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Texas District Newsletter

"Friends for Fun, Safety, and Riding"

From the District Director

It is hard to believe but our Spring Ride-In is just a couple of weeks away, it should be a fun few days of great riding and visiting with friends. It is still not to late to register so please come join us for some good times. We want to thank a head of time all of our members who help put this Ride-In on, from planning the event, the rides, food etc. it takes a lot of people and time to put an event like this together, so again Thank You!

As we said in last months newsletter on of our focuses this year will be on recruitment and retention. We get a roster of all member in the State of Texas & Oklahoma each month, and from that we will be sending a list of expired or expiring members to the appropriate Chapter Directors for follow up. As far as recruiting we will be passing out some generic business cars to our members to pass out to prospective new members you might meet. The front of the card talks about the organization and the back has space for you to enter your information and a QR code to the membership sign up page. Example below.





We will also have some flyers that can be passed out and will hopefully have some Tri-fold flyers also. We are also interested in any ideas you might have to help with this recruiting drive.

In continuing on with last months subject of members benefits we are attaching a couple of excerpts from some past On The Fly articles On MTS Motorcycle Towing Service, and Engine a Hotel, Airline, and Car Rental service. We personally used engine to book rooms for a trip we are taking to Illinois and compared it to two other popular booking services and we saved \$10.00 a night 3 different hotels, take a look and try it out.

Again, we hope to see a great many of you at the Spring Ride-In Kerrville TX. April 9 -11 2025, for a lot of fun. Weather is getting good of lets ride when ever we can and please ride safe.

Lyle & Sheri Altes Texas and Oklahoma District **Directors EWMA**





Serving Our Customers Since 1988

Motorcycle Towing Services started in 1988 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Since then, we have been proud to provide our members with roadside assistance for more than three decades.

MTS was founded by Gene Wagner, a Vietnam War veteran. In 1987, Gene was riding his Gold Wing in New Mexico when he broke down, and there was no suitable tow to be found anywhere. It was then Gene recognized the desperate need for quality roadside assistance for himself and other motorcycle riders. He built the company from the ground up by attending bike rallies and connecting with other motorcyclists. In 2006, the company was passed on to Gene's brother Jeff, who is also a Vietnam War veteran.

Over more than 30 years in business, MTS has grown and expanded. Our membership goes be youd the thousands of individual riders we serve. It now includes motorcycle manufacturers, dealerships, and insurance companies.

In 2016, the company was purchased by Jeff Riley, a long-time MTS employee and son-in-law to the original MTS owners' family. Since then, Jeff has elevated the company to fit his vision of providing customized plans that include rental companies and motor-cycle owners' groups.

MTS continues to operate as a family-owned business. This allows us to provide personalized customer service that's only found in a small business setting. MTS offers the latest technology and equipment for all motorcycle roadside assistance needs. MTS is not just a provider, we are a "Motorcycle Provider."



Tell us your story:

How much have you saved by using Engine?

Have you booked a Car?

And Airline Flight?



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Chapter Staff as of September 2023

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

Motorcycle Safety

Tom Sprague Via the Internet

Now that spring is here I hope to do more riding. Before you get on that bike be sure to go over it and check all the fluids and those tires and be sure to put on that protective gear. Motorcycle safety hazards refer to the various risks and dangers that motorcyclists face while riding. These hazards can significantly increase the likelihood of accidents and injuries. Understanding and mitigating these hazards are crucial aspects of motorcycle safety. Some of the most common motorcycle safety hazards include:

Other Vehicles

- **Limited Visibility:** Motorcycles are smaller than cars, making them less visible. Drivers may not see you in their mirrors or may misjudge your speed and distance. Always assume you're invisible to other vehicles.
- **Left-Turning Vehicles:** Cars turning left in front of oncoming motorcycles are a major cause of accidents. Be extra alert at intersections.
- Lane Changes: Drivers may change lanes without properly checking their blind spots, potentially putting you in their path.

Road Hazards

- **Potholes:** Potholes can cause a loss of control or even a crash. Be vigilant about scanning the road ahead.
- Debris: Objects like rocks, branches, or even animals can cause you to swerve or lose control.
- Railroad Tracks: Crossing railroad tracks at an angle is crucial for stability. If possible, try to cross at close to a 90-degree angle.
- **Slippery Surfaces:** Wet roads, oil spills, gravel, and sand significantly reduce traction. Adjust your speed and riding style in these conditions.

Weather Conditions

- Rain: Rain reduces visibility and makes roads slippery. Slow down, increase following distances, and avoid sudden movements.
- **Wind:** Strong winds can push a motorcycle around, especially on highways. Be prepared for sudden gusts that can affect your steering.
- **Fog:** Fog significantly reduces visibility. If possible, avoid riding in foggy conditions. If you must ride, slow down and use your low-beam headlights.

Inexperience

- Lack of skill: New riders are more prone to errors in judgment and control. Start with smaller bikes and practice in safe environments. Consider taking formal motorcycle training courses.
- Overconfidence: Even experienced riders can become overconfident, leading to risky maneuvers and accidents.

Rider Behavior

- **Impaired Riding:** Never ride under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Your reaction time and decision-making are severely impacted.
- **Fatigue:** Riding when tired can be just as dangerous as riding drunk. Take breaks and pull over if you feel drowsy.
- **Distractions:** Cell phones, music players, and other distractions take your focus off the road and can lead to devastating consequences.

Be aware of these hazards, ride defensively, and enjoy the freedom of motorcycling safely!

COMING EVENTS

Date	District	Event	Location	Contact/E-Mail	Phone
April 10–13,	TX	Texas District Ride-In (see flyer, page 8)	Y.O. Ranch Hotel Kerrville, Texas	Lyle Altes laltes@outlook.com	512-897-0860
April 24–26	LA	<u>Louisiana District</u> Rally	Hampton Inn Ruston, Louisiana	Mickey Searles dd@louisianaroadriders.com	337-370-8956
April 24–26	TN	Tennessee District Rally	Holiday Inn Johnson City, Tenn.	Bob Mack thunderchief452@yahoo.com	865-258-9872
May 15–17		Arkansas District Rally	Quality Inn Harrison,Arkansas	Louis Wofford director@diamondstateriders.org	479-883-2621
May 15–17		South Carolina District Rally	Hampton Inn Newberry, SC	Jon J. Horning jjhorning63@yahoo.com	803-924-5243
May 29–31		Missouri District Rally	Angel Inn Branson, MO	Ken Lueckenotte kluke45@aol.com	573-680-6238
June 5–7		Wisconsin District Rally	Radisson Hotel Fond du Lac, Wisconsin	Robert S. Simonis robert.s.simonis.mil@gmail.com	N.A.
June 5–7	GA	Georgia District Rally	Yonah Convention Center Helen, Georgia	Tommy Martin gadirector@ewma-ga.com	N.A.
June 12–14	ОН	Ohio Buckeye Rally	Champaign County Fairgrounds Urbana, Ohio	Darrin Ebright ohiodd2021@gmail.com	N.A.
June 20–21		Eagle Wings Liner- nations Little Li	The Machine Short C Saul Ste Matie, Ontario, Danada	CANCELLED	
June 26–28		<u>Alabama District</u> Rally	Clarion Inn Sheffield, AL	Danny Baker jdbaker1951@yahoo.com	205-936-7843
July 17–19		<u>Montana District</u> Rendezvous	Heritage Inn Great Falls, Montana	William Jeffries grampswiggly@aol.com	N.A.
August 28–30		Eagle Wings Rendezvous III	Fort Smith Convention Ctr Fort Smith, Arkansas	Mike Melton eaglewings.web@gmail.com	843-847-1444
October 16–18	MS	Mississippi District Rally	St Martin Community Centre Biloxi, Miss	Connie Fero connlefero@yahoo.com	228-238-3870

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Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association

Louisiana District Rally Apr 24th — Apr 26th 2025



WE'RE GOING TO Ruston, LA!

2 Nights of FUN, FUN, FUN!!!!!
2 Days of Rides, and FUN!

Thursday GRAND OPENING

Saturday Evening is Closing

Friday Night, Dinner and a DJ @ Argent Pavilion on the Campus of Louisiana Tech University

Thursday Night Bike Light Show and enjoy Ice Cream We can't wait to see you there!

Event Schedule will be available soon

Registration Fees (onsite \$10 more)	Cost	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Total</u>
EWMA Members	\$25		\$
Non Members Day Passes-available for purchase on site	\$30		\$
Dinner Friday Night Per Person	\$22		\$
Rides Leave from the Host Hotel			
Grand Prize tickets sold during Rally 50/25/25 tickets sold during Rally			
Host Hotel is The Hampton Inn 1315 Nor Trenton St. (ask for Eagle Wings Motorcycle rate of \$119.00 per night)	th		
GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$			

All pre-registrations must be received BY 4/11/2025

Make Checks payable to Louisiana
District

Mail completed forms to:

Mickey Searles

1601 Rose St Deridder LA. 70634 Phone 337-370-8956

No refunds after Apr 11th 2025

For more information Call Mickey @337-370-8956

Name:	EWMA #:	
Name:		
Address:	Reg/District/Chapter:	
City:	State:Zip:	
property in which I/we may become involved, and I/we agree	E-mail	

ARK-LA-TX ICONIC RIDES

All guided rides will have a rider meeting at 8:45 with KSU at 9:00. Day 1 – Thursday, April 24 – This will be a bonus ride for you early birds, the guys who come in on Wednesday night. First stop will be 30 minutes at the Mitcham Farms where all things peach and chocolate are sold. Next stop, via Mitcham Orchard and White Lightin' Roads, will be Claiborne State Park for an introduction to this wonderful LA State Park on Lake Claiborne. The park is home to a championship Frisbee golf course, a marina, 10 cabins and 87 campsites. 2 miles away is the iconic Port-Au-Prince, famous for its all you can eat fish or steak. Next is the South Arkansas Arboretum where we will sample some iconic Spud-Nuts. Then on to the Arkansas Museum of Natural History. This is a great little museum featuring the origins of oil and how to drill for it. There is working oil field equipment and a replica of a 112-foot derrick on the grounds. Inside is a reproduction of the boomtown of Smackover. This town grew from a population of 73 to 25,000 almost overnight. Featured is an old jail, café, vintage trucks and gas pumps. There is a short, but very entertaining film about when oil was first discovered in the area. We will proceed to T Rick's south of El Dorado for fuel and visit the Arkansas Welcome Center. Last stop, Hollis' Seafood in Spearsville, LA. This place has been around for years and is open only 3 nights per week. And today is one of them! On Friday, they have a limited menu for about \$20 per person. Here is the limited menu: Whole Catfish, Catfish Fillets, Fried Shrimp, Chicken Tenders, Pork Loin Chops, BBQ Chicken Quarters, Shrimp Etou ee, Baked Potato Bar, Turnip Greens, Black Eye Peas, Fried Okra, Corn on the Cob, Baked Beans, Cajun Rice, French Fries, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Coleslaw, Hot Water Cornbread, Hush Puppies, Homemade Rolls, Banana Pudding, Coconut Pie, Cherry Cheese Cake, Cinnamon Rolls and Soft Serve Ice Cream. All desserts are homemade. After eating, if time allows, we will roll ourselves out to the bikes and take a scenic ride across Lake D'Arbonne and maybe visit the State Park there as well. This ride covers about 190 miles, and you will spend about 4 hours in the saddle.

Day 2 – Friday, April 25 – This route will allow us to show off on some interstate riding. We will also ride U. S. Route 80. 80 is a major east-west U. S. Highway that was once part of the early auto trail known as the Dixie Overland Highway. It ran from the Pacific to the Atlantic, San Diego to Tybee Island, GA. We will pass through Grambling State University, the site of the Bonnie and Clyde Ambush, the Ed Lester Farm in Red River Parish, hop on I-49 and stop at Highway 6 on the outskirts of Natchitoches. Highway 6, along with TX Highway 21, comprise the El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail. The little settlement Los Adias, just 8 miles east of this intersection, was once the capital of Texas from 1719 to 1763. This intersection is the spot in Natchitoches for fast food. Since we will be having the big Fish Fry this evening, maybe we should take it easy for lunch. Convenient eateries include: El Patio, Dairy Queen, Subway, McDonalds, Huddle House, Whataburger, IHOP, the French Market Express, Wendy's and Popeye's. This will also be our fuel stop for the day. In Natchitoches, we will visit the campus of Northwestern State University, Fort St. Jean Baptiste, the LA Sports Hall of Fame and downtown Natchitoches. The final leg will be straight back to the Argent Pavillion on the campus of Louisiana Tech University for the Fish Fry by Ben Christmas. Champions Plaza is located there as well, with bronze statues of LA Tech athletic heroes. This ride covers about 190 miles, and you will spend about 3.5 hours in the saddle.

Day 3 — Saturday, April 26 — Today's ride is a shorter ride. We will take back roads down to Jimmie Davis State Park on Caney Lake. From there, we will ride more back roads around West Monroe and through the Garden District of Monroe. We will make a quick stop at the Forsythe Point Recreation Area across the street from the iconic Biedenharn Bible Museum and Gardens and the Coca- Cola Museum. Then after passing through the campus of the University of Louisiana at Monroe, we will stop at the Chennault Aviation and Military Museum. It is a great little museum and the admission is free. Next, we will move on to downtown West Monroe. This is where we will dissolve the large group and continue either on your own or in smaller groups. Just plan your return so that you can make it in time for the closing ceremonies at _____ TBD___. Lunch recommendations in Monroe would include the Mohawk Seafood Tavern, the Flying Tiger Brewery and Pizzeria, Tail Gators on the River and Restaurant Cotton. In West Monroe, I would recommend Trapps, Flying Heart Brewing and Pub and JAC's Craft Smokehouse. For killing time, how about Antique Ally in West Monroe, the Duck Commander or Drew Bree's Surge Entertainment for a state of the art entertainment experience? This ride covers about 130 miles, and you will spend about 3.5 hours in the saddle. This ride requires no fuel stops.



EWMA members and friends! Join Diamond State Riders at the Quality Inn & Conference Center in Harrison, Arkansas, for our District Rally, Thursday, Friday & Saturday, May 15th-17th, 2025. We'll have 3 days of Rides, Food, Fellowship, Photo Ops, more Food and a little Dancing!

Welcome Picnic/Ice Cream Social ♦ Guided Rides ♦ Self-Guided Rides

- ♦ Friday Night Dinner & Dance ♦ Daily 50/50 ♦ Beanbag Baseball ♦
- ♦ Games of Luck & Skill ♦ Door Prizes ♦ First Aid / CPR Course ♦ Motorcycle Safety Breakfast ♦ \$500 Grand Prize ♦ and more!
 - Register Online at: DiamondStateRiders.org -

Host Hotel: Quality Inn and Convention Center 1210 US 62/65, Harrison, AR For reservations, call: (870) 741-7676 - ask for "EWMA" or "Eagle Wings" Rate



Missouri Eagle Wings Rally

at Angel Inn

May 29, 30, and 31, 2025 Branson, Missouri

Eagle Wings in the Ozarks

Ken Lueckenotte, District Director

Cell: (573) 680-6238 Email: kluke45@aol.com website: moewings.org



Noraleen and Gary Hord, preparing for the 2024 light parade contest.

Host Hotels:

Howard Johnsons - formerly Southern Oaks Inn 3395 Shepherd Hills Exp (417) 335-8108 \$69.00/night + tax (2 queen beds) Jacuzzi King (\$80/night + tax), Veranda King (\$101/night + tax) No Pets Cut-off April 29, 2025

Angel Inn at IMAX 3311 Shepherd Hills Exp (417) 334-2300 \$69.00/night + tax (2 queen beds) King Suite (\$80/night + tax), King Jacuzzi (\$101/night + tax) No Pets Cut-off April 29, 2025

Code for both hotels: Eagle Wings

<u>Campers:</u> Willow Tree RV Park, 3381 Shepherd Hills Expressway (417) 334-8890

All Pre-Registration forms must be received by: April 30, 2025. NO REFUNDS after May 15, 2025. Each full registration (\$35 or more) will receive three \$10 vouchers (\$30 total) for Billy Gail's, Danna's Bar-B-Que and McFarlain's restaurants

First 200 registrants receive a free Rally Pen.

Door prize drawings for FREE tickets at various venues and cash prizes.

50/50 drawings daily.

0/50 drawings daily On-bike games! SWAP SHOP

Attendees are eligible to purchase discounted tickets to various venues in Branson

MEW Rally May 29, 30 & 31, 2025 Registration Form – Please print clearly

Rider:		State:	
Eagle Wing #:			
Email Address:			
Street Address:		State:	Zip:
Phone numbers: (home):	(cell):		
Co-Rider:			
Eagle Wing #:	Exp. Date:		
Email Address:			
Street Address:		State:	Zip:
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	, MO 63031		
Liability Release (ALL registrants must sign WAIVER: I/We agree to release and forever hold harmless the Eag Wings, its officers and volunteers, the co-sponsoring organization, which I/we may become involved by reason of participation at the event. I/We have read this waiver and acknowledge with signal	, vendors, sponsors, and any pairs rally, bike games, skill exe	property owners for ar	ny loss or injury in
Rider signature:	Date:		
Co-rider signature:	Date:		





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

EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION

Our Vision:

A simple, fun, riding, social association of like-minded motorcycle enthusiasts

Our Motto:

Friends for Fun, Safety & Riding

Our Mission:

To provide to our Membership a fun and social environment that focuses on the love of motorcycling.

To bring the world together around that passion while helping them to be safer and mindful when riding a motorcycle.

To be a family-oriented, non-religious, non-political association, respectful of each other's beliefs.

Enjoying the ride together with like-minded motorcyclists.

Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association Membership Application

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	Memb	
Member Name:	Memb	er DOB:
Mailing Address:		
City:	ST/PV:Zip/Postal Code:	
USA Canada	Other	
Member Phone number:	Member Email:	
Select One:		
Individual Membership: 3 year	rs \$70.00, 2 years \$50.00, 1 year \$30.00	
Family Membership (2 or more	e people in household): 3 years \$85.00, 2 year	ars \$60.00, 1 year \$35.00
I currently own the following m	notorcycle brands: (please select all that app	oly)
Honda Harley-Davidson India	an BMW Yamaha Ducati Triumph Othe	er
New Member – Who referred y	ou to us? Name	Member #
Where did you hear about us? (Example: magazine, website dealer, etc.)	
Signature		
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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