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Presidents' Corner

To cruise or not to cruise is a question we can easily answer. Yes, cruise for sure. Our eight-day cruise with Wingers-N-Waves was a wonderful time with 300 plus of our closest friends! Yes, that many Eagle Wings Members cruised together. The fun and memories we all made will be with us forever. Private functions were held for us almost every day from a Welcome Party, a Red, White and Blue Party to honor our military and first responders, a Karaoke Party, Bingo and a Mardi Gras Party finale.

Anita Alkire, co-founder of Eagle Wings, held a question and answer session. Everyone got answers to questions they had and a lot of Members finally got to meet one of the founders! What a great feeling that everyone seems so happy with Eagle Wings.

With all of that going on we still had tours of the islands we visited. Haiti, Dominican Republic, St. Thomas and Puerto Rico were all beautiful and most everyone took advantage of the fantastic scenery, shopping, beaches and bus tours.

The food was plentiful and tasty and the entertainment in the theater as well as all around the ship was fantastic. There was even an ice skating show to wow us all. The ship crew was

top notch as well as the sales personnel in the stores especially the jewelry store! They loved EWMA and had a special drawing of diamond stud earrings for us. Of course we reciprocated the love with some fine purchases!

Next year will be the 10th Anniversary of Wingers and Waves and Deanna, our Travel Agent, has some fun things in store for us. So, give it some serious thought because I know you won't regret it if you choose to join us.



*Bob and Nan Shrader,
President*

Featured Item for the Eagle Wings Store for the month of March

Style C904 is a mid profile structured hat that has a contrast visor edging and piping giving a double visor effect that gives this breathable cap a sporty look. It has 100% cotton twill front panels, 100% polyester mesh mid and back panels with a hook and loop closure.

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Bob & Renae Hicks VP of Safety / Ride Coordinator

Safety / Risk – a balancing act. Address the Risks in riding, mitigation strategies and acceptance of Risk.

Before Bob retired, he worked with quite a few ex and retired military. A Ranger was telling Bob how he used to repel out of a helicopter while firing at an adversary. To keep the conversation going, Bob asked if he rode a motorcycle. His response was, “*Riding a motorcycle is too dangerous.*” This came from a soldier that repelled out of a helicopter while shooting at the enemy. As with most things, Risk is in the eye of the beholder. Our experience was that riding a motorcycle was far less risky than what he did while in the service.

For this article, we will concentrate on Rider / Passenger Safety Equipment. We realize that having the bike well maintained is a must. We assume that the Rider does periodic service (or has it done) and does a vehicle inspection before each ride.

SAFETY – is a state in which hazards or conditions leading to physical or material harm are controlled to preserve the health and well-being of Riders.

RISK – It is well known fact that there is certain amount of risk in riding a Motorcycle. Everyone knows that, or so we thought.

When perceived RISK goes down (is mitigated), SAFETY goes up – a balancing act of equipment / riding styles can be employed to make the ride more enjoyable (and Safe).

If we wanted to be entirely **SAFE**, you would not be Riding a Motorcycle. In fact, if one wanted to be entirely safe, you would not go outside at all. “**Life is dangerous!**” We all know people like that; but that is not us! We choose to ride for various reasons, but we can agree that riding is exhilarating and a “freeing” sensation – nothing but you, the bike, the road, and nature.

RISKS can be different for different folks. There are many risks while riding, the main risk is distracted driving (a cell phone has made this dramatically worse). There are so many examples, we could go on for pages.

There are many ways to mitigate risk – helmet, eye protection, gloves, long pants, over the ankle boots and long the sleeves, aka All The Gear All The Time. The adage is to protect anything you want to use later in life. The most talked about, and controversial, safety device is the helmet. Helmets are broken down into further by the half-helmet, $\frac{3}{4}$ helmet, modular or full face – from higher risk to the lower risk helmet. Wearing any helmet does reduce the rider’s risk but knowing the risks difference between type of helmets vs the ‘cool’ look is up to the Rider / Passenger. Some states require a helmet, some have restrictions about who needs to wear a helmet. Where there are restrictions, they are for the most part for first-time riders or the very young riders (under 18).

We encourage everyone to wear the gear (to mitigate the risk), but ultimately it is up to the Rider and Passenger (adhering to State and Federal Laws) to manage that risk and use safety equipment as they see fit.

Bob & Renae Hicks

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Bill & Cheryl Smith VP Membership Benefits

Hello Friends,

We had a Great Time at the South Florida District Ride-In on February 17th! This was a "design your own ride" to the venue, John Stretch Park, and bring your own brown bag lunch with drink! The District brought cookies and door prizes, held a 50/25/25 and a Raffle the Raffle Ticket drawing where one lucky winner from FL2-P won 84 Florida District Raffle tickets! The threat of stormy weather held off and the temperature was great! There were 76 folks in attendance from Chapters FL2-A West Palm Beach, FL2-O Stuart, FL2-R Ft. Lauderdale, FL2-D Melbourne, FL1-B Brandon, FL1-K Palm Coast, FL2-H Wauchula, FL2-F Punta Gorda, FL2-P Lake Placid and a group of members from Ft. Myers! EWMA VP of Operations John and Yvette Moravec made a surprise, to me, attendance. District Officers attending were ADD Carl Williams, DT Pat Van Lengen, ADD Harry and Lynn Anderson and ADSRC Ed and Jeanette Carr. Cheryl and I thank everyone for attending this Brown Bag Lunch Ride-In!



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Charles Bonnett Region D Director

Hi all,
Greetings, fellow Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association members! I'm Chuck Bonnett, EWMA Region "D" Director, for the states of WA, OR, MT, ID & WY.

We have 168 members in nine chapters located in the City's and States below:

Spokane and Walla Walla Washington.

Lebanon, Oregon.

Billings, Great Falls and Missoula Montana.

Idaho Falls, Lewiston and Twin Falls Idaho.

We're in the middle of our 7th or 8th round with winter so far. Riding season is just around the corner in the next 3 to 4 months depending where we live here in the Northwest.

Region "D" has events in Montana, Idaho and Washington in the works. Check out the Region "D" web site for more info, [EWMA Region D \(ewma-region-d.org\)](http://ewma-region-d.org) . Thanks to Chuck Grimm our Washington District Director for Sponsoring our Region Web-page!

The Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association is open to all motorcycle enthusiasts and welcoming our friends who don't or can't ride anymore. This has already proven successful. Remember, everyone is welcome!

Out West there is an International Ride-In at Loveland Colorado June 21-22.

Come to the International 2024 EWMA Rendezvous in Green Bay Wisconsin August 29-31. Check out more happenings on the EWMA website, www.EWMA-World.org under events.

Feel free to contact me in Billings Montana at:

Charles (Chuck) Bonnett

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John & Yvette Moravec VP Operations Regions B & E

Hello everyone,

Some of us have been riding all our life. While others have started after the kids left the house, and others after we've retired. No matter how long we've been riding, as we age our riding styles will change. However, I know of some people, it's almost the opposite. They seem to become more aggressive, or at least remain the same. We all know as we age our reaction time becomes slower, and how we respond to this may effect our life and those around us. So let's dig into this a bit.

Let's talk about how most peoples riding style changes as we age. Maybe we accelerate a little slower because we have determined that it's not a race, and coming in second is ok. Not to mention, it effects our mileage, and our pocketbook. Even though when we compare mileage to our autos, it seems minimal. Also, when riding in a group, the best way to stay together is to accelerate at a reasonable pace. The larger the group, the decrease in an acceleration rate. No place better an example when we're getting on an interstate highway. You don't want the last bike speeding at an unsafe rate just to keep up. The next area is our speed in the corners. We all hear about someone that went into a corner hot, and went down. Is it worth taking a chance of going down for the rush of a good lean? Of course that is your decision, but how would you feel if you went down, especially if you have a co-rider. Your co-rider may also have a LOT of input as to the speed you maintain in the corner. OK, I know what you're thinking, especially those that know me. But I'll be the first to admit my driving style has changed. Even Yvette has mentioned that I'm not leaning like I used to. Seems as I get older I feel a bit more mortal, and decisions have consequences. Finally, a better interval between you and the car in front of you may need to increase as well. This has a ripple effect. The vehicles behind you have a less chance of running into you as well as you come to a slower stop. We've all been taught to keep a tight formation, mainly to keep others from cutting into the group. I know I'm not the only one who see's other groups riding side by side. Yikes! One wrong move and catastrophe. Alright, I hear it too...I'm getting old.

Now let's discuss adding a wheel or two. Trikes have been around for a while now, and it seems people have different opinions about adding a wheel. I've heard: "I'll never trike my bike. I'd rather stop riding before I do that". Although there are people that will follow that, but I think more will ride a trike and change their opinion of that. I have already decided that when I determine I can't or shouldn't ride with two wheels, I will trike it. Also, there are people that feel they don't want to belong to our organization because they no longer ride. Nothing could be farther from the truth! Why would you walk away from your friends just because you don't ride anymore? Besides, there's a ton of reasons to stay. I've seen couples that sold their bike and bought a convertible, and remained in the organization. You can save big bucks on hotel and rental cars. There are safety presentations, motorcycle awareness events, and especially the EWMA events on the local, district, region, and national levels.

In conclusion, as we age, we change. Change is better when we decide it is what we want, rather than it being decided for us. Don't forget, you're not alone, and you have the best support group you can have. Right now it's just over 5,000 members! Also, getting others to join in the fun of belonging to an awesome organization, will allow you to save a month every time you recruit a new member!

Now lets ride!

John & Yvette Moravec

VP Operations

I JUST WANNA RIDE MY BIKE



Alabama Region A Chapter D



South Carolina District W



Happy March everyone. Tis the season when some of us start to be able to get out and ride more. Rallies are kicking off and getting started, so travel is in the air.

A few things to help people in the Digital World. If you have suggestions you think we should consider, or just things you like, please send them to me. I'm always looking for other ways to promote EWMA on the Digital platform.

Just a word of caution to people who put out their newsletters or bulletins (whichever you call them, your communications to the members). From our website, the public will see less information than the members. This is by design. We don't want those people who don't want to join, to take advantage of some of our benefits and other organizational data. If you decide to publish information about our benefits, please use the Public Information which is what is displayed if you are not logged into our website. The public side tells people about the benefits, without telling them how to take advantage of them, so please help us out there.

We have some new top line menu items on our website. We have the Business Directory, which lists our Sponsors and how to contact them. They are also grouped by services, which means some of them appear to be listed more than once. For example, MTS Towing also offers motorcycle rentals, which is a different service. Please check them out.

While you are logged into our website, be sure to check out the menu item named "Members Resources". This also is only available if you are logged into (or signed into) our website. There is a new selection there for the On The Fly Magazine. Our plans are to make all the past On The Fly magazines available for download or viewing into the future. That way, we can see where we came

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from and where we are today. We already know, that is significantly different, and we continue to listen to you and grow.

Another newer item, which some of you may have noticed, is the Menu Selection for "All Events". This is also a drop down menu, with a new section called "Chapter Events". Chapters may now go to this page, and those people who have identified themselves as admins for their chapters (contact Mike if in doubt) can add events to the Chapter Events calendar. The "EWMA Events" is still reserved for District, Region and International events.

Now why... well, some chapters have three and four events each month. If we multiply that by the number of chapters we have, that would fill several pages of our calendar. We are not saying the Chapter Events are of any lesser value, as we know this is the core of the Organization. But it helps clean up the calendar and help people find what they are looking for. Check it out. If you have questions, please reach out to me.

If you know of a member, who is having difficulty logging into the website, please share my contact info below. Most times (if I'm not on the motorcycle) I will be able to help them right away. If for some reason, I don't answer, please leave a message and I will get back with them.

That's it for this version of All Things Digital.

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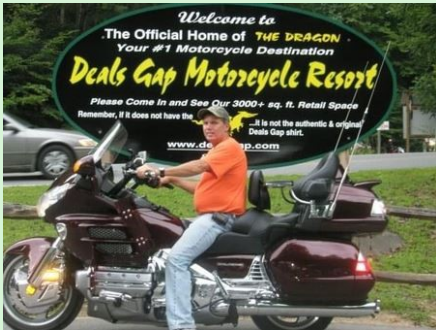
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CALIFORNIA OR BUST

It was in June of 2015, I was going to finally get to ride Highway 1 on the Pacific Coast, in California while listening to the Beach Boys. But the best part was I would see it from the back of a motorcycle.



2015 Limited Harley

There were 7 of us, on 4 bikes. My ride was on a brand new 2015 Limited Harley which my husband, Buck, had just bought at Bumpus Harley Davidson in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. He had ridden it 30 miles before the trip.

We picked up his brother, Archie, and another couple, Ken and Kristy in Sallisaw, Oklahoma. My brother Billy and his wife, Kim hooked up with us in Oklahoma City at a truck stop. They had ridden from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Our merry little band hit the road. This would be my first long trip on a motorcycle, one that I had always dreamed about.

Saturday, June 13, we set off across Oklahoma, headed for Amarillo. We stopped in Groom, Texas to see The Cross, a 200-foot towering cross depicting the horror of the crucifixion of Christ.



Groom, Texas The Cross

We headed on past the spinning windmills through a Southern wind that wanted to blow us sideways. It was so windy I could hardly breathe.

A storm began to move in engulfing us in a spectacular display of lightening, off in the distance. I had never seen such vivid blues and purples, but I had heard of the famous Texas sky.

We did not make it to Amarillo before the rain started. We didn't stop, just kept riding. When



we got to our stop, we were all wet, excited, and exhilarated. All of the senses were full, as we had just experienced an unforgettable moment of adventure. 462 miles.

We rode on the next day to New Mexico. We had lunch in Tucumcari, rich in route 66 history. I loved it.

The next morning, we stopped at the Duke City Harley Davidson dealership in Albuquerque, to get the break-in oil changed on the new bike. They were awesome. They got us in and out of there in an hour with no appointment. They knew we were on the road. They "got" it.

On to Highway 4 through the Jemez National Forest. The San Juan Mountains were sparsely populated. We rode through Carson National Forest headed for Farmington, but ran out of daylight in Chama, New Mexico, almost in Colorado. It was almost 9:00 and we had been riding in cold, dark mountains for hours. We were weary of watching for huge elk. We did NOT want to continue over the next mountain. We miraculously found some cabins for the night, and sat outside laughing, talking and listening to the crickets until sleep called us inside. 259 miles.



Monument Valley

We left Chama, New Mexico toward 4 corners: that is, the junction where 4 states meet. You can literally stand in Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico in one small neat little square. We left with our leathers on at 63 F. When we got off the mountain at Bloomfield, New Mexico, it was in the 80's.

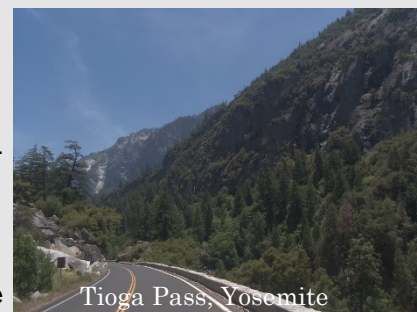
We settled in for the night at Cortez, Colorado. 250 miles.

The sky was a gorgeous blue leaving Cortez on Highway 176, a 2-lane rough road that wound through a valley of farming and wild horses. Unlike the rides through the National Forests, this ride took us through people's livelihoods. Then we hit a 9-mile stretch of gravel.



Billy And Kim, Yosemite

We crossed into Utah on a small isolated road. We would not have even known it was the state line had it not been for the GPS. We pulled to the side of the road, marveling at Utah and the fact that we were



Tioga Pass, Yosemite

in it, excited about the adventures that lay ahead in this spectacular state.

There are culture rides, mountain rides, and then there is Monument Valley. I was knocked out! This was the most awesome sight so far. The landscape is flat desert, but with massive red rock formations rising up out of nowhere. I was wondering, "How did they get there?" I can see how the Indians deemed this place as belonging to their Gods.

I need to tell the sand lot story. We turned into a native Indian place that sold jewelry. Across the cattle guard we went and into a lot deep with sand. The bike came to an immediate STOP with the front end going wild. Buck kept control, averted a lay-down and spun out. Only his brother followed along behind us.

Much to his chagrin, the others seeing the situation, stayed on the roadside and had a good laugh.



We made it to the Grand Canyon late afternoon. 301 miles.

The next day's ride into Las Vegas tested our grit. We were watching the GPS as the temperature climbed to 113 degrees. Only able to ride for 30 minutes at a time, we stopped to soak our neck straps and pour down the water. I think I drank 12 bottles of water that day! No more "wanna be's" for us. Today was the real deal. 281 miles.

KSU was at 6:30 AM. We stopped at Area 51 where allegedly there are aliens. We hoped to see one, but we didn't. Still in Nevada, we stopped in Goldfield, an old mining town. We were hoping to see a ghost, but we didn't. The most magnificent hotel had been rebuilt, but still remained empty.



Buck at Pikes Peak

We finally crossed into California and hit some great curves and the most unique road full of dips, like a roller coaster. We opened up the throttle. What a thrill! 343 miles.

How can you describe Yosemite in the great Sierra Mountains? I can't. Fortunately, John Muir already has. We were there on a Saturday in extremely heavy traffic. But we saw the famous Yosemite Falls, that drops down from the sky for more than 2000 feet.

CALIFORNIA OR BUST

Continued

We rode on to Fresno to spend the night. We were only a few hours from Highway 1, our destination. I was so excited--again.

We stopped at the Randolph Hearst Visitor Center for a break. It was remarkable that this huge, beautiful center that entertained people from all over the world had porta potties on the parking lot. The bathrooms were closed due to California's severe drought.

I put on all the leathers I had. We made it to the coastline. We were all elated even if it was 50 degrees and extremely windy.

Here we were, riding the most scenic highway in America on motorcycles. It was above my expectations. It truly does hug the coastline and winds you around beautiful curves high above the Pacific Ocean. Everybody needs to see it. 239 miles.



Pikes Peak, Storm Skies



Coming down Pikes Peak, 30-ft visibility

We got to Carmel by The Sea and stayed for several days to rest up, warm up and let up on the riding a bit. We explored Monterey, right on the ocean. I got the chills and it took until morning to really warm up. But I am ready to ride again! 36 miles.

We said a sad good-bye to my brother and his wife as they headed on up the coast. We hung a right and headed for Lake Tahoe. 313 miles.

We got on for Highway 50, The Loneliest Road in America, and believe me, it was. It was also the hottest road in America. We rode 112 miles non-stop from Fallon, NV to Austin, NV. I was so glad to see that little town out of nowhere in the middle of the desert. This

was an iron-butt road for sure, but I loved it as it was all part of the adventure.

We saw a "dirt devil" dust storm moving across the desert. It was fascinating, but I was a little uneasy of it crossing the highway because the wind force is so strong. We had just stepped inside a little store in Austin when a wind force blew my brand new helmet across the parking lot. I'm just glad we were inside. 311 miles.



Dirt Devil, Nevada

Utah is unlike any other state. We rode in 101-degree heat from Salina to Green River, Colorado. We were coming down a mountain which narrowly cut through massive red rocks.



Bixby Bridge, Big Sur, CA, Pacific Coast HWY1

The grade was so steep, there were 7 runaway truck signs. Adding to the tension was fresh tar all the way down. We were on the edge of our seats; however, the beauty was so impressive, I videoed all the way down.

We left Green River and headed for Pikes Peak where unknown to us lay our biggest adventure yet.

Day's end was already close at hand by the time we got to the entrance. It was getting cool and cloudy. They told us we could only go as far as the Visitor Center, due to these conditions. We all said O.K. and took off. The climb, the drop-offs, and the views were spectacular. The Pikes Peak Challenge race to the top was to be in a few days.

The Visitor Center was closing, but for some reason the guard motioned for us to go on through the gate. We all looked at each other and said "Do we want to go?" We all said, "Yeah, yeah". Buck, our leader, said "Are you sure? It's really gettin' cloudy." The rest of said, "Yeah, let's go!" So we took off.

The switchback curves began to disappear and there was nowhere to turn around. We could only imagine what the drop offs were with no guard rails. All we could do was continue upward. We finally found a pull in at the "wall of snow" which evidently never melted. We could not see beyond each other's bikes. I said "Quick, get some pics, and let's get off this mountain!" I was scared and dreaded the trip down, which is harder to do on a motorcycle. Ken said, "I'm going to be right on your taillights." But of course, Buck and I had no tail lights to follow. Visibility was about 30 feet, and we were glued to the lines. Buck said the GPS was the only guide he had to alert him to the next curve. My hands were shaking from the cold and fear, but I once again managed to video all the way down.

When we reached the parking lot, we all hi-fived all over the place. I said, "I need a couple of Margaritas!" Nothing topped this adventure. No pun intended. However, this was foolish on our part, and I certainly do not recommend it.

The next morning, we learned that a motorcycle had gone off the mountain, during try outs, and was killed. We had just been there, hours before.

We rode 5100 miles on the motorcycle. We shared excitement, laughs and fears. We saw stunning sights across this beautiful United States of America. We sweat in the desert and froze in the mountains together.

The open road was our home for 2 weeks. We traveled remote areas where the only human sound was that of 4 Harleys. The freedom and camaraderie is like nothing else as we all leaned into the curves together and shadowed each other through miles of endless road.

The national treasures we saw were awesome, but to me, this trip was all about the highway, the dotted line. The wind, the smell of rain, sage, and sweet fragrances can only be experienced on a motorcycle. My brother, Billy, said it well when he said, "There's nothing like the sound of a Harley underneath you mile after mile."

The Lord blessed us with a safe journey across this astounding country. God Bless America!



"I have crossed the Range of Light, surely the brightest and best of all the Lord has built; and rejoicing in its glory, I gladly, gratefully, hopefully pray I may see it again."

-John Muir

2024 International Ride-In, Loveland, CO

Scenic Routes to/from Loveland Colorado

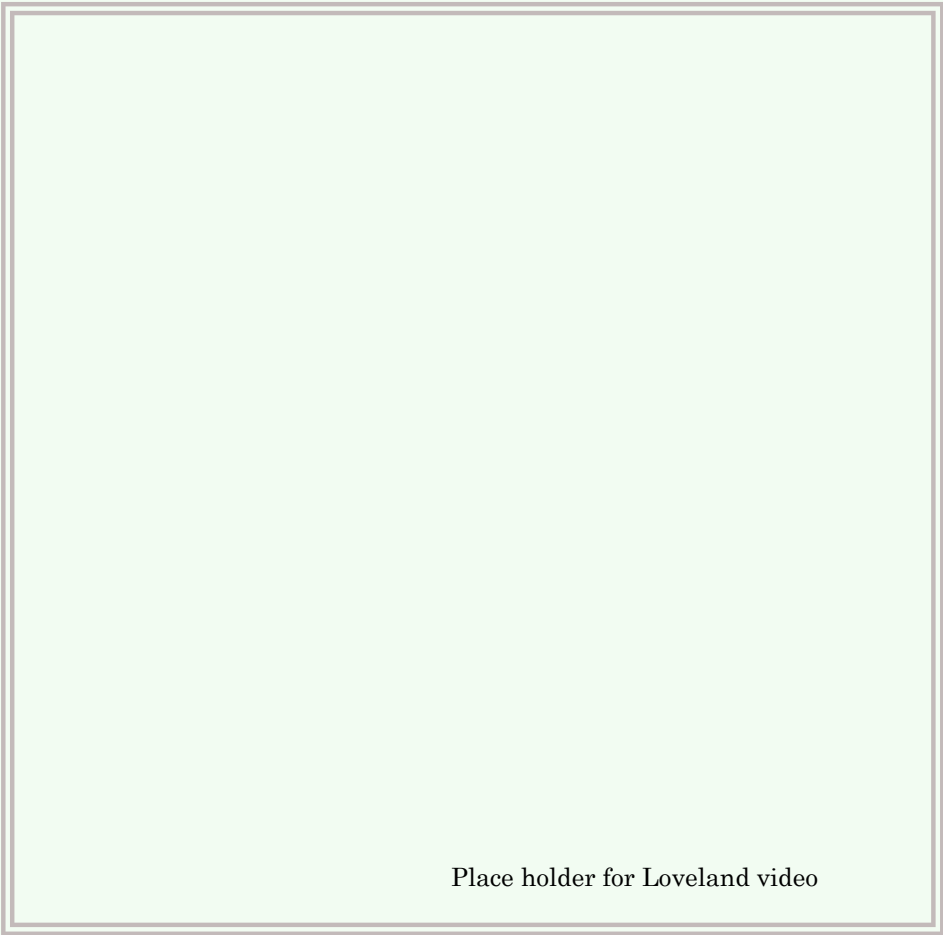
In a recent PBS documentary titled ‘The Five States of Colorado’ it was noted that Colorado has five distinct regions, each with its own history, geography, and economy.

The ride-in destination, Loveland Colorado, lies along the foot of the Rocky Mountains in what is known as the **Front Range** which includes the cities and suburbs from Fort Collins down to Colorado Springs. **Metropolitan Denver** is distinguished as a separate region due to its size and influence. (We don’t ride there very much.) The **Eastern Plains** stretch out from the Front Range to the borders with Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and New Mexico. Generally flat and dry, they provide some wide-open range. **Southern Colorado** includes Pueblo, the San Luis Valley and the plains south of the Arkansas River. The area includes towns from the old Spanish Empire as well as the Great Sand Dunes National Park (containing the tallest sand dunes in North America) and the nearby Colorado Gators Reptile Park. (Yup, a gator rescue in Colorado.)

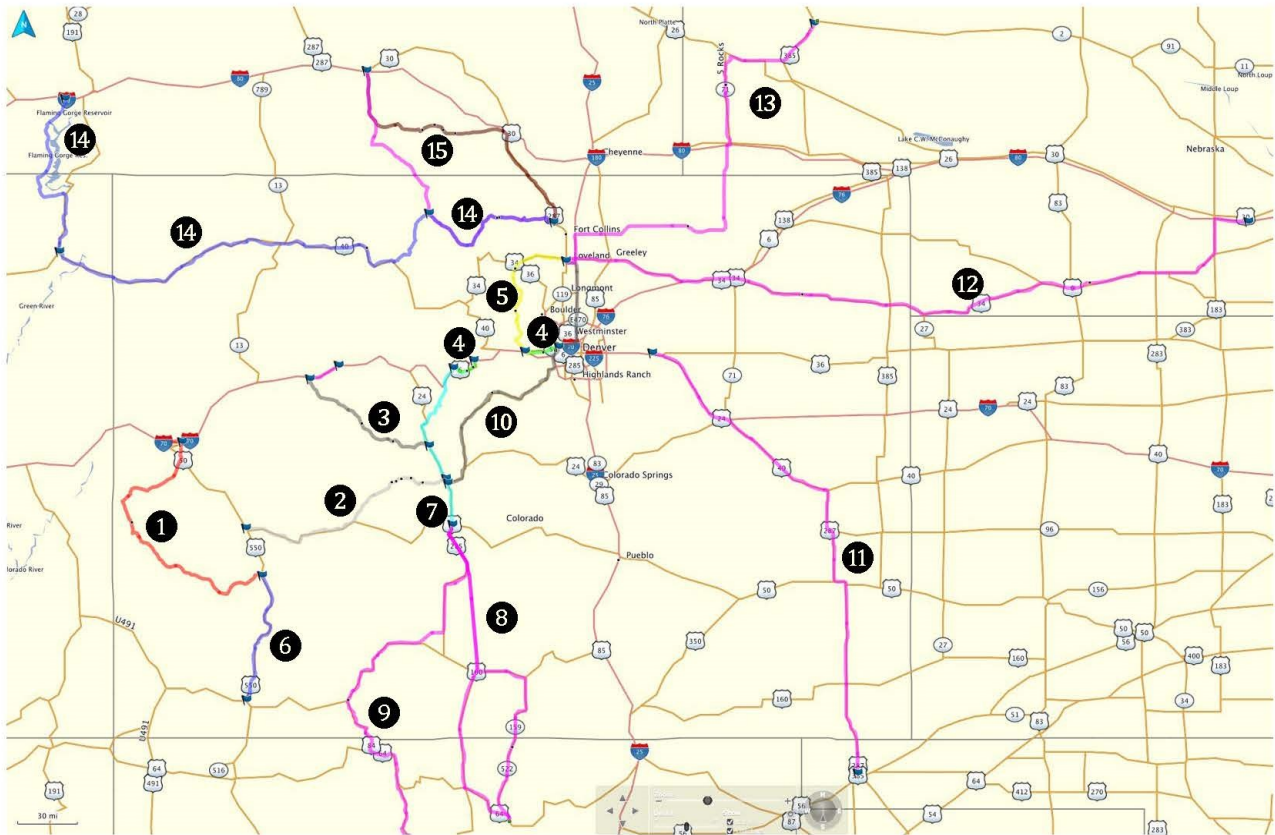


Western Colorado covers most of the mountain ranges, and extends west of the mountains across the high plateau to the border with Utah. In the Southwest corner of Colorado is the **Four Corners** region where Colorado, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico all come together in a single point (with a monument / marker). It is the only location in the United States where four states meet. Close by, is Mesa Verde National Park (a UNESCO World Heritage Site).

As you consider possible routes to and from the EWMA International Ride-In, consider which of these highlighted ‘scenic’ routes might be close to your chosen path. Details of the routes was provided in last month’s article, but this map shows them in a larger context.



Place holder for Loveland video



- ① CO 141 Grand Junction to Ridgway
- ② Montrose to Gunnison (Hwy 50), 135 to Almont, 742 to Taylor Park, 306 to Buena Vista
- ③ Hwy 82 over Independence Pass
- ④ Hwy 6 over Loveland Pass and bypass through Golden
- ⑤ CO 119 (Peak-to-Peak Hwy)
- ⑥ US 550 - Million Dollar Hwy
- ⑦ Collegiate Peaks
- ⑧ Taos north, Hwy 285 past the Great Sand Dunes National Park
- ⑨ Hwy 84 - Santa Fe to Poncha Springs via Pagosa Springs
- ⑩ Hwy 285 - Kenosha Pass and into Denver
- ⑪ Hwy 287 Boise City to Strasburg
- ⑫ Hwy 34 Kearney NE to Loveland
- ⑬ Alliance NE to Loveland
- ⑭ Flaming Gorge, US 40, Poudre Canyon
- ⑮ Hwy 130 - Snowy Range then Hwy 287



A pearl of wisdom for those travelling to Colorado for the International CO Ride-In. For those who want to travel up to the Rocky Mountain National Park, you will need to get reservations to be allowed entry. You may get these reservations at: <http://tinyurl.com/5n6f8wrj> or scan the QR code.



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The Colorado Cherry Company

Since we are having a “pie-and-ice-cream social” on the first night of the International Ride-In, we thought you might like to know about the history of the company that we are honored to do business with that will be catering the event: The Colorado Cherry Company.

What do cherries have to do with Loveland Colorado – plenty! The Loveland area cherry industry began in the 1890s, boomed in the 1920s and continued through the 1960s. During the boom, there were over 10,000 acres of orchards between Longmont and Wellington, with Loveland at the ‘heart’. During the 1920s, Loveland boasted the largest cherry orchard west of the Mississippi. While there aren’t many cherry orchards left, the Loveland Museum still hosts the annual Loveland Cherry Celebration in recognition of this important part of its history.

The Colorado Cherry Company got its start in 1929 in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, where Katherine Lehnert began selling her cherry pies and cider. Her son, Monrico, moved to Colorado in 1960 and opened the first Colorado Cherry Company store along U.S. Hwy 34 between Loveland and Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP). The little white building, with its red cherry juice bottles, has been an icon of summer trips to RMNP ever since.

Now owned by Kristi and Anthony Lehnert, the Colorado Cherry Company added a location along U.S. Hwy 36 (from Lyons up to RMNP) and at the Stanley Hotel in Estes Park, right at the foot of RMNP. Using old family recipes, the pie crusts are made using high quality butter and the cherries come exclusively from a farm in Michigan. Every cherry pie has seven little hearts on the crust, a nod to the company’s Loveland roots. In addition to cherry, there are other fruit pie options, cream pies, meat pies, as well as preserves, juices, and ciders. So, pie can be enjoyed any time - breakfast, lunch, and dinner! The Hwy 36 location (in the village of Pinewood Springs) offers a full lunch menu with great mountain views from the patio.

You will get a chance to enjoy some Colorado Cherry Company pie at the International Ride-In on Friday night, June 21st, but stop in at one of the stores if you can!

Steve & Vic

<https://www.coloradocherrycompany.com/>



Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association



International Ride-In

June 21 – 22, 2024



Fairgrounds Park, 700 S Railroad Ave., Loveland, Colorado



EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



ONLINE REGISTRATION: [EWMA-world.org/ride-in](https://ewma-world.org/ride-in)



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Rider 2:	<input type="text"/>	EWMA #:	<input type="text"/>	Officer Title:	<input type="text"/>
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The undersigned, agree to comply with the ideals governing this event and to hold harmless 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. **EWMA reserves the right to refuse entrance to anyone at any time.**

I / We have read this waiver and acknowledge with signature(s) below:

Rider 1 Signature:	<input type="text"/>	Date:	<input type="text"/>
Rider 2 Signature:	<input type="text"/>	Date:	<input type="text"/>

***Registration deadline is June 1, 2024. Cancellation fee \$20. No refunds after June 1, 2024.**

***Includes Friday Night Pie and Saturday Night BBQ**

EWMA Members \$40 each x <input type="text"/>	= \$ <input type="text"/>	Non-EWMA Members \$50 each x <input type="text"/>	= \$ <input type="text"/>
CC# <input type="text"/>	EXP <input type="text"/>	CVV <input type="text"/>	Billing Zip Code <input type="text"/>

EMAIL FORM WITH CREDIT-CARD PAYMENTS TO: eaglewings.web@gmail.com

Checks payable to: EWMA Mail to: EWMA, 6635 W. Happy Valley Rd., Suite A104-443, Glendale, AZ 85310

Or Register Online at <https://www.ewma-world.org/ride-in>

Upcoming Events

2024 EWMA EVENTS

APRIL

Apr 18-20	Louisiana District Ride-In	Ruston, LA
Apr 25-27	Tennessee District Spring Fling	Johnson City, TN

MAY

May 10-11	Indiana Spring Ride In	Nineveh, IN
May 16-18	Arkansas District Rally	Harrison, AR
May 16-18	Illinois District Summer Rally	Vandalia, IL
May 17-18	WI "Badger" District Dust-off	Montello, WI
May 17-18	South Carolina District Rally Home Town USA	Newberry, SC
May 24-26	Michigan District Spring Fling	Laingsburg, MI
May 24-26	CA & NV District Rally	Minden, NV
May 30-Jun 1	Missouri District Rally	Branson, MO

JUNE

June 1	10th Annual Montana Rendezvous	Thee Forks, MT
Jun 6-8	Ohio District Buckeye Rally	Urbana, OH
Jun 6-8	Wisconsin "Fun in the Sun" Rally	Fond du Lac, WI
Jun 13-14	Georgia District / Region A Ride In	Dillard, GA
Jun 21-22	International Ride-In	Loveland, CO
Jun 27-29	Alabama District Rally	Sheffield-Muscle Shoals, AL

JULY

Jul 11-13	Region F and West Virginia District Ride-In "Cue Country Roads"	Summersville, WV
Jul 12-13	MinnKota District Rally "Let's Meet in the Middle"	Marshal, MN
Jul 19-21	Region H (Western Canada) Ride-In	Nakusp, British Columbia
Jul 26-27	Region E Ride-In	Anamosa, IA

AUGUST

Aug 10	Michigan District Fly in and Ride in	Brighton, MI
Aug 29-31	2024 EWMA Rendezvous	Green Bay, WI

SEPTEMBER

Sep 10	Michigan District Ride In	Brighton, MI
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OCTOBER

Oct 24-26	Mississippi District Rally "Born to be Wild"	Biloxi, MI
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Check our website www.ewma-world.org for additional events

If your event is not listed, please email Mike at eaglewings.web@gmail.com

Placeholder for recruitment video



Grouper Fact Sheet

About Grouper

Grouper is a radically beneficial new form of healthcare. Members get covered by their health plan for having fun with friends. Gyms offer one path to staying active – but it's hardly the only path. That's why Grouper offers a lively and robust network of clubs and activity groups to connect health plan members to the activities they love to do.

Our Mission

To encourage healthy living through activities that build meaningful social connections and shared experiences.



Club Partnership Program

Grouper partners with large Medicare Advantage and Supplement health plans. Once clubs join the Grouper Health Network, we are able to confirm if members' dues are covered by these health plans. By joining the Grouper network, eligible club members will receive a check to cover their membership dues.

Health Plan Eligibility

Members can confirm their Medicare Advantage or Medicare Supplement plan includes the Grouper social benefit by signing up online at your club's designated enrollment link.

Upon signing up, expect contact within 3-5 business days regarding health plan eligibility. After verification, additional information will be requested via email, and a check will be sent to cover the cost of membership.

WHAT IS SOCIAL FITNESS?

Research shows that participating in groups and activities with others improves our mental, physical, and social health. It's called "Social Fitness," and it's the driving force behind everything Grouper does.

Physical

Staying active through exercise, fitness classes, or walking is crucial for maintaining good health.

Mental

The more mental stimulation we get, the more likely we are to hold on to better brain functioning as we age.

Social

Studies have shown, that social connections are closely related to well-being and personal happiness.

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Ken Kuiper Editor of On The Fly

Greeting fellow EWMA Members. This is my first attempt to publish On The Fly so I thought it might be a good start to let you all know who I am and tell you a little about myself.

I live in the wonderful state of Michigan, and I have done so my whole life. Until I was 18, I lived with my Parents and 6 siblings in Jenison, MI. My Father took a job that landed us in a northern suburb of Detroit.

It was in Roseville, MI that I met my first girl friend, and we went steady (That's when the boy gives his girl his class ring, Right?). I haven't heard that in a long time. So, Karen and I went together for a few months. We decided to go to the Detroit Zoo. We were at the duck pond feeding the ducks when suddenly Karen yelled out, "Ken, your ring!" Sure enough the ring slipped off her finger and landed in the pond. I told her to go get it. The zoo keepers didn't like that so they started to scoop it out with a net. Yep, they found it. That is when I asked her to give it back and then I broke up with her. Now, why did I tell you all of that? Because, four years later I married her sister Debbie. We have 3 boys (2 are twins) and one girl. We lasted 45 years, and then she passed away from covid pneumonia in January 2022. Now I live with my eldest son, his wife, and two children (a boy of 12, and a girl of 10).

My first motorcycle was a Yamaha Star, or something like that. After that a friend of Debbie's told her she had a 1200 Goldwing that had been in storage since her husband past away 4 years earlier. I can't remember the year.

I looked on the internet for Goldwing Group and found one. Chapter A of GWRRA. I went to their breakfast on Sunday morning, went home, and signed up to be a member. Joining started a whole new adventure. My first staff position was taking care of refreshments for the Gatherings. My other positions after that was treasure, newsletter editor, web design, (not in that order), and finally, Chapter Director. I was CD, newsletter editor, web master, actually, I did everything except treasurer and member enhancement. The largest chapter in Michigan had shrunk down to about 10 members because of age and lost interest. I stepped down and no one would step up.

In comes EWMA. I signed up and have a member number of 764. I didn't wait to be asked, I just started building The Michigan District web site and Face Book page. Just recently, I joined Motor City Rider, based in Detroit, and built them a Face Book page. Where do I go from here? My goal is to help you, the membership, stay informed as much as possible.

Kenneth Kuiper
On The Fly Editor

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