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Central Texas Riders

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Chapter Directors' Notes

Hello Central Texas Riders,

The chapter completed purchasing two year extensions of EWMA memberships for current and recently expired Central Texas Riders members. If you have not received a confirmation message from EWMA national, please get with Gene to track it down.

We had a chapter breakfast at Black Rifle Coffee on 9 May, followed by a backroads ride to Horny Toad HD for their 3rd Annual Safety Day event in Temple. Jeff & Shari, Todd & Bridget, Josh, Kent, Jim & Alvalin, and Gene. We linked up with Lyle & Sheri there, and with Erik and Lori who were part of the event organization.

We linked up with Capital Wings for their monthly ride and meeting on 5/16/2026. Chet, Jeff & Shari, Todd & Bridgett, and Gene rode to the assembly point in Austin, and then on to Fat Boys Burgers in Johnson City for lunch and their monthly meeting.

The ArkLaTex-O Rally, 30 Apr—2 May, in Hope, Arkansas was a multi-district, ride focused event. It rained on folks arriving on 29 Apr, but was good weather the rest of the time. There was a good turn-out, final registration was 106.

Activities coming up:

- Missouri District Rally 28 - 30 May in Branson MO.
- EWMA 2026 Rendezvous - 3-5 Sep, Sharonville OH
- Texas Fall 2026 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

1 May Tim
17 Jun Terry

ANNIVERSARIES

28 May Dale & Carleen
28 Jun Gene & Quinta

Next Chapter Meeting
Jun 23









Lori & Erik with
New Artwork during
ArkLaTex-O
Rally!





Josh and his boys checking out new toys at Horny Toad HD Safety Day

Newsletter Article for Central Texas Riders (Chapter T)

January 27, 2026

Written by Chet Roby (AKA Roby's Ramblings)

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Dear Chapter T Family:

I have scripted previous newsletter detailing the necessary components of leading a group ride providing specifics on the preparation, group management, and respecting traffic laws and riders' limits.

This month I would like to focus on the rider, of a group ride. Yes, the rider, in understanding how to safely ride within a group, whether you are on two or three wheels.

The information has been researched by AI and copied and pasted by me. I have added some commentary, but the depth of statistical data came from AI.



Core Requirements For Group Riding:

Motorcycle group riding has clear **safety requirements**, and accident data shows why these rules matter. Below is a structured, evidence-based breakdown of what riders must do, what typically goes wrong, and why group crashes happen.

These requirements come directly from the **Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF)** and **Road Guardians**, two authoritative sources on group-ride safety.

1. Pre-Ride Preparation

- Arrive on time with a **full tank of fuel**.
- Conduct a **riders' meeting**: route, stops, hand signals, expectations.
- Assign a **lead rider** and **sweep rider**, both experienced.
- Keep groups small: **5–7 riders** per group. Larger groups should split.

2. Equipment & Readiness

- At least one rider should carry a **first-aid kit** and **tool kit**.
- All riders should have a **cell phone** for emergencies.

3. Riding Formation

- Use a **staggered formation** on straight roads:
- Leader in left third of lane

- Next rider 1 second behind in right third
- Maintains visibility and maneuvering space.
- Switch to **single-file** with **2-second spacing** on curves, poor visibility, or rough roads.
- **Avoid side-by-side riding**—it eliminates escape routes and increases handlebar-entanglement risk.

4. Communication

- Use **hand signals** and, when possible, **Bluetooth headsets**.
- Leader signals early; group follows consistently.

5. Pacing & Spacing

- Riders check mirrors and slow slightly if someone falls behind.
- Never ride beyond your skill to catch up.

6. Lane Changes & Passing

- Leader and sweep coordinate lane changes.
- Riders may need to change lanes individually if traffic is heavy.

Accident Statistics Relevant to Group Riding

While U.S. crash databases (NHTSA, BTS) do **not isolate “group riding” crashes** as a separate category, the broader motorcycle crash data reveals the **risk factors that become amplified in group settings**.

1. High Fatality Rates

- **6,335 motorcyclists killed in 2023**, making up **15% of all traffic deaths**.
- Fatality rate: **31.39 deaths per 100 million miles**, nearly **28× higher** than passenger cars.

2. Injury Numbers

- **82,564 motorcyclists injured in 2023**.

3. Licensing & Skill Issues

- **34% of riders in fatal crashes had no valid motorcycle license**. In group rides, mixed skill levels increase coordination problems.

4. Alcohol-Impairment

- **26%** of motorcycle riders in fatal crashes were alcohol-impaired—highest of all vehicle types.
- **41%** of riders killed in single-vehicle crashes were impaired. Group rides often involve social events, increasing this risk.

5. Helmet Use

- In states without universal helmet laws, **51% of riders killed were unhelmeted** vs. **10%** in states with uni-

versal laws.

Why Group Riding Accidents Happen

These causes are supported by safety-organization guidance and inferred from national crash patterns.

1. Reduced Space Cushion

- Riders often follow too closely to “stay together,” reducing reaction time. MSF emphasizes spacing because tight formations increase multi-bike pileups.

2. Skill Mismatch

- Less experienced riders may struggle with:
 - Maintaining formation
 - Cornering at group pace
 - Quick hazard response. This aligns with NHTSA data showing high crash rates among unlicensed or inexperienced riders.

3. Poor Communication

- Missed signals or unclear lane-change intentions cause sudden braking or swerving. Road Guardians highlight communication as a top safety factor.

4. Pressure to Keep Up

- Riders may exceed their comfort zone to avoid being left behind—leading to:
 - Speeding
 - Late braking
 - Cornering errors MSF explicitly warns against riding beyond your skill to catch up.

5. Formation Breakdown

- When riders drift out of staggered formation, they lose:
 - Visibility
 - Escape routes
 - Predictability This increases side-swipe and rear-end collision risk.

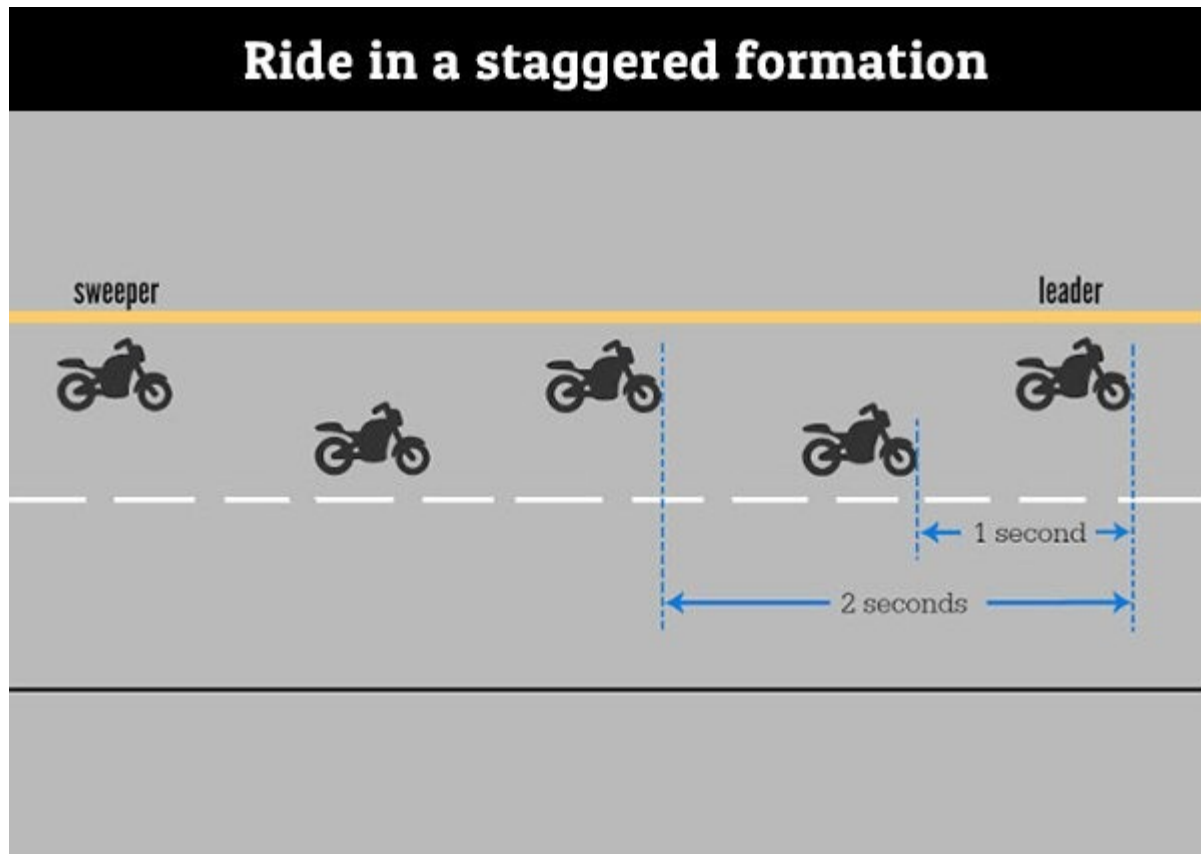
6. Alcohol Use

- Group events sometimes involve social drinking, and NHTSA data shows alcohol is a major factor in fatal motorcycle crashes.

Summary

Group riding is safe only when riders follow structured formation, maintain spacing, communicate clearly, and ride within their limits. National crash data shows that the biggest risks—speeding, alcohol, poor skills, and lack of protective gear—become even more dangerous in a group environment.

Note: There were several visuals I wanted to add to the mix, but my limited technical skills prevented me from adding the necessary visuals...sorry.



Wow...my persistence has paid off. I have no idea how I was able to attach these pictures, but I was able to successfully incorporate visuals into this article.

Have a great read and always keep the rubber side down.

Addendum from Gene

How do you know if your vehicle interval is good? How far is 2 seconds?

When the vehicle in front of you (not staggered to your left or right) passes an identifiable marker like a road sign or driveway, start counting. At a normal pace mentally "say" one thousand one, one thousand two. At the end of "one thousand two" you should be at the point on the road that the front vehicle was at when you started counting. If you are not there yet, you need to safely close up the gap. If you are too far back you may not be able to accurately "read" and pass back arm and hand signals. For example, not distinguishing between left arm up with one finger raised (single file) or two fingers (staggered). Also, when a rider keeps dropping back farther and farther, the ride leader may interpret that as the rider does not feel safe at the speed the group was riding. Therefore the leader slows the pace to allow the rider to close up, but the rider slows more and keeps the excessive gap. If the group slows too much it will impede the flow of traffic, and will trigger other drivers to attempt unsafe passing.

Motorcycle Group Riding Positions



Kindest personal regards,

Chet



Central Texas Riders (Chapter T)

Rides/Events

<i>ArkLaTex-O Multi-District Rally</i>	<i>30 Apr - 2 May 26</i>	<i>Hope, AR</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Breakfast Ride</i>	<i>9 May 2026</i>	<i>Horny Toad HD - Temple</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 Ride</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 Ride</i>	<i>27 Jun 2026</i>	<i>Black Rifle Coffee - HH</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Breakfast Ride</i>	<i>11 Jul 2026</i>	<i>Black Rifle Coffee - HH</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Breakfast Ride</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 Ride</i>	<i>8 Aug 2026</i>	<i>Black Rifle Coffee - HH</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Breakfast Ride</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>
<i>CenTex Riders Breakfast Ride</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 Ride</i>	<i>26 Sep 2026</i>	<i>Black Rifle Coffee - HH</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Breakfast Ride</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 Ride</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>

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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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



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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