

# TEXAS CAPITOL WINGS



## From the Director's Chair

*Jim & Dee Dee Evans, Chapter Directors*

Hello all,



After our awesome Capitol Wings Bluebonnet Rally in Fredericksburg, Dee Dee and I traveled to Morgan City, Louisiana for their Mardi Gras District Rally April 20 to 22. Fritz and Johnette Beter put a lot of hard work into the planning of the rally, events and vendors. The pre-rally ride Wednesday led by Leo Thibodeaux took us to Grand Isle, Gulf of Mexico. We had a sack lunch at a marina at the gulf. On our ride back, we waited a few minutes for one of the draw bridges to lower after a passing boat was traveling up one of the canals.



On Thursday, the ride took us to Laurel Valley Village Store on the Laurel Valley sugar plantation a little east of Thibodaux, LA. Several sheds housed the old tractors and equipment used.

The store doubles as a museum with a Woods Model No. 5 truck priced



at \$380. Several farm animals are still kept on site and volunteers run the store. Later in the day, Cycle World of Houma treated us to a fantastic shrimp boil with corn, sausage and potatoes for lunch.



Friday was rainy so several of us drove to the Greenwood Gator farm southwest of Gibson on 182. The tour informed us of how the workers harvest the eggs from the swamp marshlands, then hatch and grow the gators in captivity. Some of us held a little 2-foot gator with no issues but, he started to wiggle in the hands of one of the ladies which got her a little

excited. Out to the pond where we tossed marshmallows to the gators, one of their favorite treats. Surprisingly, gators eyes are more on the side of their head but, they have almost no peripheral vision. We enjoyed this educational tour learning about gators and the strict rules governing their existence. Later that day we were treated to hamburgers, hotdogs and jambalaya at the Sportsman Cycle and Marine in Morgan City.

Friday night we enjoyed the Mardi Gras party at the Petroleum Club next door to the Clarion Inn we stayed at. There were some fantastic Mardi Gras costumes for the party and everyone enjoyed the night.



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## May Gathering

**Saturday · May 20th · 11:30 a.m.**

Whizzerville Hall · 6320 FM713 · McMahan, TX

*Check out [www.goldwingaustin.org](http://www.goldwingaustin.org) for ride details.*

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Saturday we rode to Avery Island for a tour of the Tabasco Factory. Another fantastic tour to learn the history behind a product we see and use every day. I never thought Tabasco sauce was shipped worldwide to places you would never think of and would enjoy this Louisiana sauce. The pepper mash is aged for three years then process and bottled. From seed to sauce is five years. My favorite turned out to be the Scorpion Tabasco which is HOT, very hot. Back to the hotel for dinner and closing ceremonies.



Six \$500 checks were given away with many other prizes and a set of tires. People came from many other states and some from Canada.

Dee Dee and I were very happy to visit with friends from previous rallies and forged many new friendships. It was great to know many people at this rally will be at the Yellow Rose Rally where we look forward to more great riding and visiting with some of the best people in the country and from out of the country.

We have several rallies coming up, hope to see you at one soon.

## Upcoming Events Details:

[www.goldwingaustin.org](http://www.goldwingaustin.org)

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| 5/20     | April Gathering<br>@ Whizzerville Hall |
| 5/18-20  | Arkansas Rally<br>Harrison AR          |
| 6/1-3    | Missouri Rally<br>Branson MO           |
| 7/27-29  | Illinois Rally<br>Vandalia IL          |
| 8/31-9/2 | EWMA Rally<br>Knoxville TN             |
| 9/28-30  | Alabama Rally<br>Ufala AL              |
| 10/26-28 | Oklahoma Rally<br>Ponca City OK        |
| 10/26-28 | Mississippi Rally<br>Biloxi MS         |

## CAPITOL WINGS RIDE-IN

Stay tuned to this space because we are planning a fall Ride-In. Tentative (but probable) dates are October 11-15.

We are hoping folks will come in on Wednesday October 11 so we can have a full 3 days of riding—Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

We are in the process of researching the best location for a home base that will offer reasonably priced lodging, plenty of dining options and other things to see and do.

As soon as we have some things finalized, we will provide you all with more information.

## Capitol Wings Bluebonnet Rally

Tom Sprague, Chapter Ways & Means Coordinator  
Texas District Webmaster



If you missed it you missed one great time. Dawn and I arrived in at Lady Bird Park on Wednesday. We had the Mercury (4 wheeler) completely packed with silent auction items. Maybe not as many as last year but still some real treasures for someone to claim. Behind the Mercury was the little Quick Kamp and I was on the bike. I guess we are a bit of minimalist when it comes to camping, although Dawn has an aversion to sleeping on the ground now days. She told me a while back she has spent enough time sleeping on the ground back when the kids were young and in girl and boy scouts.

Anyway, on to the rally. As mentioned we arrived on Wednesday. I was targeted to lead a ride on Thursday AM. I had planned the ride via google maps but I needed to make a pre ride of the roads. This year the ride was out to the east and back to Fredericksburg for lunch. I started out on the ride and as I suspected not many bluebonnets. This past year Gillespie County and the surrounding area have experienced a tough drought. Not conducive to having flowers on the road side. The ride took me to Sandy in Blanco County. As I was getting close to Blanco County there were a few flowers. As soon as I passed into Blanco County there were bluebonnets on both sides of the road. Success, how can you have a bluebonnet rally and no bluebonnets? The ride was about 1 hour and 30 minutes and a real joy. Back in camp I got the Quick Kamp setup and we had our usual community dinner. Fresh chili made by our master chef, Jim McMillian, as well as a number of other tasty dishes made by a host of other amazing chefs. And, of course, after dinner we had our nightly discussions on how to resolve the world problems.

Well, next day we all got up and this year Jim Evans had the coffee pot plugged in and coffee already made. I told Jim I normally get up around 6:30 to 7 and would plug in the pot. Well as you may suspect I doze until almost 8:30. I



guess since it was a little cool that night I pulled the sleeping bag over my head and did not see the light in the morning. A big thank you to Jim for having coffee ready when I got up. Everyone was ready to take off on the ride at 10am. We had around 8 bikes making the ride. Everyone was pleasantly surprised when we got to the bluebonnets. The back roads around Fredericksburg are truly a delight to ride on.

We got to the Auslander Restaurant after the ride. As usual, the food and service was great. After lunch everyone collected back at Lady Bird Park and after we **found the key** for the pavilion Dawn and I started the process of setting up tables for the silent auction items. Oh yes, you notice I said we found the key, you can ask Sheri about why I used that term. A big thank you to Dawn and Kathy for helping put out the silent auction items on Thursday. Again back to the camp ground and by Thursday pm we had a complement of 10 or more campers setup (as well as some staying in local hotels). The community dinner was ready and again there was much more prepared than we could devour. The world issues we could not resolve on Wednesday were tackled on Thursday after dinner.

That brings us to Friday. The days ride was to the LBJ Historic Park. The idea was to visit the park and take in much of what it had to offer. Once we got checked in at the visitor center most of us went to the Sauer Beckmann living history farm on to the east of the visitor center. This was set up to show how many of the German immigrants lived in the early 1900's. The staff dressed in typical fare for the time and were able to discuss the living and working conditions on the farm. It was very informative and I highly recommend a visit to the farm. After the visit to the farm we got on the bikes and



went across the Pedernales River to the LBJ Ranch. By the time we all gathered at the ranch it was almost noon. As part of the ride you could order a box lunch from HEB and it would be delivered by Sheri. At the ranch we discovered there were not any picnic tables, so we headed to the Gillespie Rest Area on Hwy 290. Just as we arrived Sheri showed up with the lunches. After lunch some headed back to the LBJ ranch to take

in all that it offered, and some headed back to Lady Bird Park. Dawn and I went to the park to finish up the silent auction process. A number of the Capitol Wing folk also headed to the pavilion to set up the table and chairs for the gathering on Saturday.

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Rally day came and the Capitol Wing folks all got up and started the process of fixing the famous breakfast tacos and getting the registration table finalized. There were a number of games that folk could play and of course there was a ride that took off at 10:15. This year we did not have many folks attend the rally but everyone that attended had a great time. We, of course, had the catered lunch with fish and chicken as well as all the fixins. Little known to us there was a school tennis tournament taking place on Saturday also. We had a number of visitors from the tournament coming over to purchase sodas and when lunch was served there were a number of folks that came over to purchase a plate of our vittles. The silent auction was a great success, and as I previously mentioned everyone had a great time. This year no bad weather. The days were warm (not hot) and the nights were cool.



It is hard to believe after more than 25 years of holding this rally and all the fun everyone has had it is coming to a close. Sad to say with the dwindling attendance and all the work that goes into making this rally happen this may be the last Bluebonnet Rally. But it will not be the last time we get together and have fun. Our ride-in's are becoming more and more popular. Capitol Wings is in the process of planning our next outing for the fall. Stay tuned for where we will be showing up for our next big get together. Everyone that loves biking is invited.



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ALLURE <small>of the</small> SEAS		Royal Caribbean	
Date	Port	Arrival Time	Departure Time
Day 1	Galveston, TX		4:00 PM
Day 2	At Sea		
Day 3	At Sea		
Day 4	Roatan, Honduras	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
Day 5	Costa Maya, Mexico	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
Day 6	Cozumel, Mexico	7:00 AM	5:30 PM
Day 7	At Sea		
Day 8	Galveston, TX	7:00 AM	

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See hotels & other information on reverse side  
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PLEASE PRINT Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ } (for oldest / youngest awards)  
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**Registration Fees**  
Early Reg — Postmarked by 05/01/2023.... \$25 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Postmarked after 05/01/2023 ..... \$30 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\$15 fee on all refunds — No refunds after May 1, 2023

**Friday Night Dinner** ..... \$23 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Bacon wrapped Pork Loin w/Merlot sauce  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Sauteed Redfish w/Avocado Cream Sauce  
(Both include Vegetables, Roll, Iced Tea, & Dessert)

**Saturday Motorcycle Safety Breakfast** ..... \$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
— Meal reservations must be received by May 8, 2023 —

**Friday 50/50 (24 tickets)** ..... \$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(At the rally, \$10 will buy only 16 tickets -Must be present to win)

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(At Rally, \$10 will buy only 16 tickets -Must be present to win)

**Grand Prize Tickets (50 tickets)** ..... \$20 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(At Rally, \$20 will buy only 40 tickets - Drawing at Closing)  
— Must Be Present to Win —

**Total Training Fee** ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Total Enclosed or paid by Credit Card** ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check Deposit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**Available Training :**

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Registration confirmed on a first come basis.  
NOTE: Masks MAY be required during classroom time.

**Total Training Fee = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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Early registrations must be paid in full. Cash, Major Credit Cards, or Checks made payable to **Arkansas District** are accepted.  
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**Agreement:** The undersigned agrees to comply with the ideals and rules governing this event and to hold harmless the rally organizers, representatives, co-sponsoring organizations and property owners for any loss or injury to self or property, and agrees to assume responsibility for any property which I/we damage. (Please sign below in the appropriate space)

Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Rider: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Missouri Eagle Wings Rally**

June 1 - June 3

'The Ozarks on Wings'  
Ken Lueckenotte, District Director  
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**Missouri Eagle Wings Rally**  
at Angel Inn  
June 1 - June 3, 2023  
Branson, Missouri

'The Ozarks on Wings'  
Ken Lueckenotte, District Director  
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