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EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION ® Friends for Fun, Safety & Riding

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- The Roadrunners meet the First Tuesday of every month at Buffet Palace, 3202 IH-30, Greenville. There is a second meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at Napoli's Pizza, 701 Hwy 78, Wylie. Eat at 6:00 PM, meet at 7:00 PM.
- Unless otherwise noted, Roadrunners Group Rides will depart from the Valero at 4303 Joe Ramsey Blvd, Greenville, Texas.

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WORDS FROM THE WIGGINS

Jim and Barbara Wiggins, Chapter Directors

appy belated Thanksgiving and early Merry Christmas. It seems these two holidays get closer together every year.

Scheduled gatherings this month include our normal gathering in Greenville at the Buffet Palace on December 5th at 6PM, an Ice Cream Social on December 12th at Braum's, and Napoli's Restaurant in Wylie at 6PM on December 19th. Stop by and visit with us.

We're having our New Year's Day gathering at Babe's Chicken Dinner house in Garland at 11AM. We hope you will join us to celebrate the New Year. It's not required, but if you plan to go, let George know so he will know how many to expect. You can send him note at 2 gsaugustas@att.net reply or at 3 Groupworks.

Last month was busy for us with
the Capitol Wings (old chapter O)
gathering in Lufkin and the
Oklahoma District rally in Ponca City
Oklahoma. This month has been
relatively quiet for Barbara and me.
Of course, we had the normal chapter
dinner gatherings and visited our son
and DIL for the Thanksgiving

holiday, but we haven't done much riding. We did take a jaunt around Lake Tawakoni on a nice day. We really need to ride more often.

Don't forget to look at Groupworks (https://app.groupworks.-com/) periodically. Many chapters have rides and events that are announced there. You can request to join any chapter or district group, so you'll get notified of upcoming events.

The latest District newsletter is available here at http://www.gwrratx.org/news/newslettersEW.php. The newsletter has the latest updates for the district and most of the flyers for rallies in the area.

The link to district events is here: http://www.gwrra-tx.org/2022Info-/2022RallyPageEW.php.

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https://app.groupworks.com/#/groups/4534

On the first Tuesday of the month, we meet to discuss Chapter and ride information at The Buffet Palace (3202 I-30, Greenville, TX 75402) This has been the main chapter meeting historically. Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting starts at 7:00.

On the Third Tuesday of the month, folks closer to the Metroplex have an opportunity to gather together at Napoli's Restaurant in Wylie. (701 N Hwy 78, Wylie, TX 75098) - (972) 442-4653. This is for passing information shared at the Greenville meeting and to enjoy the company of others we get to see less frequently. Gathering starts at 6:00 pm.

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Texas District Director

Dan and Donna Rymarz

Happy Thanksgiving!

t is hard to believe that it is already November. I constantly look at the calendar and wonder where the rest of the year went. It's also hard to believe that EWMA completed its first year around two months ago. At every chapter meeting we attend we have been requesting feedback, and a chapter vote on whether that chapter wants to continue with EWMA or move to an independent status. Every chapter asked has confidently voted that the district and their chapter should remain in EWMA. I consider this a nearly unanimous decision, and so we will continue as an EWMA organization. The Texas District will cover all the charter fees for 2024 for all chapters. This works out to \$75 per chapter. For 2025 we will need to revisit this based on district funds, ride-in participation, success of fundraising events, and/or the solicitation of cooperative vendors. Donna and I have the intent of continuing as District Directors in 2024 unless someone else volunteers or EWMA chooses to replace us.

With this new affirmation of Texas being a part of the EWMA family, I feel comfortable in encouraging newly prospective members to join the organization, and for our current members to renew their memberships. I also encourage everyone to feel comfortable recruiting others to join us in this fraternity of riding enthusiasts! New members can join either through ewma-world.org website or by filling out the attached form I am asking George to include in the newsletter.

Over the past year I have given much thought over what value the EWMA organization offers its members. After all, this is a common question people ask me when I broached the subject. This is obviously not the old GWRRA nor does it offer all of the things we had become accustomed to over the years. The realization was that the old organization was not healthy. Yearly they bled membership mostly through attrition as the membership had aged and moved on to other things in life, or to the great mysteries beyond

this life. The new organization was built to try to change those trends and become a more open organization of other brands of motorcycles, and a world beyond the diminishing attendance of Gold Wing rallies. Texas has hosted two ride-ins that were broadly enjoyed. These events were less expensive to put on and more geared towards exploring the roads surrounding the whole city. The types of motorcycles that attended varied greatly. I have concluded that this holds the best hope for success for any motorcycle organization. Additionally, the cost of membership is extremely low. \$20 per year for a lone Rider, or \$30 for a couple. If you join, or renew for more than one year there are additional discounts that save you even more money. Donna and I attend at least two chapter meetings per month in the DFW area and sometimes more. Each time we spend more than that on dinner. The list of benefits of membership evolves month over month. See some highlights below.

- An electronic version of "the Eagle Book". This is a continuation of the Gold Book offered by GWRRA which lists other members from across the world who can offer assistance, lodging or other services when you are traveling abroad. As a member you have the ability of offering these same services if you so choose and having your information in this eagle book too.
- Assorted discounts and offers from a variety of vendors resourced by the staff of EWMA, such as hotel discounts, rental cars, training opportunities and marketing materials through Vistaprint.
- As a member, each person you recruit to our organization can get you free months of membership for yourself and your family up to six months per year.
- Access to the national home page that includes forums in which the canonical advice, epic ride opportunities and other chapters worldwide which you can attend at any time.

An open invitation to attend the events of all EWMA chapter and district rallies and ride-ins, as well as motorcycle centric cruises organized each year.

Perhaps the greatest offer of all has nothing to do with product nor services, but instead is the sense of belonging our members feel to one another and to the chapters and the district of Texas. The knowledge of knowing that you can show up at any other chapter event in the state of Texas or anywhere else and know that you will be in the presence of people who share the same passion for motorcycles and the same desire for camaraderie. These chapters and districts are led by volunteers who have committed time and money towards offering a safe venue for sharing ideas, knowledge and ride experiences. Whether a rider is new or well-seasoned, they will benefit from being part of a group where riding safely is the major focus.

To encourage folks to continue to join this new organization, Texas will be sponsoring a raffle. From the very first member who joined back last year, to the newest of members, each new membership or renewal of a previous membership will receive entry into a raffle for at least \$500 to be drawn in March at the Yellow Rose Ride In in Kerrville, Texas, You will NOT need to be present to win. For couples memberships you will receive two raffle tickets. If you sign up for multiple years, you will receive a raffle ticket for each person, times the number of years you signed up for. Between now and then the Texas District team will be looking for sponsors to allow us to increase the prize money that will be given at that time!

We appreciate the support you all show to you Texas District and Chapters!

God bless, Dan and Donna Rymarz Texas District Directors, EWMA Dan.Rymarz@outlook.com

Coming Events

Date	Chapter	Event	Location	Contact/E-Mail	Phone
December 9	*	North Texas Toy Run	Main Event Grapevine, Texas	northtexastoyrun@gmail.com	
May 16–18	AR	Arkansas District Rally	1515 Pioneer Dr Harrison, Arkansas	Louis and Pam Wofford director@diamondstateriders.org	479-883-2621
June 29–29	AL	Alabama District Rally	Clarion Inn Sheffield, Alabama	Danny Baker jdbaker1951@yahoo.com	205-590-1445
August 29–31		Eagle Wings Rendezvous	KI Convention Center Green Bay, Wisconsin	Patty O'Neill ewmacfo@gmail.com	408-639-0415

This information is provided for the convenience of our members. Information is obtained from various sources. No warranty is made with respect to the accuracy of any information on this page, the calendar pages, or any other page in this newsletter, and the Texas District staff shall not be held liable if any information is incorrect. You are advised to verify the accuracy of this information prior to attending any listed event. This information is subject to change without notice.

Fun Facts:

1.5 million people call in sick to work the Monday after the Super Bowl. (Trivia Today) *If I had to watch the Super Bowl, I'd be sick, too.*

The African nation of Mozambique has an AK-47 assault rifle on its flag. (TT)

Youse got a problem wit' dat?

The mayor of Talkeetna, Alaska, is a cat named Denali. (TT)

He's a real cool cat.

Alexander the Great, Napoleon, Mussolini, and Hitler all suffered from ailurophobia, the fear of cats. (TT) They wouldn't want to visit Talkeetna, Alaska.

Redondo Beach, California adopted the Goodyear Blimp as the city's official bird in 1983. (TT) At least it doesn't poop all over your car.

Prince Charles has an Aston Martin that runs on wine. (TT)

Hey Charlie, save some of that wine for me!

You can't block Mark Zuckerberg on Facebook. (TT)

Wanna bet? 📦

Gremlin Bells

By Tom Sprague

Gremlin Bells, also known as <u>Guardian Bells</u>, Motorcycle Bells, or Spirit Bells, are a good luck charm attached to the bottom of motorcycles that are believed to protect riders while on the road.

What Are Motorcycle Gremlins?

According to legend, many a mile of roads are littered with evil spirits or gremlins that lie in wait, waiting for unsuspecting bikers to pass by close enough for them to latch on to their motorcycle. These evil little creatures are thought to be the source of most bikers problems and bad luck, such mechanical issues, and at worst, can make a biker crash, such as if they were to chase animals into the road. As gremlins and evil road spirits are said to mostly lurk on the road waiting on their next victim, hanging a motorcycle bell below the bike will capture them as you ride over them, and the tinkling bell will drive them insane, forcing them to eventually leave or fall off.

What Is the Story Behind the Gremlin Bell?

But how did this tradition start? It all starts with a story that originated many, many years ago in the high desert near the US-Mexico border

The Legend of the Gremlin Bell

It was a bitter winter night in December. The cool desert air was crisp, the moon lighted the night sky, and the desert cactus cast eerie shadows. An old grey bearded biker was returning from a road trip to Mexico, his bike loaded with Christmas gifts he had purchased to give to children at an orphanage near where he lived. Shortly after crossing the border, he thought he saw something in the distance but couldn't be sure. He thought his mind may have been playing tricks on him, but as the biker rounded a corner and neared the location in the road, he crashed without warning and was thrown from his bike, slamming into the desert floor. Disoriented, the old biker looked up and in shock, realized what he had seen. There in front of him were a group of gremlins, rejoicing in

their success. The road gremlins began moving toward him as the biker lay on the ground, barely alive and unable to move from the impact. With nothing to defend himself, it seemed like the end of the road for the old biker. However, he noticed one of his saddlebags had broken loose in the crash and quickly reached out, pulling it close to him. Grabbing the gifts from the bag, he threw them at the nasty little group of approaching gremlins to scare them off He threw present after present, but the gremlins did not stop. Reaching into the now nearly-empty bag, he was down to his last items – small bells he had purchased as gifts for the children. As a last resort, he rang them as quickly as he could, hoping the noise would scare the gremlins away.

The Nearby Bikers

Now, it just so happened that two bikers coincidentally were camping nearby. Over the quiet night air, they heard a bell ringing in the distance. Of course, largely assuming they were alone in the vast desert, this was something unexpected for them to hear. The two bikers went to investigate the source of the ringing. Nearing the noise, they came across the old biker laying at the crash site, the road gremlins eagerly waiting to claim their reward. The bikers attacked the gremlins, fending them off and sending them fleeing into the night. The old biker wanted to repay them for saving his life and offered them payment for their help, but they refused. Determined to pay them back in some way, as a gesture of good will, the biker cut his saddlebag tassels and tied the very bells that saved his life to the two bikers bikes. telling them that if they should ever need help, ring their bells attached to their bike and it could just save their life.

Note: Can you buy your own Guardian Bell? As a rule of thumb, you shouldn't purchase your own bell, as it's said that the bell works only when gifted to you.

From the Sons of Eden website Published Jan 2, 2021 Submitted by Tom Sprague

Membership Enhancement Coordinator By Gary and Becky Wheatley

Region B / Saving Our Texas Chapters – 2023

How can both the District and Local Chapters work together to not only save our chapters from closing but working together to add chapters? Here are a few things I thought might help in correcting this problem. The Texas District has 2 individuals helping with membership, one near San Antonio, representing the southern part of the state. The other individual is near Granbury representing the northern part of the state. We would like to have more participation with each chapter. We would like each chapter to have someone that would keep tabs on both active and non-active members. If there are less than 10 active members, we the district would like to be notified, this would give us a chance to see if we can help with this before it gets too low. For example, send us an e-mail of how much showed up at your monthly gathering and how many on your rides or social gatherings. We would be glad to assist with whatever it takes to increase the interest, and have less non-active members, or members not renewing at all.

- 1) We need more smiling faces at gatherings, a willingness to help other members however way we can.
- 2) We need members that are willing to teach classes so other members can progress in the levels program.
- 3) We need the position of Sunshine Individual filled in each chapter to help members in need, no matter what it is, if nothing else but call members that we haven't seen in a while.
- 4) To all chapter members, call your local chapter for all concerns you have, and the district is also available. Please, let us help you with your local chapter!!!

Currently we have 11 chapters in the state of Texas. There is a possibility of another chapter closing in the Houston area and there have been too many closings since EWMA was organized. Though there was no fault of EWMA it has been a real shock for some, during this transaction from one organization to another.

Like I said at first, we need to be a team and add chapters, NOT LOSE THEM!!!

Hoping you all had a great Thanksgiving and wishing you and your family a Merry upcoming Christmas.

Gary Wheatley
District Member Enhancement

For Sale

I have a 2004 trailer, I think it is a Dart, that I do not use. The trailer is in great shape with two spare tires and I am asking \$750. I have a clear title and have attached a few photos of the trailer. If interested call: Glen Balusek 903-268-5652







DECEMBER 2023

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

• AIDS Awareness Month • Bingo Birthday Month • Drunk Driving Prevention Month • Fruit Cake Month • Safe Toys and Gifts Month • Winter Squash Month • Write A Friend Month • Tomato Month		Happy Birthday			Civil Air Patrol Faux Fur Day	National Mutt Day
Advent Sunday Apple Pie Day	National Cookie Day National Sock Day	Chapter G2 Gathering Buffet Palace Greenville Starts at 6:00 pm	C Last Quarter 6 Gazpacho Day Special Kids Day	Hanukkah Begins Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	Immaculate Conception Lost and Found Day	North Texas Toy Run at Main Event Grapevine, Texas Starts 08:30 (see flyer, page)
Human Rights Day Nobel Prize Day	Kaleidoscope Day UNICEF Birthday	Ice Cream Social at Braum's 6601 Wesley St Greenville 07:00 PM If your birthday falls in this quarter, the chapter buys your ice cream.	New Moon 13 U.S. National Guard Birthday Violin Day	Monkey Day Alabama Day	Bill of Rights Day Cupcake Day	Boston Tea Party (1773) Wreaths Across America Day
Clean Air Day Wright Brothers Day	يوم اللغة العربية يوم اللغة العربية (Arabic Language Day) Bake Cookies Day	Chapter G2 Gathering Napoli's Pizza Wylie, Texas Eat at 06:00PM	D First Quarter 20 Sacajawea Day Fried Shrimp Day	Winter Begins Hamburger Day World Peace Day	Lover of Silence Haiku Day	Festivus Super Saturday
Christmas Eve 31 New Year's Eve	25 Christmas Day No "L" Day (Noël)	Boxing Day Whiner's Day Thank You Note Day	© Full Moon 27 Fruitcake Day Visit The Zoo	Pledge of Allegiance Day Call A Friend	Jewish Book Day Chocolate Day	Falling Needles Family Fest Day Baking Soda Day

JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WAPPY	Babe's Chicken Dinner House Garland Rd at Belt Line Rd Garland, TX Meet There at 11:00 AM	Earth Perihelion (Closest to Sun) Chapter G2 Gathering Buffet Palace Greenville Eat at 6:00PM Meet at 7:00PM	Festival of Sleep Women Rock! Day	C Last Quarter 4 Trivia Day Spaghetti Day	Twelfth Night Bird Day	Epiphany Technology Day
Bobblehead Day Tempura Day	Clean Off Your Desk Day World Typing Day	Apricot Day Word Nerd Day	Save The Eagles Take The Stairs	New Moon 11 Hot Toddy Day National Milk Day	Marzipan Day Work Harder Day	Korean- American Day Rubber Ducky Day
Kite Day World Logic Day	Martin Luther King Jr Day Hat Day	Chapter G2 Gathering Napoli's Pizza Wylie, Texas Eat at 06:00PM	Benjamin Franklin Birthday Cable Car Day	D First Quarter 18 Maintenance Day Thesaurus Day	Good Memory Day Popcorn Day	Cheese Lovers Day Talk A Walk Outdoors
Clam Chowder Day Hug Your Puppy	Polka Dot Day Celebration of Life Day	National Pie Day Handwriting Day	Compliment Day Library Shelfie Day	© Full Moon 25 Clashing Clothes Day I.V. Nurse Day	Fun at Work Day Spouse's Day	Holocaust Memorial Day National Geographic Day
LEGO Day Rattlesnake Round-up Day	Curmudgeons Day Puzzle Day	Croissant Day School Day of Non-Violence	Eat Brussels Sprouts Day		Barbara Wiggins. Vicky Boslow Richard Boslow	Birthday! 681624



To Benefit the CHILDREN at the SALVATION ARMY SHELTER of Ft Worth, TX

All Bikers Welcome!

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Rated as one of the top five Toy Runs in Texas by Ride Texas Magazine

Join us to make a child's Christmas Brighter!

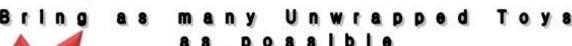
Donations can also be made at any Wells Fargo Banking Location. Just tell them it is for the "North Texas Toy Run".

We also now accept Venmo and PayPal!

To donate send email to "northtexastoyrun@gmail.com"

Saturday, December 9th, 2023

8:30am Registration 10:00am Kick Stands Up





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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.

Our Core Values:

FAIRNESS: All issues should stand the test of "is it fair?"

COMMUNICATIONS: The more we share information and communicate about our common love of motorcycling, the more we will all learn and benefit. TEAMWORK: Working together forward our common vision, motto and mission keeps us focused and gives us the ability to become exceptional.

QUALITY: To be the best we can, treating all the way we would want to be treated, holding each other in highest esteem and respect in all we do.

ATTITUDE: We are each responsible for our own attitude. Strive to be positive, constructive, respectful, enthusiastic and creative in all interactions with members or public to enhance the relationship and promote our motto.

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Membership Application

Member #:	
For Office Use	

Friends for Fun, Safety & Riding	New Member Application
	Renewing Member#
	MM/DD/YYYY
Member Name:	Member DOB:
Primary Mailing Address:	
	T/PV:Zip/Postal Code:
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	Member Email:
Select One:	
Individual Membership: 3 years \$65.0	0, 2 years \$45.00, 1 year \$25.00
Family Membership (2 or more people in h	ousehold): 3 years \$80.00, 2 years \$55.00, 1 year \$30.00
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Can Am Moto Guzzi Other:	
Where did you hear about us? (Example: magaz	zine, website dealer, etc.):
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Date:	
Signature:	
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Note: Only two signatures required for family membership)	

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