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*Ride - **RECRUIT** - Repeat*



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*The Presidents Corner*

# PARTICIPATION = SUCCESS

**As we approach the spring and summer months, many of our EWMA components begin to sponsor and host various rallies, ride-ins, and other social events, while International EWMA hosts our annual Rendezvous, this year at Ft. Smith, AR, August 28th—30th.**

**Each of these events, from the smallest Chapter function to Region and District events and Rendezvous itself, involves lots of work and effort by our members and volunteer leaders to ensure that each activity is a success. The whole idea behind these festivities is to encourage our members to attend, have a great time, have lots of fun, make new friends, and want to come back again for the next one.**

**No matter their size, these social events are an excellent opportunity to recruit new members and get acquainted with old friends. After all, EWMA is a big social organization whose members also ride motorcycles or other vehicles to get to our events. Think about how many of your friends you've met while riding or going to rallies many years ago, and they are still your friends now. You'd never have met those folks without the opportunities provided by rides and their related events.**

**This leads to the next point: these events can't be successful without attendees. The principal ingredients for success are many: EWMA members and other attendees. Therefore, we'd like to encourage you to try to attend the EWMA activities that are within your reach. By that, we mean those with the discretionary time and funds to attend. Nan and I try to make as many as possible and have not been disappointed; they've all been fun. We look forward to seeing you at the Rendezvous!**

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

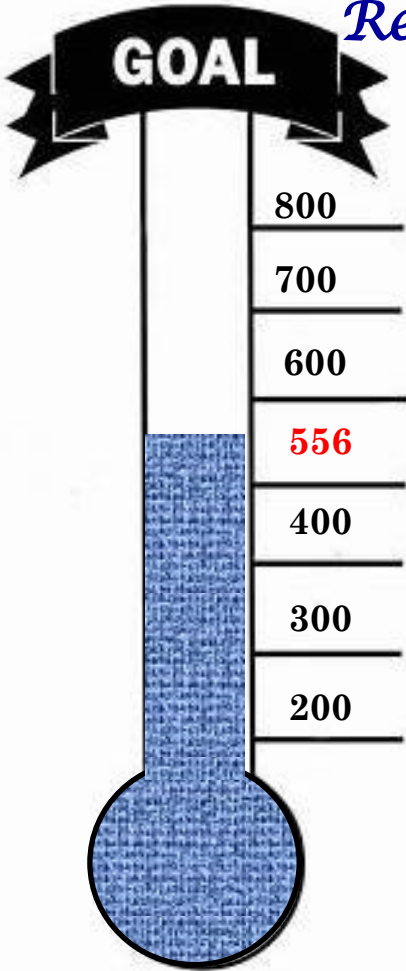
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*Tim Poppell of Florida*

*New CPR/FA Instructor*



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**AUGUST 28 - 30, 2025 - FORT SMITH, AR**  
FORT SMITH CONVENTION CENTER



# Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association 3rd Annual Rally **Eagle Wings Rendezvous** Aug 28th – Aug 30th 2025



## WE'RE GOING TO FORT SMITH, AR!

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### 3 Days of Rides, Presentations and FUN!

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Friday Night Bike and Light Show Vote for your favorite and enjoy some ice cream!

**Let's make this the biggest Rendezvous yet!**  
**We can't wait to see you there!**

<b>Registration Fees (onsite \$10 more)</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Total</b>
EWMA Members	\$45	_____	\$ _____
Non Members	\$55	_____	\$ _____
Day Passes-available for purchase on site			
<b>Dinner Thursday Night (Max seating-360)</b>	\$30	_____	\$ _____
<b>Dinner Saturday Night (Max seating-360)</b>	\$45	_____	\$ _____
Chicken _____ Pork _____			
First Aid/CPR _____	\$25	_____	\$ _____
<b>Pre-Registration Tickets</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Grand Prize &amp; Mystery Cash—Books of 5</b>	\$10 X	_____	\$ _____
<b>Grand 50/25/15/10— Books of 5</b>	\$20 X	_____	\$ _____

**GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**All pre-registrations must be  
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Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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



# 2025 Eagle Wings Rendezvous!

## **August 28—30, 2025**

### **Fort Smith, Arkansas**

Hotels, Camping and other details on the EWMA website

[Eagle Wings Rendezvous web Link](#)

Need to have the number of Motorcycles for the Guided Rides

Turn-By-Turn, Google Maps & GPX files available in May  
(details on how to sign up for the Rides coming soon)



### **Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association**

#### **3rd Annual Rally**

#### **Eagle Wings Rendezvous**

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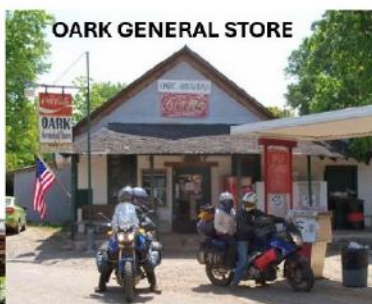
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**<https://swmmobilityscooter.com>**

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## *May - Motorcycle Awareness Month*

It's not only time to get the bikes back out but also to educate people to look out for us. I believe that it is our responsibility to educate non-riders on how to see us. We have tools available on the Eagle Wings website in the form of presentations. Some states have educational material available for you to hand out. There are games for the kids to play in the car, teaching them to look out for us.

JoAnne Collins from Chapter "F" in Ohio worked with the City of Fairborn, Ohio, to support Motorcycle Awareness Month. The Mayor signed a Proclamation designating and proclaiming May 2025 Motorcycle Awareness Month.

The two groups present were Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association Chapter "F", Ohio, and members of the Grey Riders. The city presented both groups with a Proclamation.



Mayor presenting  
the Proclamation



Members from Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association  
Chapter "F" Ohio, the Region Director and District  
Director



Members of the City Council congratulated  
the group's members



Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association  
Ohio Chapter "F" and the Grey Riders.



# 2025 Recruiting Rock Star Challenge



My owner was giving me a last minute polish before the EWMA IOWA CHAPTER D Mall show and along comes a couple to “ooh and ahh” over me.

They ask questions, admire me, ask a few more questions and now...they are EWMA Members!!

Just like that...I'm a STAR (well, really it was my owners)

That's how easy it is to be a RECRUITING ROCK STAR!!





# EWMA Flag

*Make your home a  
ROCK STAR*





## *“Z” Great Texas Adventure - Part 1*

*By Brian King*

Our Texas adventure began almost a year earlier. Rich and Melody have a house in Kerrville, Texas. They had been spending a lot of time there and decided to invite the chapter (II-Z) to go with them for fantastic Texas riding. Since they knew the area, he started planning it out with daily trips into Hill County. Finally pulling the trigger and setting a date, we began our plans earnestly. 4 days there, 4 days riding, and 4 days to get home was the plan. As time progressed, I got my employer to allow two more days off, and a trip to the Rio Grande and Big Bend National Park was added. Rich planned all the routes, and March 31, 2025, was set as the day to start. Kind of early for planning a ride in Illinois, but this was to try to time the peak of the Texas Blue Bonnet season and to get home in time for Easter. 9 people made the trip, Rich and Melody, Rich (Stretch) and Rhonda, Pete, John and Julie, and Debbie and me.

**Day one...**It was 36 degrees when we left the house in the morning. We met the group and headed out. Four bikes and one car were heading to Texas to explore all we could in 14 days. Stretch and Rhonda had a bit of a conflict. Trailering their motorcycle, they planned to meet us in Texas later. Another couple had made a last-minute decision to take their car due to some medical issues. We were all happy they could still make the trip. Everyone was bundled up and had the heated gear fired up; no one complained about the cold. Rich led us down Route 24 along the river, then headed south on Route 100. These are a couple of epic area two-lane highways that follow the Illinois River. As we headed out, it felt great to return on the bike after a long Illinois winter. This time of year, the trees are still bare, but there were occasional splashes of color from the Red Buds and Magnolias blooming along the route. As we wandered through Emiquon National Wildlife Refuge, we could also spot wildlife enjoying the spring day. Ducks were swimming in the water, and an eagle watched us pass by from his perch high in the trees. Several no-till farm fields we passed today will be filled with purple flowers. Everyone was wondering what they were, and I did a quick Google search at lunch to find out. Turns out it is a weed called Henbit that grows like a ground cover. It may be a nuisance to the farmers, but it is beautiful for the traveler. Rich kept the time in the saddle down with stops every 80 miles. Since this was the first time out for most of us, it was appreciated. We eventually crossed the Mississippi into Missouri, stopping for the night after about 350 miles of traveling.

**Day 2...**We headed out with the heated gear on again today, 43 degrees, leaving Lebanon, Missouri, we traveled down Hwy 5 to Hwy 76. These two-lane roads provide us with some great riding, having to maintain a single file most of the time. There was fantastic scenery, and even more color was popping in the trees. Our lunch destination was Guy Fieri's in Branson. It warmed up nicely to about 60 in the afternoon. Guy's served some great food with big portions. Most of us split our meals. We took Rt 86 and Rt 23 back on the road into Eureka Springs. 86 could have been a nice two-laner, but there was too much traffic. Rt 23, on the other hand, was fantastic. This road had lots of twists and turns. Frequently following a creek on one side with rock cliffs on the other. This dumped us off right on the historic main street. We were passing through, but now I must return and spend some time there. After Eureka Springs, we planned to hit the Famous Pig Tail (Rt 23) with a quick stop at the Oak General Store, on our way to our final stop for the night, Fort Smith. Well, as is our custom, we got lost! Riding around on the twisty roads of the Arkansas Ozarks can be disorienting if you're unfamiliar with the area. No worries, though. We still got to ride some fantastic roads. We were on Route 16 and Route 21.



These roads led us about 30 miles out of the way, but it was worth it. If you are in this area, give these two roads a try. Once we got back to civilization in Clarksville, we were all beat. We hit Interstate 40 for the last leg into Fort Smith, getting there just as the sun set. The Pig Tail and Oak General Store will have to wait until another time.

**Day 3...** Today, our journey took us to ADA, Oklahoma, for lunch. We finally escaped the cold weather, but now had to contend with rain. Our first hour or 2 was in and out of rain. Nothing terrible, just a nuisance. Highway 70 shot a straight line across southern Oklahoma, where the trees and forest of the Ozarks gave way to rolling pasture with many large cattle ranches. The landscape became dotted with oil wells. Some are working, and others are standing as rusting monuments to times past. I found all the small towns we went through fascinating, giving my imagination a workout thinking of their glory days. Finally making it to Texas, we stopped in Wichita Falls for the night.



**Day 4...** Woke up to more storms today. It rained all night, and everything was soaked. The temperature was 55 degrees. Since we were not in a hurry (keeping our daily mileage to around 300), we waited till 9:30 to get back on the road. The rain had stopped, but the skies were overcast, and the temperatures were cool. Not what we were expecting in Texas. As we headed to Kerrville, we were buffeted by high winds. The scenery was not significantly different from Oklahoma, but for Midwesterners like us, it was still enjoyable. Slowly, the skies cleared, and the temperatures improved. Rich led us into Kerrville on farm-to-market roads that took us into the hill country. Oil wells gave way to prickly pear cacti, and ranch land filled with low-growing scrub trees. The roads were in great shape with just enough curves to keep it interesting. We got our first authentic look at the Bluebonnets and Indian Paintbrush flowers that dotted the roadside everywhere. We arrived in Kerrville and settled in for the next 4 days. Some of us stayed at Rich and Melody's house while the rest remained at a local hotel.

**Day 5...** After 4 days on the road, this was a short day. We hung out most of the morning while waiting for the weather to warm up. Then we went on a shopping trip to Fredericksburg. This local shopping destination has many shopping opportunities on its main street. It is also home to the Admiral Nimitz Museum. There is no problem spending a whole day or two here, but we only had a few hours. After lightening our wallets, we headed to Friedhelm's Bavarian Inn for a wonderful German lunch. It was a pleasant experience with a lot of laughter and good food. After lunch, we headed out to Luckenbach, Texas, made famous in the country song. They boast a population of three. Only a few buildings are left here, but there were a lot of visitors. The only things here were a gift shop, a hat shop, an old post office, a bandstand, and an open-air dance hall. But that didn't stop us from spending a few hours here. A band played some great old country tunes, and we spent a lot of time sipping our sodas and enjoying the outdoor entertainment. Rich led us around on some great farm and ranch roads again today.

**More next month as "Z" Great Texas Adventure - Part 2  
travels to Texas Hill Country**



# Three R's

## Rallies Rendezvous'

## Ride-Ins

Date	Name	Location	
<b>2025</b>			
June 20-22	Washington District Ride-In	Grand Coulee Vistors Center 17 Midway Ave, Suite B	Grand Coulee Dam, WA
June 26-28	Alabama District Rally	Clarion Inn - Sheffield - Muscle Shoals 4900 Hatch Blvd	Sheffield, AL
July 10-12	West Virginia Ride-In	TBA	TBA
July 11-12	Minnkota District Rally	Riverside Inn & Event Center 118 3rd St South	Cold Springs, MN
July 17-18	Montana Distirct Rendezvous	1700 Fox Farm Rd	Great Falls, MT
July 25-26	Region E Ride-In	1450 Veterans Dr	Richland Center, WI
August 1-3	Oregon District Ride-In	Crater Lake Excursion	Diamond Lake, OR
<b>August 28-30</b>	<b>International Rendezvous 2025</b>	<b>Fort Smith Convention Center 55 S 7th St</b>	<b>Fort Smith, AR</b>
September 13-14	Illinois Fall Ride-in	TBA	TBA
September 14 -17	Region C Ride-In	Broken Spur Inn 955 East UT-24	Torrey, UT
September 19-20	Region D Ride-In	Lewis & Clark Motel 4243 US-12	Kamiah, ID
September 20-21	Iowa District Rally	TBA	Maquoketa, IA
September 25-27	North Carolina District	Clarion Pointe Hotel 2807 US Hwy 70 East	Sylva, NC
September 27-	Arkansas District Picnic	Old Post Road Park 1469 Lock & Dam Road	Russellville, AR
October 16-18	Mississippi Rally	St. Martin Community Center 15008 Lemoyne Blvd	Biloxi, MS



# Chapter Rallies & Ride-ins

Date	Name	Location		
June 18, 2025	TN-M	Romeos Ride	Cracker Barrell 325 Ft Loudoun Medical Dr	Lenoir City, TN
June 26, 2025	WI-M	Ice Cream Ride	Kwik Trip 2746 Freedom Rd	De Pere, WI
June 28, 2025	CA-1Q	Ride-In	Hacienda Grill 1015 Fourth Street	Taft, CA
July 10, 2025	AR-C	Shorty Smalls		Beebe, AR
July 16, 2025	TN-M	Romeos Ride	Cracker Barrell 325 Ft Loudoun Medical Dr	Lenoir City, TN
July 24, 2025	WI-M	Ice Cream Ride	Kwik Trip 2746 Freedom Rd	De Pere, WI
August 2, 2025	WI-M	Poker Run	Kwik Trip 2746 Freedom Rd	De Pere, WI
August 9, 2025	MT - Chapters	Grub Steak	1450 Lincoln Rd W	Helena, MT
August 14, 2025	AR-C	Los Tres Portrillos		Conway, AR
August 16, 2025	TN-X Anniversary Celebration	Tom's Pizza & Steakhouse	2501 E Wood St	Paris, TN
August 20, 2025	TN-M	Romeos Ride	Cracker Barrell 325 Ft Loudoun Medical Dr	Lenoir City, TN
August 21, 2025	WI-M	Ice Cream Ride	Kwik Trip 2746 Freedom Rd	De Pere, WI
September 6, 2025	MT - Chapters	Doc' Casino Sports Bar Grill	1660 West Main	Lewiston, MT
September 11, 2025	AR-C	Grumpy's Getaway		Rose Bud, AR
September 17, 2025	TN-M	Romeos Ride	Cracker Barrell 325 Ft Loudoun Medical Dr	Lenoir City, TN
September 25, 2025	WI-M	Ice Cream Ride	Kwik Trip 2746 Freedom Rd	De Pere, WI
September 25, 2025	WI-H Campout	Alana Springs Campground	22628 Covered Bridge Dr	Richland Center, WI
October 2-5, 2025	WI-M	Color Ride	Snow River Mountain Resort 500 Indianhead Rd	Wakefield, MI
October 22, 2025	TN-M	Romeos Ride	Cracker Barrell 325 Ft Loudoun Medical Dr	Lenoir City, TN
October 25, 2025	CA-1F	Fun Run	Community Center 24550 CA-94	Potrero, CA
October 25, 2025	AR-C	Fall Party	Joe's Place	???
November 8, 2025	CA-1C End of Season Picnic		30250 Hwy 78	Santa Ysabel, CA
November 13, 2025	AR-C	Original Fried Pie Shop		Jacksonville, AR
December 13, 2025	WI-M	Holiday Party	TBD	



Not too long ago, I was inspired by the Region G Director, Dan Reisinger, by a statement in his newsletter! He published, "Whenever two or more motorcyclists ride, there is a story." I thought about that, and I wholeheartedly agree with Dan. To that end, before I get to my usual topic of finances, I will share a very long ride story in a very short space.

I remember when Janet and I rode with another couple from Denver to Nova Scotia, including a ferry ride to Newfoundland and back. Then, we traveled back to the U.S. After a few days' visit in New York City, we proceeded south through the DelMarVa peninsula, taking the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel to Virginia. We traveled west through some southern states and the Central Plains and back to Denver. All in all, we covered about 8,500 miles in 5 weeks. Of those 8,500 miles, less than 1,000 were interstate, the balance being back or off-interstate roads. It was a joyous trip, AND we are still friends with that couple!

### **Now for the rest of my article!**

As many of you may know, because we are a not-for-profit organization, we have reporting requirements to the IRS. The requirement is to file an IRS Form 990N annually. This report is only available online and must be completed by May 15 for the preceding calendar year. We have 195 entities, Chapters, Districts, Regions that must file this report, and then send confirmation to the VP of Finance (that is me for now). At this writing, I have received 194 confirmations. Yes, all but one of you have reported to me. That is a 99.5% success rate, and a cause for me to celebrate a little! I thank all of you who have followed through on this requirement and sent the confirmation to me. Now, I am gearing up for next year!

### **Fun this Fall!**

Finally, I hope you are "gearing up" for this Rendezvous in Fort Smith, Arkansas! Mark August 28-30 on your calendar! Register online by clicking [HERE](#). You can also order a Rendezvous Shirt by clicking [THIS LINK](#). This year's Rendezvous promises to be fun with a Grand Opening Party, dinners, and other events. Sign up now!

*Randall & Janet Drake*  
*VP of Finance*





The Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association.

*What is the Greatest Benefit?*

**It is you!** Yes you! You are the greatest benefit I receive from being a member of this great organization. Just think about it for a minute. How many friends do we have because of EWMA? Most of us cannot count them all. I have friends in most of the 50 States and Canada. Being a member of Region A, the Southeast Region, I have more friends than I ever dreamed of having. That is one of the reasons most of us go to rallies: to see old friends and to meet new ones. Sometimes we only see each other once or twice a year, yet we always look forward to reuniting. This excellent motorcycling association has united us; it is our common bond. What we have in common and can talk about when we meet for the first time brings us together, whether at a rally, a fuel station, a restaurant, a chapter gathering, or Rendezvous. Just think for a minute of those among us who can no longer ride a two or three-wheeler, yet we still see them at our gatherings, and we are so blessed to have them. Now that we are among friends, I would like to encourage each of you to think about helping as a volunteer. We need you as a member to step up as Chapter, District, and Region Officers to help the organization grow. So, with that said, I look forward to seeing all my old friends and the new ones at the next rally and Rendezvous. Till then, Safe Riding.

*Danny Baker*  
*Region A Director*



*Riding in our hearts; Forever*

*Keith Morrison - New Mexico*

*EWMA Wisconsin District*  
*"Dust Off" 2025*  
*Bonnie & Stan Harris - WI District Directors*

Another successful Eagle Wing Motorcycle Association (EWMA) Wisconsin District "Dust Off" riding and camping event is in the books. The Wisconsin District staff



and Wisconsin Chapter Directors want to thank everyone that attended for making it such a remarkable success. We had a total of seventeen camping units with thirty-two people. The weather had a few surprises in store for us such as rain with hail and people taking shelter in the bathroom or their campers due to the tornado sirens going off. It sure makes for a memorable event. Even with the weather playing with us, we were able to get in a couple of rides on Friday and a short ride on

Saturday. Some people relaxed while others went on rides and some even went shopping and bought material for quilting. Great conversations and laughs were had by all around the nightly bonfires. Saturday evening, we had a chili cook-off. There were nine mild and three spicy pots of chili. Unique home-made awards for the contest were wooden serving trays with the year and winning category on them. The winners of the Mild Chili category were Tim and Sandy Jackson with the Spicy category award going to Jerry and Marge Hempe. After judging, everyone was able to sample the chili and enjoy the other items and desserts that people brought. Everything was delicious! On Saturday evening, people attended the veterans program. An EWMA event is never complete without a 50/50 raffle. The top prize 50/50 drawing winners were Tim & Sandy Jackson with Ken Helmer winning the second drawing.

We have been at the same campground for at least 3 years and with the forementioned changes, we are looking at other campgrounds for next year's event. We will also be talking with the new owners at Wilderness Campground to see if we could get a discount rate. We would like to continue with the event on Veterans Weekend which will be May 15 & 16, 2026. If you have any ideas or suggestions about a campground for next year or how to make the event bigger or better, please contact Bonnie & Stan Harris, WI District Directors with an email at [sbkeharris@gmail.com](mailto:sbkeharris@gmail.com) or a text at 608-513-7134.







## Route Planning Options

June is upon us, and the weather is warming up. For some, it may actually be blistering hot, and/or humid. Recently, I was on a ride, the heat was in the

90s and the humidity was in the 90s, and it took no time to get dehydrated. I even felt it into the next day, so please folks, while you are taking those rides, be sure to drink as you go. Don't just tank up on the stops (although if you don't have some other way, then by all means), but try to drink a little as you go.

**Now for things more techy.** Some friends and I were recently having a discussion about route planning and what is available to work with our rides. Some folks have embraced the smart phone and use Google Maps on their phone. There are several cradles out there to support this, some even have wiring to keep the phone charged. Just make sure that smart phone is also water resilient or you have a backup plan for the rain.

What other methods are out there? For those who have the 2008 up to 2024 Goldwings, many have maps that come with the bike. Some are easier than others to upgrade, while others can be just dang difficult. There are lots of Facebook threads out there to assist you in the process, but just remember, everyone is an expert on your process.

Some of us still rely on the external Garmin GPS mapping system. **Did you know**, Garmin no longer supports Basecamp? The software is still available for download but no longer supported. Same is true for MapSource, so what does that leave us with?

With some research, you will find options, with 40 different mapping applications out there. One thing listed is Caltopo (I have not tried it yet, but if someone is using it, I would love to hear from you). From what I could

find, it is pretty robust. There is a free version and a pay version so be sure to check it out.

Next, I took a look at MyRoute-app. There is a downloadable version for your phone, or you can create GPX files for your existing Garmins (if you still use them). There is a free basic plan, with limitation or there is a subscription service, you pay monthly, yearly or a lifetime membership.

Next, I looked into Google. Now just about all smart phones now come with Google Maps, and you can easily make a route from Point A to B. Adding waypoints can be difficult, but doable. You can even tell it to avoid highways

and it will keep you on the backroads. All sounds great, but there can be some pitfalls.

**GPX vs Online Mapping...**  
what are some options.

Google maps will modify your route, enroute. It will see slowdowns, wrecks, and such and will automatically modify your route, sometimes without even letting you know. That disturbs me if I've planned to see certain sights along the route.

Some people even use Waze and have great success with it. **Did you Know**, Google owns Waze, and are starting to include many of the Waze features in their Google Maps? But there are some advantages, IF, you are only using your smartphone.

So, there are some options out there, but you may still need to do some more research, to see which one works best for you. And by all means, if you have a program you enjoy, let me know. I would love to hear your story and or to share it with others on your behalf, if you don't feel like writing an article.

That's it for this month's version of All things Digital. I hope you enjoy the rides.

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## *Let's talk about future website changes*

Info available to you and the directors. Our website is loaded with information. Your EWMA Team attempts to keep you updated with all kinds of info. Yes, sometimes it can feel overwhelming. I guess, we live in a world where so much is available at our finger tips through our phones, some people adapt to it, while others resist. You have to decide what is right for you.

Here are a few things, you may find of interest, depending on your level of volunteering within the organization.

Future Update coming:

Do you know you can make your **username and password** anything you desire right now? You have the ability to change both. Because of a planned future update to our website, **my recommendation is for everyone to use their email address as their username**. This will set you up to make things easier in the future (can't spill the beans yet, just trust me, a huge improvement is in the works).

Reminder, most family members have to use the primary's login info in order to read the OTF and see how to take advantage of our many member only benefits.

When was the last time you looked at the Events listed on our website? To help keep it organized, we have **"EWMA Events" and "Chapter Events"**.

The **EWMA Events** is primarily for the International, Region and District events. These are larger in scope, and usually attended by multiple Districts.

The **Chapter Events**, although more localized in scope, there are so many, we don't want them to get lost in a list. And, as directors become more aware they can create these events themselves, I'm sure the quantity of these will increase. Just remember, you want your events to be available to the public, because... this becomes a marketing and recruiting tool for visitors to our website. And

we do have quite a few visitors on a regular basis.

Just as a reminder, for more detailed instructions on how to add these to the website, take a look at the March edition of the On The Fly (OTF) magazine, and make note of a small correction in the April OTF.

I previously described, each month we provide a Member Roaster. This is first distributed to the Region Directors. They have the choice of narrowing down the info, or forwarding the whole list to their Districts. The Districts then should be sending, at least the District part, to the Chapters. If along the way, any of the directors see an error, you are welcome to send an email to our technology team at [technology@ewma-world.org](mailto:technology@ewma-world.org) and one of us will see if we can make the corrections.

These rosters have a lot of detailed information about our membership. These are only for distribution to our officers, as we need to protect this information. But it becomes a very useful tool

As Directors, you should be getting emails

**Reminder...**  
As a Director, it is your responsibility to communicate with the others in your area.

anytime someone joins, renews, or expires. These emails are generated by our website, within minutes of any activity. This alerts you to new

or expiring members, so you can assist them. Again, a tool to help your retention of your membership. Some of our members are not tech savvy, so hopefully, you can assist them.

We do have some plans for improvements and changes to our website. Please feel free to go play around, look at the pages and info there. You may be surprised at just how much info is there.

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can be used in our Media, Advertising, Magazine, Cards, Etc.



**Important Note about QR Codes:** Use CAUTION when sending anything to PRINT with a QR Code. Many of our early codes have to be forwarded from one address to the other.

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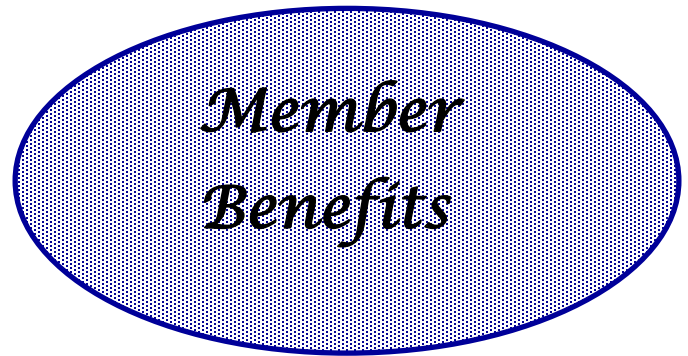
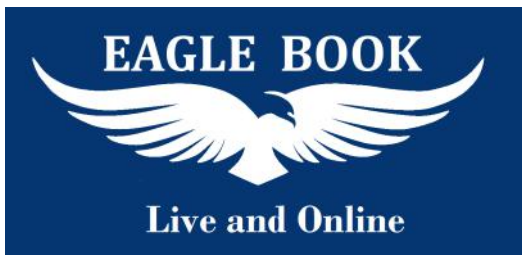
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- ✓ X-rays & Tests
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## THE "WHYS" OF MY LIFE



In my 44 years of owning and riding a motorcycle, I have often been asked “why do you ride?” or “what do you get out of it?” It’s a good question. I’ve had numerous other interests or hobbies that lasted a season, or maybe a few years, but the one constant thing in my life that has never faltered or failed to excite me is my motorcycle. As I contemplated and visualized why this lifestyle choice has been my constant companion and guiding force, I thought you all might find them interesting. I am also sure you can relate to most of them. So here is my top 20 in my list of the reasons I ride, in no particular order.

Their importance has often fluctuated throughout life, depending on what happened then, but they have always been relevant. Hopefully, they will make you smile as you relate to my rationale!

1. In the beginning, it was a cheaper form of transportation as it used less fuel. This was useful when I was much younger, but now, not so much!
2. A different way to enjoy nature and the great outdoors.
3. A perfect way to spend quality time with your Significant Other.
4. Improves your positive mental health in a way that is cheaper than therapy and antidepressants.
5. Gives you time to think and time to gain mental focus.
6. Makes you feel like a badass in your otherwise civilized world.
7. You become a more enjoyable version of yourself as motorcycling looks exotic and feels incredibly liberating.
8. You become a better and more observant driver, mainly when focusing on safe defensive riding practices.
9. It leads to other wonderful experiences (camping, travel, exploring new places, cruises, rallies, and more).
10. It’s an opportunity to learn and share bike maintenance tips with a group of like-minded friends—always a great conversation!
11. It keeps you out of trouble and sometimes lands you in trouble! Both can be a blessing at different times!





## THE "WHYS" OF MY LIFE

12. Age is not a factor, only your shared interest in motorcycles.
13. Gives you more out of life and a new perspective, such as seeing new places, having incredible adventures, and meeting new friends – people you would probably have never met otherwise.
14. Riding is like a form of meditation. It can help your mind to focus and often brings clarity and clears the clutter.
15. It's the closest thing to flying with your wheels still on the ground.
16. It helps to hone or develop more social skills, which in turn helps to build confidence.
17. Brings a couple closer together, especially if they share the passion and the experiences.
18. Politics and world strife fade into the background, even if just for a little while.
19. Motorcycles are like magic carpets and time machines. They make you feel forever young.
20. It turns a routine commute into a totally different experience. As they say, "Four wheels move the body, two wheels move the soul."



Motorcycling is like many things - if you haven't tried it, you may never *understand* it. I'm sure this list could go on and on. There are probably as many reasons and lifelong benefits as there are riders.

*What are some of your reasons?*

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