

# May 2025

## Central Texas Riders

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EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



### Chapter Directors' Notes

Hello Central Texas Riders,

The 2025 EWMA Rendezvous is looking good. 28-30 Aug in Fort Smith AR (430 miles from Killeen). There are 536 members registered. Eight great led group rides, all planned by our previous Chapter Director, LeRoy Douglas. The two primary hotels are booked up, but there is lots of other good lodging available nearby. Military card holders can stay at Fort Chaffee visitors' quarters for \$8 a night (shared restroom), or \$30 a night for a two bedroom cabin.

The Texas District 2025 Fall Ride-In is 9-11 Oct 2025 at La Quinta in Marble Falls. Reserve your rooms now before they are gone.

The TX-AR-OK Tri-District Joint Ride-In has been announced for 30 Apr—2 May 2026, in Hope AR.

The Texas District website is being moved to a new Internet host, and being refreshed/rebuilt in the process. Please be patient while their service is disrupted.

Our next chapter ride is Saturday, 14 Jun, to lunch at The Gin at Nolan Creek in Belton (<https://theginatnolan creek.com>). Ride details will be published soon in GroupSpot. Please RSVP for the meal.

Ride Often/Ride Safe  
Gene & Quinta

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#### BIRTHDAYS

1 May Tim  
8 May Celest  
8 May Peggy  
28 May Brady  
17 Jun Carleen  
17 Jun Terry  
22 Jun Lori

#### ANNIVERSARIES

11 May Jose & Celest  
28 May Dale & Carleen  
28 Jun Gene & Quinta

Next Chapter Meeting  
June 24  
Golden Corral



Lunch Ride to Trailblazer Grille in Burnet 10 May 2025  
Stephen, Jeff, Shari, Claire, Bridget, Todd, and Gene



Newsletter Article for Central Texas Riders (Chapter T)

April 22, 2025

Written by Chet Roby

EWMA Number 1093

Former GWRRR Number 174559

Former Life Grand Master Number 6226



Dear Chapter T Family:

I have chosen to script something different for April's newsletter. Moving from the prehistoric levels of commentary to that of AI, the future of letter writing.

I was amazed at the level of accuracy and ease in writing this month's newsletter or should I say allowing AI to write the article of "Motorcycle Safety." This three-page article was processed in a few seconds, something that would normally take me several hours to research, script, proofread, correct, and finally approve for print.

AI will not become the standard for future articles, but I am amazed as to the grammatical structure, accuracy of the article, required details of the article, and flow of the article...almost like I had taken a course in journalism.

Enjoy the article, which is timely considering April is close to the beginning of riding season, which is kicked off in February/March with "Bike Week" in Daytona, Florida.

# Motorcycle Safety

## Essential Tips and Practices for Riders

Motorcycle riding offers an exhilarating sense of freedom and adventure, but it also comes with significant risks. Unlike cars, motorcycles provide little protection in the event of an accident, making safety a paramount concern for riders. This document aims to provide comprehensive guidance on motorcycle safety, covering everything from proper gear to defensive riding techniques.

## Personal Protective Equipment

One of the most critical aspects of motorcycle safety is wearing the right gear. Personal protective equipment (PPE) can significantly reduce the severity of injuries in the event of an accident.

### Helmet

A helmet is the most crucial piece of safety equipment for a motorcyclist. In many jurisdictions, it's legally required. Helmets protect the head and brain from traumatic injuries. When selecting a helmet, make sure it meets safety standards such as DOT, ECE, or Snell certifications. The helmet should fit snugly but comfortably, and full-face helmets offer the most comprehensive protection.

### Jacket and Pants

Motorcycle jackets and pants are designed to protect against abrasions and impacts. Ideal riding gear is made from durable materials like leather or specialized synthetic fabrics that can withstand sliding on pavement. Look for gear with built-in armor at critical points like elbows, shoulders, and knees.

### Gloves

Gloves protect your hands from abrasions, cuts, and impacts. They also provide better grip and control over the motorcycle. Choose gloves made from sturdy materials with padding on the palms and knuckles.

### Boots

Protective boots are essential for safeguarding your feet and ankles. Motorcycle boots should cover the ankles and be made of durable, thick material. Non-slip soles are also important for maintaining a firm grip on the foot pegs and the ground.

## Motorcycle Maintenance

Proper maintenance of your motorcycle is crucial for ensuring safety on the road. Regular checks can prevent mechanical failures that could lead to accidents.

### Tires

Check your tires regularly for proper inflation, tread wear, and any signs of damage. Properly inflated tires provide better traction and handling. Replace tires that are worn out or damaged.

### Brakes

Inspect your brakes frequently to ensure they are in good working order. Check the brake pads for wear and make sure the brake fluid is at the correct level. Any signs of sponginess or reduced braking power should be addressed immediately.

### Lights and Signals

Ensure that all your lights and signals are functioning correctly. Headlights, tail lights, brake lights, and turn signals are vital for visibility and communication with other road users.

### Chain and Sprockets

The chain and sprockets are essential for transferring power from the engine to the wheels. Regularly check for proper tension and lubrication. Replace worn-out chains and sprockets to prevent them from breaking while riding.

## Defensive Riding Techniques

Defensive riding involves anticipating potential hazards and taking proactive measures to avoid them. It requires constant vigilance, situational awareness, and excellent decision-making skills.

### Stay Visible

Make yourself as visible as possible to other road users. Wear bright or reflective clothing, use your headlights even during the day, and position yourself in the lane where you are most likely to be seen.

### Keep a Safe Following Distance

Maintain a safe following distance between you and the vehicle in front of you. This gives you more time to react to sudden stops or changes in traffic. The general rule is to keep at least a two-second gap in ideal conditions, extending this gap in adverse weather or heavy traffic.

### Be Aware of Blind Spots

Cars and trucks have blind spots where the driver cannot see you. Avoid lingering in these areas, and try to position yourself where you are visible in the driver's mirrors.

### Use Your Signals

Always signal your intentions well in advance. Use hand signals in addition to your motorcycle's turn signals to ensure other road users understand your actions.

### Scan the Road Ahead

Constantly scan the road ahead for potential hazards such as potholes, debris, or sudden changes in traffic patterns. Being aware of your surroundings allows you to react more effectively.

## Practice Emergency Maneuvers

Regularly practice emergency braking and swerving in a safe environment to build your skills and confidence. Knowing how to react in an emergency can make all the difference.

## Riding in Different Conditions

Different weather and road conditions present unique challenges for motorcyclists. Adapting your riding style to these conditions is crucial for staying safe.

### Rain

Rain reduces visibility and traction. When riding in the rain, reduce your speed, increase your following distance, and avoid sudden movements. Be extra cautious at intersections and on painted road markings, which can become very slippery.

### Fog

Fog severely limits visibility. Use your low beam headlights, reduce your speed, and increase your following distance. Stay as visible as possible and be prepared for sudden stops.

### Night Riding

Riding at night requires extra caution due to reduced visibility. Use your high beams when appropriate, but switch to low beams when following or approaching other vehicles. Wear reflective gear and stay alert for wildlife.

### Gravel and Dirt Roads

Loose surfaces like gravel and dirt require different handling techniques. Reduce your speed, maintain a relaxed grip on the handlebars, and avoid sudden braking or acceleration. Keep your body loose and let the bike move beneath you.

Kindest personal regards,

R Chester Roby

## Conclusion

Motorcycle safety is a multifaceted discipline that involves wearing the right gear, maintaining your bike, practicing defensive riding techniques, and adapting to different conditions. By following these guidelines, you can significantly reduce the risks associated with motorcycle riding and enjoy the freedom and excitement it offers. Always remember that safety should be your top priority every time you hit the road.

Newsletter Article for Central Texas Riders (Chapter T)

May 27, 2025

Written by Chet Roby

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Dear Chapter T Family:

Lucy informed me she would accompany the chapter members on trips in her car, when possible, but not on the Trike. Therefore, I have chosen to trade my 2005 GL1800 Trike, with a Road Smith Kit (92,000 miles), the Hannigan Trailer, and my Yamaha 2013 FJR (67,000 miles), for a 2025 Gold Wing Tour Automatic DCT 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition (1 mile).



I took Gene's advice and directed my attention to DFW Honda, in Grapevine and was treated with respect both for the trade-in value for the above noted motorcycle products and the purchase of the 2025 bike, accessories, and installation.

I plan on having all parts installed by DFW Honda, thus I will be picking up a finished product. The bike will be trailered back to Killeen and nicely parked in the garage, where Lucy will have her first look of my new ride.

I have chosen to trailer the bike from Grapevine due to the statistical data showing the percentage of experienced riders having accidents on bikes they have less than 6 months of riding time. Considering this bike is the DCT version, which is completely out of my wheelhouse, trailering home to Killeen, and getting in the riding time as if I were a new rider, is the true break-in process.

I look forward to experiencing the manual paddle shifters, plus the automatic version, as I prepare for a trip to Ohio in August of this year. Note: I plan on a trip from Killeen to Chicago, Illinois...pick-up route 66 and take route 66 to LA, traveling about 200 miles per day, and journaling my daily adventures. This will occur in September of 2026, celebrating Route 66's 100 Anniversary, something I will research and write an article in a future newsletter.

Enjoy the information below from Perplexity AI, regarding the 2025 Honda Gold Wing Tour Automatic DCT 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition. Note: My last Gold Wing was the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition.

## **2025 Honda Gold Wing Tour Automatic DCT: Expert and Rider Reviews**

### **Performance and Riding Experience**

The 2025 Honda Gold Wing Tour Automatic DCT continues to earn praise for its smooth, refined, and technologically advanced touring performance. The 7-speed Dual Clutch Transmission (DCT) is a standout feature, offering both fully automatic and manual paddle-shift modes. Riders consistently note the DCT's seamless gear changes and the convenience it brings, especially in stop-and-go traffic or during long-distance touring. The DCT's ability to select the optimal gear for engine and road speed, as well as its closer gear ratios compared to the 6-speed manual, contributes to a responsive and enjoyable ride—especially when switching between Tour and Sport modes.

On the road, reviewers highlight the Gold Wing's unflappable stability, powerful 6-piston front brakes, and ample torque, making it well-suited for both relaxed cruising and spirited riding. The bike's chassis, featuring a double-wishbone front suspension and Pro-Link rear system, provides a smooth, confidence-inspiring ride, even on winding backroads.

### **Transmission and DCT Impressions**

The DCT system is widely regarded as a game-changer for touring motorcycles. Riders appreciate the option to switch between automatic and manual shifting on the fly, using handlebar-mounted paddles. The DCT's low-speed handling has been further refined for

2025, with improved throttle response and integration with the bike's inertial measurement unit (IMU) to prevent unwanted shifts mid-corner. Walking and Reverse modes, unique to the DCT, make maneuvering the heavy touring bike in tight spaces much easier.

*"The DCT man is a game changer... you can still downshift or upshift manually, which I really love. That's one of the reasons that pushed me over the edge to sell my manual."*<sup>3</sup>

### Comfort, Ergonomics, and Features

Comfort remains a hallmark of the Gold Wing Tour. The two-piece seat, revised passenger backrest, and ergonomic layout ensure long-distance comfort for both rider and passenger. The fairing and air management system are designed to provide a true motorcycle experience while minimizing fatigue from wind buffeting. Heated grips and seats, cruise control, and a premium infotainment system with a 7-inch TFT display are standard on the Tour model.

For 2025, wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto are now standard, although the built-in navigation system has been removed—reflecting most riders' preference for smartphone-based navigation<sup>2</sup>. The luggage capacity, while adequate for many, remains a point of contention for some long-time Gold Wing owners who wish for larger side cases.

### Technology and Safety

The Gold Wing Tour DCT is equipped with multiple ride modes (Tour, Sport, Econ, Rain), advanced electronic rider aids, and a tire pressure monitoring system. The integration of the IMU into the DCT's operation further enhances safety and ride quality, particularly during aggressive cornering or in variable conditions.

### Pricing and Value

The 2025 Gold Wing Tour DCT starts at \$30,200, with the Airbag DCT version priced at \$33,500. While this places it at the premium end of the touring segment, most reviewers feel the price is justified by the level of technology, comfort, and Honda's reputation for reliability.

Summary Table: Key Pros and Cons

Pros	Cons
Seamless, intuitive DCT with both auto/manual	Side case/luggage capacity still modest
Refined, powerful flat-six engine	No built-in navigation (uses smartphone apps)
Excellent ride comfort for rider and passenger	Premium price point
Advanced electronics and safety features	Some prefer the older, larger models for comfort
Improved low-speed handling and throttle response	

### Final Verdict

The 2025 Honda Gold Wing Tour Automatic DCT is widely regarded as one of the most advanced and comfortable touring motorcycles available. The DCT transmission is a highlight, making long-distance travel easier and more enjoyable, especially for those who value convenience and cutting-edge technology. While some traditionalists may miss the larger luggage of older models, the overall package remains hard to beat for serious touring enthusiasts.



## Central Texas Riders (Chapter T)

### *Rides/Events*

<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>CenTex Riders 2nd Saturday Ride</i>	<i>14 Jun 2025</i>	<i>The Gin - Belton</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Gathering</i>	<i>24 Jun 2025</i>	<i>Golden Corral - Killeen</i>
<i>CenTex Riders 2nd Saturday Ride</i>	<i>12 Jul 2025</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Gathering</i>	<i>22 Jul 2025</i>	<i>Golden Corral - Killeen</i>
<i>CenTex Riders 2nd Saturday Ride</i>	<i>9 Aug 2025</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Gathering</i>	<i>26 Aug 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>
<i>CenTex Riders 2nd Saturday Ride</i>	<i>13 Sep 2025</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Gathering</i>	<i>23 Sep 2025</i>	<i>Golden Corral - Killeen</i>
<i>Texas District Fall Ride-In</i>	<i>9-11 Oct 2025</i>	<i>Marble Falls, see flyer</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Gathering</i>	<i>28 Oct 2025</i>	<i>Golden Corral - Killeen</i>
<i>AR District Fall Color Ride-In</i>	<i>6-8 Nov 2025</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Gathering</i>	<i>25 Nov 2025</i>	<i>Golden Corral - Killeen</i>
<i>TX-AR-OK Tri-District Ride-In</i>	<i>30 Apr - 2 May 2026</i>	<i>Hope, AR</i>

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## 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>

### Volunteers Needed for Ticket Sales During EWMA Rendezvous

Region B's responsibility this year at Rendezvous is ticket sales.

We need 15-20 people per day (4-5/shift) to staff for Ticket Sales. Please contact those who are attending Rendezvous to see if they will volunteer for a time slot. We need their name, phone number, email address, what day they will help cover and what time. We know that Region B personnel have other responsibilities as well and the desire to participate on rides.

We do not expect you to fill all of the time slots as Region C will also be helping with ticket sales but we do need as many volunteers as you can possibly obtain. Please ask them to contact the Ticket Sales table once they arrive at Rendezvous to volunteer as their schedule allows.

Attached is a spreadsheet to document those who are volunteering. Please return this to us as soon as possible but no later than 7/1/2025

Thanks for your help on obtaining volunteers. This is much appreciated.

Lyle & Sheri Altus

EWMA

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### **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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# 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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# 2025 TEXAS DISTRICT FALL RIDE-IN

Join us for 3 days of fun filled beautiful riding in the Gateway to the Highland Lakes in Marble Falls, Tx.

**October 9, 10 & 11**

**Host Hotel** La Quinta Inn & Suites  
501 FM 2147 West, Marble Falls, Texas



Group Rates



Click on the link below for online hotel registration  
[Eagles Wings Motorcycle Association 2025](#)

or contact the hotel by phone and say you are with  
Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association - Phone # 830-637-6100  
Free breakfast, WIFI, pet friendly, fitness center, pool, hot tub

***We need to book 20 rooms to get the 1950sf meeting room***

**Group Rate Cutoff 9/26/2025**

## **Registration Cost:**

EWMA Member Early  
PER PERSON \$20 / COUPLE \$25  
NON EWMA Member Early  
PER PERSON \$25 / COUPLE \$30  
\$10 more at the event  
**Pre-Registration Ends Oct 1st**

## **Guided rides**

**NIGHTLY EVENTS:**  
25/25/25/25 Drawings  
Door prizes, Famous Mini meals  
Free Ice Cream Friday  
Pizza chip-in Saturday

TICKET



**ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION:**  
<https://form.jotform.com/251272652906155>



