

TEXAS CAPITOL WINGS



From the Director's Chair Jim & Dee Dee Evans, Chapter Directors



Hello all,

We had a great start to the new year 2023. Our Polar Bear ride began at Woody's in Round Rock and took us to the Dead Fish Grill in Belton with Ken leading and Steven on drag. It was not a cold ride; it was an awesome ride!! The temperature was a little under 60 when we started and almost 70 when we arrived at the restaurant. From Capitol Wings, we had 10 bikes and two trikes. We also met members from Killeen at the restaurant for a total of 44 for lunch. I heard many people remark how quickly the food was delivered to the table.

I would like to take a moment to Thank all of you who have entrusted us to be the Directors of this GREAT group, Texas Capitol Wings in the Eagle Wing Motorcycle Association. In the few years DeeDee and I have been a part of this Group, it's always been fun, getting out of the house to enjoy being with friends and riding the roads of Texas and other parts of the USA. As our group has changed names and will do a few things a little differently, we hope to contribute in making our rides and time together fun and enjoyable.

Please take a moment with me to thank Ken and Teri for the leadership they have provided us the last two years. Ken always has a smile to share and a relaxed composure which keeps the fun in our gatherings. He will not be missed, he will continue to sell tickets for the 50/50 drawings....Hmmm, Ticket Master?

Sheri Altes will be our Treasurer as Tricia Winfield passes the books to her. Thank you, Tricia, for a job more than well done. Lyle Altes will continue to be our District Connection & Webmaster, Tom & Dawn Sprague will continue to be our Ways and Means. Kathy Reese is Newsletter Editor and Stephen Thomas will be our Ride Coordinator. Thanks to all for your hard work and dedication. I know that being a part of this team of people will ensure that our mission of fun, riding and socializing will be successful.

We also wanted to let everyone know we will be continuing to have our monthly gatherings on the 3rd Saturday of each month. This month we will be January 21st at the Rio Grande Tex-Mex Restaurant in Hutto at 11:30am. If the weather cooperates, we will have a ride planned for those who would like to ride as a group to the restaurant. Be watching for more information as we get closer to event.

If you have any questions or any suggestions on gathering places or rides, please feel to call or text us. Thank you. Jim and Dee Dee Evans

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Upcoming Events Details:

www.goldwingaustin.org

- 1/21 Ride to Lunch /Mtg
(details below)
- 4/13-15 Capitol Wings
Bluebonnet Rally
Fredericksburg TX
- 4/27-29 TX "Yellow Rose" Rally
Kerrville TX

Capitol Wings Monthly Gatherings

Our gatherings are *typically* held on the 3rd Saturday and often include a ride-in to the meeting spot/restaurant.

Check out:

www.goldwingaustin.org
for details

January Lunch Ride & Get-Together

January 21st · 11:30 a.m.

Rio Grande · 551 Ed Schmidt Blvd. · Hutto, TX

To ride—Meet at Woody's Market,
1227 University Blvd., Round Rock TX

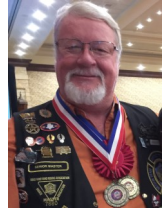
KSU: 9:45 am.

Check out www.goldwingaustin.org for ride details.

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RPM Training Academy Announcement



Randy Reese, Texas District Instructor

I know that many of you are wondering when On-Bike, Classroom, and MFA/CPR training will be offered again. Although GWRRA shut down all operations and programs, the training programs including all riding courses, most of the classroom modules, MFA/First Aid classes, and the return of the Levels program have been acquired by a new provider: RPM Training Academy.

I just received an announcement this week from Lorrie Thomas, former GW University Director and Susan Huttman, former GW Rider Education Director announcing that RPM is almost ready to open. They have their website being developed and the initial framework is online now. If you spent any time on the University website, you'll see many similarities and forms already posted. There are links to coming classes.

RPM is currently contacting former instructors to secure their commitment, but new instructors are welcome and the training will be similar to the ITCP training GW offered. We currently have 4 certified instructors in our Chapter including Lyle and Sheri Altes, Tom Sprague, and Randy Reese. There are also 10 other instructors spread over different chapters in Texas.

There are still many questions regarding protocols and structure of the training. I will update you as we find out more regarding this rollout, but I hope you will share my excitement that we are continuing our commitment of Safety and Knowledge for all riders in Texas.

Ride Safely, Ride Often!

Polar Bear Ride

