

From the Directors

Hello All,

Our gathering this month was on Saturday November 16th. It was an absolutely beautiful, sunny and warm day. Steven led a ride from the HEB in Cedar Park to the restaurant Simmer Down in Georgetown Texas. We had four bikes and two trikes meet up for the ride. We were able to sit outside and eat really good food. Sitting with great friends was the best part of all! Sheri and Richard won door prizes and Ken as always gave out the money from the 50/50.



Our annual Christmas Party is this weekend December 7th at Richard's Man Cave. This year we will add some fun to the lunch and gift exchange. Wear your most fun sweater for the ugliest or prettiest sweater contest. Everyone will be invited to join the contest for best and runner-up prizes.

Our annual Polar Bear ride on January 1st will start with a ride starting in Florence to lunch at the Dead Fish Grill at Lake Belton. We will have a combined New Years Day ride and lunch with our Chapter to the North, Central Texas Wings. Thanks to Gene Harris for taking the lead on planning the ride and making the restaurant plans. It is truly appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Jim and Dee Dee Evans
Directors, EWMA Capitol Wings

Cross-Town Ride

On Saturday November 9th I rode out of Round Rock to meet Central Texas Riders in Killeen. It was good to see some familiar faces. Gene led a nice ride out to Belton. And Claire from Capitol Wings ran tail gunner. In total there were 4 riders plus one following in a car.

Once we arrived in Belton, we found the wait at Water St. Waffle Co. was a bit long but not a problem. It allowed for a walk down the street to Cochran Blair & Potts, the oldest department store in Texas. It has been at this location since 1869! We all had a chance to do some browsing and shopping. Lots of nice clothes, and a good selection of boots. I am glad we had a chance to stop in.

After making our way back to the restaurant we were seated and enjoyed a great breakfast. If you come out here and the wait is long you can head over to their second larger location 10 min away. Or take a step back in time and head over to the oldest department store in Texas. Did you know that in 1869 it was the first time the portrait of George Washington was used on the dollar bill?

Looking forward to more riding with Central Texas Riders.

Hugo

BIG Announcement

We are super excited to announce that Hugo and Yessenia Vasquez have accepted the role of Assistant Chapter Directors for Capital Wings this new year.

Please take a moment to welcome them into this new position the next chance you have. Thanks so much!

Jim and DeeDee



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 7: Capitol Wings Christmas Party – 11:00 a.m.

Richard Seay's Garage

Wear your most fun sweater for the ugliest or prettiest sweater contest. Everyone will be invited to join the contest for best and runner-up prizes.

January 1: Capitol Wings Annual Polar Bear Ride.

Stay tuned to GroupSpot for details

January 19-26, 2025: Wingers and Waves Cruise. Reservation form can be found at www.capitolwings.org ([Capitol Wings Austin TX](http://www.capitolwings.org))

March 13-15, 2025 – Florida District Rally – “Roaring 20's Ride” – Gainesville FL

<https://www.ewma-florida.org/rally.html>

April 10-13, 2025 – EWMA TEXAS DISTRICT – Yellow Rose Ride-In – Kerrville TX

flyer included below or get more info at www.ewma-tx.org

April 24-26, 2025 – Tennessee District Rally – “America the Beautiful” – Johnson City TN

<https://www.ewma->

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May 15-17, 2025 – Arkansas District Rally – “Remembering M*A*S*H 4077” - Harrison AR

[2025 Arkansas District Rally - Events - Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association](https://www.ewma-world.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=719997&item_id=2395118)

May 29-31, 2025 – Missouri District Rally – “Eagle Wings in the Ozarks” – Branson, MO

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12/7 – Polly B

12/11 – Lynn H

12/14 – Jax S

12/16 – Hugo V

General Guidelines for Riding a Motorcycle Safely

Taken from MSF website

Be visible:

- Remember that motorists often have trouble seeing motorcycles.
- Make sure your headlight works and is on day and night.
- Use reflective strips or decals on your clothing and on your motorcycle.
- Avoid riding in the blind spots of cars and trucks.
- If possible, flash your brake light when you are slowing down and before stopping.
When possible I always tap my break 3 times before stopping
- Have an escape route in case a motorist doesn't see you and violates your right-of-way.

Dress for safety (ATGATT):

- Wear a quality helmet and eye protection. A full-face helmet provides the best protection.
- Wear leather or other sturdy, protective clothing (jacket and pants); over-the-ankle boots; and gloves.
- Bright clothing and a light-colored helmet increase the chances of being seen.
- Dress for a crash as well as for the ride.

Apply effective mental strategies:

- Constantly search the road for changing conditions. Use the Search-Evaluate-Execute strategy (**SEE**) to assess and respond to hazards before you have to react to an emergency.
- Give yourself space and time as you search for traps and escape paths.
- Give other motorists time and space to respond to you.
- Use lane positioning to see and be seen.
- Search for vehicles that may turn across your path, especially at intersections.
- Use your turn signals for all turns and lane changes.
- Ride as if you're invisible.
- Don't ride when you are tired or under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
- Know and follow the rules of the road.

Know your bike and how to use it:

- Study your motorcycle's owner's manual and make a habit of doing a pre-ride check.
- Take online courses to improve your awareness while riding.
- Get formal hands-on training and take refresher courses. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation usually offers courses in most areas.
- Develop your riding techniques before venturing into traffic, especially emergency braking and swerving maneuvers. Practice often to keep your skills sharp.
- Corner within your skill limits. Aggressive cornering is a major cause of crashes.
- Know how to handle your bike in adverse conditions such as wet or sandy roads, high winds, and uneven surfaces.

Remember: Be mindful of collision traps and escape paths. People driving cars often don't notice motorcycles. Ride within your skill level and situational limits.

My Christmas Wish For You

submitted by Tom Sprague

My Christmas wish for you, my friend
Is not a simple one
For I wish you hope and joy and peace
Days filled with warmth and sun

I wish you love and friendship too
Throughout the coming year
Lots of laughter and happiness
To fill your world with cheer

May you count your blessings, one by one
And when totaled by the lot
May you find all you've been given
To be more than what you sought

May your journeys be short, your burdens light
May your spirit never grow old
May all your clouds have silver linings
And your rainbows pots of gold

I wish this all and so much more
May all your dreams come true
May you have a Merry Christmas friend
And a happy New Year, too.

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Yellow Rose Ride-In

April 10th – 13th, 2025

Y.O. Ranch Hotel, Kerrville, Texas

Special Rate \$129 a night (EWMA 2025)

Reservations: (830) 257-4440

Early Registration:

\$ 15 per Person/\$25 per Couple

3 Days of Scenic Led and Self Guided Rides

25-25-25-25, Ice Cream Social,

Drawings & prizes!

[Click to Register](https://form.jotform.com/242893550798170)

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

We are asking all members to add CWAMEMBERS@CAPITOLWINGS.ORG to their address book so that emails from us won't go to the Junk Folder. You should have already received an email from this address. If you haven't, check your Junk Mail.

Website Links:

Capitol Wings: [Capitol Wings Austin TX](#)

Texas District: [EWMA-TX](#)

EWMA National: [Home - Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association \(ewma-world.org\)](#)