From the Directors

Jim & Dee Dee Evans

Hello All,

February's temperatures were another Texas Rollercoaster. Thankfully the weather was good for our annual Gene Thomas ride on February 15th. We started out just a little chilly but it was a good ride. Steven led one bike and one trike from the HEB in Cedar Park to the Catfish Parlor in Georgetown. We were so fortunate this year to have not only Gayle join us, but her daughter from the Baytown area as well. Gayle has recently sold her house and transitioned to an assisted living facility in Austin and absolutely loves it. We are so happy for her. Her phone number is the same, so feel free to reach out to her for a little chit-chat in the future.

It was great to see and visit with Gayle and Julia again. Several others joined us at the restaurant for a total of about 20 people.



Don't forget to register and come out for our Texas District Yellow Rose Ride In held in Kerrville, April 9th, 10th and 11th. Our first ride leaves out Thursday morning. Folks who are registered, be watching for more information via email as we get closer to the Ride In. We have a nice big room at the Y.O. Ranch Hotel for our nightly meetings, mini-meal dinners, and hanging out with friends this year so it should be a fun time!

The next gathering will be at the Southside Market and BBQ at 1212 Hwy 290, Elgin, Tx. 78621 on March 15th at 11:00 am. Looking forward to seeing everyone there. We are in the process of putting together a ride to the restaurant and will get that information out to everyone via Group Spot. If you don't have Group Spot, contact Jim or Steven Thomas and they will get you fixed up.

Thanks All.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 15, 2025: Capitol Wings Gathering

Southside BBQ, Elgin TX Go to GroupSpot for details

<u>March 13-15, 2025</u> – Florida District Rally – "Roaring 20's Ride" – Gainesville FL https://www.ewma-florida.org/rally.html

<u>April 10-13, 2025</u> – EWMA TEXAS DISTRICT – Yellow Rose Ride-In – Kerrville TX flyer included below or get more info at <u>www.ewma-tx.org</u>

<u>April 24-26, 2025</u> – Louisiana District Rally – Ruston, LA flyer included below or get more info on Group Spot

<u>May 15-17, 2025</u> – Arkansas District Rally – "Remembering M*A*S*H 4077" - Harrison AR flyer included below or get more info at this link:

<u>2025 Arkansas District Rally - Events - Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association</u>

<u>May 29-31, 2025</u> – Missouri District Rally – "Eagle Wings in the Ozarks" – Branson, MO https://www.ewma-

world.org/content.aspx?page id=4002&club id=719997&item id=2395118

<u>June 20-21, 2025</u> – International Ride-In – Sault Ste Marie, Ontario Canada Partial flyer included below or get more info on Group Spot



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No anniversaries this month.

From your Texas District Directors

Well, here we are at the end of February and heading into March - the year is starting off fast. We are just weeks away from our 2025 Spring Ride-In at the Y.O. Ranch in Kerrville TX. Our plans are coming together to make this a fun event. We are looking forward to having as many of you join us as possible for either, one or all three days of riding and evenings of fun. We already have friends registered and joining us from New Mexico, lowa, Maryland, Louisiana, and Arkansas. We are still in need of some ride leaders and tail gunners so if you are able to help us out with this please contact Jim Evans, txadd@ewma-tx.org.

Starting in March and thru late fall there are a lot of opportunities to attend EWMA Rallies, Ride-Ins, and other events both Nationally and Internationally. We encourage you to attend as many as you can, it is always fun to ride and experience different areas of our country. For a full list of these events and dates please log into https://ewma-world.org and go to all events or for information on local and regional events go to the Texas District GroupSpot of the Texas District Web page https://ewma-tx.org

We want to encourage those of you that have not yet joined us on the Texas District GroupSpot group, to do so. This will give you access to everything we know of that is happening around Texas and the Region. Events, Rides, Notifications, Newsletters, and Chats are all on this one app. So please join us and we will do our best to keep you informed of what is happening in Texas and beyond. EWMA Texas District Invite code: U81j, https://go.groupspot.app/U81j.

An important item for all of us both at the District and at the Chapter level, is retention and new members. It is important that we keep our Chapters strong and thriving. Believe me, we know that it isn't always easy, but try to keep your Chapter active with rides, meeting and other social events. It will help you recruit potential new members; remember to be open, welcoming, and include them in what you are doing. Try and get someone to sit with them to explain what we do and what's happening. There is no worse feeling than being someone new and feeling ignored and like you do not belong. Keeping your members happy and allowing them to do what they like to do, which in our cases is riding, will help with retention.

We are going to be working on some tools to help with recruiting and are interested in any ideas and suggestions you might have. We are also going to create a list of members whose dues are expiring and will be sending that information out to the Chapter Directors so they can remind their members. One of the questions that comes up with both new members and renewing members is, "What do I get for my membership." That is a natural question, beyond the normal response of friendship, rides and chapter life, the Home Office has been working hard on getting its members additional discounts and other benefits. A lot of our members don't even know these things are available to them. We are attaching a page from the December 2024 edition of the **EWMA On The Fly** newsletter at the end of this article, which highlights what is available to our members. In the following months we will dive into some of these benefits and explain what they are and what they do for our members.

In a few weeks the weather should be clearing up for most of us so try and get out there and do some riding and enjoy all that Texas has to offer. *Ride Safe*

Lyle & Sheri Altes EWMA Texas District Directors



Membership Benefits

















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Chapter Life (Socials and Rides)

District & Region Events & Rallies

International Rendezvous & Ride-in

Check out all the membership benefits at www.ewma-world.org member resources tab



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

Drawings & prizes!

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Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association



Louisiana District Rally Apr 24th - Apr 26th 2025



WE'RE GOING TO Ruston, LA!

2 Nights of FUN, FUN, FUN!!!!! 2 Days of Rides, and FUN!

Thursday GRAND OPENING Saturday Evening is Closing Friday Night, Dinner and a DJ @ Argent Pavilion on the Campus of Louisiana Tech University

> Thursday Night Bike Light Show and enjoy Ice Cream We can't wait to see you there!

Event Schedule will be available soon

Registration Fees (onsite \$10 more)	Cost	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Total</u>
EWMA Members	\$25		\$
Non Members Day Passes-available for purchase on site	\$30	-	\$
Dinner Friday Night Per Person	\$22		\$
Rides Leave from the Host Hotel			
Grand Prize tickets sold during Rally 50/25/25 tickets sold during Rally			
Host Hotel is The Hampton Inn 1315 North Trenton St. (ask for Eagle Wings Motorcycle rate of \$119.00 per night)	h		
GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$			

All pre-registrations must be received BY 4/11/2025

Make Checks payable to Louisiana

District

Mail completed forms to:

Mickey Searles 1601 Rose St Deridder LA. 70634 Phone 337-370-8956

No refunds after Apr 11th 2025

For more information Call Mickey @337-370-8956

Name:	EWMA #:
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Address:	Reg/District/Chapter:
City:	State:Zip:
Phone: E-mail The undersigned, agree to comply with the ideals governing this event and to hold hamless the EWMA, co-sponsoring organizations and property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved, and I/we agree to assume responsibility for any property which I/we knowingly damage. Rider Signature: Co-Rider Signature:	

ARK-LA-TX ICONIC RIDES

All guided rides will have a rider meeting at 8:45 with KSU at 9:00.

Day 1 – Thursday, April 24 – This will be a bonus ride for you early birds, the guys who come in on Wednesday night. First stop will be 30 minutes at the Mitcham Farms where all things peach and chocolate are sold. Next stop, via Mitcham Orchard and White Lightin' Roads, will be Claiborne State Park for an introduction to this wonderful LA State Park on Lake Claiborne. The park is home to a championship Frisbee golf course, a marina, 10 cabins and 87 campsites. 2 miles away is the iconic Port-Au-Prince, famous for its all you can eat fish or steak. Next is the South Arkansas Arboretum where we will sample some iconic Spud-Nuts. Then on to the Arkansas Museum of Natural History. This is a great little museum featuring the origins of oil and how to drill for it. There is working oil field equipment and a replica of a 112-foot derrick on the grounds. Inside is a reproduction of the boomtown of Smackover. This town grew from a population of 73 to 25,000 almost overnight. Featured is an old jail, café, vintage trucks and gas pumps. There is a short, but very entertaining film about when oil was first discovered in the area. We will proceed to T Rick's south of El Dorado for fuel and visit the Arkansas Welcome Center. Last stop, Hollis' Seafood in Spearsville, LA. This place has been around for years and is open only 3 nights per week. And today is one of them! On Friday, they have a limited menu for about \$20 per person. Here is the limited menu: Whole Catfish, Catfish Fillets, Fried Shrimp, Chicken Tenders, Pork Loin Chops, BBQ Chicken Quarters, Shrimp Etouffee, Baked Potato Bar, Turnip Greens, Black Eye Peas, Fried Okra, Corn on the Cob, Baked Beans, Cajun Rice, French Fries, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Coleslaw, Hot Water Cornbread, Hush Puppies, Homemade Rolls, Banana Pudding, Coconut Pie, Cherry Cheese Cake, Cinnamon Rolls and Soft Serve Ice Cream. All desserts are homemade. After eating, if time allows, we will roll ourselves out to the bikes and take a scenic ride across Lake D'Arbonne and maybe visit the State Park there as well.

This ride covers about 190 miles, and you will spend about 4 hours in the saddle.

Day 2 – Friday, April 25 – This route will allow us to show off on some interstate riding. We will also ride U. S. Route 80. 80 is a major east-west U. S. Highway that was once part of the early auto trail known as the Dixie Overland Highway. It ran from the Pacific to the Atlantic, San Diego to Tybee Island, GA. We will pass through Grambling State University, the site of the Bonnie and Clyde Ambush, the Ed Lester Farm in Red River Parish, hop on I-49 and stop at Highway 6 on the outskirts of Natchitoches. Highway 6, along with TX Highway 21, comprise the El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail. The little settlement Los Adias, just 8 miles east of this intersection, was once the capital of Texas from 1719 to 1763. This intersection is the spot in Natchitoches for fast food. Since we will be having the big Fish Fry this evening, maybe we should take it easy for lunch. Convenient eateries include: El Patio, Dairy Queen, Subway, McDonalds, Huddle House, Whataburger, IHOP, the French Market Express, Wendy's and Popeye's. This will also be our fuel stop for the day. In Natchitoches, we will visit the campus of Northwestern State University, Fort St. Jean Baptiste, the LA Sports Hall of Fame and downtown Natchitoches. The final leg will be straight back to the Argent Pavillion on the campus of Louisiana Tech University for the Fish Fry by Ben Christmas. Champions Plaza is located there as well, with bronze statues of LA Tech athletic heroes.

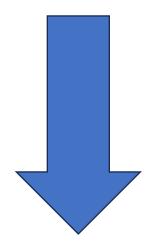
This ride covers about 190 miles, and you will spend about 3.5 hours in the saddle.

Day 3 – Saturday, April 26 – Today's ride is a shorter ride. We will take back roads down to Jimmie Davis State Park on Caney Lake. From there, we will ride more back roads around West Monroe and through the Garden District of Monroe. We will make a quick stop at the Forsythe Point Recreation Area across the street from the iconic Biedenharn Bible Museum and Gardens and the CocaCola Museum. Then after passing through the campus of the University of Louisiana at Monroe, we will stop at the Chennault Aviation and Military Museum. It is a great little museum and the admission is free. Next, we will move on to downtown West Monroe. This is where we will dissolve the large group and continue either on your own or in smaller groups. Just plan your

return so that you can make it in time for the closing ceremonies at ____TBD___. Lunch recommendations in Monroe would include the Mohawk Seafood Tavern, the Flying Tiger Brewery and Pizzeria, Tail Gators on the River and Restaurant Cotton. In West Monroe, I would recommend Trapps, Flying Heart Brewing and Pub and JAC's Craft Smokehouse. For killing time, how about Antique Ally in West Monroe, the Duck Commander or Drew Bree's Surge Entertainment for a state of the art entertainment experience?

This ride covers about 130 miles, and you will spend about 3.5 hours in the saddle. This ride requires no fuel stops.

FOR ADDITIONAL RALLY FLYERS





EWMA members and friends! Join Diamond State Riders at the Quality Inn & Conference Center in Harrison, Arkansas, for our District Rally, Thursday, Friday & Saturday, May 15th - 17th, 2025. We'll have 3 days of Rides, Food, Fellowship, Photo Ops, more Food and a little Dancing!

Welcome Picnic/Ice Cream Social → Guided Rides → Self-Guided Rides

- ♦ Friday Night Dinner & Dance ♦ Daily 50/50 ♦ Beanbag Baseball ♦
- **♦** Games of Luck & Skill **♦** Door Prizes **♦** First Aid / CPR Course **♦** Motorcycle Safety Breakfast **♦** \$500 Grand Prize **♦** and more!
 - Register Online at: DiamondStateRiders.org -

Host Hotel: Quality Inn and Convention Center 1210 US 62/65, Harrison, AR For reservations, call: (870) 741-7676 - ask for "EWMA" or "Eagle Wings" Rate



2025 International Ride-In

June 20-21, 2025

Sault Ste Marie, Ontario

Hotels, Camping and other details on the EWMA website

Eagle Wings Ride In web Link

Need to have the number of Motorcycles for the

Agawa Indian Crafts at Pancake Bay and

the Eastern Ride

(details on how to sign up for the Rides coming soon)



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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: <u>Home - Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association (ewma-world.org)</u>