



THE ROADRUNNERS

“Friends for Fun, Safety, and Riding”

EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



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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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Visit the Roadrunners Web Page at <http://www.g2txroadrunner.org>

WORDS FROM THE WIGGINS

Jim and Barbara Wiggins, Chapter Directors

Happy New Year! Barbara and I wish you the best in the coming year. We are only meeting this month at Napoli's in Wylie on January 16th at 6PM since we canceled the gathering in Greenville because it was so close to our New Year's Day event at Babe's.

Barbara and I visited our son and daughter-in-law during the Christmas / New Year's holiday. We always enjoy that, but it was a special treat since both of our grandchildren were there for the holiday season. While in Gatesville, we were able to attend the joint New Year's Day gathering with the Capitol Wings (old Chapter O) and the Central Texas Riders (old Chapter T) at the Golden Corral in Killeen. There was a great turnout at the event with a planned 90-minute ride following lunch. Unfortunately, Barb and I drove to Gatesville for the holidays so didn't have our bike for the ride. My son offered to let me ride his Gold Wing, but I didn't have cold weather clothes with me to ride. We had a great time anyway and got to see many friends from the central portion of the state. Well done to both chapters for a fun gathering.

The Texas District just announced the spring Yellow Rose Ride-In. It will be held March 20-23rd at the Y.O. Ranch Hotel and Conference Center in Kerrville TX. See the flyer included with this newsletter for more information.

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://ewma-tx.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.ewma-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 New Year!

I'm not sure when you're reading this, but right now as I write this, it is December 20th at 10:00 at night. We finished our Chapter Leadership Zoom call earlier this evening. I can't believe that 2023 is about to come to a close. I remember all of the ride-ins and they seem like yesterday. It's been a pretty good year all in all, with strengthening friendships and many entertaining chapter meetings. Most of our chapters are going strong and many are growing. There are a few that are starting to reach critical age, and the members are either selling their motorcycles or focusing on other adventures. That is why EWMA Texas is going to sponsor a program that will run until September 1st of 2024. We are going to hold a membership drive where all members will, without having to purchase tickets, be entered in a drawing at our fall ride-in. We will be raffling out a \$500 grand prize and additional other prizes as well. To participate, the only thing you need to do is maintain your membership. Inside this newsletter there is a flyer that details the whole process. When you extend your membership or join EWMA, you earn tickets in this raffle. If you refer a friend, you

earn a raffle ticket. You need do nothing but be a member. I wish everyone good luck in this and I am looking forward giving out some money to lucky members who enjoy riding and friendship.

Also in this newsletter, you will find a flyer for the spring Texas Yellow Rose Ride In. This will be taking place March 20th through the 23rd in Kerrville, Texas at the Y.O. Ranch [Hotel]. The Y.O. Ranch is offering rooms at \$119 a night which is a discount off of their regular rate for this time of year. We promise three days of outstanding riding opportunities, and camaraderie every evening back at the Y.O. Ranch [Hotel].

Donna and I thank you all for a great 2023 and wish you all the merriest of holiday seasons, Merry Christmas and have a happy New Year. Let's see if we can make 2024 be the year of rebuilding on the strong foundation for everyone's enjoyment.

God bless,

Dan and Donna Rymarz

Texas District Directors, EWMA

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Fun Facts:

Duelling with wax bullets was once an Olympic sport. (Trivia Today)

Somebody swapped in real bullets, and that stopped it pretty quick!

Bill Gates' children will only inherit \$10 million each, out of his \$87 billion net worth. (TT)

Only \$10 million? That's chicken feed!

Yahoo is an acronym for "Yet Another Hierarchical Official Oracle." (TT)

And remember, You Always Have Other Options.

You have to be a retired letter carrier to live in Nalcrest, Florida. Ironically, the town does not have mail delivery service. (TT)

Well, of course not. All the mail carriers are retired.

Similar to fingerprints, everyone also has a unique tongue print. (TT)

My advice to criminals: don't lick your victims.

You can't name a child *Ikea* or *Elvis* in Sweden. (TT)

Why would anyone want to?

It only takes 6 minutes for brain cells to react to alcohol. (TT)

Yeah, man! 😊

Cheap Watches

By Tom Sprague

If you were in the market for a watch in 1880, would you know where to get one? You would go to a store, right? Well, of course you could do that, but if you wanted one that was cheaper and a bit better than most of the store watches, you went to the train station! Sound a bit funny? Well, for about 500 towns across the northern United States, that's where the best watches were found. Why were the best watches found at the train station? The railroad company wasn't selling the watches, not at all. The telegraph operator was. Most of the time the telegraph operator was located in the railroad station because the telegraph lines followed the railroad tracks from town to town. It was usually the shortest distance and the right-of-ways had already been secured for the rail line.

Most of the station agents were also skilled telegraph operators and that was the primary way that they communicated with the railroad. They would know when trains left the previous station and when they were due at their next station. And it was the telegraph operator who had the watches. As a matter of fact they sold more of them than almost all the stores combined for a period of about 9 years. This was all arranged by "Richard", who was a telegraph operator himself. He was on duty in the North Redwood, Minnesota train station one day when a load of watches arrived from the East. It was a huge crate of pocket watches. No one ever came to claim them.

So Richard sent a telegram to the manufacturer and asked them what they wanted to do with the watches. The manufacturer didn't want to pay the freight back, so they wired Richard to see if he could sell them. So Richard did. He sent a wire to every agent in the system asking them if they wanted a cheap, but good, pocket watch. He sold the entire case in less than two days and at a handsome profit. That started it all. He ordered more watches from the watch company and encouraged the telegraph operators to set up a display case in the station offering high quality watches for a cheap price to all the travelers. It worked! It didn't take long for the word to spread and, before long, people other than travelers came to the train station to buy watches. Richard became so busy that he had to hire a professional watch maker to help him with the orders. That was Alvah. And the rest is history as they say.

The business took off and soon expanded to many other lines of dry goods. Richard and Alvah left the train station and moved their company to Chicago -- and it's still there.

YES, IT'S A LITTLE KNOWN FACT that for a while in the 1880's, the biggest watch retailer in the country was at the train station. It all started with a telegraph operator: Richard Sears and his partner Alvah Roebuck!

Bet You Didn't Know That!!!

Submitted by Tom Sprague

Coming Events

Date	Chapter	Event	Location	Contact/E-Mail	Phone
March 20-23	TX	Yellow Rose Ride-In	Y.O. Ranch Hotel Kerrville, Texas	Dan Rymarz Dan.Rymarz@outlook.com	469-669-9191
April 18-20	LA	<u>Louisiana District Rally/Ride-In</u>	Holiday Inn Express Ruston, La	Mary and Mickey Searels rc@chapterlam.org	337-370-8956
May 16-18	AR	<u>Arkansas District Rally</u>	1515 Pioneer Dr Harrison, Arkansas	Louis and Pam Wofford director@diamondstateriders.org	479-883-2621
June 29-29	AL	<u>Alabama District Rally</u>	Clarion Inn Sheffield, Alabama	Danny Baker jdbaker1951@yahoo.com	205-590-1445
August 29-31	★	<u>Eagle Wings Rendezvous</u>	KI Convention Center Green Bay, Wisconsin	Patty O'Neill ewmacfo@gmail.com	408-639-0415

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Seven folks attended Babe's Chicken Dinner House on January 1: Jimmy and Patricia Jackson, Ross and Barbara Flanigan, Bobby Williams and Joetta Oliver, and George Augustas. The lunch was great as usual. We send our thanks to these people for helping us keep the tradition alive. Happy New Year to all!

George S. Augustas



Above and right: Pictures from the Central Texas Polar Bear Ride in Killeen, Texas.

(Photos by Jim Wiggins)



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



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Babe's Chicken Dinner House Garland Rd at Belt Line Rd Garland, TX Meet There at 11:00 AM	2 Earth Perihelion (Closest to Sun) Chapter G2 Gathering Buffet Palace Greenville Eat at 6:00PM Meet at 7:00PM	3 Festival of Sleep Women Rock! Day	☾ Last Quarter 4 Trivia Day Spaghetti Day	5 Twelfth Night Bird Day	6 Epiphany Technology Day
	7 Bobblehead Day Tempura Day	8 Clean Off Your Desk Day World Typing Day	9 Apricot Day Word Nerd Day	10 Save The Eagles Take The Stairs	● New Moon 11 Hot Toddy Day National Milk Day	12 Marzipan Day Work Harder Day
14 Kite Day World Logic Day	15 Martin Luther King Jr Day Hat Day	16 Chapter G2 Gathering Napoli's Pizza Wylie, Texas Eat at 06:00PM	17 Benjamin Franklin Birthday Cable Car Day	☽ First Quarter 18 Maintenance Day Thesaurus Day	19 Good Memory Day Popcorn Day	20 Cheese Lovers Day Talk A Walk Outdoors
21 Clam Chowder Day Hug Your Puppy	22 Polka Dot Day Celebration of Life Day	23 National Pie Day Handwriting Day	24 Compliment Day Library Shelfie Day	☼ Full Moon 25 Clashing Clothes Day I.V. Nurse Day	26 Fun at Work Day Spouse's Day	27 Holocaust Memorial Day National Geographic Day
28 LEGO Day Rattlesnake Round-up Day	29 Curmudgeons Day Puzzle Day	30 Croissant Day School Day of Non-Violence	31 Eat Brussels Sprouts Day Backward Day	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Happy Birthday!</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbara Wiggins..... 6 • Vicky Boslow..... 8 • Richard Boslow..... 16 • George Augustas..... 24 </div>		

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Monthly Observances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt a Rescued Rabbit Month • African-American History Month • American Heart Month • Cancer Prevention Month • Grapefruit Month • Laugh-Friendly Month • Parent Leadership Month • Snack Food Month 				<p>1 Candy-Making Day Get Up Day</p>	<p>☾ Last Quarter 2 Groundhog Day Wear Red Day</p>	<p>3 Carrot Cake Day Take A Cruise Day</p>
<p>4 Pro Bowl Homemade Soup Day World Cancer Day</p>	<p>5 Disaster Day Chocolate Fondue Day</p>	<p>6 Chapter G2 Gathering Buffet Palace Greenville Eat at 06:00PM Meet at 07:00PM</p>	<p>7 Ballet Day Periodic Table Day</p>	<p>8 Boy Scouts Anniversary Day</p>	<p>☾ New Moon 9 Winter Bike To Work Day Pizza Day</p>	<p>10 Chinese New Year Plimsoll Day</p>
<p>11 Super Bowl 57 Chicken Wing Day</p>	<p>12 Lincoln's Birthday Darwin Day</p>	<p>13 Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras) Cheddar Day Radio Day</p>	<p>14 Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day</p>	<p>15 Love Reset Day Susan B. Anthony Day</p>	<p>☽ First Quarter 16 Innovation Day Tartar Sauce Day</p>	<p>17 Love Your Pet Day Tennis Pro Day</p>
<p>18 Daytona Pole Day Drink Wine Day (Yeah, man!)</p>	<p>19 President's Day Coast Guard Reserve B'day</p>	<p>20 Chapter G2 Gathering Napoli's Pizza Wylie, Texas Eat at 06:00PM</p>	<p>21 Language Day Sticky Buns Day</p>	<p>22 Play Cards Day Walk Your Dog</p>	<p>23 Banana Bread Day Stand Up To Bullying Day</p>	<p>☼ Full Moon 24 Tortilla Chip Day Open That Bottle</p>
<p>25 Quiet Day Rubber Ducky Day</p>	<p>26 Carnival Day Pistachio Day</p>	<p>27 Polar Bear Day Pokemon Day</p>	<p>28 Science Day Public Sleeping Day</p>	<p>29 Leap Year Day Bachelor's Day Yellowstone Park Day</p>		

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Yellow Rose Ride-In

March 20th - 23rd, 2024

Kerrville, Texas

Y.O. Ranch Hotel and Conference Center

Kerrville, Texas

Special Rate \$119 a night

Reservations: (830) 257-4440



Early Registration

\$15 per person or \$20 at the door

**3 days of Scenic Led and Self Guided Rides,
25-25-25-25, Ice Cream social, Drawings and
Prizes**



EWMA Texas - Membership Drive

EWMA Texas will be drawing Raffle tickets at the Texas Fall Ride-In, Date and location TBD. Grand prize is \$500 and ALL current EWMA Texas members will automatically be eligible to Win!

- **New Members:** Every new Texas member will receive one entry for per person (Limit 2 people) per year you sign up for! Dates: September 1st, 2023 thru September 1st, 2024
- **Existing members:** Anyone Texas member who signed up for more than one year since EWMA was formed will receive one entry for each person (Limit 2 people) for each additional year you signed up for at your original joining!
- **Renewing members:** Any renewal of your EWMA Texas membership will earn you one raffle ticket for EACH member (Limit 2 people) for each year you extend your existing membership.
- **Recruiting a Member:** Any member who brings a NEW Texas membership to EWMA (Family or individual count as One entry) and new memberships can only have one recruiter. Email dan.rymarz@outlook.com with the name of your recruit.
- **The Only Texas members not eligible:** Texas District Directors – Dan and Donna Rymarz
- **Winners must be a member at the time of the drawing**
- **Drawing Date:** This will be taking place at the evening get together during the Texas Fall Ride-In on (TBD). Winner(s) do not need to be present to win.
- **What do I have to do?**
 - Visit - https://ewma-world.org/content.aspx?page_id=60&club_id=719997
 - Sign up or Renew (Existing Multi-Year members are already entered)
 - You are automatically entered! (we get reports)
 - You will get an email as we approach the Fall Ride-in confirming your numbers in the drawing.
 - Need Not Be Present to win.
- **Membership Cost and Raffle entries:**
 - **Individual Membership**
 - 1 Year – \$25 - 1 Raffle Entry
 - 2 Year – \$45 - 2 Raffle Entries
 - 3 Year – \$65 - 3 Raffle Entries
 - **Family Membership**
 - 1 Year – \$30 - 2 Raffle Entries
 - 2 Year – \$55 - 4 Raffle Entries
 - 3 Year – \$80 - 6 Raffle Entries





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 \$65.00, 2 years \$45.00, 1 year \$25.00

Family Membership (2 or more people in household): 3 years \$80.00, 2 years \$55.00, 1 year \$30.00

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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