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Central Texas Riders

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EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



Chapter Directors' Notes

Hello Central Texas Riders,

Over \$40,000 was raised for a shelter for homeless veterans at the 1st Annual Cove House Ride on 10/5/2024. Al and Claire came over from Burnet to join Todd, Kent, and Gene for the ride. A good cause, great weather, good roads, and lots of free food made for a fun day. See page 2. A 2023 HD Softtail and a 5 X 8 flatbed trailer were raffled off, but we didn't win.

Our chapter ride on 10/12/2024 was through backroads to Lampasas, with lunch at Alfredo's Mexican Restaurant. We were thrilled to have a large group of our Chapter O friends join us on the ride. Attendees are listed on page 3.

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Bikers don't go gray, we get chromed.

BIRTHDAYS

3 Oct Jim W
13 Nov Lynette
21 Nov Dale G

ANNIVERSARIES

23 Oct Jeannie & Brady K
7 Nov Erik & Lori W

The Texas District Fall Ride-In was on 26 - 28 September, in Lindale. Jim and Alvalin, Al and Claire from Lampasas, and Gene rode out and had a great time. Approximately 50 people from around the state, and a father and daughter from New Mexico, participated. Theresa McMillan from Salado won the \$500 drawing for the Texas District membership drive. Unfortunately, on the ride home, the Woodul's trike had a u-joint failure, and had to be trailered back to Killeen.

Region B is having a two-day Ride-In, 22-23 Nov, in Hot Springs Village, AR. The flyer is attached.

Texas District Spring Ride-In is scheduled for 10 - 12 Apr 2025, at the Y.O. Hotel in Kerrville.

Next Chapter Meeting
November 26

Ride Often/Ride Safe
Gene & Quinta



Cove House fundraiser ride for Victory Village (shelter for homeless veterans).

10/5/2024

Ogletree Gap Park in Copperas Cove.

Todd, Kent, Claire, Al, and Gene





Chapter T Lunch Ride
10/12/2024, Lampasas
Great turnout! Dale and Carleen,
Chet and Lucy, Kent and Sue, Terry,
Jim and Dee Dee Evans, Jim and
Theresa McMillan, Hugo, Stephen,
Al and Claire, Gene



Roby's Ramblings

By: Chet Roby

Newsletter Article for Central Texas Riders (Chapter T)

October 22, 2024

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Former Life Grand Master Number 6226

The following article comes from excerpts of past articles in the month of October 2007 and 2008. The two articles have been adjusted and non-pertinent information has been removed.

I have chosen to take another direction for October's newsletter. Rather than focus on rider education during the month of October I would like to focus on one of the three basic elements in preparation for any ride..." Are you ready??"

Note: The other two are as follows;

...Is your bike ready??

...Is your gear ready??

"Are you ready?" mentally ready that is. Riding a motorcycle is like personal discipline of a successful businessperson. According to Rick Warren, in his book "How Do You Develop Self-Control?" he lists several common traits that most successful people have in common, but notes that one obvious trait that was common will all successful persons was their personal discipline, which was expressed in six ways.

- 1) Successful people master their moods...
- 2) Successful people watch their words...
- 3) Successful people restrain their reactions...
- 4) Successful people stick to their schedule...
- 5) Successful people manage their money...
- 6) Successful people maintain their health...

The disciplines you establish today will determine your success tomorrow. But it takes more than just willpower for lasting self-control.

Chuck Swindoll provided the following commentary on attitude. "The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for a given day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude...**I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it.**"

It is not easy to determine the personal effects of emotions on riding, but experts recognize that feeling angry, troubled, or stressed makes safe, responsible riding more difficult. Any emotion that distracts one's attention away from being fully attentive in applying your strategy will increase risk.

As I sift through past articles a topic caught my eye about new motorcycles being bigger, faster, and deadlier. Although the statistical data is over 18 years old, the numbers and the specifics are in line with today's bikes.

The article was from the Toledo Blade, in Toledo, Ohio, and written by Jonathan Welsh, who introduced his topic by stating that "Bigger, Faster, and more-powerful machines are helping to make 2007 the deadliest year yet for motorcycle riders, say safety officials and a new insurance-industry study."

Jonathan continued by identifying how the horsepower battle in the cycle industry has produced bikes that have the power of a car, but often weigh less than ever. He continues to note the sophisticated suspension and braking systems, and other electronics make the bikes easy for inexperienced riders to handle – up to a point. He also notes the bikes' potential speed and violent acceleration can quickly overwhelm all but the most skilled rider.

Although these high-performance machines, often called "superbikes" or "supersports," accounted for less than 10% of motorcycle registrations in 2005, they accounted for more than 25% of rider fatalities, according to data collected by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and analyzed in a study released in September, by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

The article notes the total number of rider deaths has more than doubled since 1997 and states that at the current rate, some safety experts say fatalities in 2007 could surpass the previous peak of 4,955 set in 1980. (By the way, this number has long since been passed.)

The article continues with some impressive statistical data noting that the "supersports" represented 9% of the market in 2005, compared with 47% for cruisers. But superbike registrations jumped 83% between 2000 and 2005.

The age group of current motorcycle consumers was noted as often being the older riders that have not ridden for 20 years or more and attributes this and the more-liberal helmet laws as a major contributor to the current increase in rider deaths.

According to David Livingston, director of the New Jersey Trauma Center at University Hospital in Newark, N.J., who has recently seen an increase in motorcycle-related injuries noted "...the guys start riding again in their 50s and don't realize that they aren't the same physical specimens they were in their 20s..."

Another interesting part of the article noted Ducati Motor Holding started selling the 1098, a superbike with 160 horsepower; a big jump from the 112 horsepower the company's racy 996 model put out 10 years ago. Not to be outdone, BMW AG's motorcycle unit had a reputation for building sedate bikes with less than 100 horsepower until it rolled out the 167-horsepower K1200S about three years ago. Harley-Davidson released the Night Rod Special, a fast, low-slung bike with 125-horsepower engine developed with sports-car maker Porsche AG.

Kawasaki Motors and Suzuki Motors have also contributed to the speed by introducing ZX-14 (nearly 200 horsepower from Kawasaki Motors) and GSX-R1000, Suzuki's supersport bike that increases from 0 to 60 MPH in 2.5 seconds. The GSX-R1000 even comes with a switch so the rider can select low, medium, or high-

power settings. Companies have also adopted electronically controlled brakes, transmissions and traction control to keep the rear wheels from spinning out of control under acceleration.

There were some other statistics being noted by the IIHS of a study from 2000 to 2005, which identified an increase in motorcycle deaths from 7.1 deaths per 10,000 registered motorcycles to 7.5. The study also noted the percentage of motorcycle deaths among all highway fatalities rose from 7% to 10%, with superbike riders having had a death rate of 22.5 for every 10,000 registered motorcycles.

According to IIHS in 2005, riders 40 or older accounted for 47% of motorcycle fatalities, compared with 24% 10 years earlier. In the period being studied the fatality percentage for riders younger than 30 years of age fell to 32% from 41%. Safety officials attribute this in part to a tendency of “returning” riders to overestimate their ability to handle the latest powerful bikes.

I would like to add some editorial comments on the above information, as it relates to rider education and rider safety. In 2006, Texas had 32,152 students enrolled in both the Basic and Experienced course, of which 30,073 of the students completed the course for a pass rate of 94%. The breakdown was men, women, and minors, but no age grouping was noted.

The above article is correct, as it relates to statistical data, but I believe there is a flaw in the logical flow of information, as the rider education program has assisted in reducing the number of deaths, through education. The more informed a person has, the better chance of survival in both business and pleasure.

Let’s continue to focus on rider safety and never lose the desire to improve our riding skills as one seeks to keep risk offset as one’s top priority.

I wish all Central Texas Rider members, guests, and friends a warm hello, with you for the October meeting. Thank you for taking the time to read the above information.

Remember, a rider should be focused on ways to break the “crash chain” and move to a lower rung on the “ladder of risk.” Co-riders are also an integral part of this equation and should also be a primary source of positive mental attitude for the rider.

If the “crash chain” and “ladder of risk” are unfamiliar terms please take advantage of an ERC at Texas Motor Sports, phone number 254-526-7800, and ask for Debra or Robin; let them know you are interested in being a participant for the next ARCu sanctioned by MSF, through TMS.

Ride for fun, safety, and knowledge, always returning home, safely.

Kindest personal regards.





Central Texas Riders (Chapter T)

Rides/Events

<i>CenTex Riders 2nd Saturday Ride</i>	<i>12 Oct 2024</i>	<i>Alfredo's Mexican Lampasas</i>
<i>Mississippi District Rally</i>	<i>24-26 Oct 2024</i>	<i>Biloxi, MS</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Gathering</i>	<i>22 Oct 2024</i>	<i>Golden Corral - Killeen</i>
<i>CenTex Riders 2nd Saturday Ride</i>	<i>9 Nov 2024</i>	<i>Water St Waffles—Belton</i>
<i>Region B Ride-In</i>	<i>22-23 Nov 2024</i>	<i>Hot Springs Village, AR</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Gathering</i>	<i>26 Nov 2024</i>	<i>Golden Corral - Killeen</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Holiday Party</i>	<i>6 Dec 2024</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Polar Bear Ride</i>	<i>1 Jan 2025</i>	<i>Dead Fish Grill—Belton</i>
<i>CenTex Riders 2nd Saturday Ride</i>	<i>11 Jan 2025</i>	<i>TBA</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 2nd Saturday Ride</i>	<i>8 Feb 2025</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Gathering</i>	<i>25 Feb 2025</i>	<i>Golden Corral - Killeen</i>
<i>CenTex Riders Saturday Ride</i>	<i>5 Mar 2025</i>	<i>Oscar Store</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</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>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</i>

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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>



Chapter T Lunch Ride Destination

Water Street Waffle Co.

Belton TX

9 Nov 2024



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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FALL FUN WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS RIDE-IN REGION B— EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY, NOV 22 AND SAT NOV 23, 2024

HOST HOTEL: HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE INN
4429 N HWY 7, HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE, AR 71909
501-922-9600

ASK FOR EWMA RATE OF
\$86.91 FOR KING (INCL TAX)
\$97.91 FOR 2 QUEENS (INCL TAX)

BLOCK AND RATES EXPIRE ON THURSDAY NOV 7.

HOTEL IS SURROUNDED BY SUPERMARKET, SERVICE STATION, SEVERAL TOP NOTCH EATERIES, ALL WITHIN EASY WALKING DISTANCE. SEVERAL UPSCALE RESTAURANTS ARE LOCATED ACROSS THE STREET IN THE GATED COMMUNITY.

AND FYI, THIS IS NOT A DRY COUNTY.

OPERATING UNDER THE KISS RULE:

NO FANCY FLYER, \$10 PER PERSON PAYABLE BY CASH OR CHECK UPON ARRIVAL,

NO DOOR PRIZES, NO VENDORS, \$0.00 GRAND PRIZE.

MAYBE A SURPRISE GIVEAWAY AND SNACKS.

ONE 50/50 TICKET DRAWING PER DAY.

IT'S ALL ABOUT GOOD RIDING AND FELLOWSHIP.

TWO GUIDED RIDES SCHEDULED EACH DAY WITH MULTIPLE DEPARTURE TIMES.

USE THIS AS A RECRUITING TOOL BY INVITING YOUR NON-EWMA BIKER FRIENDS.

WE WILL HAVE A RECRUITING TABLE.

LAST YEAR WE WERE TOO EARLY FOR FALL COLOR.

MAYBE THIS YEAR, WE WILL BE JUST RIGHT.

IF YOU PLAN TO COME, PLEASE SEND JIM BERRY AN EMAIL TO:

JIMB52073@GMAIL.COM OR A **TEXT AT 318-348-1275.**

WITH RIDER AND CO-RIDER **NAME, EWMA NUMBER, CELL PHONE NUMBERS AND EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION.**



ALL ABOARD!

You're invited to join Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association!
February 16-22, 2025 ~ 7 days of WOW!
 You'll meet Wingers from all over the US and Canada!



We have an excellent group rate!
Ocean View Balcony Cabin - \$974pp!
 (Includes all port taxes)
 (The current sale rate on Royal Caribbean's website is \$1,614pp for the same view balcony cabin)
ONLY \$25 PER CABIN DUE NOW



*The \$25 per cabin booking fee is non-refundable and this fee is not applied to the final payment. This cruise is for 7 days and 6 nights, rates are cruise only, based on double occupancy; your cabin is not finalized until you receive a Royal Caribbean confirmation. The payment due dates, promotional rates and onboard credit promotion can end at any time. Itinerary is subject to change.

LIMITED SPACE
Offer ends October 15, 2024, or when sold out
 (Paid via Venmo or check only - along with your reservation form)
 Final payment due by October 15th - credit or debit card.
 Royal Caribbean will assign your ocean view balcony cabin number before sailing.



This EPIC cruise event will be held on the award winning Oasis of the Seas.



OASIS OF THE SEAS		Join the FUN!	
Date	Location	Arrive	Departure
Sun. Feb. 16, 2025	Fort Lauderdale, Florida	--	4:00PM
Mon. Feb. 17, 2025	Perfect Day Cococay, Bahamas	7:00AM	4:00PM
Tues. Feb. 18, 2025	Cruising - 10th Anniversary Party	--	--
Weds. Feb. 19, 2025	Falmouth, Jamaica	8:00AM	4:00PM
Thurs. Feb. 20, 2025	Labadee Private Resort, Haiti	9:30AM	5:00PM
Fri. Feb. 21, 2025	Cruising - Special events	--	--
Sat. Feb. 22, 2025	Fort Lauderdale, Florida	6:00AM	--

- Reserve with us to ensure you're invited to private parties, special events, group dinners, gifts and more!
- Open to all Wingers, friends and family!
- This event will sell out and the rates will go up!

Complete a reservation form today and email to:
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Ask about additional Royal Caribbean Crown and Anchor discounts based on your loyalty status.

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
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