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Central Texas Riders

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Chapter Directors' Notes

Hello Central Texas Riders,

We did not publish a newsletter in December due to the holidays, so this one covers activities for Dec and Jan.

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Our Chapter holiday party on Friday, 13 Dec, at Todd and Bridget Carr's home in Temple, was a huge success. We had 17 attendees, including Jim and Dee Dee Evans, and John and Wanda Osborn from Capitol Wings Chapter. The pot luck meal, and Todd's smoked brisket, was fantastic! Our gratitude to our gracious hosts for inviting us into their beautiful home.

Happy New Year!

Here's to a new year full of great friendships, unforgettable memories, and endless laughter.

Our second annual joint Polar Bear Ride with Chapter O on 1 Jan 2025 was a great way to start the new year. We had 34 of our friends at the Dead Fish Grill on Lake Belton for lunch and champagne.

BIRTHDAYS

25 Jan Quinta
9 Feb Lucy
11 Feb Shari

I met Chapter O at the Rio Grande Tex Mex Restaurant in Hutto on 18 Jan for their January gathering. Many of their members were participating in the Wingers 'n Waves Cruise, so the lunch meeting was small but fun. The ride through Salado, Holland, Barlett, and Granger was nice, but Tesla's presence has triggered lots of expansion around the west side of Austin. The low density backroads in this area will soon be a thing of the past.

ANNIVERSARIES

1 Jan Peggy

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.

Next Chapter Meeting
February 25

Ride Often/Ride Safe
Gene & Quinta

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.



Central Texas Riders (Chapter T)

Rides/Events

<i>CenTex Riders Holiday Party</i>	<i>13 Dec 2024</i>	<i>Temple, TX</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Polar Bear Ride</i>	<i>1 Jan 2025</i>	<i>Dead Fish Grill - Belton</i>
<i>Capitol Wings Ride & Gathering</i>	<i>18 Jan 2025</i>	<i>Rio Grande Tex Mex-Hutto TX</i>
<i>Wingers-N-Waves Cruise</i>	<i>19-26 Jan 2025</i>	<i>see flyer</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Gathering</i>	<i>28 Jan 2025</i>	<i>Golden Corral - Killeen</i>
<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>Texas District Spring Ride-In</i>	<i>10-12 Apr 2025</i>	<i>Kerrville. see flyer</i>
<i>CenTex Riders 2nd Saturday Ride</i>	<i>12 Apr 2025</i>	<i>TBA</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>TBA</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>



2025 Polar Bear Ride

Dead Fish Grill

Lake Belton

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

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

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

Drawings & prizes!

[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

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

Host Hotels:

Southern Oaks Inn
3395 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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