



"The Buzz"

Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association



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Eat at 6:00 PM & our social starts promptly at 7:00 PM*

As we move forward as a Chapter within the State of Tennessee now that the Gold Wing Road Riders Association no longer exists, now an organization has emerged to take up where GWRRA left off. Many of you have wondered who will take on this responsibility, what would the structure of a new organization look like etc., etc., etc.

Well, it looks like our District Director Gary Hamilton has made the decision to go with a group of well informed and dedicated officers from the previous association and use their experience and expertise to grow a new motorcycle association. The Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association EWMA was created to continue and grow our group of States and Regions much as it used to be but tailored to make things more simple and concentrate on our top priority and that is riding our Motorcycles and socializing with our family of friends we have grown to know over many years. Even though there will be some growing pains with a new organization most of you will not notice much of a change at all from the way things operated in the past. Much more info. to follow in the future.

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Merry
Christmas



Hi Everyone,

Hope this cold winter day finds you warm and cozy at home enjoying some football or one of your favorite sports games on your big screen TV.

Just a few words here in the last newsletter of the year for 2022. Hope you all are looking forward to our annual Christmas party once again being hosted by Mike & Linda Bridges. Always a fun time to get together with our Goldwing Family before things get so busy this holiday season. Big thanks to Wally as he puts together a list of goodies that everyone will bring and enjoy. As always this get together is a perfect time to select our Chapter Couple of the Year, this time it will be for 2023. Also time to select our Individual of the Year. This has been a Chapter tradition for 40 years when we were part of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association. We decided to continue this tradition with our new organization. Always good to recognize an outstanding couple and also an individual who still enjoys being part of our group who may not be married or may have lost their spouse in the past. Make sure you find time to come to the Christmas party as we enjoy some great food and fellowship with our friends. Motorcycle activities always slow down this time of the year but our Chapter B family will always find an excuse to get together and Kick some tires recall all those great trips from the past year and talk about some future trips coming up next year.

TOM

Assistant Directors



Assistant Chapter B Directors

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As the year winds down, we are at the point where we say good bye to 2022 and get ready to bring in a new year, we are also saying good bye to GWRRA and welcoming in a new association, EWMA, Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association. This is a sad time but at the same time it is also a happy and exciting one. We want to embrace the new Association with the same devotion that we gave GWRRA and one way is to join and get our membership numbers, and so far we have an excellent showing with most people already signed up. As you get your number send them in to me so we can get you signed into our members list. Before long GWRRA will just be a long-ago memory of something that was responsible for bringing us all together, but now we must look to the future and for us that will be EWMA. Other stuff that we need to be thinking about at this time of year is our Christmas party and the new Couple of the Year and Individual of the Year as well as looking forward to our riding schedule for 2023 and the annual ride planning meeting so start thinking about rides that you would like to add and let's make the start of the new year and a new association a great and wonderful ride. As always, we look forward to seeing everyone Tuesday night.

Happy Trails



Autonomous Cars and Motorcycles – CAUTION

On July 7th of this year at 4:47 AM Marvin Walker was riding his Yamaha V-Star in a HOV lane on the 91 Freeway in Riverside California. As he rode along a 2021 Tesla Model Y came up behind him and didn't slow down, rear-ending Mr. Walker and his motorcycle. Mr. Walker was pronounced dead on the scene from blunt force trauma when he impacted the freeway. This crash is one of two fatal crashes that happened less than a month apart involving Tesla cars that rear ended a motorcycle at night while being operated in 'auto-pilot' mode.

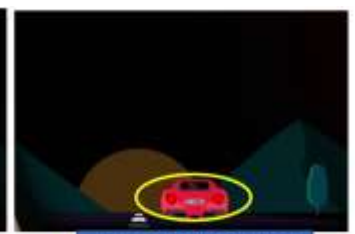
Self-driving or autonomous driving vehicles are becoming more and more popular and the primary company that produces these cars is Tesla. Now, you would think these cars should be getting better and better regarding the 'auto-pilot' feature, however, both crashes were more than likely the result of Tesla REMOVING a feature that could have potentially avoided these accidents. Let me explain.

In May of 2021 Tesla removed the LiDAR radar feature from their vehicles thereby making them solely reliant upon the Tesla Vision system. As you know, radar works on sending electromagnetic pulse waves out from a source. When those waves encounter an object they are 'bounced back' to the radar source where a radar system interprets where the object is located and how far it is away from the source.

The Tesla Vision system attempts to replace radar with visual input. It is centered around a series of cameras that are evaluating what is being visually seen ahead. In the case of these two crashes both of these motorcycle models had two small taillights that were relatively low to the ground (unlike the Goldwing that has large lights located fairly high up on the bike). Although this theory has not yet proven (the crash investigation is ongoing), it is believed the Tesla Vision system saw the taillights of the motorcycles in each crash and interpreted them as taillights of an automobile that was still far away. The following two graphics illustrate how the Tesla Vision system probably saw the lights. The motorcycle taillights would have appeared as the same spacing and brightness as a vehicle that was still a long way off. The Tesla computer therefore assessed that these motorcycles were automobiles that were still far enough ahead to not be a threat or require the Tesla to slow down.



Motorcycle @50 feet ahead



Automobile @500 feet ahead

The natural question is why did Tesla make this move and remove the LiDAR system from it's vehicles? The simple answer is cost savings. The cost of equipping a vehicle with the newer LiDAR radar is about \$10,000!

With this explained, the question is what does this mean for us as motorcyclists? To put it simply, it is just another hazard we must become very aware of as we ride. Practically what we can do is learn what the different Tesla models look like and specifically what their headlights look like at night. That way, if you are riding at night and a vehicle approaches you from the rear that has similar looking headlights you can get out of the way. Also, when you see a Tesla on the road driving the same direction as you are be proactive and give it a wide berth.

Autonomous cars are not going away and hopefully they will get better at identifying motorcycles. However, as always, the responsibility for our safety rides on squarely our shoulders. Ride safe and arrive alive!

Ride Safe: Scott



Technical Coordinator: Chris Harden

Chris was busy and unable to send me an article so I just dug up a few pointers for you to consider. Hope this is OK with you Chris, just copied and pasted from the internet Tom

Motorcycle Storage Tips

If you're thinking about storing your motorcycle for an extended period, there are some important steps to follow. AJ Cycle & Trike Conversions has created this guide with everything you need to know about how to store a motorcycle. You want to feel confident that everything will be in excellent condition when you take it out for a ride again. Whether you're preparing for some poor weather conditions or you're leaving town for a bit, we've got all the motorcycle storage tips you need for a successful experience

Wash & Wax Your Bike

Start by giving your bike a thorough cleaning. You want to wash off all of the dirt, grime, dead bugs, and water spots that have collected over time. Believe it or not, leaving all of this on your bike creates the perfect environment for rust to form while it's in storage. Also, we can all agree that a sparkling clean motorcycle is much more appealing than a dirty one. As a final step, you can apply a protective coat of wax to keep it clean longer.

Change The Oil

It's more than likely that the oil in your bike isn't the cleanest after several weeks or months of riding. When you make the mistake of leaving old, sludgy oil in the tank, you're at risk of corrosion. Fortunately, changing the oil and oil filter before motorcycle storage will ensure it's ready to go when the time comes.

Fill Up The Tank

Did you know that in a month's time a tank of fuel will start breaking down and releasing water? This can easily freeze in cold temperatures or cause rust to form inside of the tank. You want to stop this process before it starts, so you should top off your tank with ethanol-free gasoline and add a fuel stabilizer to prevent any separation. Allow the engine to run for a few minutes to fully circulate the stabilized gasoline through all of the components.

Check Your Tires

The wheels on your bike can eventually develop soft spots and uneven wear when it sits in the same spot for a long time. It's no secret that bikes are extremely heavy, so you'll have one of two options to keep the weight from damaging your tires during motorcycle storage. One option is for you to elevate the whole bike to keep the pressure completely off the tires. The other thing you can do is rotate the wheels every few weeks. Choose whichever option will work best for you.

Find Secure Storage

The final step in the process is to find a place with secure motorcycle storage. No matter where you decide to store it, you should invest in a tight-fitting cover to protect your bike from weather, dust, and pests. It's highly recommended that you store your motorcycle indoors, especially when you live in an area where the weather can cause long-term damage. A locked shed or garage is ideal, but there are other options. If you want to have peace of mind when choosing how to store your motorcycle, you can choose a specialized facility that you feel comfortable with.

Article by: AJ Cycles and Trikes

Trikes




MOTORCYCLE RALLY
 MAY 29TH - JUNE 3RD
 LAKE GEORGE, NY



ESCAPE TO AMERICADE MAY 31-JUNE 4, 2023

Mark your calendars now!!



Plans are being made for 2023 for a Chapter B ride to New York's St George area for Americade..

Stay tuned as we figure out our departure date and who may want to join us for this Event

Visit the Americade Web site for the most updated information:
<https://americade.com>

Here are some of the Guided rides from 2022, Next year will be a very similar group of rides

| | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| GUIDED RIDES (We provide you with REVER, so you can opt to ride on your own too!) | Lake Placid Adventure | Lake Placid Adventure | Lake Placid Adventure | Lake Placid Adventure | Ride For Kids Charity Scenic Ride |
| | VT & NY Covered Bridges | VT & NY Covered Bridges | VT & NY Covered Bridges | - | - |
| | - | The Spoiler | The Spoiler | The Spoiler | - |
| | Scenic Riding & Fine Dining | Scenic Riding & Fine Dining | Scenic Riding & Fine Dining | Scenic Riding & Fine Dining | - |
| | Twisted & Treats | Twisted & Treats | Twisted & Treats | Twisted & Treats | - |
| | ADK ADV Bike Ride | ADK ADV Bike Ride | ADK ADV Bike Ride | ADK ADV Bike Ride | - |
| UNGUIDED ONLY (We provide you with REVER) | Vermont High Gaps | Vermont High Gaps | Vermont High Gaps | Vermont High Gaps | Vermont High Gaps |
| | Canyon's Edge Tour | Canyon's Edge Tour | Canyon's Edge Tour | Canyon's Edge Tour | Canyon's Edge Tour |
| | Under The Adirondacks | Under The Adirondacks | Under The Adirondacks | Under The Adirondacks | Under The Adirondacks |
| | Long Lake Loop | Long Lake Loop | Long Lake Loop | Long Lake Loop | Long Lake Loop |

Bill and Barbara Sowder

December 2022

Couple of the Month



Let us meet Bill and Barbara Sowder. I will call them the “Bluegrass couple.” They met at a Bluegrass Festival in Cherokee ,North Carolina. At the time Bill was a blue grass Musician and Barbara and her family were blue grass fans her entire life. They have been married for 29 years and will celebrate their 30th Wedding Anniversary in this March 2023. They have one daughter, Christy. She is a teacher in Bristol, Tennessee. She and her husband Allen reside in Abingdon, Virginia.

Bill was raised on a dairy farm in Speedwell, Tennessee. After graduating from school, he became employed by the Ford Motor Company, Wayne, Michigan. He remained employed there until he was drafted in the United States Army. Upon receiving honorable discharge, he returned home. He was then hired on as a Tennessee State Trooper. In 2001 he retired as a Special Agent with the Tennessee Highway Patrol Criminal Division. After retiring Bill went back to work once again. Bill was hired on at Lincoln Memorial University. He retired from there in 2012 as their first Chief of Police.

Barbara was raised in Martinsville, Virginia. She graduated from Averett College. She began her career as a Medical Technologist at the hospital in Martinsville, Virginia. Barbara retired from the medical field in 2011.

Their hobbies are going to Bluegrass festivals, camping, and riding their Goldwing trike with friends from Chapter B.

At the age of 13 Bill got his first motorcycle. It was a 1961 Honda C110!



2023 Americade 40th ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE RALLY

Chapter B will be planning to attend this event next year, make your plan to join our group



Steamboat on Lake George NY at Americade



Ride to Americade/Niagara Falls

We will depart the Caryville Shoney's at 0800 on Friday May 26th en route to Americade . See: <https://americade.com> for information about the rally.

Many of you have expressed interest in seeing Niagara Falls so we will replicate the trip made in 2019.

We will spend Friday night on the road in the Mansfield Ohio area (hotel TBD) to arrive at the Residence & Conference Center on the campus of Niagara College. (<https://stayrcc.com/locations/niagara-on->

The Residence is all 2 bedroom suites with a living room, and shared bathroom; Very large rooms and plenty of free parking.

Check in will be Saturday afternoon May 27th for 3 nights. There is plenty to see and do in Niagara on the Lake including a special ice cream diary not far away—no tourists.

We will leave for Lake George New York on Tuesday morning, staying at the Howard Johnson by Wyndham, 30 May-3 Jun. wyndhamhotels.com

I strongly suggest you reserve the Howard Johnson in Lake George, and Residence and Conference Center ASAP.

Confused or questions?

Dave Roberts 865 748-9738

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176 days to make your plans for Americade, now is the time to start planning !



Visit our web site and follow the links to join this new and exciting association now that our GWRRA association closed down its operations.

Forward your membership numbers to Stanley after you receive them from National as we build our member roster moving forward with our membership drawing at each chapter meeting.



Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association Team Structure

This is intended only as an example as to what we have envisioned how this new Association would look like.

CEO/ President

International Team:

Vice President of Operations, Vice President of Safety/Ride Coordinator, Vice President of Finance and Vice President of Special Operations

Regional Team:

Regional Director, Regional Safety/Ride Coordinator, Regional Treasurer

District Team:

District Director, District Safety/Ride Coordinator, District Treasurer

Chapter Team:

Chapter Director, Chapter Safety/Ride Coordinator, Chapter Treasurer

The Directors would be appointed by the Director above them and the Director would appoint their own Team with approval of the Team above them, like the Chapter SRC would be appointed by the CD with approval of the DSRC and so on.

Items For Sale



**Ride off Centerstand, Baker Built. Fits 1500 or 1800
Never used. \$99 (Regular \$179 plus tax & Shipping)**



**Men's XL, Ladies Sm. \$175 each set.
Gerbing Heated Clothing: Jacket, pants, gloves,
socks.**

**Pat Talley
423-562-1962**



Send us your For Sale items or Wanted to Buy items. Pictures and a full description with price always helps.



Please send me some of your favorite recipes so I can put one right here, need some fill!

Below is an email I just received from Gary Hamilton about a response he got from Jim Jackson, the Region A Director of the Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association, about availability of EWMA patches. I guess for right now you can order them directly from George & Brenda. Later on, Chapter B will try to have a few patches in our inventory so you will be able to get them from Pat Talley. This will be in the not too distant future.

My intentions are to get a couple new Chapter Shirts and have some embroidery work done so you can see a few ideas before you order a new chapter Shirt. We will be working next year on the new Shirts and will ease into the new shirt idea. Until then, stay tuned as we grow into our new Association patches and logos.

EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



10/31/22

Afternoon Eagle Wings DD's

Several of you have inquired about Eagle Wings patches suitable for the front and back of a vest, jacket, etc. They are currently in stock at TNT Designs & Custom Gifts aka George and Brenda Murphy 304-669-7572, 304-669-5190. Hey you asked for them and here they are. If I recall the front patch (About 3") goes on the left side of the vest and the back patch is about 10".

By the way, TNT has replenished their stock on our Region 'A' patches as well. However, I still have around 60 Region 'A' patches I need to move so please consider ordering the Region 'A' patch direct from me until I flush out the inventory. I've recently shipped about 40 Region A patches so they are still a desired item. MS-Y Chapter bought 10 patches and Ed Carr's FL Chapter bought 10 as well.

Ya'll keep up the good work and keep your heads up so you won't walk into anything. Watch out for the Witch tonight!

I notice these pictures are a little rough looking and I'll take some more after receipt of the first set in my hands. The patch with the light brown background is the small front patch and the darker brown background is the large back patch. These are stitched patches and of good quality.

JJ & Sue



EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION

SOUTHEAST REGION 'A'



For those who have signed up and Joined our new Association you will be given a member number.. Several have joined before the cut off date and will be considered a Charter member. Please forward your number to Stanley so we can build our member roster. Our new association will take awhile as it grows and will eventually provide individual Chapters this information . This information is also needed so we can make up new membership drawing tags for our member drawing each month.

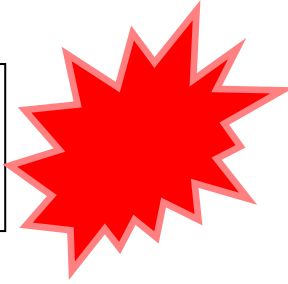
It may take several weeks to get your new membership number, I joined several months ago and just received notification of my numbers in an email and they followed up by sending my member card a couple weeks later. Tom's new number is 976 and Merrilee's new number is 976-01. You can access a membership application from our tn-b.org web site. Please contact Tom or Stanley if you need any assistance completing your application for the EWMA

Dec Birthdays Dec Anniversary

Irene Ciesla Dec 21st
Julie Harden Dec 31st
Lynell Queener Dec 7th

Jerry & Sonya Ridinger Dec 19th

Ride Schedule 2022



Dec 10th Chapter B Christmas Party at
Mike & Linda Bridges home 7505 Inverrary
Circle

Follow Emory Rd east at the 112 exit off I-75
Continue east for approx. 5 miles, cross Maynard
ville Hwy, approx. 3 miles turn right into Hun-
tington Place Subdivision onto Foxglen Blvd
next street turn right onto Trinity Street then im-
mediately left on Inverrary 7505 will be on the
left. Linda's phone number is 865-607-2353

Always Check the Chapter Web Site for
the most updated details

www.tn-b.org (Ride Schedule)



Ride Schedule 2023

Planning is ongoing for next year's big Ride to Americade.
Visit 2023 Americade Motorcycle Rally in Lake George,
NY visit this site (<http://lakegeorge.com/americade>)

2023 Americade Guide: Motorcycle Rally in Lake George, NY

"Chapter Visitation"



Chapter **B** meets the **1st Tuesday** each month at **Shoney's** Clinton Exit 122 off I-75 North Eat at 6:00 pm meeting at 7:00 pm. Call Tom & Merrilee Peck 423-494-9818

Chapter **A2** meets the **3rd Monday** each month at Shoney's 1021 Lamar Alexander Pkwy Maryville, Eat at 6pm Meeting at 7pm. Chapter Directors Todd & Melanie Freeman 865-963-1051

Chapter **M** meets the **2nd Tuesday** each month. Eat at 6:00 pm meeting at 7:00 pm.. Chapter M meets at Shoney's 1100 Highway 321 Lenoir City, just off I-75 exit 81, CD Brian & Loretta Richards 865-249-6173

Chapter **T** meets the **4th Saturday** Each month at the Down Home Restaurant, 7755 Rutledge Pike, Rutledge TN 37861 Eat at 11:00 am/Meet at 12:00 Pm CD: Lee Ann & Wilburn Hayes 423-497-2945

Chapter **F** meets the **3rd Thursday** Golden Corral, 2905 West Andrew Johnson Highway, Morristown, TN 37814. Eat 6:30 pm/Meet 7:30 pm CD Gene & Donna Dunn 631-848-9435

Chapter **C2** meets the 3rd **Thursday** at Eat at 6:00 pm Lacosta Restaurant 138 The Crossing Crossville, TN. Meeting at 7:00 pm Chapter Director is Randy & Stephanie Ryan 985-201-3791

Chapter **C** meets the **3rd Tuesday** each month at Randall's Restaurant Hwy 11W and 120 Old Union Rd, Church Hill TN Eat at 5:30 and the Gathering starts at 6:30. Tom & Carolyn Jarrell 423-383-0339

New Association Logo



We have several Shirts, you can choose the one you like. Pat can order or you can purchase on your own and we can get the embroidering done for you.

We will eventually be transitioning to a new Chapter Logo for our shirts and our Chapter B patch, in the meantime all your patches are perfectly acceptable and can be worn during the transition period.

Place your Order with Pat Talley 423-562-1962
 talleylakeside@gmail.com
 Give me a call, email me or see you at the next meeting
INVENTORY CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING:
 Tennessee visitation pins (Shape of State)\$3.00 ea.
 TN-B Hanger Bars 2.50
 TN District Pin 3.25



EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION

SOUTHEAST REGION 'A'



Friends for Fun, Safety & Riding

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