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Presidents' Corner

As Nan and I write this article, we are in the final stages of preparing to journey to Green Bay, WI to attend the Second Eagle Wings Rendezvous. We know it will be a great event and hope to see many of our EWMA Members and friends there.

If you can't make it this year, we hope to see you at next years Rendezvous. These are truly wonderful events that have something for everybody to enjoy. Read this to the end for vital info on next year's Rendezvous.

The purpose of this article is to thank all of the EWMA Team and Members who worked so diligently to make Rendezvous 2 a success. It takes lots of workers to put an event of this size together. We couldn't hire employees to perform all these tasks so Volunteer Leaders and Members who do it for free are indispensable.

We're not going to attempt to list all the names of the fantastic worker bees who carried the load day-to-day, keeping the rally running

flawlessly. The delegates only saw a smooth operation with lots of fun, rides, vendors, interesting presentations, and good food, among other things.

As many of you already know, next year's Rendezvous will be held in Ft. Smith, AR at the Wyndham City Center. Nan and I were fortunate enough to be part of the selection committee that chose this site so we've been there. You will love it. The hotel and convention center are connected so it's a short walk between the two. Parking is good and the hotel rooms are upscale, but at a reasonable price. When the registration opens, we'd suggest you jump on it because you'll want a room at the host.

Nan and Bob Shrader,
President,
Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association





The 2024 Montana District Rally And “Just for You”

By Montana District Directors - Willie and Sandy Jefferies

For the 2024 the Montana District Rally this year was held in Laurel, Montana. For those of you that do not know, Laurel is approximately 16 miles west of Billings, Montana, approximately 87 miles from the Beartooth Highway and the Northeast entrance for Yellowstone National Park. The Beartooth Highway is a top riding destination for motorcycling in America, that zigzags through both Montana and Wyoming with steep switchbacks rising from 5,000 feet to 10,947 feet at the top of the Beartooth Pass. It lies within the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness and is the home to Grizzlies and Black Bears as well as many other types of wildlife. There are 950 Alpine Lakes and hundreds of miles of hiking trails. A beautiful ride and our chosen ride for this year's Rally.

The Montana District chooses a theme to include something about the area where our rally will be held each year. Since we were going to be so close to The Beartooth Highway we naturally picked “**Pulling the Beartooth**” as our theme for this year. The design and shirts came from Tim and Marti Mitchell. Then the work for the next 11 months began as bears began to fill our house from all over Montana and a little shopping on Amazon. We were having so much fun collecting these wonderful bears that we soon had collected enough to have one for every table for Rally as part of the table decorations. There bears in every shape and size being collected in Sandy's Office. We had big bears, small bears, fat bears, and bears of every shape, size, and color. It usually takes about 11 months to successfully put a rally together by the time the venue is chosen, vendors are confirmed, hotels are chosen, camping areas are approved, brown bag items collected, door prizes collected, and the decorations are ready to start being assembled. It is definitely a group effort with our District Team and help from others as the rally was approximately 400 miles away from our home.

The Montana District Rally is all about fun, laughter, and sharing with each other. Usually, at our Rally we give away the table decorations with random drawings. In the past there were homemade bags, trains of every size and shape, and centerpieces made from license plates. Ideas are limitless and souvenirs from around the area of the Rally abound. This year was to be no different.

I was driving home one evening from work, and thinking about working on the decorations that evening, when I asked myself if these participants really wanted to take home these bears. Would they be put on a shelf, or in a toy basket, or let them just take up space and collect dust because they were a souvenir? Would it not be better if these bears were to have a different purpose? The wheels were turning in my head at this point, and I was hoping that the idea that I would present to my husband, Willie, would be one he thought would be doable. He agreed and the process of taking care of all these bears began to take shape. The one thing that we agreed upon was not to tell anyone in our District or at our local **Missoula Chapter, The 93 Riders**, what we had in mind and to make it a true surprise at the Rally. To do so we would need a little help from Ann Piper and her talents creating what we were going to need in addition to these bears. Willie contacted Ann (a fellow rider with EWMA) who agreed to help us with the next part and keep it a secret when Willie explained to her what we were looking for.

During Opening Ceremonies at the District Rally, Willie always does something to get the theme rolling and this year was no exception. Since it usually takes a few minutes to get ready, Willie surrendered the microphone, and I asked the question of who is hoping to take home some of the decorations? There were lots of hands raised and this year was to be no different as people were talking about which bear they wanted and hoping that there would be a drawing for each of the bears. Excitement was in the air, *until* I broke the news that nobody was going to be able to take the bears home this year. Silence filled the air until I asked if they would like to hear what those bears are going to do?

Since we had kept such a great secret nobody could guess what we had planned. They were then told that all ten bears at the tables as well as all 54 of the smaller bears in the room were going to be going to our new program “**JUST FOR YOU.**” To start the program a total of sixty-four bears were going to children in crisis. Silence filled the room before applause filled the air.

When I am talking about a child in crisis, I am talking about a child who is having to be removed from an unsafe home, separated from their loved ones after a motor vehicle accident, or a situation where a trusted adult is being removed from their home. For these children, this can be one of the most terrifying times of their lives. Why not use these bears to comfort a child at these times? So, with that in mind, the Montana District Directors decided to use these bears to help those children that were most in need of something to call their very own, something to comfort them, or something to hold when their world has spun out of control. These bears would be for a child who just needs something to call their own and hold to comfort them.

Willie and I got to work on the smaller bears to be used for this exact purpose before going to Rally. Transparent bags were ordered from Amazon and a few more bears were ordered as well. When they arrived, their ribbons were pressed, the bears were fluffed with an iron, and put in a new bag with a card that says **JUST FOR YOU** hanging on their ribbons. It has the **Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association logo** on the back and our local Missoula, Montana chapter name **“The 93 Riders”** as well, On the front in blue **JUST FOR YOU**. Careful attention then fell to the bigger bears and making sure they all had bright cheery ribbons, and a card hanging from their ribbon.

For a child in crisis, red can be a very scary color as it is the same color as blood, and they do not need to see anything on their bear that might remind them of the trauma that they may have just seen. Happy colors are so much more comforting.

A great big thank you goes out to Ann Piper who created the cards for us!

As we were ending the close of our Rally, we still had one more surprise up our sleeves. Nobody expected what would happen next and not unusually at a Montana District Rally. We in the middle of finishing up dinner and getting ready to start closing ceremonies when in the middle of closing ceremonies 2 EMTs arrived to pick up the bears that we were donating to them. They were so happy with them that there were a few misty eyes and **EMT Tony Contreraz said they could have used two of them the night before**. With bright ribbons and cards attached, these bears went with the EMTs to be used by a group of EMT First Responders in the city of Laurel when they are needed.

After the Rally ended and Willie and I headed for home we talked about the best way to get this news out about what we are doing in Montana and specifically in our own area of Montana. Thanks to Chris Toomer VP of Operations who attended the Montana Rally and for giving us the idea to put an article together for the “ON THE FLY” publication. I want to share with you how we distributed the smaller bears in Missoula, Montana. Since we were keeping the small bears in the area, we needed to get these smaller bears to the right places. Willie and I discussed it in length and finally landed on several needed places. With the help of our local first responders, we are able to do just that. Police, Sheriff, Highway Patrol, Fire, and EMTs. These are the first people that will see a child in crisis who may need something to start to cope with what has happened to them or a family member. The process of contacting all of these departments has been easy with just a phone call to the office heads of the departments. By the end of August, all 54 bears will be in the hands of these First Responders.

MONTANA DISTRICT is putting forth a challenge to everyone in EWMA to join Montana is helping to distribute the comfort that these children may need.

Bears can be purchased from Amazon (approximately \$2.50 each) along with the bags to help keep them nice and clean for a child. Check with Ann Piper (listed above) and she can help with your cards. Please contact Montana District Directors for any questions you may have. We are going to continue to do **“JUST FOR YOU”** as long as there is a need and an EWMA MONTANA DISTRICT!

I heard that there are 36 more bears heading to Laurel for distribution to more first Responders from the EWMA Billings Chapter MT-Riders of the Big Sky. Thank you to them!



Did you have FUN!?!?



Cutting the Ribbon

JR, Bruce, Anita, and Barb



HAIL TO THE CHIEF!

The Pine City NY Fire Chief & Reserve Fire Chief that is.

Sunday July 21st 2024 was a return home day for our amazing trip to the Cabot Trail in Nova Scotia (3400 Miles). We are six members of the Motor City Riders from, of course, Detroit! While navigating thru the beautiful countryside of New York we had a breakdown of our Stal-lion motorcycle.

A stabilizer linkage to the rear suspension broke, making the bike highway unrideable. We pulled into the parking lot of the Pine City Volunteer Fire Department just outside of Elmira and promptly met the Fire Chief, Pat Allison. Right away Pat called the Deputy Fire Chief Tim Rohr who drove to us and helped us figure out the issue. Tim had us ride to his house and spent nearly two hours of hard work welding a temporary fix that got us home.

This country is full of good people! We ran into two of the best, who not only put their lives on the line for their community but, did not hesitate to help us in our hour of need. We thank you and are grateful for your service!

Paul Kennedy

Thanks guys!





All Things Digital

First, it was so good to meet so many of you at the Green Bay Rendezvous. It is always great to put a face with a name. It was scary sometimes when someone said they recognized me for the first time meeting, only to remember that my picture was in each of these articles. So, you have me at a disadvantage, but that is fine. Hope to see you all next year at the Fort Smith, AR Rendezvous.

As I mentioned in the web presentations at Rendezvous, many of you have been asking how to add members to their chapters. Well, I've finally written out the procedures, so let's give it a test run.

First, these procedures are for the **Directors** (Chapter, District, or Region) to use. Most users will not be able to follow this, other than telling their Directors they can do it. Certain permissions must be in place before you can follow these procedures, which are tightly controlled to ensure we ARE protecting your information. Each Director, at any level, is made an admin for their respective area. That is symbolized by the words **"Control Panel"** at the top of their login information. If you are a Director and don't see that, please contact me at the email address below.

When you see the "Control Panel" after you log in to our website, you can click on the words. It will open up a new window with several "tabs" across the upper portion of it. These will include "People," "Website," "Money," "Association," "Communications," and "Support." Each of these will display things you have access to. We are only going to address the **"People"** portion for this article, but just note, stay away from the "Money" tab. Nothing is currently setup for Directors in there.



Under the **"People"** tab, you should have an **"Admin Function"** called **"Subgroup Member Manager"**. You will only see this if you have been made an admin for a chapter, district or region. Once you select (click on) this, it will open up the panel named the same. On here, are a couple of items that need explanations.



When you first open **Subgroup Member Manager**, there will be no information

displayed until you make a selection for the "Search" and then the drop down to "Show Members For" window. This drop-down menu will display each area you have permission to access. (Note, if you are a District or Region Director, you will see all chapters/districts in your area. You **MUST** select a chapter, one at a time, to make changes.)

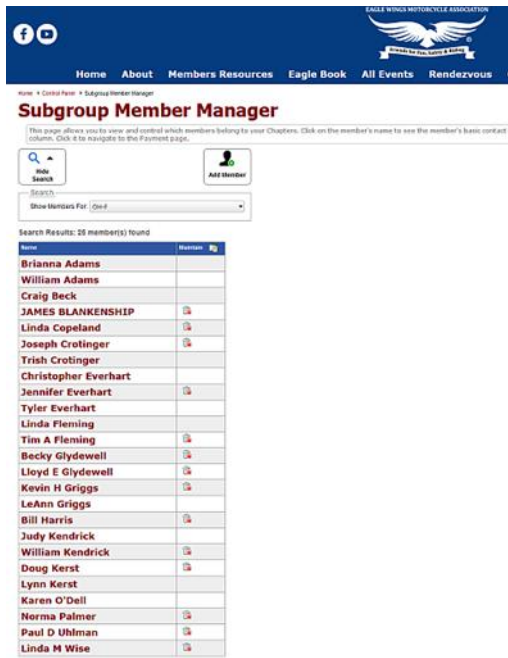
Once you select the **chapter in the drop-down menu**, you will see a list of people who have selected the chapter (or you will see "No members found" if no one has selected the chapter).



Once a chapter is selected, you should now see an **"Add Member"** button. When you select (click on) this button, a **"Select Member"** window opens. Next to the **"Search For"** window, type the last name of the person you want to add then click **"Search"**. This will show you **all people** with that last name in our database. (**Note: CAUTION...** make sure you select the correct person by validating the member number, which is also displayed next

to the name). Once you select a name, click on the "Select" button at the bottom. You will be taken back to the Subgroup Member Manager page, and that person will appear in the list.

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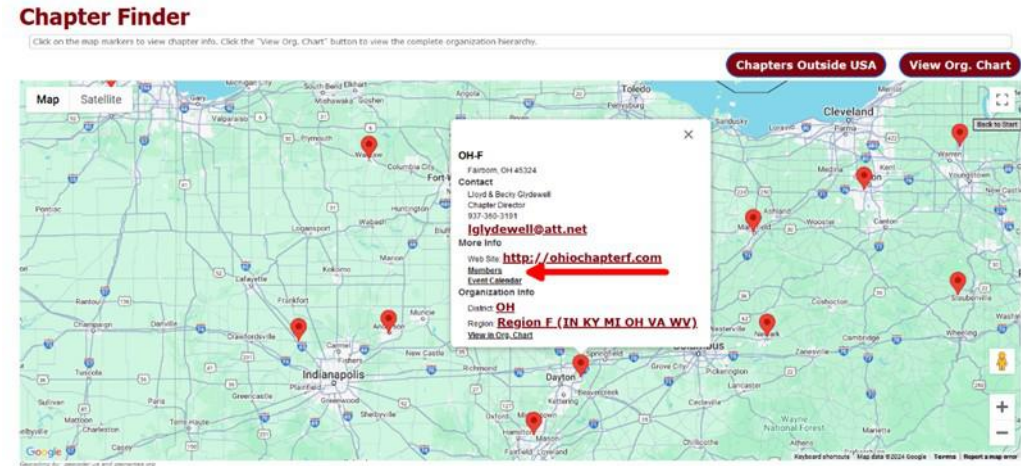


Yes, this is a cumbersome lengthy process to add individuals, but that is why the Chapter Directors have this ability. The list will be much shorter for them.

Now, you ask, why am I going through all this effort?... Let me share some news. Once people are assigned to a chapter, any status change, the director will get an email on. I.E., if a person is added to your chapter, the admins for that chapter will ALL get an email. If a person expires, you will get an email. If a person renews... you will get an email. This gives the Chapter Director the ability to know what is going on in their Chapter, which in turns, enables the District and Region Directors to go see (although, currently, they do not get an email notification for any changes).

Also, in addition to the notifications, when someone goes to a Chapter in the Chapter Finder, there is an option to show Members from that page (see example below with red arrow). Just below the “Web Site” listing on this example, it says “Members”. When you click on this, it will open up the “Eagle Book” and display a map with all the members for that chapter (reminder: more than 24 people will display on the Next Page).

So, there is some incentive to go add the folks. Once added, they will also show up on the Member Roster,



that comes out each month, with the Chapter Selection. Now, people with more than one chapter selected, will only show up once and may not have all the chapters listed. That is me removing them from the list so we don't have people showing up 3-12 times because they have selected 3-12 chapters. Bug in the system currently, that we will be working on fixing.

Just a reminder to ALL members. If you login to the website, go to your “Profile”, in the lower left corner, you can select a chapter to join yourself. Each of you can do this and save the Directors a lot of work.

So, I hope this edition of All Things Digital is helpful. I look forward to sharing more capabilities next month.

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WELCOME

We would like to offer a BIG “WELCOME” to all of our new members, especially those who joined during the Rendezvous in Green Bay! These folks started out with the opportunity to meet HUNDREDS of new friends simply because they attended the event!

As we were traveling to Rendezvous, we found ourselves reflecting on the MANY friends we’ve met from not just our home State of South Carolina. We’ve rallied with folks from several regions, met new friends at Ride-Ins, and even got to know many of you at Rendezvous and even on social media!

In just the last two years, we have had the privilege of meeting or speaking with many, many new friends that we might never have met, were it not for our common love of motorcycles, and passion for Eagle Wings Motorcyle Association. From Nova Scotia to California, British Columbia to Italy, Malta, and in between, Friends for FUN, Safety, and Riding are looking to meet YOU!

Do you have friends that you met because of EWMA? We certainly hope so. If not, look us (or any of Team EWMA) up at an event, and we will be glad to introduce you to a few!

We look forward to meeting YOU down the Road!

Don & Rhonda Weed

Senior Vice Presidents

Congratulations Don & Rhonda Weed



**Anita Alkire, founder and Bruce Beeman, Founder present
Don and Rhonda Weed with the first FOUNDERS award.**

Congratulations, Don & Rhonda.



MEMBER BENEFITS

The Second Annual EWMA Rendezvous is in the history book! Cheryl and I worked hard on the Vendor front. The rest of the International, Region and District Teams worked hard on their areas as well. We hope you attended and had a Great FUN time! It's more FUN when you attend and participate! It takes FUN to have FUN! We hope to see you at the next Rendezvous!

If you haven't noticed we have two new Membership Benefits!

We now have access for you to join **Grouper**.

EWMA Members have an option to have their Membership paid for them.

The process is simple. You go to the Grouper website, sign up, and if your Health Care plan is supported, they refund you your EWMA membership dues each year.

The latest addition to Membership Benefits is **The Entertainment Coupon Membership**. Years ago you may have bought a coupon book. Now it's digital! **As a EWMA Member you can join the Entertainment Coupon Membership at a discounted rate.** Wherever you are in the USA and Canada you can enjoy savings on:

- dining
- attractions
- activities
- golf
- shopping
- services
- Travel and more...

When you sign into the App to get the offerings, the App automatically knows where you are and brings up those businesses offering discounts. Cheryl and I have used it a few times in our travels around the country this year and it has worked great!

Go online to the EWMA website, ewma-world.org, and sign in and go to Member Resources and then Benefits and Services. You can see these and several other Benefits offered for being a Member of EWMA!

If you have some ideas or connections where we can possibly get more Membership Benefits please let us know!

Bill & Cheryl Smith

Vice President Member Benefits

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Eagle Wings Rendezvous
Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association
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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.**

Rider Signature: _____ Co-Rider Signature: _____

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

Meet our Region "B" Director

Ten Questions for Chapter Directors

This is for our Chapter Directors. Here is a riddle for you. What do you sit on, sleep on, and brush your teeth with? I'll give you 60 seconds. Don't look below!

Now for the answer. A chair, a bed, and a toothbrush. Now, did you struggle to come up with just one item? Why? Are we conditioned to think that since this is a riddle your answer is restricted to just one item? Do we get caught up in a limited way of doing things? It's time to think outside the box.

The backbone of the Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association is the Chapter. This is where most of our new members are introduced to our fun. What is our thought process in directing our chapters (I'm a CD also)? Are we firmly entrenched in having a monthly chapter meeting at the same time, in the same place? Do we have that routine Saturday ride for burgers and ice cream? Do we wait for training at District Rallies in rider safety and riding skills? Let's shake things up!

The EWMA Handbook recommends healthy Chapters to have 3 to 4 activities per month. That could include a routine monthly meeting, but why? Vary locations, vary times, vary restaurants, vary days of the week. Ride (An old adage I once heard was, if the CD rides, the chapter rides), train, play on-bike games. Teach your members how to use the EWMA-World.org website. There is a wealth of information there and so many benefits available. Ride with other chapters. Ride with other groups. Visit a variety of dealers. Take short rides. Take long rides. Take overnight rides. Attend rallies and the Rendezvous. But above all, don't let your chapter friends turn into JAMS (just a member). Encourage them to lead rides and head up events, teach classes, and lead parking lot practices. We need "Energizer Bunnies". Chapter Life is where the fun begins! You need someone, like an "Energizer Bunny," to step in at your position, and you need to think about stepping up to the next level.

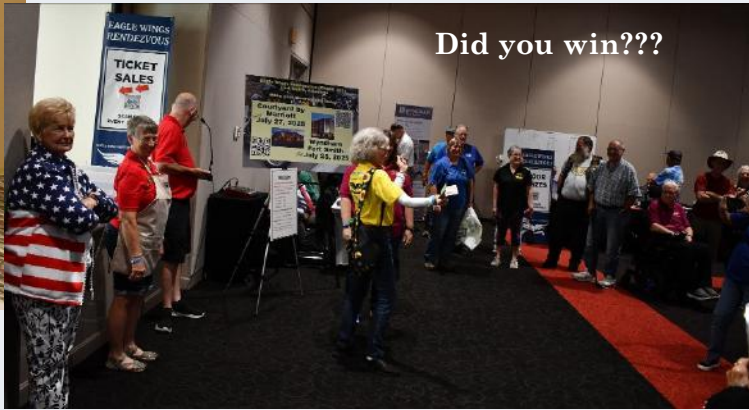
Chapter Life is a cabaret old friend, so come to the Cabaret.

Jim & Reba Berry

Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association,
Region Director B



Rendezvous Fun!!

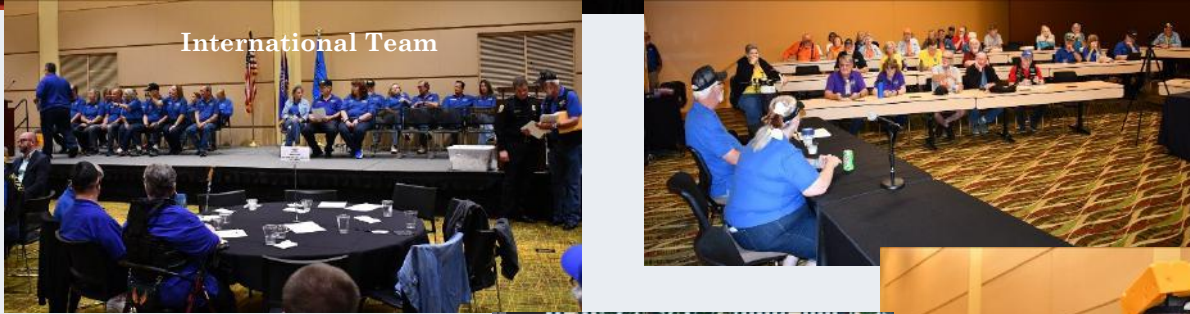


Did you join us and have some FUN!!

Signing up for rides



International Team



Opening Day





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