 Raffle Entries
 - 3 Year – \$65 - 3 Raffle Entries
 - **Family Membership**
 - 1 Year – \$30 - 2 Raffle Entries
 - 2 Year – \$55 - 4 Raffle Entries
 - 3 Year – \$80 - 6 Raffle Entries





Eagle Wings Texas - Why Join us?

- We are an open motorcycle association that caters to a variety of riders
- We are welcoming toward owners of ANY motorcycle brand or design.
- We are made up of a diverse population of welcoming friendly people.
- We are Built on the legacy of GWRRA and have been promoting safety since 1977
- We have served generations of members with our leadership including the grandchildren of early members.
- We work to participate and serve in community events and charities and have for decades.
- We plan and sponser chapter, state, and National riding events, as well as rallies to reinforce our commitment to safety, fun and friendship.
- Our membership costs are extremely low and we make every effort to ensure money does not get in the way of riding.
- Our members share their experience, and knowledge.
- Mainenance day events can be found where folks work together to keep our bikes in safe condition.
- We visit with other chapters, states and regions to keep the scenery new, and friendships plentiful.
- The national organization works to foster relationships with vendors to provide enhance value, quality products and services for our members.

We want you to be a part of our growing family as we continue to evolve our motorcycle association.

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EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



Membership Application

Member #: _____
For Office Use

___ New Member Application

___ Renewing Member # _____

MM/DD/YYYY

Member Name: _____ Member DOB: _____
First, Last

Member Name: _____ Member DOB: _____

Member Name: _____ Member DOB: _____

Member Name: _____ Member DOB: _____

Member Name: _____ Member DOB: _____

Primary 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

Payment Method:	Visa	Master Card	Discover	American Express
Name on Card:	Card #:			
Expiration Date:	CVV (security code) on back:		Billing Zip Code:	

I currently own the following motorcycle brands: (please select all that apply)

Honda Harley-Davidson Indian BMW Yamaha Suzuki Kawasaki Ducati Triumph
 Can Am Moto Guzzi Other: _____

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

New Member - Who referred you? Name _____ Member # _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

(Note: Only two signatures required for family membership)

<p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Revision Date: 11/15/2023</p>
