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The Texas District News

Texas District Newsletter

"Friends for Fun, Safety, and Riding"

From the District Director 2024

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

Here we are a week before Christmas and we reflect not only on 2024, but in the three and a half years of being part of this wonderful Texas organization. Yes, I'm aware that we are but a single district in the greater EWMA universe, but I'm convinced that Texas has one of the best and strongest districts in the country with the best potential for growth. As we step down in the next couple weeks, Texas will have fantastic new leadership with Lyle and Sherri Altes. They are two of our favorite people, and always have had focus on Texas and its members. We remain in great hands.

We have completely fallen for the people and the chapters that we have met not only this year, but over the years that we have been involved in both GWRRA and now EWMA. Back in 2011, we were simply looking for people to ride with but have discovered that the most valuable part of this organization is the friendships that we have built over the years. The stories and adventures we have shared with us will remain for as long as we are on this earth. We are thankful for each one of you, and for all the support that we have been shown throughout the years. While this is our last weeks as District Directors of Texas, we are not going far away. Effective January 1st, we will move from District Directors of Texas to the position of Chapter Directors of our DFW Rally Cats. The chapter life will suit us very well as we get through the medical challenges and plan on being back to riding the motorcycles with our EWMA friends.

Our 2024 will also conclude with perhaps the biggest health challenge I've experienced to date. On December 23rd I will be having open heart surgery and a quadruple bypass procedure. The symptoms that led to my diagnosis were slow and growing ever since the Texas District rally back in 2020 and became more obvious over the next 4 years. I am just lucky that I never had that silent and deadly heart attack others have had. I am looking forward to the procedure with the hope that I will be given back some of my old energy. Christmas in the hospital will be interesting, but I plan on taking it with a positive mental attitude and a degree of humor. In the end, God's will be done.

Donna and I wish you all the merriest of holidays filled with the warmth of family, friends and love. Christmas is about the generous giving of selves and being full of spirit and heart. Donna and I are committed to strengthening these bonds that give us such peace and joy and to reaffirm our efforts live our lives in ways that will honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in all we do.

We keep you all in our hearts and our prayers for peace, health, happiness, and bountiful love, and we hope you know how much you all mean to us.

Dan and Donna Rymarz

Texas District Directors 2021-2024

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From the New District Director 2025

To start with, I would like to say that Sheri and I look forward to meeting and working with all of you as your new District Directors, it is our honor to do so. We would also like to thank Dan and Donna Rymarz for all their time and work they have put into the Texas District including the transition into EWMA. Sheri and I have enjoyed working with them this last few years, and look forward to working with them in different roles in the future.

We would also like to thank the Texas District Staff, all the Chapter Directors and others that get on the Zoom calls sharing their ideas, helping plan events such as the ride-ins. We also want to recognize Jim and DeeDee Evans, for stepping up to serve as your Assistant District Directors. Most of you know them from all the hard work they have put in organizing our great ride-ins, events and rallies they have gone to. We believe they are a great asset to us and the District.

Starting in January we are going to be going to one Zoom meeting a month; this meeting will be open to everyone. It will give all of you a chance to hear from us and the Staff. We will update you on what's going on in the State and surrounding Districts. Also, Sheri and I update you from Region and National. These meetings will also give us a chance to hear from all of you and help keep up with you and your Chapters. These monthly meeting will be held on the Second Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm.

I will be posting a link to the meeting and a monthly reminder on Group Spot and on the Web Site. If any of you still have not joined Texas District Group Spot please do by going to <https://GroupSpot.app> create an account and use the code **U81j** to join the Texas District group. Everything will be posted there.

Hope you all have a very great New Year!!!

Lyle & Sheri Altes
Texas District Directors

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Chapter Staff as of September 2023

Chapter	Area	Chapter Leadership	Contact Info
<u>Pine-E Woods Riders</u>	Tyler	Director = <u>Kaufman, Karen and Gene</u> Treasurer = Martin, Tom Ride Coordinator = Chuck Chestnut	314-402-8271
G	Tomball	Director = <u>Deluke, Joe and Tammy</u> Treasurer = <u>Stan Brown</u> Ride Coordinator = Greenway, David	713-498-3201
<u>Roadrunners G2</u>	Greenville	Director = <u>Wiggins, Jim and Barbara</u> Treasurer = <u>Augustas, George</u> Ride Coordinator = Wiggins, Jim and Barbara	903-217-4066
H	San Antonio	Director = <u>Griffin, Keith and Milligan, Paula</u> Treasurer = <u>Charles Fleming</u> Ride Coordinator = Charles Fleming	210-478-8928
J	Orange	Director = <u>Kimbrough, Randy</u> Treasurer = <u>Pierson, Debbie</u> Ride Coordinator = Open	409-201-1955
Hill Country Wings	Castroville	Director = <u>Michael Pineda</u> Treasurer = Charlotte F Ride Coordinator = Donna W	210-707-8411
<u>M2</u>	Spring	Director = <u>Gresak, Scott & Linda</u> Treasurer = <u>Andrew Woodward</u> Ride Coordinator = <u>Tim & Kathy Bryan</u>	281-386-7800
<u>O Capitol Wings</u>	Austin	Director = <u>Jim & Deedee Evans</u> Treasurer = <u>Sheri Altes</u> Ride Coordinator = Ken Burnett / Steven Thomas	512-576-8890
<u>“P” Pleasure Riders</u>	Granbury	Director = <u>Roberts, Christie</u> Treasurer = <u>Graham, Jeff</u> Ride Coordinator = <u>Eddie Roberts</u>	817-279-3928
Rally Cats	Dallas/ Fort Worth	Director = <u>Walker, Don & Karen</u> Treasurer = <u>Moody, Bill</u> Ride Coordinator = Rymarz, Dan	817-821-4388
<u>S2</u>	League City	Director = <u>Newman, Scott & Debbie</u> Treasurer = Karen Rudisill Ride Coordinator = Jim Denton	281-804-1181
<u>Central Texas Wings</u>	Killeen	Director = <u>Gene & Quinta Harris</u> Treasurer = <u>Brooks, Tim and Young</u> Ride Coordinator = Jim and Alvalin Woodul	254-289-6036

What is the New Year Resolution all about?

Taken from the Internet (T Sprague)

A New Year's resolution is a tradition, most common in the Western World but also found in the Eastern World, in which a person resolves to continue good practices, change an undesired trait or behavior, accomplish a personal goal, or otherwise improve their behavior at the beginning of a calendar year.

Around 2000 B.C., the Babylonians celebrated the New Year during a 12-day festival called Akitu. This was the start of the farming season to plant crops, crown their king, and make promises to return borrowed farm equipment and pay their debts.

The Babylonian New Year was adopted by the ancient Romans, as was the tradition of resolutions. The timing, however, eventually shifted with the Julian calendar in 46 B.C., which declared January 1st as the start of the New Year and began each year by making promises to the god Janus, for whom the month of January is named.

In the medieval era, the knights took the "peacock vow" at the end of the Christmas season each year to re-affirm their commitment to chivalry.

This tradition has many other religious parallels. During Judaism's New Year, Rosh Hashanah, through the High Holy Days and culminating in Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement), one is to reflect upon one's wrongdoings over the year and both seek and offer forgiveness. People can act similarly during the Christian liturgical season of Lent, although the motive behind this holiday is more of sacrifice than of responsibility. The concept, regardless of creed, is to reflect upon self-improvement annually.

The 1671 diary of Anne Halkett includes an entry on January 2 titled "Resolutions", which contained a number of religious pledges taken primarily from bible verses, such as "I will not offend anymore."

By the beginning of the 19th century, the tendency of people to make (and fail to keep) resolutions was commonly known and satirized. Walker's Hibernian Magazine in 1802 contained an article stating that "the following personages have begun the year with a strong of resolutions, which they all solemnly pledged to keep", then listing a series of obviously fictitious resolutions. An early instance of the complete phrase "new year resolution" is found in a January 1st issue of a Boston newspaper from 1813:

And yet, I believe there are multitudes of people, accustomed to receive injunctions of New Year resolutions, who will sin all the month of December, with a

serious determination of beginning the New Year with new resolutions and new behavior, and with the full belief that they shall thus compensate and wipe away all their former faults. The end of the Great Depression, about a quarter of American adults formed New Year's resolutions. At the start of the 21st century, about 40% did. In fact, according to the American Medical Association, approximately 40% to 50% of Americans participated in the New Year's resolution tradition from the 1995 Epcot and 1985 Gallop Polls. A study found 46% of participants who made common New Year's resolutions (e.g. weight loss, exercise programs, quitting smoking) were likely to succeed, over ten times as among those deciding to make life changes at other times of the year.

Evidence for actual behavioral changes after New Year's resolutions is mixed. The effect is most pronounced immediately after the New Year, but decreases soon afterwards. Approach-oriented goals, rather than avoidance-oriented goals, can lead to better results

In a 2014 report, 35% of participants who failed their New Year's Resolutions admitted they had unrealistic goals, 33% of participants did not keep track of their progress, and 23% forgot about them; the remaining respondents claimed they made too many resolutions

A 1972 study of 382 students at the University of Wisconsin showed minimal impact of New Year's resolutions on weight loss commitments, with the study finding that making a resolution or being monitored did not significantly affect weight loss.

A 2007 study by Richard Wiseman from the University of Bristol involving 3,000 people showed that 88% of those who set New Year resolutions fail, despite the fact that 52% of the study's participants were confident of success at the beginning. Men achieved their goal 22% more often when they engaged in goal setting, wherein resolutions are made in terms of small and measurable goals (e.g., "lose a pound a week" rather than "lose weight").

As for me (Tom) I made a New Year's resolution back In 1998 to make no more New Year's resolutions. To date I have kept my resolution and I am proud that I have followed through with this resolution. How about you?

Submitted by Tom Sprague

My Christmas Wish For You

My Christmas wish for you, my friend
Is not a simple one
For I wish you hope and joy and peace
Days filled with warmth and sun

I wish you love and friendship too
Throughout the coming year
Lots of laughter and happiness
To fill your world with cheer

May you count your blessings, one by one
And when totaled by the lot
May you find all you've been given
To be more than what you sought

May your journeys be short, your burdens light
May your spirit never grow old
May all your clouds have silver linings
And your rainbows pots of gold

I wish this all and so much more
May all your dreams come true
May you have a Merry Christmas friend
And a happy New Year, too ..

Tom Sprague

For Sale - 2001 Goldwing GL-1800 A



Price: \$4500 or best reasonable offer
Low Mileage – less than 43,000 miles
ABS Model - Cruise / AM-FM (no CD or CB)
Good condition, never dropped. Always
garaged, little ridden past five years. Time for
'Big-Bird' to find new travel buddy.

Contact Info: pmdavid56@gmail.com
Glen Rose, Texas

COMING EVENTS

Date	District	Event	Location	Contact/E-Mail	Phone
2025 January 19–26	★	Wingers and Waves (see flyer, page 8)	Galveston, Texas	Gary Wheatley gwheatley55@gmail.com	713-859-6589
February 16–22,	★	<u>10th Annual Wingers and Waves</u>	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	Deanna Cisson deanna@wingersnwaves.com	386-299-7535
March 1	MO	<u>Missouri Spring Fling</u>	Comfort Suites Rolla, Missouri	<u>Ken Lueckenotte</u> Jan Schanbacher	573-680-6238
March 13–15,	FL	<u>Florida District Rally</u>	Best Western Hotel Gainesville, FL	Frederic W. Kennedy FredandKaren@cox.net	850-232-0365
April 10–13,	TX	<u>Texas District Ride-In (see flyer, page 8)</u>	Y.O. Ranch Hotel Kerrville, Texas	Lyle Altes laltes@outlook.com	512-897-0860
April 24–26	TN	<u>Tennessee District Rally</u>	Holiday Inn Johnson City, Tenn.	Bob Mack thunderchief452@yahoo.com	865-258-9872
May 15–17	AR	<u>Arkansas District Rally</u>	Quality Inn Harrison, Arkansas	Louis Wofford director@diamondstateriders.org	479-883-2621
May 15–17	SC	<u>South Carolina District Rally</u>	Hampton Inn Newberry, SC	Jon J. Horning jjhorning63@yahoo.com	803-924-5243
May 29–31	MO	<u>Missouri District Rally</u>	Angel Inn Branson, MO	Ken Lueckenotte kluke45@aol.com	573-680-6238
June 5–7	WI	<u>Wisconsin District Rally</u>	Radisson Hotel Fond du Lac, Wisconsin	Robert S. Simonis robert.s.simonis.mil@gmail.com	N.A.
June 5–7	GA	<u>Georgia District Rally</u>	Yonah Convention Center Helen, Georgia	Tommy Martin gadirector@ewma-ga.com	N.A.
June 12–14	OH	<u>Ohio Buckeye Rally</u>	Champaign County Fairgrounds Urbana, Ohio	Darrin Ebright ohiodd2021@gmail.com	N.A.
June 20–21	★	<u>Eagle Wings Inter- national Ride-In</u>	The Machine Shop Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, Canada	Mike Melton meltong@homesc.com	843-847-1444
June 26–28	AL	<u>Alabama District Rally</u>	Clarion Inn Sheffield, AL	Danny Baker jdbaker1951@yahoo.com	205-936-7843
August 28–30	★	<u>Eagle Wings Rendezvous III</u>	Fort Smith Convention Ctr Fort Smith, Arkansas	Mike Melton eaglewings.web@gmail.com	843-847-1444

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WINGERS AND WAVES

Cruise information is for everyone that is interested in going with us in January 2025 from our Texas coast / Galveston, Texas. We are trying to save all from having that air fare to Florida. Past GWRRA members, EWMA members, Wing'd Riders, and non-bikers as well. We just want to get out of colder weather, to the Caribbeans, warmer weather. Please contact Mindy Bubar for the booking. These are Oceanview balcony cabins. The cabins are limited so contact her as soon as possible. Becky and I am hosting the cruise, we would love to see you all.!!!

Gary Wheatley - 713-859-6589 - gwheatley55@gmail.com CONTACT MINDY BUBAR FOR THE BOOKINGS !!!!

TEXAS



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Yellow Rose Ride-In

April 10th – 13th, 2025

Y.O. Ranch Hotel, Kerrville, Texas

Special Rate \$129 a night (EWMA 2025)

Reservations: (830) 257-4440

Early Registration:

\$ 15 per Person/\$25 per Couple

3 Days of Scenic Led and Self Guided Rides

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from \$1,036pp!

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This cruise is open to all friends and family!

Becky and Gary Wheatley will host this group cruise. Please reserve with us to ensure you are invited to our private parties, special events, group dinners and more!

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
Mindy Bubar • mindy@agroupcruise.com • (904) 613-2205



A Group Cruise

CRUISE RESERVATION FORM

Fill this form using Adobe Acrobat, rename & save the completed form, then attach in an e-mail to mindy@agroupcruise.com

Passenger Information: (Current legal name that is printed on your Passport)

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Cell:(_____) _____ How many people in your cabin: _____

Email Address: _____ Nickname for social badge: _____

Date of Birth Month/Day/Year: _____ Cruise Line Loyalty Number: _____

U.S. Citizen? Yes No Group or Chapter Affiliation: _____

Additional Passenger:

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Cell:(_____) _____ Best time to contact: AM PM

Email Address: _____ Nickname for Social Badge: _____

Date of Birth Month/Day/Year: _____ Cruise Line Loyalty Number: _____

U.S. Citizen? Yes No Group or Chapter Affiliation: _____

Do you have any special needs? Please describe below: (i.e., Medical, Dietary, Limited Mobility, Allergic Reactions, CPAP, Request To Sit At Dinner With Specific Friends, Cabin Assignment Requests, Comments)

Special pricing - based on double occupancy Name of Ship: _____ Sailing date: _____

Inside Cabin Window Cabin Balcony Cabin

I would like to purchase travel insurance through the cruise line: Yes No

A deposit per person is due to reserve your cabin. **(Plus if you would like to add travel insurance.)**

PAYMENT AREA

Credit Card Type: Visa MC American Express Discover

Name on the credit card: _____

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: Month _____ Year _____ Security Code: _____

Billing Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Approved amount to charge: \$ _____ Date of reservation: _____

Use the same credit card for the final payment? Please check one: Yes No Contact me for another credit card

Internal Use Only: Date cabin booked: _____ Final payment paid: _____ Confirmation sent: _____



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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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)

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.

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