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Central Texas Riders

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Chapter Directors' Notes

Hello Central Texas Riders,

Our ride to the Oscar Store on 2 Feb turned out great! The weather could not have been better, and the roads were clear and in good shape. Thanks to the always welcome participation of Chapter O, we had 18 folks total at the lunch. There were 11 bikes/trikes, and 2 cars. There was no wait for our table, and the service was excellent. I think everyone was pleased with their meal. We gave a prize, an EWMA bike flag, to the riders of the oldest bike. That was Tricia and Alan Jenkins. As he got up to leave, a gentleman at the table next to us said he could tell from our conversations that many in our group were veterans. He put a \$100 bill on our table and said "Thank you for your service! I'd like to help pay for your lunch." What a generous and patriotic act! Then, when I asked Quinta how to split it up, she wanted to pay the rest of the bill for everyone. Whoop! Free lunch, a nice ending for a great day.

Our next scheduled ride is Saturday, 8 March. We'll ride some back roads from Killeen to Bruceville-Eddy, and have lunch at the Eagles' Landing Restaurant and Grill. There are some pictures of the restaurant on page 9.

The Texas District Spring 2025 Ride-In is scheduled for 10 - 12 Apr 2025, at the Y.O. Hotel in Kerrville. The Flyer is attached. Get your registration and reservations now! I'll be riding to Kerrville on the afternoon of Wednesday, 9 April. Please let me know if you plan to attend, and if you would like to ride out together.

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BIRTHDAYS

9 Feb Lucy
11 Feb Shari
3 Mar Kent
24 Mar Alvalin
4 Apr Bridget
4 Apr Jeff
29 Apr Jose

ANNIVERSARIES

5 Apr Tim & Young
11 Apr Chet & Lucy

Next Chapter Meeting
March 25
Golden Corral

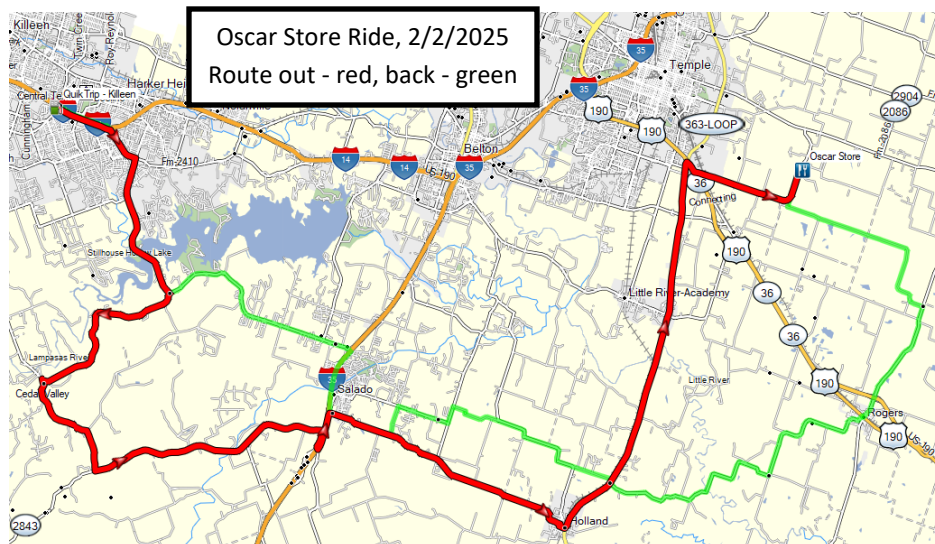
Ride Often/Ride Safe
Gene & Quinta



The original Oscar Store was built in 1934 and run by Rudy and Grace Schiller. In 2005, the building was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. Thomas Maddux rebuilt and re-opened Oscar Store in 2009.



Oscar, which was also known as Jones Gin, is on Little Elm Creek and Farm Road 3117 six miles east of Temple in eastern Bell County. It was founded by Czechs in the late nineteenth century and had a post office from 1892 to 1904. In 1896 Oscar reported a population of 115, a cotton gin, a hotel, a general store, a blacksmith, and a barber. [Handbook of Texas Online]



Texas Motorcycle Laws: The Basic Rules That All Riders Should Know

Like all states, Texas regulates the vehicles on its public roadways. Motorcyclists are required to follow traffic laws just like all other motorists, but are also subject to a specific set of Texas laws that apply to the operation of motorcycles.

Failure to be aware of the **Texas motorcycle laws** can result in significant legal penalties. Some of the more important motorcycle laws in Texas that all riders should know are discussed below.

Lane Splitting is Illegal in Texas

One of the most attractive aspects of riding motorcycles is their slight frame and maneuverability. Many motorcyclists take advantage of their vehicle's size and maneuverability and go in between, or "split" lanes in order to move faster than the flow of traffic.

This practice, known as *lane splitting*, is illegal in Texas.

If you engage in lane splitting and are injured in an accident, it will be difficult for you to recover compensation for your losses because lane splitting is a violation of the law. In addition, you risk receiving expensive tickets and adding points to your license. As always, Car accident lawyer advise that you obey the Texas law regarding lane splitting to avoid injury and traffic violations.

Texas Requires Certain Riders to Wear a Helmet

Texas law requires all motorcyclist **under 21 years of age** to wear a helmet.

If you are over 21, Texas law requires that you wear a helmet unless you fit into one of the following exceptions:

- If you have completed a state-approved motorcycle safety course; or

- You can establish that you have an insurance plan that would cover your healthcare costs if you are involved in a motorcycle accident.

It is worth noting that the current Texas motorcycle law prohibits law enforcement from stopping a person for the sole purpose of determining whether either exception applies to them.

While Texas law permits certain motorcyclists to ride without a helmet, it is important to note that it is never advisable to do so. Studies show that helmets are ~37% effective in preventing motorcycle deaths and ~67 percent effective in preventing brain injuries ^[1].

Texas Requires Motorcyclists to have a Specific License

Texas requires people who wish to operate motorcycles on public roads to obtain a special license commonly referred to as a “*Class M License*.” In addition to meeting all of the requirements for a regular driver’s license, a Class M License requires that you take safety course approved by the Texas Department of Public Safety and then present proof of completion when going to get your license. If you have a valid motorcycle license in another state, the safety course requirement can be waived.

Motorcyclists are Required to Carry Liability Insurance

All motorcyclists are required to have compulsory liability insurance that will pay for at least \$30,000 per person injured in an accident and \$60,000 for multiple people injured in an accident. In addition, this insurance must cover property damage of at least \$25,000.

You Cannot Transport Passengers under Five Years Old

While taking your kids, nieces, nephews, or other young family members on a motorcycle ride may seem like harmless fun, it can result in a traffic citation. Texas law prohibits passengers under five years old from riding on a motorcycle – they can, however, ride in a sidecar.

Your Handlebars Cannot be More than 15 Inches Above the Seat

Many motorcyclists use high handlebars both for comfort and to achieve a particular visual aesthetic. However, Texas law limits handlebars to 15 inches above the seat and anyone with higher handlebars risks facing a traffic citation.

Miscellaneous Texas Motorcycle Laws, or Lack Thereof

- While eye protection is not required on road, it is required for those who take their motorcycles off-road.
- No restrictions are placed on the sound produced by a motorcycle in Texas.
- You are required to use a daytime headlight unless the motorcycle was manufactured before 1975.
- There are no restrictions on the use of helmet speakers.
- You are required to have at least one rear-view mirror on your motorcycle.
- There is no restriction on the use of radar detectors for motorcyclists.

While many Texans ride their motorcycles their entire lives without any incident, there is always a risk of an accident or injury each time you take to the road.

Roby's Ramblings

By: Chet Roby

Newsletter Article for Central Texas Riders (Chapter T)

February 25, 2025

Written by Chet Roby (AKA Roby's Ramblings)

EWMA Number 1093

Former GWRRA Number 174559

Former Life Grand Master Number 6226



Dear Central Texas Riders:

I have been informed that brevity lends itself to a level of compliance that is only exceeded by the quality of the content. Thus, my focus will be in providing content commensurate with areas of interest previously expressed, which may include information from past articles. The following is information from an article researched and written in February of 2022, but many of the statistical details are still viable.

Yesterday is a day gone by; today is a day well lived; tomorrow is just a vision of hope.

The above was stated by Mother Theresa so as to instill the focus of beginning today, in preparation for the tomorrows.

Several years ago, GWRRA and the Texas District held "Education Weekends" with safety at the forefront. Today, Central Texas Riders and Texas District's focus is on riding, as an event, with safety being in the forefront of the ride. The skill sets in riding are critical, as is putting into practical application those things which keep you safe as a motorcyclist, and focusing on continuous education aimed at the forefront of all riders.

Let me share some statistical data, from CRIS Data, pulled November 29th, 2021, forced on motorcycle/vehicle specifics.

1. 12% of **all** traffic fatalities involved motorcycles...
2. 29% of motorcyclists involved in accidents suffered fatality or suspected serious injury...
3. 1% of occupants of 2 or 4 door vehicles suffered fatality or suspected serious injury...
4. 31% of motorcycle fatalities had impaired riders, with a BAC of 0.16; note .08 BAC is deemed legal intoxication.

Note: Five professional motorcyclists were given 1-beer, in 1-hour, with a BAC of .02. Three of the five professional motorcyclists were unable to manage an evasive maneuver, on a simulator, when confronted with an everyday situation on the simulator.

22% of suspected riders with serious or fatal injuries was speed related. (Note: It was unclear as to how many were alcohol related.)

However, 32% of all rider fatalities were related to speeding.

1. Note: Many rider fatalities or suspected serious injuries is a behavior change, on the part of the rider.
2. 50% of rider fatalities involved a single vehicle crash...
3. 51% of single vehicle accidents involving motorcycle rider fatalities occurred in rural areas; 49% in urban or other areas.

4. Note the relationship of rider fatalities involving a single vehicle crash and the area where these accidents occurred...rural areas...not surprising.
5. 31% of motorcycle fatalities were at intersections...
6. 66% of motorcycle fatalities or suspected serious injury was in urban areas.

The above statistical data probably means little to most of us, as there is nothing to compare as a standard.

The one key note is the very low percent (1%) of 2 or 4 door vehicles which suffered fatality or suspected serious injury should definitely hit home.

Additionally, the fatal injuries have increased from 2019 to 2021, by 2% to 8% depending on the category. What are some 2 to 4 door vehicle percentages, versus motorcycle percentages, on fatalities or suspected serious injury?

1. 1% to 2% of 2 to 4 door vehicles incurred fatalities or suspected serious injuries...
2. 12% to 14% of motorcycle accidents were fatal; 29% incurred fatalities of suspected serious injuries.

I am sure some of you are not surprised with the above statistical numbers; others may find to above numbers to be alarming. The question that remains is how can the numbers be changed.

This starts with behavior changes to make safe choices.

Perception becomes reality, thus educating for 2 – 4 wheeled vehicles as to the importance of sharing the road with motorcycles is a focus for the state of Texas.

Additionally, the state of Texas is reviewing options with motorcycle manufacturers relating to additional safety technologies involving gear, plus infrastructure with the engineers on safer barriers, plus road and surface conditions to support motorcycles, as well as legislation to consider lane filtering/splitting options.

The state is also working on securing BAC motorcycle simulators and working with trainers for TABC licensing (persons licensed to serve alcohol) in establishing tighter rules and better training for servers.

Regarding motorcycle manufactures of motorcycles and gear, the focus is on the conspicuity of riders and gear.

The other focus is educating riders to the importance of assuring a motorcycle license, by taking a motorcycle safety course. As of this writing 50% of all rider fatalities/accidents involve riders without an "M" endorsement or have no motorcycle license. In other words, "riding dirty."

This takes me back to the initial temperament of this letter and that is to be an active attendee for continuous riding education, through Advanced Riding Courses, through Texas Motor Sports, in Harker Heights, Texas. One should focus on improving their riding skills every time they mount the motorcycle. This can only be done through education and riding classes.

Continue to be safe on the road and at home. Have a great month and let's ride safer together.

Note: Do not forget about the Texas District Spring Ride-In, to Kerrville, Texas, with a trip to Big Bend following the Kerrville extravaganza.

Kindest personal regards,

R Chester Roby

GWRRR Number 174559

Life Grand Master Number 6226



Central Texas Riders (Chapter T)

Rides/Events

<i>CenTex Riders Sunday Lunch Ride</i>	<i>2 Feb 2025</i>	<i>Oscar Store - Oscar TX</i>
<i>CenTex Riders 2nd Saturday Ride</i>	<i>15 Feb 2025</i>	<i>Black Rifle Coffee - Harker Ht</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Gathering</i>	<i>25 Feb 2025</i>	<i>Golden Corral - Killeen</i>
<i>CenTex Riders 2nd Saturday Ride</i>	<i>8 Mar 2025</i>	<i>Eagles' Landing - Eddy TX</i>
<i>Florida District Rally</i>	<i>13-15 Mar 2025</i>	<i>Gainesville, FL</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Gathering</i>	<i>25 Mar 2025</i>	<i>Golden Corral - Killeen</i>
<i>Thunder in the Hill Country</i>	<i>27-30 Mar 2025</i>	<i>Bandera, TX</i>
<i>Texas District Spring Ride-In</i>	<i>10-12 Apr 2025</i>	<i>Kerrville. see flyer</i>
<i>Big Bend Ride</i>	<i>13-17 Apr 2025</i>	<i>Alpine TX</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Gathering</i>	<i>22 Apr 2025</i>	<i>Golden Corral - Killeen</i>
<i>Tennessee District Rally</i>	<i>24-26 Apr 2025</i>	<i>Johnson City, TN</i>
<i>CenTex Riders 2nd Saturday Ride</i>	<i>10 May 2025</i>	<i>Trailblazer Grille - Burnet TX</i>
<i>Arkansas District Rally</i>	<i>15-17 May 2025</i>	<i>Harrison, AR</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Gathering</i>	<i>27 May 2025</i>	<i>Golden Corral - Killeen</i>
<i>Missouri District Rally</i>	<i>29-31 May 2025</i>	<i>Branson, MO. see flyer</i>
<i>EWMA 2025 International Ride-In</i>	<i>20-21 Jun 2025</i>	<i>Salt Saint Marie, ON Canada</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Gathering</i>	<i>24 Jun 2025</i>	<i>Golden Corral - Killeen</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Gathering</i>	<i>22 Jul 2025</i>	<i>Golden Corral - Killeen</i>
<i>EWMA 2025 Rendezvous</i>	<i>28-30 Aug 2025</i>	<i>Fort Smith, AR. see flyer</i>

EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



Central Texas Riders (Chapter T)

Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association References and Links

EWMA National Website: <https://www.EWMA-World.org>

EWMA National Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/eagle.wings.motorcycle.association>

Region B Website:

Region B Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/648709793287460>

Texas District Website: <https://www.gwrra-tx.org/>

Texas District Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/736753967150486>

CenTex Riders Website: <https://www.CenTexRiders.org>



Join Our Eagles' Landing Ride

Saturday, March 8, 2025

Eddy TX

Chapter Team:

Directors: Gene & Quinta Harris

Treasurers: Tim & Young Brooks

Ride Coordinators: Jim and Alvalin Woodul

Safety/Rider Education: Chet Roby

Webmaster/Newsletter: Gene & Quinta Harris

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Yellow Rose Ride-In

April 10th – 12th, 2025

Y.O. Ranch Hotel, Kerrville, Texas

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Reservations: (830) 257-4440

Early Registration:

\$ 15 per Person/\$25 per Couple

3 Days of Scenic Led and Self Guided Rides

25-25-25-25, Ice Cream Social,

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[Click to Register](#)

<https://form.jotform.com/242893550798170>

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:

Southern Oaks Inn
3305 Shepherd Hills Exp
(417) 335-8108

\$89.00/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
\$89.00/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**

Campers: 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.

On-bike games!

SWAP SHOP

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

THE EVENT

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