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Central Texas Riders

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Chapter Directors' Notes

Hello Central Texas Riders,

Our second Saturday ride on 14 March started with breakfast at Black Rifle Coffee, with Al & Claire, Kathy, Jeff, and Gene. We then rode backroads south of Stillhouse Hollow for about an hour. We visited the College Park historical site in Salado, and shopped and watched some glass blowing at the Glass Works.

Most EWMA chapters have closed their checking accounts to simplify operations and reduce federal, state, and organizational reporting requirements. If we decide to close our account, I would like to get your thoughts on best uses of our remaining balance. Some thoughts: 1. Pay for one or two years of EWMA membership for current members. 2. Pay for EWMA/Central Texas Riders chapter shirts/caps to be ordered through John and Wanda Osborne. Other ideas? We will discuss this at our gathering on 24 March.

There are a lot of activities coming up:

- Texas Wildflower Ride-In (Bloom & Vroom) 26-28 March, in Kerrville/Fredericksburg. (see flyer)
- Big Bend Ride 29 Mar - 2 Apr - Alpine TX
- CenTex Riders Lunch Ride 11 Apr, The Feed Mill - Gatesville
- ArkLaTex-O Rally 30 April - 2 May in Hope AR. (see flyer)
- International Women's Day Ride activities - 2 May, Temple
- Missouri District Rally 28 - 30 May in Branson MO.
- EWMA 2016 Rendezvous - 3-5 Sep, Sharonville OH
- Texas Fall 2016 Ride-In - 15-17 Oct, Marble Falls

Ride Often/Ride Safe
Gene & Quinta

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If your GroupSpot app no longer sees our Central Texas Riders Group, join it again with Invite Code 15rHu.
It is case sensitive.

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Mar Kent
- 24 Mar Alvalin
- 3 Apr Bridget
- 4 Apr Jeff

ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Apr Tim & Young
- 11 Apr Chet & Lucy

Next Chapter Meeting
April 28

Newsletter Article for Central Texas Riders (Chapter T)

January 27, 2026

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Group Rides

Dear Chapter T Family:

This month's article is geared towards various levels of education as it pertains to motorcycle group activities.

As an avid rider or even novice rider our exposure is that of the path-of-travel based on the point-of-destination. We enjoy the twisters, the hills, the scenery, the ability to remove some of those metal burs on our footpegs, and in some cases, by some riders, enjoying dragging a knee or two. All the above is the reason for riding, but what takes place before the ride...did you ever consider the time and research required prior to the actual group led ride?

To lead a motorcycle group ride safely, you need to...

...prepare before the ride

...manage the group on the road

...respect traffic laws and rider limits

Note, the leader must arrive prepared, hold a riders' meeting, keep the group to a manageable size, ride prepared (first-aid kits, tool kits, cell phones, etc.), ride in formation (avoid side-by-side formations), periodically check the riders following using CBs, rear view mirrors, or tail gunner's information, consider potential medical challenges and required actionable solutions, necessary communications if a rider chooses to leave, understanding hand signals...how and when to use, versus a CB for communication.

MSF has identified 10 rules for how to ride a motorcycle with a group, understanding the camaraderie of group riding being one draw of having a motorcycle. However, it's important to understand the etiquette and rules of group riding so you can do your part to help keep everyone in the group safe. Here is what to consider before heading out on a group ride.

Note: MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) identified the following challenges in many group rides.

Riders covering too much of the roadway, or riding side by side.

Mixing riders of various skill levels, without any consideration for new riders' skill levels.

Riders falling behind the group

Not creating guidelines beforehand to reduce the unpredictability of a group ride.

New riders to motorcycling have less than 1,000 miles of experience before participating in a group ride.

10 Rules for how to ride a motorcycle with a group of riders...

Be prepared before going on the ride

Know hand signals

Hold a pre-ride meeting

Select a group lead and sweep

Keep your group's size manageable

Stagger your riding formation

Stay aware of group's riders while on the road

Have a plan if a rider gets separated

Know what to do if someone leaves the group

Take plenty of breaks

What not to do while on a group ride...

Do not ride side-by-side

Do not show off

Do not overlook safety gear (ATGATT)

EWMA's group rides are well prepared, which entails riding the route, understanding the distances, reviewing the potential pace of the ride, managing fuel range stops, time windows for riders, thus assuring compliance with rider's health and safety, identifying potential re -routes, special scenic points of view, planning for the unexpected...all of which could easily take a full day of planning for each group structured ride.

Note: Once the route has been reconned 'ed, the group leader must re -work the route, at home, via the GMP alignment. This, in of itself could equate to an hour of re-routing adjustments.

Additional concerns would be to understanding each rider's experience level, the bikes capabilities, and potential limitations; plans to ride at the comfort level of the least experienced rider, set roles regarding the lead and sweep (tail gunner) rider, which are experienced in group riding, creating sub-groups if the group is too large, assuring a pre-ride meeting to review the route, rest/fuel stops, communication methods (hand signals/communication comms), formation rules, and what to do if someone gets separated or has a breakdown.

The above information dealt mainly with the preparation of the group ride, but what about your bike and you as a rider. What are the preparations required for your safety.

Bikes and rider readiness are just as important as the preparation for the ride. Rider readiness requires the riders to arrive on time, with full tanks, proper tire pressure, functioning light, appropriate protective gear, which should include DOT approved helmet, eye protection, full finger gloves, jacket with body armor, riding pants of proper riding material, over the ankle boots, and arrive sober.

On-road leadership focuses on...

Pace setting, assuring the ride leader rides at the posted speed limit and a pace that every rider can safely follow.

Formation should be a staggered formation on straight, clear roads (leader left track, second rider right track, at least one second apart)

Switch to single file and increase following distance (2+ seconds) in curves, poor visibility, narrow roads, or hazards.

Understanding group size is also critical (about 5-7 bikes per group), thus adding to the level of safety.

Spacing and lane discipline...not allowing side-by-side riding in the same lane

Maintain safe cushions and smooth, predictable lane changes signaled early

Monitoring the group with communications or mirror checks, adjusting speed if riders fall back, and using previously communicated alignment to report problems.

Pulling off the road safely and regroup if someone is missing or falls behind.

Safety and legal considerations (Texas focus) should also be an integral part of any group ride.

Obedying and understanding traffic laws must be emphasized. Each rider assumes his or her own legal responsibility for their actions; obeying speed limits, signals, right-of-way rules, and understanding it is illegal to block intersections or traffic for the group.

Note: Texas does have a helmet law, which was communicated on several occasions in past newsletters. Just for a review, Texas requires DOT – standard helmets unless specific exemption conditions are met; however, as a ride leader, you can set a “helmet required” rule regardless of legal exemptions.

Passengers are also a critical component to any group ride. Rider must ensure the bike carrying passengers is designed for passengers and have proper footrests/handholds.

Note: Texas passengers must meet the minimum age rules {TTC 545.416(d-e)}

Also, passengers must dress as noted above with the rider's proper riding gear.

I hesitate to include the next bit of information, but at no time should an impaired rider be

allowed to join any group ride. Set a strict no-alcohol/no-impairing-drugs rule during ride time, especially for the lead or sweep riders.

Communication and contingency plans also need to be an integral part of planning any group ride. Hand signals/comms are commonly agreed upon signals (single file, hazard, slow, stop, fuel, food for hand signals). Understanding how they may be passed (hand signals) through the group is also important.

Regroup points should be pre-defines locations (intersections, gas stations, food and beverage stops), where the group will wait for separated riders and have a plan for mechanical adjustments for those Harley Riders :-)

Breaks to prevent fatigue (well planned if you choose to ride across the country with me...only 1,000 miles per day) should be scheduled as regular stops for fuel, restroom, hydration, and rest to reduce fatigue and keep everyone focused. Stretching your legs is a must to assure rider and passenger safety.

If you choose to ride alone, you may want to consider "Law Tiger" at (888) 863 -7216 and ask for their free "rider benefit kit."

Understanding riding a motorcycle is a privilege and one that should not be taken lightly. Spending time understanding and improving your riding skills will enable a more enjoyable and safer riding experience, assuring group rides to be a experience worth engaging.

Note: The above information was extracted from "Perplexity," MSF information, and other related motorcycle articles.

Kindest personal regards,

Chet





Central Texas Riders (Chapter T)

Rides/Events

<i>CenTex Riders Breakfast</i>	<i>14 Mar 2026</i>	<i>Black Rifle Coffee - HH</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Gathering</i>	<i>24 Mar 2026</i>	<i>Golden Corral - Killeen</i>
<i>Texas Wildflower Ride-In</i>	<i>26-28 Mar 2026</i>	<i>Kerrville/Fredericksburg</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Lunch Ride</i>	<i>11 Apr 2026</i>	<i>The Feed Mill - Gatesville</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Breakfast</i>	<i>25 Apr 2026</i>	<i>Black Rifle Coffee - HH</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Gathering</i>	<i>28 Apr 2026</i>	<i>Golden Corral - Killeen</i>
<i>ArkLaTex-O Multi-District Rally</i>	<i>30 Apr - 2 May 26</i>	<i>Hope, AR</i>
<i>International Women's Ride Day</i>	<i>2 May 2026</i>	<i>Horny Toad HD - Temple</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Breakfast</i>	<i>9 May 2026</i>	<i>Black Rifle Coffee - HH</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Breakfast</i>	<i>23 May 2026</i>	<i>Black Rifle Coffee - HH</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Gathering</i>	<i>26 May 2026</i>	<i>Golden Corral - Killeen</i>
<i>Missouri District Rally</i>	<i>28-30 May 2026</i>	<i>Branson MO</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Breakfast</i>	<i>13 Jun 2026</i>	<i>Black Rifle Coffee - HH</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Gathering</i>	<i>23 Jun 2026</i>	<i>Golden Corral - Killeen</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Breakfast</i>	<i>27 Jun 2026</i>	<i>Black Rifle Coffee - HH</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Breakfast</i>	<i>11 Jul 2026</i>	<i>Black Rifle Coffee - HH</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Breakfast</i>	<i>25 Jul 2026</i>	<i>Black Rifle Coffee - HH</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Gathering</i>	<i>28 Jul 2026</i>	<i>Golden Corral - Killeen</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Breakfast</i>	<i>8 Aug 2026</i>	<i>Black Rifle Coffee - HH</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Breakfast</i>	<i>22 Aug 2026</i>	<i>Black Rifle Coffee - HH</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Gathering</i>	<i>25 Aug 2026</i>	<i>Golden Corral - Killeen</i>
<i>2026 Eagle Wings Rendezvous</i>	<i>3-6 Sep 2026</i>	<i>Sharonville OH</i>



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Rides/Events

<i>CenTex Riders Breakfast</i>	<i>12 Sep 2026</i>	<i>Black Rifle Coffee - HH</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Gathering</i>	<i>22 Sep 2026</i>	<i>Golden Corral - Killeen</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Breakfast</i>	<i>26 Sep 2026</i>	<i>Black Rifle Coffee - HH</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Breakfast</i>	<i>10 Oct 2026</i>	<i>Black Rifle Coffee - HH</i>
<i>Texas District Fall Ride-In</i>	<i>15-17 Oct 2026</i>	<i>Marble Falls</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Breakfast</i>	<i>24 Oct 2026</i>	<i>Black Rifle Coffee - HH</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Gathering</i>	<i>27 Oct 2026</i>	<i>Golden Corral - Killeen</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Gathering</i>	<i>24 Nov 2026</i>	<i>Golden Corral - Killeen</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Holiday Party</i>	<i>5 Dec 2026</i>	<i>Location TBA</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>

GroupSpot Membership Codes as of 10/22/2025

EWMA Region B: AR KS LA OK TX - **4PPb3**

TX District - **aWQ6k**

T Killeen - **15rHu**

R Lewisville - **qjEfq** (lower case Qs, not Gs)

O Austin - **L7NXW**

G2 Greenville - **PWZBF**

P Granbury - **43TJs**

S.T.A.R. South TX Area Riders. Conroe - **U0kd8**

F Troop, Fort Smith Arkansas - **xJ9UA**

Motorcycle Parts and Accessories - **5aZA5**

Download the GroupSpot app: Go to the [App Store](#) (for Apple) or [Google Play Store](#) (for Android) and search for "GroupSpot".

1. **Open and create an account:** Once the app is downloaded, open it and follow the prompts to create a new account.

2. **Join a group:** You can join a group in one of three ways:

- **Invite Link:** Tap the link provided in an email or text message.
- **Invite Code:** Tap the QR code icon on your home screen and enter the code.
- **QR Code:** Scan a QR code provided by an existing member.

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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Computer Solutions

For your complete computer needs, both hardware and software, contact Dan at (254) 680-2983.

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Texas District 2026 Spring Wildflower Ride-In



Bloom & Vroom



Dates: 26-28 Mar 2026

Location: Kerrville TX

Old River Road RV Resort

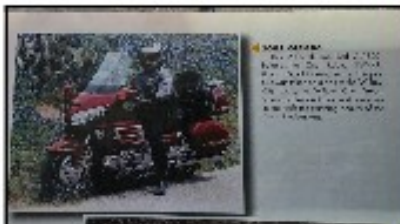
(830) 634- 2993

310 Colvin Ranch Road

Kerrville, TX 78028

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Come for one, two, or all three days! Ride the Three Twisted Sisters.

See the beautiful Willow City Loop and other wildflower roads in full bloom (hopefully)! Visit the world's largest wildflower farm!

No host facility. No registration or fees. Stay wherever you want in the Kerrville/Fredericksburg area. We will have use of the events center at Old River Road RV Resort in Kerrville as needed. See included contact info.

Please RSVP @ txdd@ewma-tx.org just to let us know you will attend. Call or text Gene at (254) 289-6036 for more info. Ride info to be published February 2026.

Other Area Activities

- Family Free Day at the Museum of Western Art in Kerrville, 28 Mar
- Bee Gees Gold - Tribute Concert in Kerrville, 28 Mar
- Texas Fandango— Vintage Motorcycle Rally in Fredericksburg, 27-29 Mar

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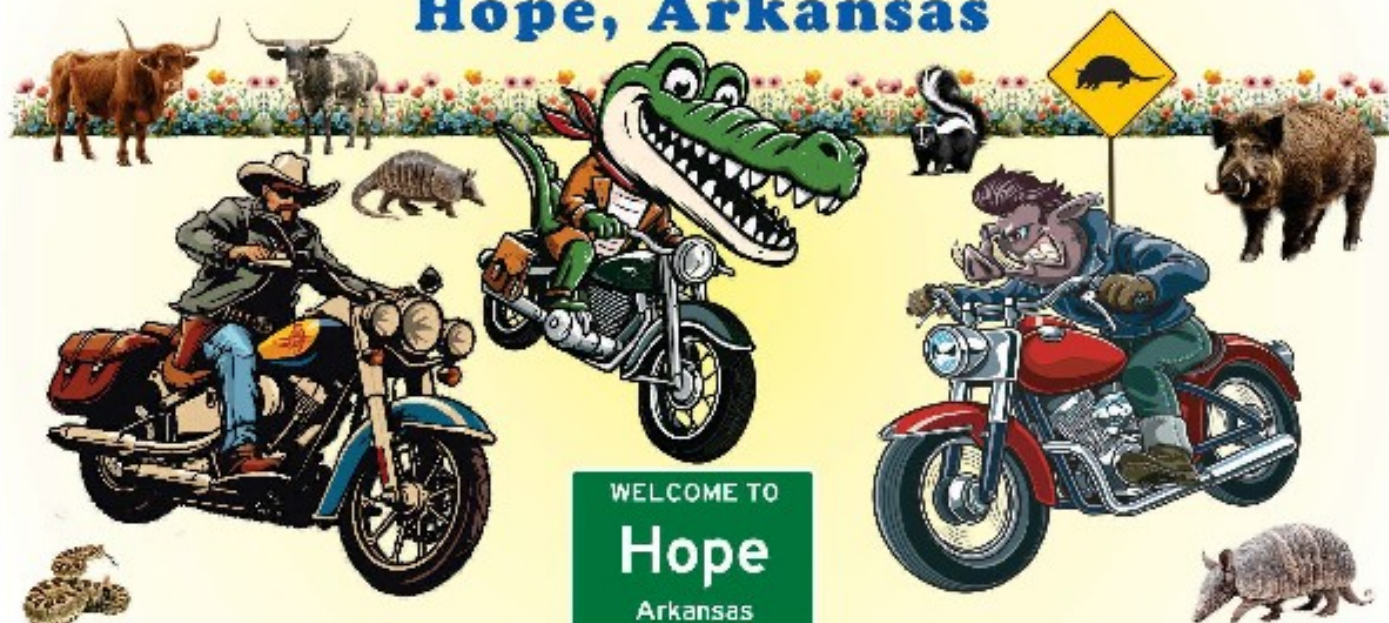


ArkLaTex-O

MULTI-DISTRICT RALLY

April 30 - May 2, 2026

Hope, Arkansas



EWMA Members and Friends!
Plan now to join the Diamond State Riders, Louisiana Road Riders and Texas Road Riders
the inaugural ArkLaTex-O multi-District event
in Hope, Arkansas, April 30 - May 2, 2026!

Visit: WWW.ARKLATEX.ORG to Register Now!

► RIDER - \$20 😊 TWO-Up - \$30 ◀

See Page 2
for Hotels and
Camp Site Options

Thursday, Friday & Saturday
Hope Fair Park Coliseum
800 S Mockingbird Lane
Hope, AR 71801

REGISTER
and Mark Your
Calendar TODAY!



Eagle Wings Rendezvous
Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association
4th Annual Rally
Sept 3rd – Sept 5th 2026
Sharonville, OH



PRICE ONLY GOOD STARTING 10/16/2025 AND THEN MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN 2/16/2026

3 Nights of FUN, FUN, FUN!!!!
Thursday GRAND OPENING PARTY FUN,
Light Dinner and entertainment

Friday Night Bike and Light Show Vote for your favorite and enjoy some ice cream!

Saturday Night is Closing
Ceremonies, and Dinner

***For up to Date Schedule & more info,**
go to [www. EWMA-World.org/Rendezvous](http://www.EWMA-World.org/Rendezvous)

Special Registration for 2026	Cost	Qty	Total
Must be postmarked by 2/16/2026			
EWMA Members	\$40	_____	\$ _____
Non- Members	\$55	_____	\$ _____
Light Dinner on Thursday Night	\$35	_____	\$ _____
Dinner on Saturday Night	\$45	_____	\$ _____
First Aid/CPR—Friday	\$25	_____	\$ _____
Pre-Registration Tickets	Cost	Qty	Total
Grand Prize & Mystery Cash—Books of 5	\$10 X	_____	\$ _____
Grand 50/25/15/10— Books of 5	\$20 X	_____	\$ _____
2026 Bike Giveaway— Books of 5	\$20 X	_____	\$ _____
GRAND TOTAL IN US DOLLARS ENCLOSED: \$ _____			

All pre-registrations must be postmarked

BY

2/16/2026

Make Checks payable to EWMA

Mail completed forms to:

EWMA
 Cheryl Fowler
 6635 W Happy Valley Rd,
 Suite A104-443
 Glendale, AZ 85310
 clfowler74@yahoo.com

\$15.00 fee on all cancellations
No refunds after Aug 1st 2026

CC# _____

EXP _____ CVV _____

Billing Zip Code _____

See and purchase our Rally shirt on our website in our store.
Pick them up at rally. Some may be available on-site.
 For more information go to
www.ewma.world.org/rendezvous

Name: _____ EWMA #: _____

Name: _____ EWMA #: _____

Address: _____ Reg/District/Chapter: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

The undersigned, agree to comply with the ideals governing this event and to hold harmless the EWMA, co-sponsoring organizations and property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved, and I/we agree to assume responsibility for any property which I/we knowingly damage.

EWMA reserves the right to refuse registration and/or entrance to anyone at any time.

Rider Signature: _____ Co-Rider Signature: _____

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**

Member Name: _____ Member DOB: _____

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Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ ST/PV: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

USA _____ Canada _____ Other _____

Member Phone number: _____ Member Email: _____

Select One:

Individual Membership: 3 years \$70.00, 2 years \$50.00, 1 year \$30.00

Family Membership (2 or more people in household): 3 years \$85.00, 2 years \$60.00, 1 year \$35.00

I currently own the following motorcycle brands: (please select all that apply)

Honda Harley-Davidson Indian BMW Yamaha Ducati Triumph Other

New Member - Who referred you to us? Name _____ Member # _____

Where did you hear about us? (Example: magazine, website dealer, etc.)

Signature _____

Signature _____

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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