

# TEXAS CAPITOL WINGS



## From the Director's Chair

*Jim & Dee Dee Evans, Chapter Directors*

Hello All,

Our Chapter met at the Dahlia Cafe on September 16th for our monthly gathering. Five bikes with two of us with co-riders met at the HEB starting out a cool 74 degrees with Steven in the lead. Hugo Vasquez joined us again on the ride and for breakfast. Gene Harris and Todd Carr from former Chapter T - Central Texas Wings also joined us. Other members of our chapter also met us there. Our Ticket Master Ken conducted the 50/30/20 drawings. At the winning table, Lyle won the 30%, Sheri won the 20% and Jim won the door prize.



After a few items discussed, we all left in hopes to miss the brewing storm coming our way. I think all of us beat the storm but, Gene and Todd got drenched before getting back to Killeen.



### Texas District Ride In.

Steven, Randy and Kathy, Jim and Teresa, Dee Dee and I attended the Ride-In held in Glen Rose September 21 to 23. As promised, Dan and Donna Rymarz provided a brisket dinner Wednesday night and ice cream on Thursday night. Each of the three days, there were guided rides to breakfast and lunch. The weather was still pretty warm in the afternoon so, it was good we got our riding in early. We were able to visit many great restaurants and participate in some awesome rides. Thanks to Eddie Roberts and Vince Scott for planning and leading these rides. Members from Road Runners (G2), Central Texas Wings (T), Pleasure Riders (P), Rally Cats (R) and Capitol Wings (O) were representing the Texas District for a total of 33 people and 17 bikes. Each night we would come back to the Host Hotel to hang out, have dessert and draw for the 25/25/25/25. Great friends, awesome rides and delicious restaurants, what else can you ask for? We are ready for Lufkin.



Lunch at New York Hill Café in Gordon



Lunch at the Purple Goat in Stephenville

**ATGATT...**All the gear, all the time. This also includes protection from the Sun. Oh, the Sun, our Frenemy. We need the Sun to sustain our daily lives but, too much and you may end up with Melanoma. Two of our members have recently been treated for sun overexposure. Melanoma is a very bad cancer that can take a toll on our life or take lives in the worst of ways. Remember to cover up or use sun block; the damages down the road can be terrible or fatal. We are near the end of summer but, our need for sun protection is year-round.



## FIRST AID/CPR CLASS

We have an opportunity to offer a First Aid/CPR Class in the near future. If you are interested in refreshing your skills in this critical area, please contact Randy Reese (512-744-3635) and he will put you on the list.



## October Gathering will be in Lufkin

October's gathering will be held in Lufkin this month as it falls during our Ride-In. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the event. If you haven't completed the registration form to let us know you are coming, please do so we will make sure to have enough hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone on Wednesday night for dinner. If you have issues with completing the form, please reach out to Jim at 512/576-8890 and he'll walk you through the process. We are really excited about this event and are really looking forward to some cooler weather and nice rides.

With the weather beginning to cool down, it's time we start getting out there and getting in more riding during the month. If you have a ride in mind that you'd like to lead or would like someone else to lead, please get in touch with Jim and Steven who will get it scheduled and announced. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon! Steven said that he will schedule a ride October 21<sup>st</sup> probably going to Whizzerville. Please respond to the invite if you plan to go.

## WANT TO FOLLOW A LED RIDE TO LUFKIN?

**When: Wednesday, October 11 at 10:45 a.m.**

**Meet Spot: Valero, 2802 TX-21 E, Paige, TX 78659**

If anyone wants to ride together to Lufkin, Steven will lead a ride and will be leaving The Valero on TX-21 in Paige, TX at 11:00 AM. Arriving in Lufkin between 3:30 to 4:30 PM. The Valero is on TX-21 on the west side of TX-21 about 1.5 miles north of US 290. We will make a rest stop and lunch break in Madisonville on the ride to Lufkin.



### Upcoming Events

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

- 10/11-15 Capitol Wings Ride-In Lufkin TX
- 10/21 Capitol Wings Ride Whizzerville ???
- 10/26-28 Oklahoma Rally Ponca City OK
- 10/26-28 Mississippi Rally Biloxi MS
- 11/2-5 Region B Ride-In Clarksville, Arkansas *(flyer in this newsletter)*



### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- Linda Poullard 10/3
- Judy Finnell 10/4
- Dexter Poullard 10/5
- Al Hancock 10/13
- Gayle Thomas 10/18
- Linda Jackson 10/31

### ANNIVERSARIES

- Scott & Judy 10/12
- Al & Claire 10/20
- John & Wanda 10/23
- Lyle & Sheri 10/25

### SPECIAL CELEBRATION

Please help us celebrate Russ & Joan. Not only are they both celebrating their 85th Birthdays but also **60** years of marriage. Congratulations to you both!

**Happy Birthday/Anniversary**



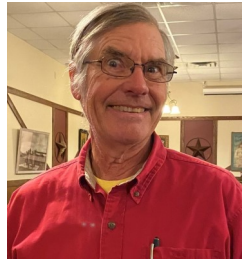
### Fellow Chapters

We would like to start highlighting some of our fellow chapters so you can see what they're up to and consider joining them in some rides and activities. Below is a link to the newsletter for Cen-Tex Wings out of Killeen. They are truly our neighbors and they support many of our events—for which we are grateful.

[Newsletter-Sep-2023.pdf](http://Newsletter-Sep-2023.pdf) ([centexwings.org](http://centexwings.org))

## FALL / AUTUMN RIDING

*submitted by Tom Sprague*



Fall is one of the best times to get out on your bike and experience the beauty of nature. There is no better way to see the fall foliage than a ride. For many riders, there is nothing quite like a long, relaxing ride in the brisk air. Although the conditions appear to be ideal, fall poses risks for motorcyclists. These nine safety recommendations provided are a reminder for motorcyclists to help preserve them and to keep other motorists safe.

- 1. Leaves on roads.** Dry leaves, although very beautiful, can camouflage potholes and other road defects. Wet leaves act more like banana peels and when you ride over a pile of leaves, especially when taking a corner, your bike can certainly slide out from under you. Keep an eye out for leaves when you ride, even the smashed, rotting ones that have melted into the asphalt pose slippery issues, and avoid them whenever possible. If you need to roll over some, slow it down and don't use the brakes.
- 2. Branches.** You probably didn't expect your street ride to turn into an off-road session but along with leaves sometimes come branches. And in Texas many branches have acorns on them. Clearly, you can't swerve around every branch and the smaller ones put up little fight against your motorcycle but always take caution. Broken branches can also rupture tires and like wet leaves, leave you with minimal traction also be on the lookout for those round acorns. Falling branches hurt, too so don't forget your helmet. If the season's first storm blows through you can expect small, medium and large branches and acorns to pave whatever route you take. So, it might be worth your while to take a day off the bike and let road crews finish any necessary clean-up before heading out on two-wheels if your neighborhood looks like a forest floor
- 3. Pot holes.** We have no evidence or proof of this but it seems like pot holes rear their ugly heads more so in the fall and winter months than any other time. Blame it on the rain, the mass arrival of heavier school buses on the road, inattentive government or all of the above but pot holes not only wreak havoc on your tires and suspension, the big ones can send you over the bars.
- 4. Children.** To the chagrin of children everywhere, fall starts the new school year which means school buses, busy crosswalks and slower speeds in school zones (expect your local PD out in force). If adults already have a hard time seeing you in their cars then expect the same from children walking home from school with their friends. Distractions vary from cell phones to music so when riding near children take the initiative and keep an eye on them because they certainly don't have their eye on you.
- 5. Shorter days.** As fall arrives, the days start to get shorter. The glare can be distracting, even with quality sunglasses. Be certain that the bulbs in your headlights, brake lights and turn signals are all working. Reduce your speed and take the time for extra breaks to give your eyes a chance to rest.
- 6. Deer migration and mating season.** Autumn is mating and migration season for deer. For that reason, the roads are likely to be filled with more deer, making riders more likely to collide with them. Use extra caution to watch for deer, especially at dusk and nighttime. Remember if you see one deer there is at least another one close by.
- 7. Rain.** The rain usually returns for most areas of the country which sends some motorcyclists to the confines of a car but others remain steadfast. If you are riding gear up for the occasion and brave the weather. Rain need not keep you from riding but you need to wear the proper gear to remain dry. Meet any threat of rain in the forecast with the appropriate riding gear even if your day starts with sunshine. Also, keep in mind the first rain usually leaves roads slick with a layer of oil from the months of dry weather and, of course, rain helps to get leaves and branches loose which means an extra set of hazards coming your way.
- 8. Cold tires.** For riders with sporty tires, fall is a dangerous season to be riding. Sportier tires have much softer rubber than touring tires. In the cold weather we see in fall, these tires become hard and lose traction. Be sure to reduce your speed and ride with extra caution.
- 9. Fewer riders out.** It is a common concern for all riders that car drivers do not see them. After all the folks in cars may be looking at the foliage also. With the seasons changing, many car drivers expect to see even less bikes on the road. Be more cautious and alert. Make yourself as conspicuous as possible and do not assume that they see you.

Following these guidelines can help you make the most of your fall riding season and enjoy the weather before some cold weather get to Texas. Fall offers a great time to ride especially in areas where the leaves turn bright colors so don't shy away from the roads. Remain vigilant, make good decisions and wear the appropriate riding gear whether commuting, taking a short ride to the store or enjoying an extended trip through the countryside.

## NEWS FROM CLAIRE

I took my sister for a ride on my trike in Michigan! And we went kayaking down the Big Manistee River!



**TX-Capitol Wings  
Invites you to our FALL RIDE-IN**

**October 11 – 15, 2023**

Get your motor running...Head out on the Highway...  
We're gonna ride the back roads, and have some FUN

**Located in Lufkin Texas**, arrive Wednesday afternoon, rest up and then ride **THREE (3) all day** guided rides through the Davy Crockett National Forest, Sam Houston National Forest and Sabine National Forest.

**NO Registration Fees.** Come to RIDE and have FUN!!!  
Welcome dinner Wednesday night - hamburgers & hot dogs  
Daily 25/25/25/25 Three winners each day of riding.  
Participation Tickets given out for daily Ride Gear Raffle

**Sleep Inn** - Host Hotel. \$119/night; 2409 N. Timberland Dr., Lufkin TX 75904  
For Reservations: use link below or call 936-630-4600 and request the 'Capitol Wings Ride-In' special rate

<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/G213R3>

**Comfort Inn** - \$109/king, \$119/double queen; 4402 S. First St., Lufkin TX 75901  
For Reservations: call 936-632-4949 and request the "Capitol Wings Ride-In" special rate

Redland RV Park, KOA and Shady Grove RV parks and many more nearby.

*Registration form is on next page*

**TX-Capitol Wings  
Fall Ride-In Registration  
October 11 – 15, 2023**

Rider Name \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Rider \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
District \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed forms to:  
Jim Evans, 15810 FM 2843, Salado, Tx 76571

Questions Contact: Jim Evans  
Phone: 512-576-8890  
Email: [director@capitolwings.org](mailto:director@capitolwings.org)

I/we agree to conform and comply with the rules governing this event and further agree to hold harmless EWMA, co-sponsoring organizations, or any property owners from any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved by reason of participation in this event. I/we agree to assume all responsibilities for any property I/we damage. I/we have read and agree with all stipulations on this registration form.

Rider Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Rider Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Electronic Registration link.**

<https://form.jotform.com/231274178462054>

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**REGION B ~ EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION**

**Fall Foliage Ride November 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ 5<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Clarksville Arkansas**



**Host Hotel**

**Quality Inn Clarksville, Arkansas  
479.754.3000**

**Ask for the Region B EWMA Rate of \$68.00**

**Quality Inn Rooms are Limited**

**The Hotels below are available, However Prices may vary.**

**Super 8 ~ Holiday Inn Express ~ Hampton Inn**

**Preplanned Arrival, Departure And Self Guided Rides Coming Soon.**

**Door Prizes Nightly, 50/50 Winners, Great Ozark Cooking,  
Crooked and Steep Mountain Rides, Museums, State Parks,**

**Shopping, Venders Stops and Beautiful Fall Colors**

**From the heart of the Ozarks.**

**Come Ride with Us. Register Now. But Pay on Arrival**

**\$15.00 per Riders/\$10.00 per Co-Riders.**

**Plus \$5.00 for Non EWMA Members.**

**Please Respond Your Information Below To This Email: [jmb52073@gmail.com](mailto:jmb52073@gmail.com)**

**Rider's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ EWMA Number: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Co-Rider's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ EWMA Number: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Emergency Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_**

**EWMA Chapter Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_**