

February 2023

# TEXAS CAPITOL WINGS



## From the Director's Chair

*Jim & Dee Dee Evans, Chapter Directors*

Hello all,

Another great ride Jan 21st to Rio Grande in Hutto was led by Steven, damp and about 10 degrees cooler than our Polar Bear ride. 10 riders on six bikes and two trikes met 16 others at the restaurant for a total of 26. One new rider joined the group ride and hopefully he will return. Great food and very fast service was appreciated by all. Claire was our door prize winner; Patty won the 30% prize and Teri the 20% prize. We discussed many items but, it was a little noisy so below is some info of current events and future events. Again, I want to express how much Dee Dee and I enjoy being a part of this Chapter and riding with the group. It is because of all of our members creating this family environment and having fun. Please always try to join us whenever possible on two, three or four wheels, show up & participate. (SUP). If you cannot be with us, please call and let us know how you are doing.



February will be our Annual Gene Thomas Memorial Ride to the Catfish Parlour in Georgetown on the 11<sup>th</sup>. This is a chapter tradition we have to honor Gene after his passing and his wife Gayle will be in attendance. Weather permitting, we will have a ride to the restaurant, may be a chilly one. Our monthly gathering pledge and announcements will be done as soon as everyone is seated.

**Bluebonnet Rally** is around corner. On-line reservations are now active, Thank you Lyle. The park will be taking reservations in our area until March 15<sup>th</sup>. After that date, they may not be able to reserve a spot in or near our camping area. Anyone who would like to be a part of this year's planning is invited to attend with the staff on **February 25th** (see *blue box on next page for details*)

Chapter member link is <https://form.jotform.com/230245786451155>

Non-Chapter member link is <https://form.jotform.com/230245312512138>.

The "Ride In" last year at Black Rock State Park was a huge success and we want to plan another one or two this year. I will be looking at other parks around Texas that also have cabins for rent as well as the RV sites. Several of us looked at the Vineyard in Kerrville but, the covered wagons were very expensive. Please let me know if you have a good location the group could go to.

Our chapter has several forms of communication so you can know about all of the future events and rides. GroupWorks, emails from "webman" and the Google Calendar. If you need help with any of these, please contact me, Lyle or Tom for assistance.

John and Wanda Osborn will continue to make our chapter shirts having the new EWMA logo and our chapter logo. They are made of the "wicking" synthetic material and especially great for the summer. Shirts are \$35 each for men's or women's style and are available in red, teal, black, blue and gray. (Note that the women's style runs small.) Please email your request to [josborn@aol.com](mailto:josborn@aol.com).

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon. Thank you all for your support.

Jim Cell 512-576-8890

Dee Dee Cell 512-415-9407

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## February Gathering & Gene Thomas Memorial Ride

February 11th · 11:00 a.m.

Catfish Parlour · 4159 Williams Drive · Georgetown, TX

To ride — Meet at HEB Cedar Park

170 E Whitestone Blvd., Cedar Park TX

**KSU:** 9:45 am.

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

## Bluebonnet Rally

Lyle & Sheri Altes

Chapter Webmaster & TX Asst. Director



All

Well it is that time of the year and the Bluebonnet Rally is almost upon us. Everything is set up to go but there is still a lot of work to do. The online registration link is at the bottom of this article. Capitol Wings members should be sure to use the link for Chapter Members to receive the proper discount. We are in need of Silent Auction Items as we have very few at this time, If you have anything to donate or can get anything of good quality or know of a vendor we can get a donation from, please contact Tom Sprague and he will coordinate with you.

We still have a lot to plan and a **planning session is scheduled for February 25th** (see *blue box below for details*). We are looking for any thoughts and ideas that will help make this year's Rally a great success. We are still planning to have our Thursday and Friday rides. We have not finished planning Thursday's ride yet but the plan for Friday's ride is to go to LBJ Ranch and do the tour. So we are not rushed, there will be a boxed lunch option so we can take our time and fully enjoy the experience. You may select your choice of boxed lunch on the registration form.

Please join us in planning and having fun during this annual event. There are still some campsites available. If interested, call the park directly - not the reservation line - and tell them you are with the Goldwing Motorcycle group.

Chapter member Registration for Bluebonnet  
<https://form.jotform.com/230245786451155>

### Upcoming Events Details:

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

- 2/11 Gathering and Gene Thomas Memorial Ride (details on page 1)
- 4/13-15 Capitol Wings Bluebonnet Rally Fredericksburg TX
- 4/20-22 LA District Rally Morgan City, LA
- 4/27-29 TX "Yellow Rose" Rally Kerrville TX
- 5/18-20 Arkansas Rally Harrison AR

### Bluebonnet Rally Planning

Saturday, February 25 @ 10 a.m.  
Reese's House  
1007 Parkcrest Ct., Pflugerville

All are welcome and encouraged to attend. We need your help!

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

### JAN. BIRTHDAYS

Jan Vargas 1/1  
Mark Heene 1/3  
Tim Laue 1/9  
Patty Bowder 1/23  
John Osborn 1/25  
Charlie Diggs 1/26

### FEB. BIRTHDAYS

Jim Evans 2/1  
Harry Bower 2/4  
Rosie Guerra 2/21

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### January

Jim & Johnnie Faye  
Tidwell 1/13

Harry & Polly Bowers  
1/27

#### February

Mike & Robin Dixon 2/14



## THANK YOU KEN & TERI

On behalf of Capitol Wings (formerly known as Chapter 'O'), we thank you for your years of dedication and service to our chapter. You have been with us through the pandemic, you've helped us with our transition to EWMA, and so much more. We offer our thanks and gratitude to you both.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER STUFF

### Silent Auction Items Needed

submitted by Dawn Sprague

Capitol Wings Group

Our Bluebonnet Rally is around the Corner -- April 15th. We really need items for the Silent Auction.

If "Pick Up" is required. Please call Tom Sprague at: (512) 363 0904 - or -

Email Tom at: tmsprague48@gmail.com

Thank You For Your Support

### Motorcycle Mechanic

submitted by Juan Vargas

Jim Stommel / aka - JIM'z  
806-290-8400  
jimzathome@yahoo.com

He's been working on Goldwings (and non-GWs) for 20+ years.

He's currently a motorcycle mechanic at what used to be Georgetown Powersports. He was with The Flying Piston before that.

Excellent work from the small stuff to big jobs.



## Allure of the Seas

### September 3-10, 2023

**WINGERS-N-WAVES**  
The Ultimate Travel Club

You are invited to join us on an amazing group cruise departing from Galveston, TX!  
The Allure of the Seas has won more awards than any other ship in the world.  
It's the biggest, boldest ship to ever sail from the Lone Star State!



**We have an extraordinary group rate!**  
**Balcony from \$720.52pp !!**

**GREAT GROUP RATES:**  
**LIMITED SPACE** The following group rate includes port tax and is based on double occupancy.

This cruise is open to all friends and family!

Becky and Gary Wheatley will host this group cruise. Please reserve with us to ensure you are invited to our private parties, special events, group dinners and more!

Deposit - \$250pp refundable deposit.  
Final payment - due by week of May 10, 2023  
\*the rates are subject to change until booked or sold out

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	

\*itinerary subject to change

**LIMITED SPACE - For questions and reservations, please contact Deanna Cisson • deanna@wingersnwaves.com • (386) 299-7535**

## LOUISIANA DISTRICT RALLY

<https://larevelers.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/2023-Rally-Flyer-Reg.pdf>



**Grand Prize 2-\$500 Daily 50/25/25**

# MARDI GRAS

**“Come One, Come Y’all”**  
April 20-21-22, 2023  
April 19th - Come Early For Our SPECIAL Guided Tour To The Gulf of Mexico  
Clarion Inn / Quality Inn  
520 Roderick St  
Morgan City, Louisiana 70380  
985-385-2200 ask for Louisiana Rally Rate  
Special Rate \$97 per Night  
\$115/W Breakfast  
Book Through The Host Hotel Only

**RIDES Visit A Gator Farm**      **RIDES Tour A Plantation Home**

# MADNESS

# RALLY

Escorted Lighted Bike Ride      Cookie Bar Contest Open to ALL  
After Rally Dinner      Cornhole Contest  
Bingo

**Mardi Gras Costume Ball with Costume Contest**

Laissez les Bon Temps Rouler!

For more Info:  
Website [larevelers.org](http://larevelers.org) - Email [dd@larevelers.org](mailto:dd@larevelers.org) - Facebook: Louisiana Revelers - Groupworks: LA District

## ARKANSAS DISTRICT RALLY

[https://www.diamondstateriders.org/2023\\_District\\_Rally.shtml](https://www.diamondstateriders.org/2023_District_Rally.shtml)



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**ARKANSAS DISTRICT RIDE WITH PRIDE**

**And CONTINUES AT THE ARKANSAS DISTRICT RALLY**

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