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Presidents' Corner

We'd like to discuss an on-going problem in some Chapters in EWMA. That problem is the non-members who affiliate and participate with various Chapters without becoming dues paying members. These are often referred to as "Hitch Hikers".

These are folks who attend Chapter events and even ride with the Chapter but who are not official EWMA members. In many cases, the Chapter Director has asked the person in question to formally become a member by joining and paying the appropriate dues (\$25.00 for individuals or \$30.00 for a family membership). The EWMA Handbook requires that all official participants must be dues-paying members. Unfortunately, many of these folks simply ignore the request and continue to hang out with a Chapter.

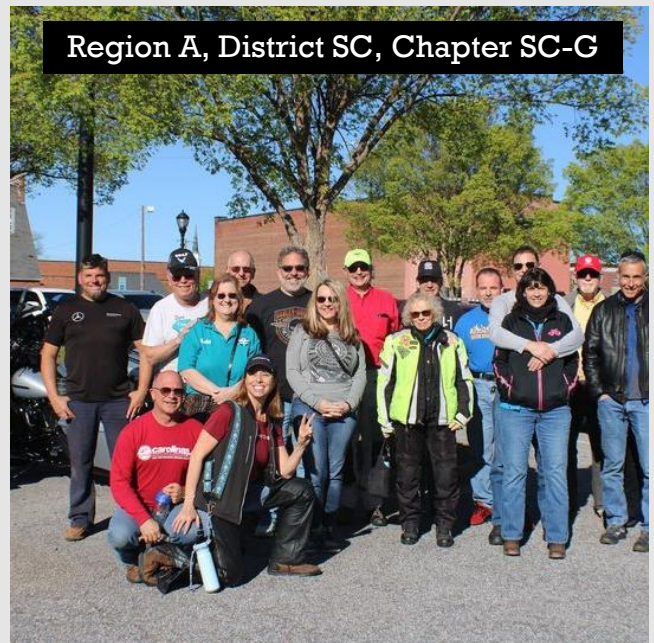
We realize that prospective new members might want to participate with a Chapter for a while to see how things go before making a decision to join or not. We don't have a problem with that and encourage Chapter Directors to give new folks a reasonable period of time to make up their mind. Allow them to go on a couple rides and attend a gathering or other event. But after that, then a decision needs to be made by the prospective member to join.

To permit a non-member to go on indefinitely without committing to join is to allow that person to reap the advantages of full membership without taking that all important step of paying their dues like the other members. This is unfair to the regular members and cannot be allowed to continue. If a prospective member refuses to join EWMA by paying the modest dues, after all

we've described above, they should be invited to go elsewhere, where things might be more to their liking. They can't be permitted to go on participating if not fully join.

It's certainly not pleasant to have to put a halt to someone's participation, but if they decline to abide by our Member Handbook, then they must move on. Do your best to convince them to JOIN!

**Bob and Nan Shrader, President
Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association**





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 sleeve shirt/jacket, 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 further by the half-helmet, ¾ 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.

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International Ride-In



June 21 – 22, 2024

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



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Bill & Cheryl Smith VP of Membership Benefits

Greetings EWMA members! First, Cheryl and I want to thank you for joining and renewing! Without you the Association would not exist! One of the many reasons we join and renew is the valuable benefits we get to use as a member. These benefits can be a tool for your recruiting and retention efforts. One of the benefits is for every household you recruit you get 1 month added to your membership, up to 6 months a year! Another great benefit is Chapter Life! This can mean different things to everyone. But it all boils down to Friends for FUN in a riding and/or social setting!

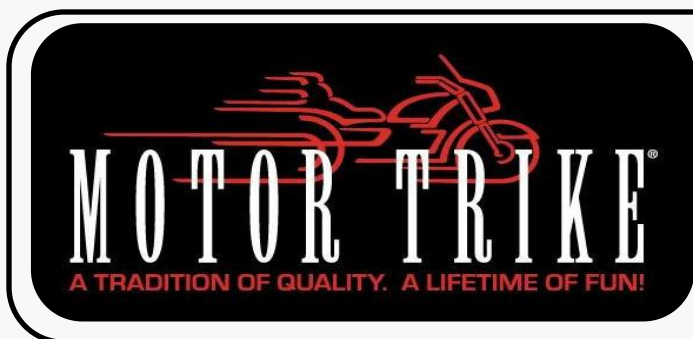
Please use the below list, a summary of EWMA benefits, for your recruitment and retention efforts. They intentionally do not have the codes and links attached. You must be a member to access those. As a member you just have to go to www.ewma-world.org and sign in. Then click Member Resources and select Benefits and Services. That will bring you to the Benefits page and you can utilize any or all of them. Please use them often and use the list to get more folks to join or remind those up for renewal! The more members we have, the more and better benefits we can get. The more and better benefits we get, the more members we can attract. Cheryl and I are always looking for more benefits to add to the list. If you have any suggestions please contact us, fdd2018@gmail.com, and we will look into them.

Cheryl and I will be at the EWMA 1st International Ride-In to Loveland Colorado June 21st – 22nd and the EWMA 2nd Rendezvous, August 29th – 31st in Green Bay Wisconsin!

Hope to see you at a EWMA Event soon!

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EWMA Membership Benefits and Services: 01/2024

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- **MTS (Motorcycle Towing Service)**
EWMA Members will have access to the Premier Plan at discounted pricing. (Almost half price!) PREMIER PLAN: MTS pays the first \$300 of the tow from point of pickup to point of delivery. All motorcycles must be registered with MTS. MTS will tow your motorcycle and your sidecar or trailer attached. They will send the right tow vehicle for what you need.
- **Vista Print corporate solutions**
EWMA Members now have the ability to access CORPORATE pricing through our dedicated Vista Print site. Members can select from pre-made templates for EWMA Marketing Materials, or create their own items to order. As an added Membership Benefit, orders that exceed \$50 receive FREE SHIPPING!
- **Hotel Engine**
EWMA Members will have access to discounts at over 300 hotel chains around the world! As a member you can beat almost all of the other hotel search engines. You must be a EWMA member to get these discounts.
- **Wyndham Hotels**
EWMA Members receive a 20% discount at any of the 24 Wyndham Brands. These include, Super 8, Days Inn, Ramada, LaQuinta, Howard Johnson, Travelodge, AmericInn, Wyndham, Baymont, Microtel, Wingate, and many others. You must be a EWMA member to get the corporate code.
- **Red Roof Inn**
EWMA Members receive a 20% Discount at any Red Roof Inn through their Ride, Rest, and Repeat Program
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- Choose from a wide selection of cars
- Add an additional driver for FREE
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- **HSI – Health & Safety Institute**

EWMA is an Approved Training Center for HSI® FA/CPR Training. Instructors are located across the US and classes are scheduled based on membership needs and instructor availability.

- **On The Fly**

EWMA Members receive the electronic Monthly Magazine Publication "[On the Fly](#)", which is automatically provided to the email address on each membership. This publication is used to bring pertinent, timely and interesting information to the membership.

- **EWMA Website**

EWMA's website is growing Daily, and has many, many interactive features! Join EWMA to play and find out what it can do!

- **Safety**

-*Safety Presentations*

-**On-Bike Skills Practice**

-*Bike Games*

These are designed to be given by any member. There are different lengths of presentations for Rallies, Gatherings and Pre-Ride Safety talks. Several different topics.

- **Events**

-*Chapter Life (Socials and Rides)*

-*District Events & Rallies*

-*Region Events & Rallies*

International Events

-*Rendezvous*

-*Ride-In's*

-*Cruise or other FUN social events!*

- **Recruitment Incentive**

For each new member HOUSEHOLD you recruit you receive **1 free month** of EWMA Membership, **up to 6 months per year!**

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Welcome to April. For some, we finally get to start riding again. Hope to see you on the road.

This month, I want to discuss with you some things that will make using our website a little easier, and then explain some of what all is available.

On our website, there is a link to the “**Eagle Book**”. Catch is, you have to be logged into the website with your username and password to access it. It is available 24/hours a day, and can be updated by the membership at any time. If you have services you would like to be able to provide to the motorized traveler, here is how you do it..

First of all, login to the system with your username and password. If you don't have that, or can't remember it, just send an email to: eaglewings.web@gmail.com and we will send you a reset. It will contain your current username and a temporary password, so you can reset it to something you can remember.

Once you login, you will see your name at the top right of the screen (computer, phone or tablet). The website works with mobile devices and will normally display so it is very readable. Once you see your name, you are logged in and have access to much more information, to include the **Eagle Book**. But, how does the info get into the listing... let me explain.

Each primary member can list services they are willing to provide to our journeyers. These include:

1. Local truck or trailer
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3. Will accept phone calls.
4. Will accept texts.

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5. Tent/Camp space available.
6. Overnight sheltered sleeping.
7. Multiple night sheltered sleeping
8. Tour Guide for local area
9. Tools available.
10. Other services/repairs available.

These are all things you can choose or not to offer. And we are always looking for ideas of other services, so if we have missed something, send it to me, and we will see if we can incorporate it.

After you log in and then hover over your name, you will have a menu to pop up. One of the items there is “**Profile**”. When you click on this, your profile page comes up, and you can change any of the data there about your contact info or whatever. In the bottom right corner there will be a box labeled “**Your Website Functions**”. Under that, is the “**Eagle Services**”. This is where you can add the services you are willing to provide.

It really is that easy folks. It could be the item that helps you to make a new friend in the future.

Website tip: Have you ever been looking through the website, and get confused where you are? Just remember, if you click on the Eagle at the top of the page, it will always take you back to the home page.

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

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Chris Toomer VP of Operations, Regions C & D

Big and Tall By Chris Toomer

I am very pleased to announce a major step forward for our Region C Members with respect to leadership structure and communication. Following the lead of a few other combined Districts including CA/NV and MN/ND/SD, Region C will be



forming 2 new combined Districts. Larry Poole will lead the newly formed Arizona – New Mexico District. Phil and Lynn Bolduc will lead the newly formed Colorado – Utah District. Congratulations to all and, on behalf of the International Team, thank you!!!

I am also thrilled and excited to introduce Region C’s newest Chapter: Utah Red Rock Wings in Cedar City! Chapter Director Bob Primm held their first Gathering at the end of March to introduce prospective members to EWMA and hinted that we might get to meet some at the CO Ride-In.

The Great American West is BIG and TALL! Excluding Alaska and Hawaii, 8 of the 10 largest states by area are out West, and all of the states in Regions C & D rank in the top 18 for square miles. The entirety of Regions C & D dominates the top 12 spots for highest altitudes from 11,239 feet to 14,498 feet above sea level. Number 13? Texas at 8,749 feet above sea level. The *lowest* highest elevation, if you’re interested, is in Florida at an oxygen-rich 345 feet above sea level.

All that means is when we go to visit other Districts or Chapters, we get to RIDE! We get to ride mountains, valleys, straights, curves, and everything that can be experienced. And that experience is what it’s all about, right? That chilly morning you start out that warms up throughout the day. Maybe it’s overcast, or maybe a thunderstorm builds and you don your rain gear. Hail? Yeah, that happens out here. Lightning? Of course. Tornadoes? Yes, but they are rare outside of Eastern Colorado for the West. Another part of the experience is the amazing views and vistas. Every state has its offerings, and the West is no different. Come and explore! Food? Oh, boy! Here we go!

Personally, I’m very fond of the Southwestern influence of green chiles, black beans, and corn with some added smoke (pecan is my favorite). Hatch, NM is world famous for its green chiles, but Pueblo, CO has a formidable chile as well. There’s a bit of a (not so???) friendly-ish competition happening between them. The stunning Pacific Northwest brings its own flair with coffee and seafood. Tucson, AZ has amazing restaurants and one of my favorite cities, San Francisco, CA, is known for sourdough bread (super yummy). And then there’s wine, spirits, and beer... California wine is legendary, of course. Oregon has world renowned Pinot Noir (pair with salmon) and Colorado is known as the Napa Valley of craft beer with over 400 breweries! And many states have award winning active distilleries for vodka, whiskey, gin, and others. Come explore and taste, but have a designated driver or take a ride from cabs, Uber, or Lyft.

Ride Smart, and Ride Safe!

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Ron & Bev Clark Region "J" Directors

Living the Dream.....

As the EWMA Region J Directors living in the small community of Northern Bay, on the Avalon Peninsula of Newfoundland, Canada, we are surrounded by the cold waters of the Atlantic Ocean. We are on the easternmost edge of the continent of North America and a long way from most of the action that goes on throughout the global world of Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association. But let us tell you how joining Eagle Wings helped us to realize a lifelong dream.

Like many couples in EWMA, we have been together for 30+ years, raised children, welcomed grandchildren, and worked together as a family through life's ups and downs. Chatter about buying a home, welcoming new family members, changing jobs over the years turned to talking about plans for retirement and how we could best incorporate what we love most into our retirement lifestyle.

Motorcycling has played a huge part in our lifestyle, right from the very beginning of our courtship up to the present. Over the years, our retirement plans always included some kind of dream where our motorcycle friends and adventures played a big part in those future plans. Prior to retirement, we shored up our pensions, bought a cottage near the ocean to live out our non-working days, bought a motorhome to travel as we please and spent years making friends across your nation and ours who shared our passion for riding.

Our plans were all on track, items ticked off our list much the same as a shopping list until that fateful day in July 2022 when destruction of one organization gave birth to the creation of another even more dynamic, more streamlined, more fun, and more welcoming one. In a snap, we became proud members #41 and #41-01!

You might have your own reasons for joining this organization that are different than ours, but you can rest assured that being part of something bigger than just yourself has more benefits and rewards than you can imagine. That sense of family and belonging is priceless. You will rarely feel lonely, out of place and disconnected when you have friends who share the same interests. Membership gives you a feeling of acceptance and connection, not only in your own backyard but wherever you may roam. It also provides a feeling of support that in times of trouble or even simply looking for everyday answers, there is a global community available to you that will share ideas, comfort, resources, and friendship outside the boundaries of your home.

As EWMA members and newly minted retirees, we had our first taste of that special brand of camaraderie when we embarked on our first snowbird adventure to Florida. Seeing all those friendly faces at the Florida District Rally, sharing ideas and laughter, meals, rides, and BINGO! - This is what we dreamed of all those years ago as we began our retirement plans.

Whether you relocate, or, as in our case become seasonal snowbirds, you will have ready-made access to a much larger community of friends, giving you an extended family across North America and even extending into Europe. Your dream might not be of retirement like ours was. You may be looking for someone to ride with in your community, or companionship or social activities but you can rest assured that you will find all these things and more when you are part of the larger framework of EWMA. We are immeasurably thankful that rather than choosing to be loners in a small local setting, we chose to be members of the "Bigger Picture" of EWMA. We are.....Living Our Dream!

Rob & Bev Clark

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2024 International Ride-In, Loveland, CO

[Loop Rides from Loveland, Colorado](#)

By Victor Wheeler, Safety/Ride Coordinator Colorado District

When I was 7 years old, I was growing up in South-Central Kansas and while on vacation, I witnessed groups of motorcyclists riding through the mountains and made the decision then and there that I would someday do a LOT of motorcycle riding in the mountains. Well, as you can see, that decision grew roots, helped bring me to Colorado, and helped me get into the middle of a LOT of motorcycle riding in the mountains! ****evil grin****

As for Phil and Lynn (Directors), both of them are in Colorado at least in part because of the Mountains. And I assume that is true for many of us in the **Eagle Wings of Northern Colorado** Chapter. I do know we have no lack of enthusiasm for riding in the mountains!

Because most of us live on the “Front Range”—the threshold between the Midwest plains and some of the tallest mountains in North America—when we get on our motorcycles, it is almost always with a plan to “head west”, a.k.a. “into the mountains”. So beautiful and colorful is the scenery “up there”, sometimes the destination doesn’t even matter.

So when you come to the **2024 EWMA International Ride-In**, you’re going to get a taste of our favorite “regular” rides. Many of us have lost count of how many times we have been over some of these roads, but we can tell you this: from our perspective, *the scenery in the mountains never gets old.*

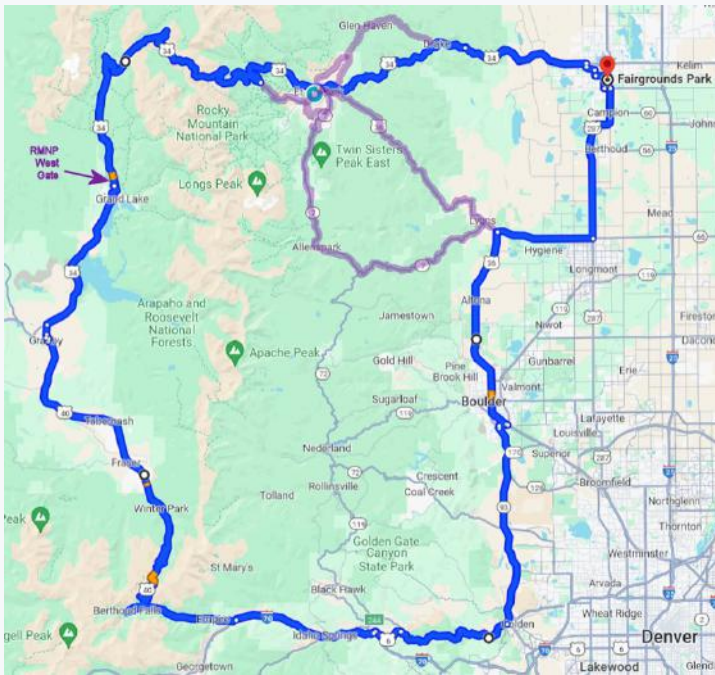
With that in mind, we hope you can get in as many of these rides as you can. In fact, it would not surprise us if many of you book *several extra days* in your hotels JUST for that purpose! (I know I certainly would if I were coming from very far away—because riding in the mountains is my personal favorite thrill.)

Mountain Riding Safety Note: As always in the Colorado mountains, be watchful for sand and pea-sized gravel on the road. Such sand/gravel is spread on the roads during the Winter for better traction for 4+-wheel vehicles, and while it is swept off in late Spring, small amounts can get kicked back onto the road whenever a car cuts a corner too short, or during the run-off from a hard rain. So especially around turns, *always* keep your eyes peeled. And *never* push turns *hard* if it is your first time traversing a section of road and you don’t know yet whether it is clean asphalt or not. Our best friendly advice: on any turn you can’t see around, pretend there is a herd of Elk standing in the road just past where you can see. We find doing this mentally tends to automatically regulate your speed in such a way as to keep the ride fun.

Map Note: I’m just going to highlight the roads we like and let you work out your own combinations. Rest assured, the highlighted roads are all paved.



Place holder for Loveland video



The Big Loop

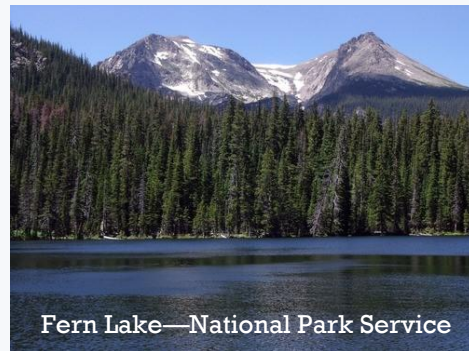
The “Big Loop” in the other hand is definitely an all-day ride. Plan for 8+ hours including rest stops. Hint: avoid east-bound I-70 on Saturday and Sunday evenings. If you want to make it slightly quicker, take I-25 south in the morning from Loveland and I-70 west to the Empire exit (232), and then head north and take a more leisurely pace through Granby, Grand Lake, and Rocky Mountain National Park from the west side.

2. Estes Park Loops

Straight west of Loveland is the city of Estes Park, which holds the gateway into Rocky Mountain National Park. Even if you don’t venture into RMNP, any one of these loops is positively thrilling. The one place that might provide a little “extra” thrill is the 4 switchbacks west of Glen Haven. If you’re an expert rider in your prime, you will enjoy taking them going up-hill (heading southwest from Glen Haven to Estes Park). If you’re feeling a bit more conservative, try taking them going down-hill first, and *then* decide whether you want to attempt them going up-hill or not. Hint: they are steeper than most switchbacks. First gear is advised.

1. The Big Loop and Rocky Mountain National Park

Probably the number one MUST RIDE for this event will be riding through Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP). (Remember, in the summer they will be piloting a timed-entry reservation requirement to help guarantee parking places for people visiting the park [\$2 per vehicle], so reserve early so you don’t get left out! You can get these reservations at: <http://tinyurl.com/5n6f8wrj>) We covered RMNP in the February Edition of *On The Fly*, so I won’t repeat the details here, but to make a loop ride out of it, take Trail Ridge Road over the 3 passes, and when it feels like half way... or when you reach the west gate, whichever comes first... turn around and return to Loveland. The scenery up there is amazing and if you like mountain scenery as much as we do, you will find both directions unique and wonderful (unless there is a fog—rare in the Summer). Plan on 3 hours each direction including rest stops.

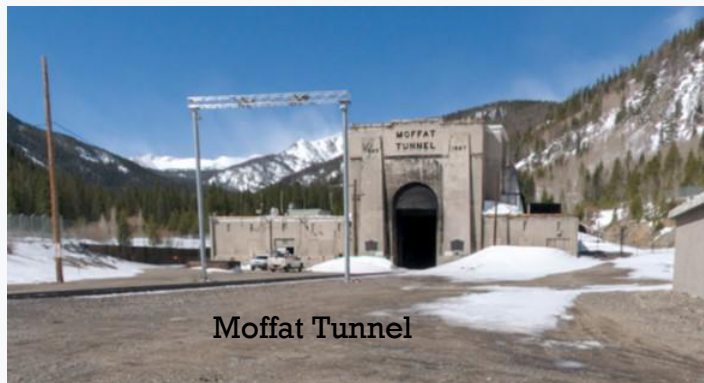


Fern Lake—National Park Service

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.



2024 International Ride-In, Loveland, CO



3. Peak-to-Peak Highway Loops

Peak-to-Peak Highway is the center of attention for a lot of rides. Why? Similar to the Collegiate Peaks Ride mentioned in last month's article, it runs right next to the Continental Divide for its whole length, though it is north of I-70 instead of south of it. North of Black Hawk, traffic thins out quite a bit and leaves you with extra time to enjoy the scenery.

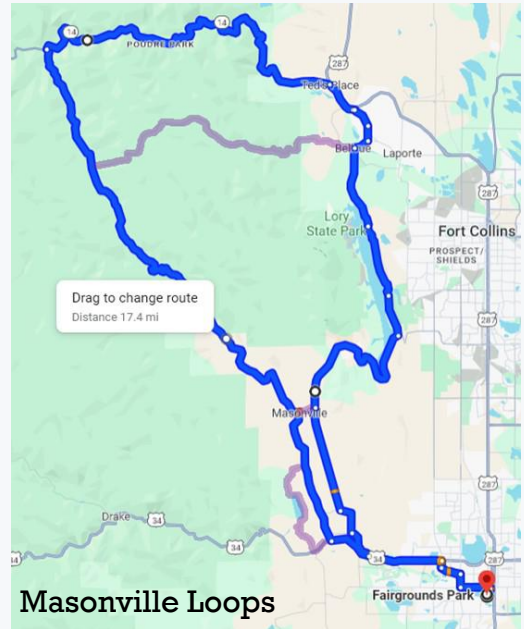
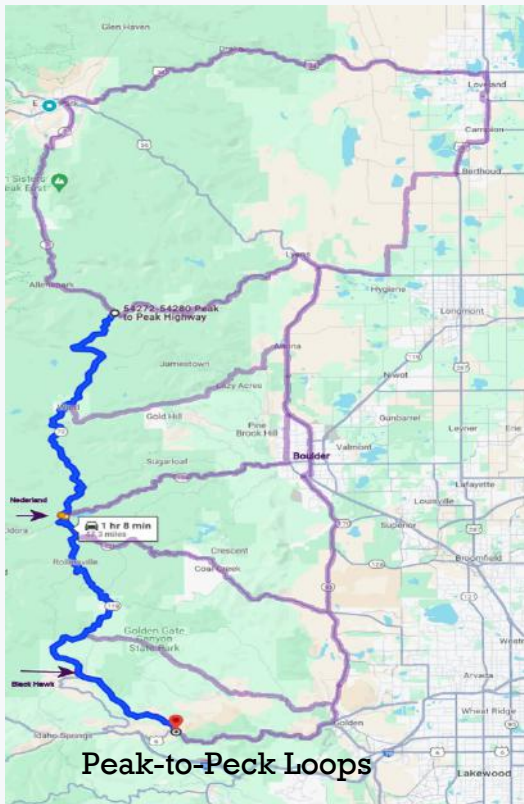
From south to north, Peak-to-Peak Highway goes through: Black Hawk (up-hill from Golden), Rollinsville (up-hill from Arvada), Nederland (up-hill from Boulder), Ward (up-hill from Altona), Hidden Lake (hidden), and Raymond (hidden). The end of Peak-to-Peak Highway is near Raymond at the junction of CO-72 and CO-7. If you wish to return to Loveland through Estes Park, turn left (northwest), or turn right (east) to return through Lyons.

As you can imagine, it is easy to occupy an entire day with Peak-to-Peak Highway if you wish to try out going up and down the Front Range on the various purple-highlighted routes. You won't be disappointed. Note: the route between Nederland and Boulder has more traffic on it than the others because of commuters.

By the way, the railroad tracks going through Rollinsville provide the ONLY railroad passage that connects eastern and western Colorado! Those tracks cross the Continental Divide through the famous 6.2-mile Moffat Tunnel. While the road between Rollinsville and the tunnel's eastern portal is not paved, it has normally been well maintained, and for those of you who are rail fans, if you have an extra hour, it's worth checking it out. As of 1989, Moffat Tunnel was the fourth longest railroad tunnel in North America.

4. Masonville Loops

We tend to see a lot of Masonville because it is easy to access from Loveland, and no matter what loop route you take, it is at most a 2.5- to 3-hour ride, even with a couple of long rest stops. Worth mentioning is the route up-hill from Belvue: it's particularly curvy and steep. You can thank us later!



5. Combinations

Of course, any of the above rides (or parts of rides) can be combined in any way you see fit. Our wish for you: just have fun, and take lots of pictures!

Tips

If you get up in the morning and look west and see dark clouds, you can check current road conditions with this link to the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Road-Conditions website. They have been very consistent about keeping it current.

<https://www.cotrip.org/@-106.62617,39.73414,8?show=roadWork,winterDriving,roadReports,plowLocations,weatherRadar,weatherWarnings,chainLaws>

“They say” the mountains make their own weather (often being different from the local weather forecast). However, there is a common pattern in the late Spring and Summer that you can use to stay dry if this is important to you: if it is going to rain, it will probably start at 1 or 2pm, and rarely lasts longer than about 30 minutes. I suggest using this pattern to plan most of your riding earlier in the day. And if you want to stay in the mountains into the afternoon, it can be fun dodging isolated showers if and when they occur.

Look for more mountain safety tips in the May Edition of *On The Fly*.

Last Thoughts

If you’re like us, you will be thinking of setting aside an extra 2-3 days travel time—because *there is so much to see!*

We also suggest booking *at least* an extra night in Loveland to attend Eagle Wings of Northern Colorado Chapter’s famous [Howl-at-the-Moon Ride](#) Saturday night after the BBQ Dinner at the end of the International Ride-In.

Happy trails!

Vie

2024 International Ride-In, Loveland, CO

Cool Places to Visit

Near Loveland Colorado

by Steve Scholbrock (Colorado District Treasurer)
and Victor Wheeler (Colorado District Safety/Ride Coordinator)

Loveland – Benson Sculpture Garden

Located at 2908 Aspen Drive in Loveland, Colorado, Benson Sculpture Garden has provided a beautiful and unique outdoor setting for showcasing sculpture since 1985. It is here that the Loveland High Plains Arts Council hosts its renowned Sculpture in the Park event each summer. Currently, there are 178 pieces of sculpture on permanent display by world-renowned artists worth over \$5 million. This 10-acre park includes handicap accessible sidewalks, a public restroom and several picnic areas.

<https://www.sculptureinthepark.org/about-benson>

Estes Park – Gateway to Rocky Mountain National Park and a hub for horror fans?

In his more than 30 years at the helm of the historic [Stanley Hotel](#) in Estes Park, Colorado, owner John Cullen has embraced the property's legacy as the horror-filled setting for Stephen King's 1977 hit novel, *The Shining*, and the inspiration for the Stanley Kubrick film of the same name. The allegedly haunted property is known for attracting travelers from around the world, and Cullen takes pride in offering visitors more than just a good night's sleep. "That's not enough," he said. "People want more: They want experiences." So it wasn't out of character last year when Cullen proposed an unorthodox use for the hotel's obsolete 1909 ice house: add a [famous frozen dead guy](#) and open the world's first public museum dedicated to the science of cryonic preservation.

<https://www.bbc.com/travel/article/20240312-estes-park-colorado-frozen-dead-guy-days-cryogenics-museum-horror-fans>

Nederland – Carousel of Happiness

As a young Marine in Vietnam Scott Harrison received a tiny music box that he held to his ear to distract him from the horror of the war going on around him. The music, Chopin's "Tristesse," brought him a peaceful image of a carousel in a mountain meadow. After returning home, he rescued an abandoned Looff carousel in Utah and spent 26 years hand-carving animals to bring it back to life. Scott had never carved before, but starting with the rabbit that is now on the sign in front of the carousel in Nederland, he went on to create more than 50 one-of-a-kind animals, 35 of which can be ridden. As he was finishing, the small community of Nederland (pop. 1,500) came together and raised the \$700,000 to build it a home.

<https://carouselohappiness.org>

Poudre Canyon – Mishawaka

Mishawaka is a music venue, bar, and restaurant in the Poudre Canyon. Open year round and catering to the Colorado lifestyle with concerts, local beers, full menu, and private events. A nice place for lunch as part of a ride up or down Poudre Canyon (via Masonville or Rist Canyon).

Cheyenne – Terry Bison Ranch

One of Cheyenne's most unique attractions! Take a tour on one of Terry Bison Ranch's custom-built trains to see ostriches, camels, a huge bison herd, and actually hand-feed the bison! Stop by the Trading Post gift shop for unique gifts, buffalo meat, and activity sign-up. The Senator's Steakhouse serves buffalo burgers and steaks year-round. Terry Bison Ranch is located just 7 miles south of Cheyenne off I-25. The 27,500 acre ranch is home to approximately 2500 head of American Bison.

<https://www.cheyenne.org/listing/terry-bison-ranch/77/>

Denver – Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge

Located just 10 miles northeast of downtown Denver, you can step into nature and see the native wildlife that call the Refuge home. Bison, deer, raptors, songbirds, waterfowl, prairie dogs, and coyotes are just a few of the animals you will see on your visit. Take a nature escape and discover the variety of wildlife and outdoor recreational experiences waiting for you.

<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/rocky-mountain-arsenal>

Colorado Springs –

US Air Force Academy

Garden of the Gods

Cave of the Winds

Pikes Peak

Manitou Cliff Dwellings

US Olympic and Paralympic Museum

And Further Away...

Breckenridge and the Breckenridge Troll

Walking up and down the main drag allows views of 200 or so, well-preserved mining-era buildings while you search for upscale outdoor gear, taffy shops, trinket stores and more. (For more history, see the tours at Country Boy Mine and the Washington Gold and Silver Mine, and the town's modest museums.)

Taking the gondola to the top of the mountain nets you access to mini-golf, bungee trampolines, aerial courses and restaurants/bars with unbeatable views. On the way up or down, keep an eye out for moose and bears, which my kids have spotted more than once. Also, Isak Heartstone is a 15-foot-tall wooden troll sculpture located on the Trollstigen Trail.

<https://www.denverpost.com/2024/03/05/breckenridge-family-friendly-activities-day-trip-denver/>

<https://gobreck.com/experience-breckenridge/arts-and-culture/how-to-find-the-breckenridge-troll>

Georgetown Loop Railroad

Open from late March through late October, and just 45 miles west of Denver, the Georgetown Loop Railroad offers views of Colorado nature that you just can't get from the highway. Bring your family and friends for a narrow gauge train ride, book a real silver mine tour, or learn how to pan for gold.

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

South Park

While the South Park TV series might have you thinking South Park is a town, in fact it is a valley in the middle of the Colorado mountains that was carved out long ago by a glacier. It's amid some of the most scenic of Colorado mountains, with Mount Evans (recently renamed Mt. Blue Sky) to the northeast, Pike's Peak to the east, and the Continental Divide to the west, its unusually -flat floor averages very close to 9000 feet above sea level. Its perimeter begins 48 miles southwest from Denver on US 285, and 45 miles west of Colorado Springs on US 24. It's about 50 miles wide north-to-south and about 25 miles wide at its widest point east-to-west. There is also a Middle Park (the valley connecting Granby and Kremmling west of Rocky Mountain National Park) and a North Park (the valley surrounding Walden, 94 miles west of Fort Collins by road).

Leadville - National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum

While there are 7 museums in Leadville, Colorado, Vic's favorite is the National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum. At 120 W 9th St in Leadville, this museum that tells the history of the mining origins of Leadville and shows stunning details of one of the mines. The area surrounding Leadville was home to some of Colorado's most prolific mines for Silver, Gold, Lead, Zinc and Copper.

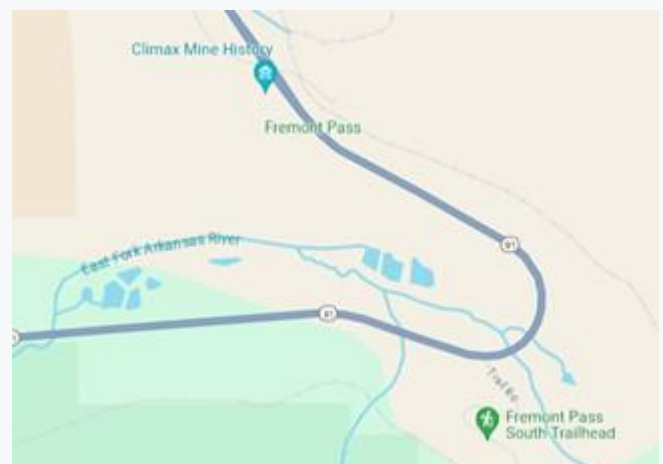
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leadville_mining_district

Arkansas River Headwaters

Between the Copper Mountain Ski Resort and the town of Leadville is Fremont Pass. And just south of Fremont Pass (on the Leadville side) is a 180° U-Turn in the road (very recognizable), and on the outer of that turn is a place where you can pull off and safely park to enjoy a leg stretcher or a picnic. From that location, look up and to the southwest and you will see the always-present snow bank up in the cradle of the surrounding mountains that is the origin of the Arkansas River. (You actually go over the river on the big curve—but it's just a culvert at that point.)

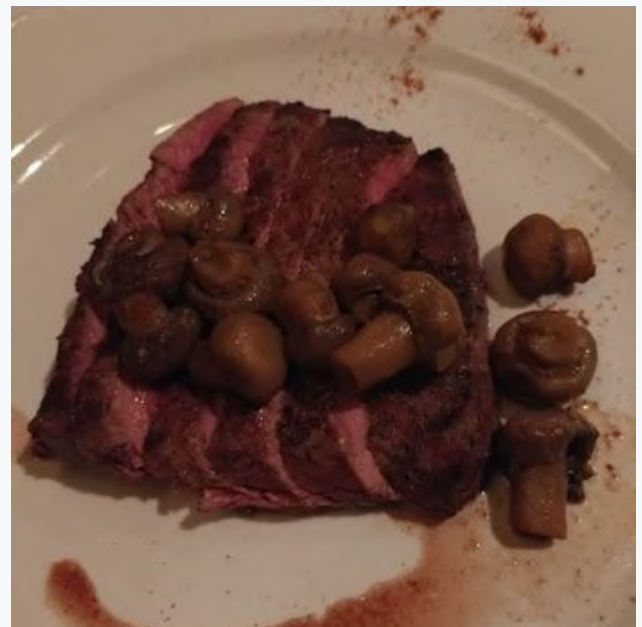
Safe travels!

—Steve & Vic



The Loveland Chophouse

[Menu](#)



Information obtained from [Yelp!](#)



Eagle Wings Rendezvous

Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association

2nd Annual Rally

Aug 29th – Aug 31st 2024

KI Convention Center in Green Bay, WI



Take a Scavenger Hunt ride to Green Bay, WI and join your friends at the 2nd annual rally, Eagle Wings Rendezvous! We'll have vendors, FUN, presentations, FUN, guest speakers, FUN, games, FUN, on bike games, FUN, and awesome guided and self guided rides to explore beautiful WI! This is an event you don't want to miss!

Lodging links on website
www.ewma-world.org/rendezvous

Plan for FUN!!!
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Friday Night Bike and Light Show Vote for your favorite and enjoy some ice cream!
Saturday Night is Dinner and Closing
***For up to Date Schedule & more info, go to [www. EWMA-World.org/Rendezvous](http://www.EWMA-World.org/Rendezvous)**

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Non Members	\$50	_____	\$ _____
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Light Dinner on Thursday Night	\$25	_____	\$ _____
Dinner on Saturday Night	\$40	_____	\$ _____
First Aid/CPR—Friday	\$25	_____	\$ _____
Tickets—addition to comped	Cost	Qty	Total
Grand Prize & Mystery Cash—Books of 3	\$10 X	_____	\$ _____
Grand 50/25/15/10— Books of 5	\$20 X	_____	\$ _____

All pre-registrations must be received by August 3, 2024
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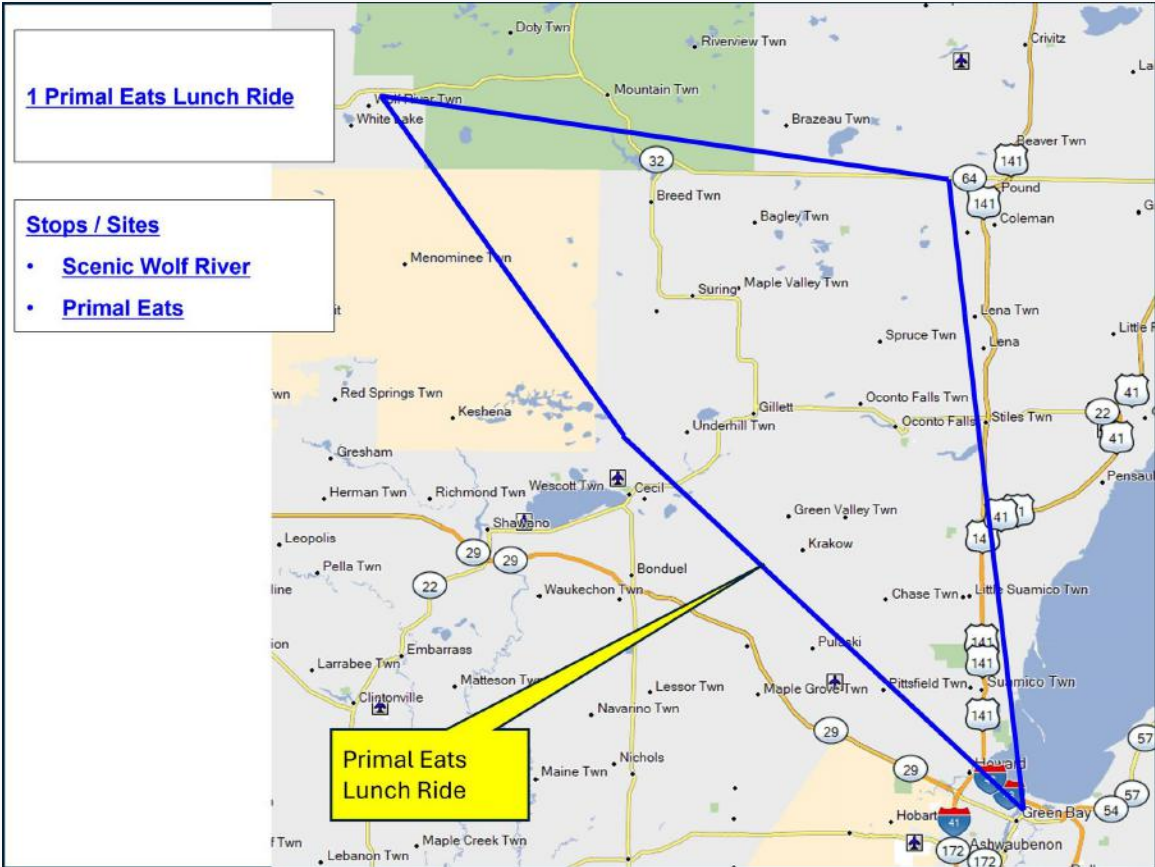
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Or Register Online at <https://www.ewma-world.org/rendezvous>

Green Bay Rendezvous Rally Rides



1 Primal Eats Lunch Ride

- Stops / Sites**
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 - [Primal Eats](#)

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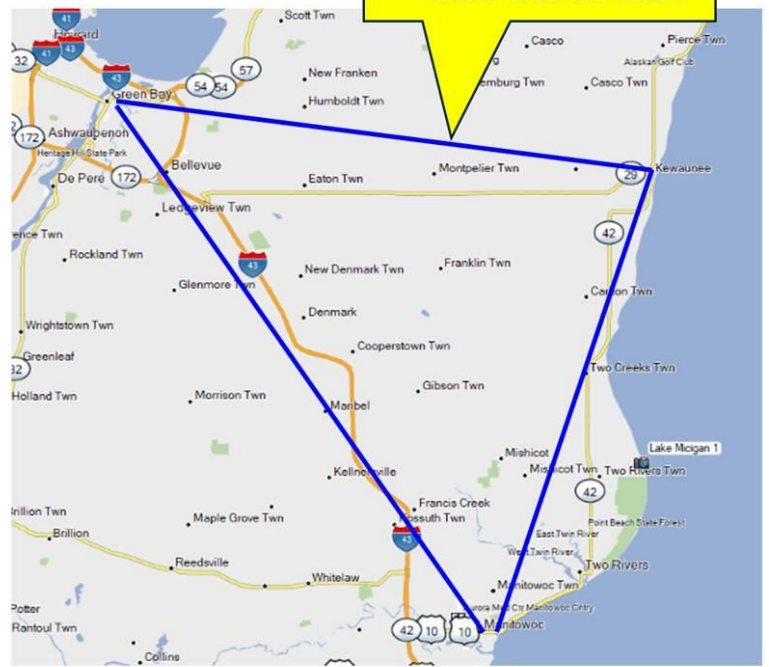
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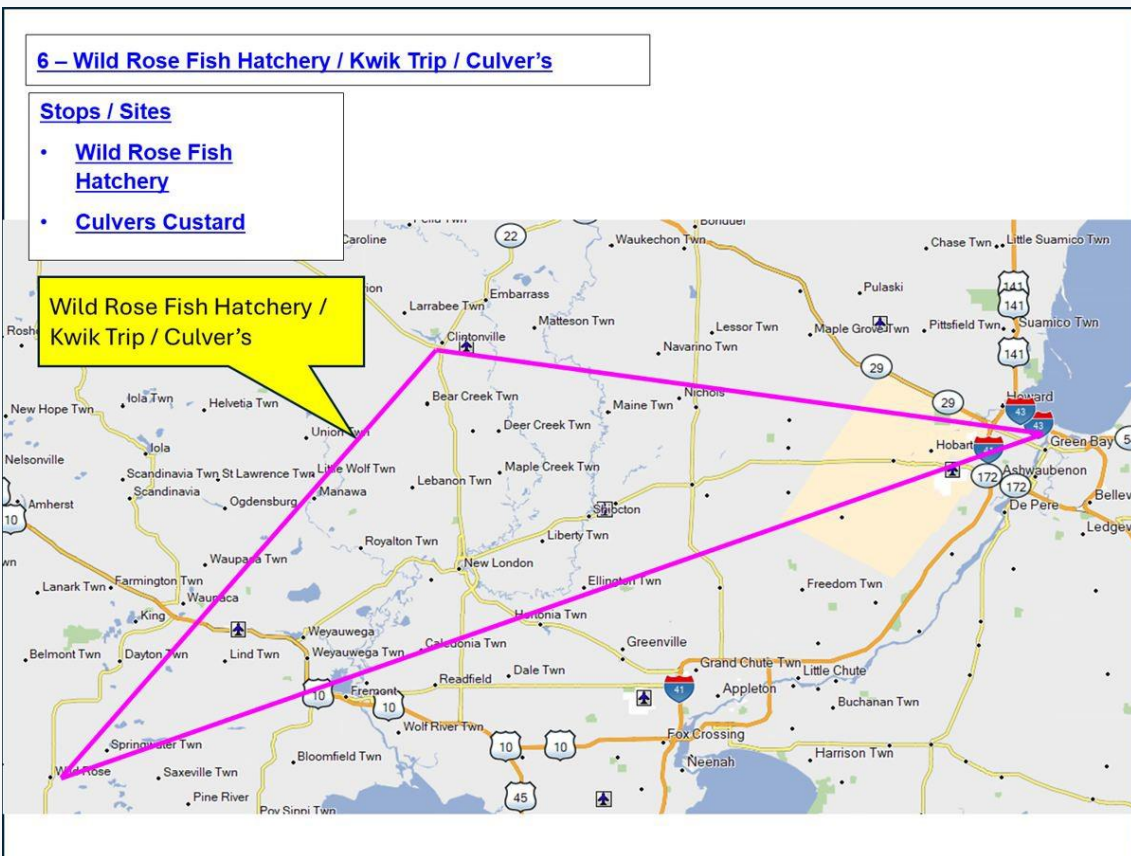
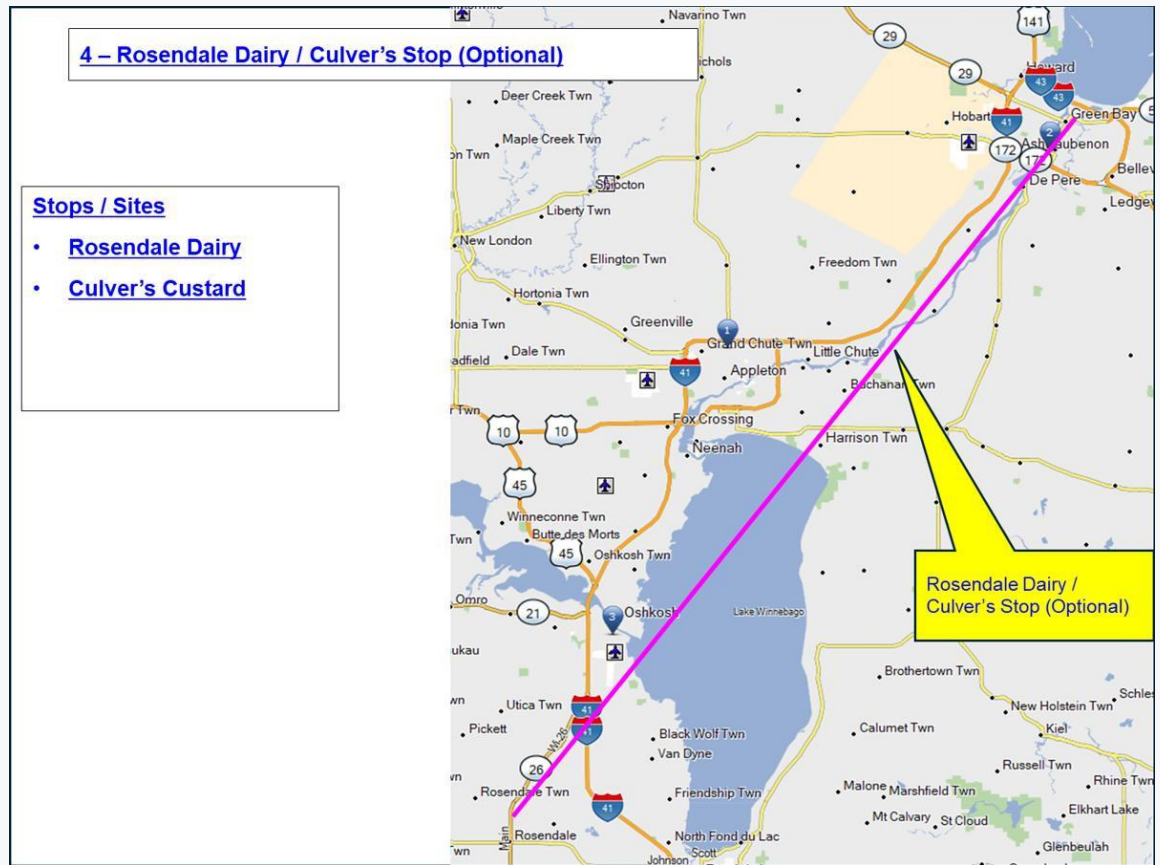
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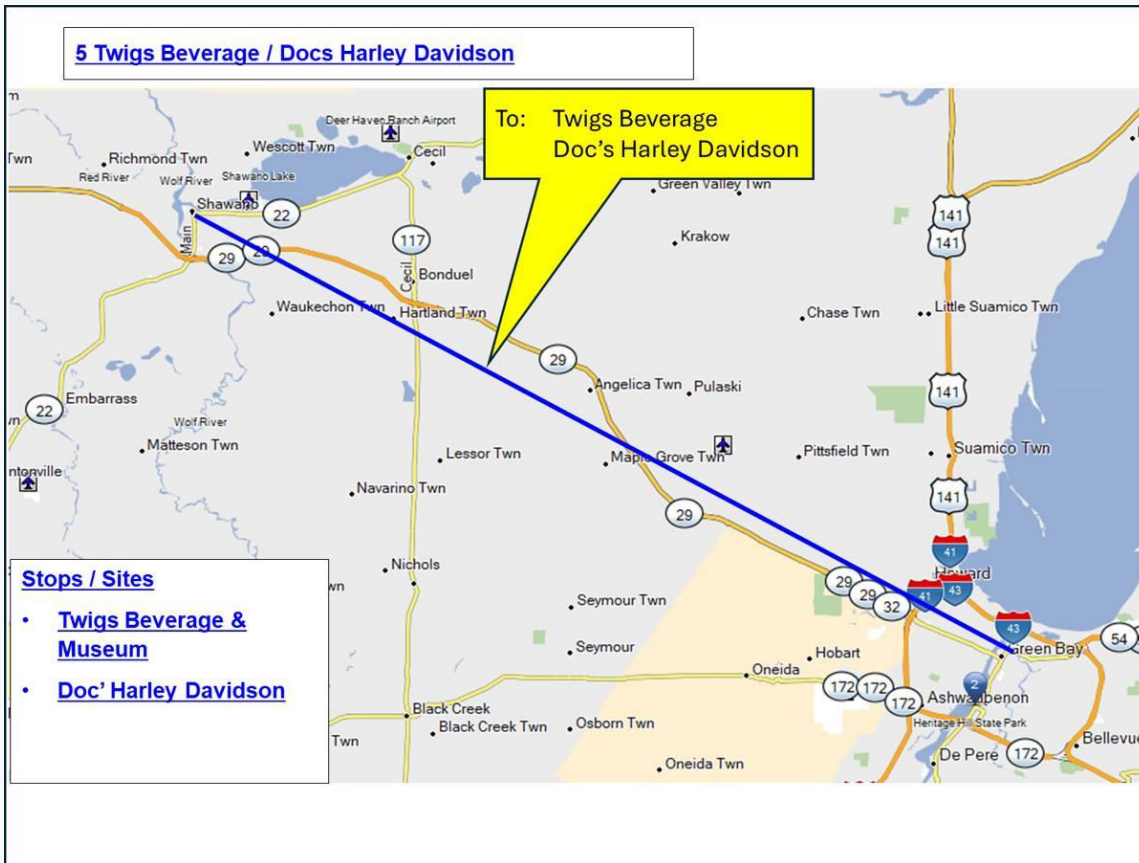
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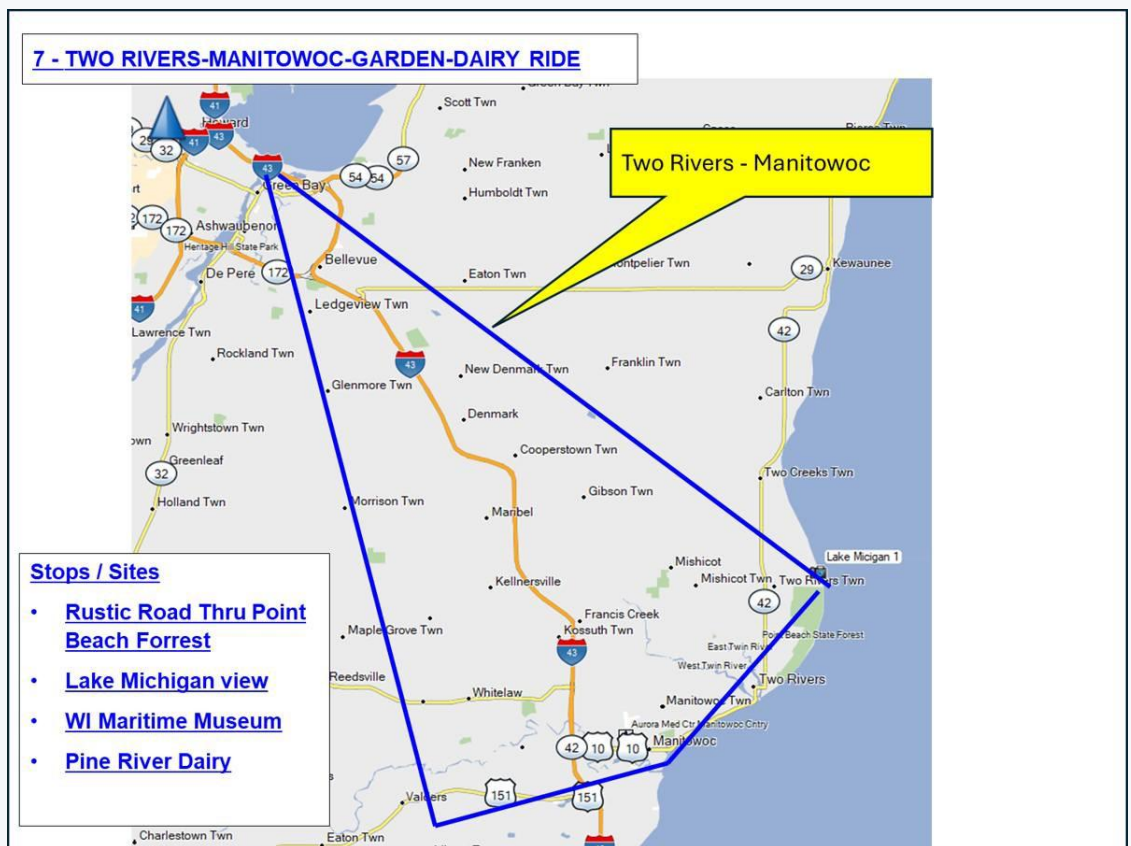
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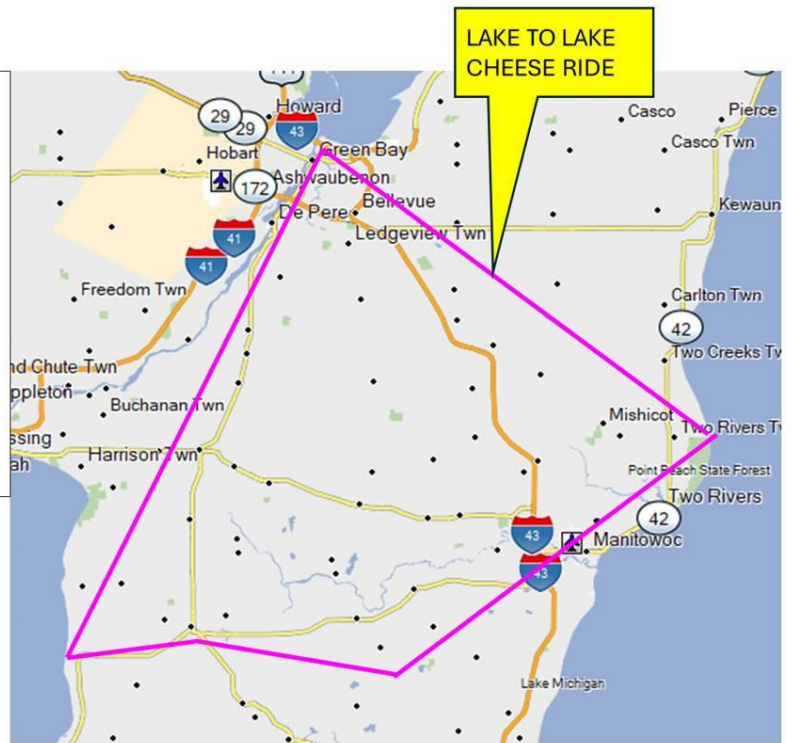
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Upcoming Events

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	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 7	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

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.

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

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.

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

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Social

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

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.

Grouper

Call 833-906-1700

Email info@hellogrouper.com

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