



The Texas District News

Texas District Newsletter

"Friends for Fun, Safety, and Riding"



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From the District Director

Happy Spring!

Here it is at the end of March, and we have finished our Yellow Rose Ride-In this past weekend. We were all very pleased at the turnout with 83 participants joining us in Kerrville, Texas. The weather was pretty good even though rain threatened on Wednesday and Thursday, but on each day things warmed up and dried out. Jim Evans planned a whole host of rides that we all enjoyed. And every evening we returned to the Y.O. Ranch [Hotel] after dinner for some dessert, open discussions, and drawings. In the end, the District has pretty much broke even on the event as we had hoped. However, one theme of most of the surveys was that the room that we were in was a little cramped for the number of riders we had. At the next event we will need to factor in a higher number of people showing up without pre-registration. As of right now, we have 246 photos taken by our participants which we will be sharing with everyone

shortly. The only regret that I had was that Donna and I had to leave early on Friday and so missed Friday night's event and Saturday's rides. Unfortunately I still have that four letter word "work" and found myself needing to get back to Plano so that I could work at 2:00 AM on Saturday. Next step is to decide and plan our fall ride-In and take all the lessons we learned into account. Oh, by the way, oddly enough the bluebonnets and the Indian paintbrush was in full bloom which is several weeks ahead of any time I remember in the past. This was a complete delight for all.

I am seeing frequently on Facebook and in emails that the Texas chapters have been planning many weekend rides which should help us grow. As a reminder, we accept all bikes all riders all the time. Keep up the good work keep having fun!

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Chapter Staff as of September 2023

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Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Gary and Becky Wheatley

Motorcycle Safety Campaign Share the Road

TxDOT's statewide "Share the Road: Look Twice for Motorcycles" motorcycle safety and public awareness campaign urges motorists to look twice for motorcycles, especially at intersections, where motorcycle collisions most commonly occur.

Why should drivers be aware of motorcyclists when traveling Texas roads?



On average, one motorcyclist dies in a crash on Texas roads every day. In 2022, 562 riders lost their lives and 2,422 were seriously injured in crashes. More than half of fatal motorcycle crashes result from collisions with other vehicles. Drivers simply don't see the motorcycle or misjudge its distance and speed. The small size of motorcycles can make them appear farther away when they're actually closer. The combination of congested roadways, distracted driving and the difficulty of seeing motorcycles in traffic has led to many preventable fatalities each year.

What are some tips for safely sharing the road with motorcycles?

- Take extra care when making a left turn. It is safest to let the motorcycle pass to avoid turning in front of the rider.
- Pay special attention at intersections. Nearly one in three motorcycle fatalities happens at a roadway intersection.
- Give driving your full attention. Even a momentary distraction, such as answering a phone call or changing the radio station, can have deadly consequences.
- Look twice when changing lanes. Check mirrors, blind spots, and always use turn signals.
- Give motorcycles room when passing them. Move over to the passing lane and don't crowd the motorcyclist's full lane.
- Stay back. If you're behind a motorcycle, always maintain a safe following distance. When a motorcyclist downshifts instead of applying the brake to slow down, it can catch drivers off guard since there are no brake lights to signal reduced speed.

If you are interested in starting a new Eagle Wings Chapter in your area, please give me a call. Remember, ALL BIKES , EVERYONE IS WELCOME !!!!!

Submitted by Gary Wheatley

10 Reasons To Wear A Helmet On A Motorcycle

Tom Sprague comments

While at the ride in this past week I met a couple that rode with another group. The wife was in a severe accident and lost her left leg below the knee, as well as other injuries. The man stated he would not wear a helmet for a number of reasons. His wife realized the error of his ways and is probably with us today because she said she always would wear a helmet. This whole conversation got me thinking of how I might convince someone of reasons to wear a helmet. The following is a combination of a couple of different articles I found on the internet.

Wearing a helmet on a motorcycle is necessary for safety and protection against head injuries. It reduces the risk of severe head trauma, brain damage, and even fatal accidents on the road. Additionally, helmets also offer enhanced visibility, shielding the eyes from wind, dust, and insects. By wearing a helmet, riders can confidently enjoy their motorcycle experience while minimizing the risk of life-threatening injuries. **You should always wear a motorcycle helmet when riding because it is paramount for rider safety. Statistics reveal that helmets reduce the risk of head injury by an impressive 69% and lower the risk of death by 42%.**

These figures highlight their critical role in preventing one of the leading causes of death and disability in America – head injuries. Whether you're a seasoned rider or a novice, always donning a helmet is a non-negotiable step to safeguard your well-being on the road.

1. Protect Your Head

The first and most obvious reason to wear a helmet is to safeguard your head from injuries in case of an accident. Helmets provide a protective barrier that absorbs the impact and reduces the risk of severe head trauma.

2. Prevent Brain Injuries

Wearing a helmet significantly reduces the **likelihood** of sustaining a brain injury during a motorcycle accident. By cushioning the impact, helmets help minimize the force that reaches your brain, offering valuable protection against concussions or long-term brain damage.

3. Ensure Visibility

Helmets also have visors that protect your eyes from dirt, dust, insects, and other debris while riding. By ensuring clear visibility, helmets enhance your overall safety and reduce the risk of accidents caused by impaired vision.

4. Shield Against Extreme Weather Conditions

Riding a motorcycle exposes you to various weather elements, and wearing a helmet can help shield you from rain, hail, or even intense sunlight. This added protection keeps you comfortable and focused on the road ahead.

5. Enhance Aerodynamics And Reduce Fatigue

Helmets are engineered to be aerodynamic, offering a streamlined design that reduces wind resistance. By minimizing drag, helmets enable you to ride at higher speeds with less effort, reducing fatigue during long rides.

6. Block Out Wind Noise

The noise produced by wind at high speeds can distract and damage your hearing. Helmets with built-in noise-canceling features help muffle the wind noise, allowing for a more enjoyable and safer ride. You can also reduce wind noise by wearing earbuds in the helmet. Earbuds help to dampen road noise and you can enjoy your favorite music while riding. But you must know how to wear earbuds in a motorcycle helmet for safe riding properly.

7. Comply With Legal Requirements

Wearing a helmet is not just a matter of personal choice but is often required by law. Many countries and states enforce helmet laws to ensure the safety of motorcycle riders and passengers. According to the NHTSA, helmets are estimated to prevent 37% of motorcycle rider fatalities and 41% of passenger fatalities. By wearing a helmet, you avoid fines and potential legal trouble.

8. Be stylish

Wearing a motorcycle helmet is not just about safety – it also allows you to make a fashion statement. Motorcycle helmets come in various designs and colors, allowing you to showcase your style while riding. Pairing your helmet with the color scheme of your motorcycle can create a visually appealing aesthetic, making you stand out from the crowd. You become a role model for other riders by prioritizing safety without sacrificing fashion.

9. Increase Confidence And Peace Of Mind

Knowing you have taken every precaution to protect yourself can significantly boost your confidence while riding. Wearing a helmet gives you peace of mind, allowing you to fully enjoy the thrill of motorcycling without worrying about potential risks.

10. Preserve Your Loved Ones' Peace Of Mind

Lastly, wearing a helmet is about your safety and the peace of mind it brings to your loved ones. By prioritizing your well-being and taking necessary safety measures, you alleviate their concerns and ensure you return home safely after each ride. Wearing a helmet while riding a motorcycle is a legal requirement in many places and a crucial safety measure that can save lives. The protection of helmets against head injuries, brain trauma, and various weather conditions cannot be overstated.

Don't just ride. Ride responsibly and make wearing a helmet an ingrained habit every time you hit the open road. The following is the law in Texas regarding the use of a motorcycle helmet. The map that follows is a quick reference to laws around the US. You will notice that 18 of the 50 states have mandatory helmet laws. Only 3 states have no helmet laws currently on the books.

TEXAS MOTORCYCLE HELMET LAWS

As per the Texas motorcycle helmet usage law, all riders need to wear a helmet if they are under the age of 21 years, have no medical insurance, or have not finished a safety course.

As per Texas state motorcycle helmet laws, all riders under the age of 21 years need to wear a helmet. If the rider is above this age limit, he/she can ride without a helmet; however, they need to provide proof of health insurance or complete a motorcycle safety course.

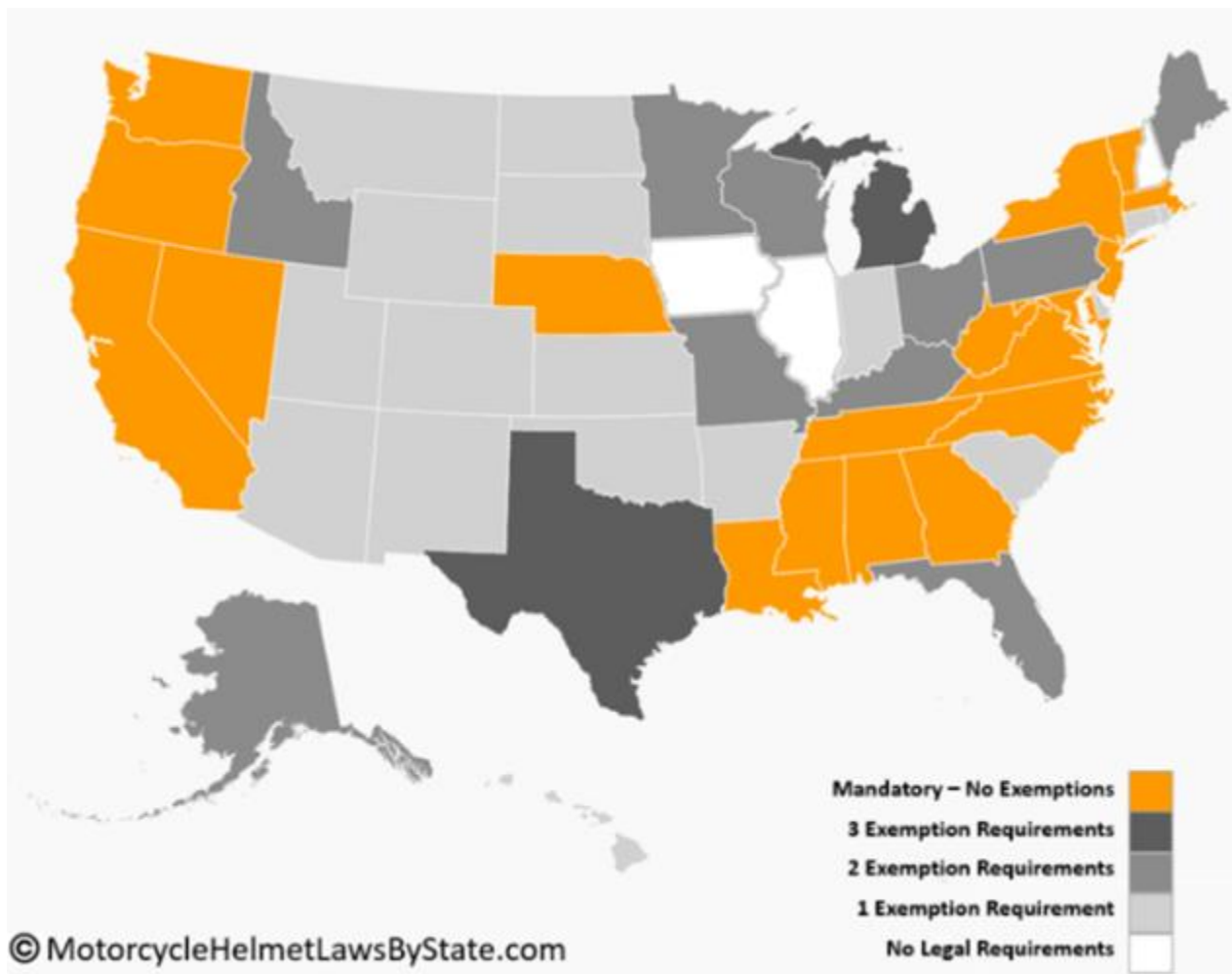
The helmet needs to be fitted snugly and securely while riding. It should also be free of defects like exposed metal, frayed straps, loose padding, and cracks. It is advised for riders to wear protective gear and turn on their headlights while riding. Riders should ride defensively and avoid the lane's center where oil and debris build up.

Texas motorcycle helmet laws were enacted in 1977. In principle, Texas mandates all motorcyclists and passengers to wear a helmet that fulfills the state's Department of Public Safety's safety standards.

Those aged 21 and over who have successfully completed an authorized motorcycle operator training and safety course or who are insured by a health insurance plan that provides at least \$10,000 in medical benefits for injuries sustained whereas operating the motorcycle could ride without a helmet.

Before venturing to the open road on a motorbike, check with the Department of Public Safety to learn about current helmet safety regulations if you are subject to the required helmet rule.

Texas motorcycle helmet laws are subject to change as state helmet laws across the USA are periodically revised. Click [here](#) to check for any changes to Texas motorcycle helmet laws, as this is the best Texas state government source for motorcycle helmet laws and regulations we know of.



COMING EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Event	Location	Contact/E-Mail	Phone
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 Dilard, 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>	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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Selected Texas District Ride-In Photos



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For more pictures, visit <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/kpxw70rm5t206pf7czw19/h?rlkey=s4j20xhy2i2wvrom0mj0zbhbt&dl=0>



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Deposit - Only a **\$250 refundable deposit** per person when you book at the group rate.

Final payment - due by **October 14, 2024**
*the rates are subject to change until booked or sold out.

HARMONY OF THE SEAS



Date	Port	Arrival Time	Departure Time
Jan 19 - Sunday	Galveston, Texas		4:00 PM
Jan 20 - Monday	At Sea		
Jan 21 - Tuesday	At Sea		
Jan 22 - Wednesday	Coxen Hole, Roatan, Bay Islands, Honduras	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
Jan 23 - Thursday	Costa Maya, Mexico	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
Jan 24 - Friday	Cozumel, Mexico	7:00 AM	5:30 PM
Jan 25 - Saturday	At Sea		
Jan 26 - Sunday	Galveston, Texas	7:00 AM	

*Itinerary subject to change

LIMITED SPACE - For questions and reservations, please contact
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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: _____

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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)

Make check payable in U.S. funds to: **Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association** and mail to:
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