



On The Fly

**Eagle Wings
Motorcycle
Association**

From our Team to You, Welcome to the Family!

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**Bob & Nan Shrader. President
THANKS, EVERYONE!**



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With the first anniversary of the founding of the Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association fast upon us, Nan and I would like to express our thanks and appreciation to all the people who have worked so hard to make this endeavor a success.

Our able and energetic Founders, Anita Alkire and Bruce Beeman, really did a fantastic job of conceptualizing and organizing EWMA and then getting it off to a good start. They recognized that there were active motorcyclists out there who would respond to the kind of Association they (Anita and Bruce) wanted to build. That was proved by the almost immediate sign-on of hundreds, then thousands of folks who wanted to be official Members. Their original concept was pretty spot-on and after a minimal amount of fine tuning, it was off and running. As we write this, our first EWMA rally, appropriately named the First Annual Rendezvous, will be held in Knoxville, TN August 31st-September 2nd at the Convention Center downtown. What a great start we're off to in our first year. Thanks, Anita and Bruce!

Of course EWMA's big success could not have happened without the literally thousands of fantastic Members who joined and then organized and participated in our many activities. They formed into Chapters, then Districts and Regions and began hosting rides, social events and other activities which were well attended by other EWMA Members. In many cases, folks who were not official Members would attend, but after seeing how much fun they had, also joined. Our membership base continues to grow monthly and further fuels our ongoing success. We couldn't have done it without all of our wonderful Members!

Thanks for joining EWMA!



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And last but certainly not least, our staff of Volunteer Leaders who work with our Founders, Anita and Bruce, and our Members to facilitate the day-to-day operations of EWMA. There are Chapter Directors (and their staffs), District Directors (and their staffs), Regional Directors (and their staffs). These folks have the closest contact with the Members and are supported by Vice Presidents (who work with several Regional Directors). Some Vice Presidents have specialty duties that they perform. I am the President, with Nan's assistance, and we report to the Founders. Our thanks to each of these Officer positions who perform vital and important work to ensure the continued success of EWMA!

As the title of this article suggests, THANKS TO EVERYONE!



Have you seen the latest EWMA Video about the Rendezvous? Be sure to click on the picture, or go to this URL.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZD0ZzTmgek0>

This is one of many reasons we need your photos.

SO DON'T DELAY ANY LONGER, REGISTER RIGHT NOW!

WE WANT TO SEE YOU IN KNOXVILLE!

THIS IS BRUCE'S AND ANITA'S INVITATION TO YOU.

Registration QR code takes you right to the page. Just point your phone or tablet and get it done!



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Lloyd & Becky Glydewell Region F Director

Hello to everyone. Wow, can you believe Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association is a year old and getting ready for the Inaugural Rendezvous? It has been an exciting year for Becky and me as we have watched this Association grow. We were truly blessed to be asked to join this journey early on. With that being said, let's take a moment to say Thank You to Anita and JR Alkire and Bruce and Barb Beeman for having the foresight and determination to start this journey.

You know we would be remiss if we didn't also thank our Members for believing in our founders' vision and joining us as we move into the future of motorcycling and socializing. The concept of being open to all motorcycle enthusiasts and welcoming our friends who don't or can't ride anymore, has already proven successful. Remember, everyone is welcome and with that, now would be a great time to invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us in Knoxville, Tennessee for what is going to be an amazing weekend of riding, socializing, meeting new friends as well as reconnecting with friends that we only get to see once a year.

Yes, Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association's **1st Annual Rendezvous** is just a few weeks away in Knoxville, and we really hope that you are registered and ready for a great time. If you are not registered now would be an awesome time to log in to ewma-world.org and "git 'er done." Also, while you are on the website, check out the Schedule of Events. There has been a lot of planning for this Rendezvous and with your help we can all make it a success. Don't forget the Scavenger Hunt on the way!!

We are looking forward to seeing all of you in Knoxville. Remember to bring a friend as the more folks we have, the more fun we're all going to have.

We wish you all safe travels and look forward to seeing you. Look us up as we love to see all your smiling faces.

See you there!!

Help us out!!!

We need your action pictures. Formats can be flexible (jpg, png, tif, etc, most we can work with). Hi Resolution preferred, but nothing will be turned away. We need pictures, primarily, of motorcycle(s) riding down the road, either from behind, sideways, or in front, preferably moving. Will take group ride images, and any image depicting a fun event. They should be emailed to Mike Melton at eaglewings.web@gmail.com for use on our website, On The Fly Bulletins, videos we put together..

Thank you for making EWMA Great!



Scavenger Hunt Your Way to the Rendezvous!

We are having our inaugural Photo Scavenger Hunt and want all of you to participate. We have lots of different spots and objects for you to take pictures of on your way to Knoxville. If possible, where safety permits, we'd like the picture to include you and/or your bike. So here is the list:

1. Take a photo of your starting place and your odometer
2. Your favorite ice cream shop or two, or more
3. A burger joint, if it's some place other than McDonalds, Wendy's, Burger King or another common chain, you'll get extra credit.
4. State line sign
5. City limit sign
6. Water tower with the town name
7. Two historical markers
8. City park with a statue, perhaps the city founder or other important town person
9. An unusual roadside attraction, e.g., the largest ball of twine, etc.
10. A picture of an animal that is not your pet, such as a horse, llama, sheep, bison, snake, etc.
12. Take a picture of your ending point and your odometer.

If there is a tie, we will have a tie breaker, perhaps the person who stopped at the most ice cream shops or whoever had the most unusual animal photo. Have fun and see you in Knoxville.



Rendezvous Cookie Contest

Another inaugural event for the Rendezvous: a cookie contest. Here are the rules:

- There will be three categories: Traditional, Bar, and Creative
- Please have 12 cookies per plate to judge
- Please note ingredients (nuts/type, wheat, gluten, eggs, etc.) for those judges who may have allergies
- Please place a readable recipe card next to your cookies. Who can pass up getting recipes for delicious cookies?!

Have fun!



Some Technology Tidbits

Mike Melton, Director of Technology & Communications

It is definitely exciting getting ready for our Inaugural Rendezvous, but it is also overwhelming at times, so much to do behind the scenes, before it can happen. I would like to offer an early thank you for everyone who has stepped up to help make this Rendezvous a great event.

I'm also looking forward to offering presentations on how to navigate our new and extremely robust website. There are so many things to be seen, so much information, and it is at your finger tips, whether on a computer, tablet, or your smart phone. There will be an opportunity for you to see what some of the capabilities are, and even voice some things you would like to see. So, please plan to attend one of the four presentations. Two will be geared toward the general membership, and two for directors, to help them in their attempt to support each member.

There have been several little tidbits over the past few On The Fly's (OTF), and I hope you have found them helpful. I can assuredly say we are not finished with the website. We work diligently to bring you the member the info you can find helpful, and hopefully, make the website something you can navigate with ease.

This month, I want to touch on some of the things the directors can see and do. Each director (whether Region, District or Chapter) is an admin of their area. This gives them access to be able to build a webpage, or even point to your own webpage, in addition to being able to see the people who have selected a chapter within their area. This is important to the members also, because if you don't select a chapter in your profile, you are invisible to the local directors. We are working on making them more visible, but the easy thing to do would be for the members to simply at least select a chapter in their District or Region.

Now for everyone... we are working on spinning up our Forums. Yes, it has been off to a slow start, but that is where you come in. For a Forum to be really helpful, we need some moderators, or people to actually respond to questions, or point people in the right direction. This is not a full time job, but one that could be done with a few minutes each day. If this is something you may be interested in assisting with, please reach out to us and let us know where your interests are. We would love to have your inputs and assistance.

Something I want to talk about this time is the Events page. Thanks to the hard work of all our directors, we have many events that people can attend. Lots of information there and all sorted by date. Or you can select your search criteria to narrow down the options. We hope to continue to receive the information we need to keep it up to date.

Lastly, it is renewal time for many of you. You will probably get an email warning you. In fact, you will get a first notice, second notice, and final notice. Please do not take them offensively, as that is not the intentions. Sometimes, these drop down into your Spam or Junk folders, so you may not remember getting a previous notice. It is OK... we just want to keep you onboard. If you do not want to renew online (very simple), you may call and we can do it over the phone. (843-847-1444). If there is no answer (may be on the bike), leave a message and we will return your call.

Looking forward to seeing everyone coming to the Rendezvous. Ya'll be safe in your travels, both to and from the Rendezvous.

EWMA 2023 EVENTS

AUGUST

Aug 17-19	Region E Ride-In	LaCross, WI
Aug 31-Sep 2	EWMA Rendezvous	Knoxville, TN

SEPTEMBER

Sept 15-16	Georgia District Camp & Ride	Dillard, GA
Sept 22-23	Wings Over the Smokies	Jefferson, NC
Sept 28-30	Alabama District Rally	Eufaula, AL
Sept 29-30	Iowa Rally	Atlantic, IA

OCTOBER

Oct 26-28	Mississippi District Rally	Biloxi, MS
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More events are located on our website at www.ewma-world.org.

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

EWMA is Riding into Knoxville, TN

Our Inaugural EWMA Rendezvous will be held in Knoxville, TN, Aug 31 – Sep 2
(yes, Labor Day weekend)

Take a Scavenger Hunt ride to Knoxville, TN and join your friends at the Inaugural rally, Eagle Wings Rendezvous! Details to soon be released.

We'll have vendors, **FUN**, presentations, **FUN**, guest speakers, **FUN**, games, **FUN**, on-bike games, **FUN**, and awesome guided and self-guided rides into the beautiful hills of Tennessee! This is an event you don't want to miss!

- Daily 50/25/25
- On-Bike Games
- Commemorative Item and Door Prizes
- Guest Speakers and Presentations
- Bike and Light Show
- First Aid/CPR Class
- Vendors, including motorcycle stuff, bling and chrome
- Grand Prize and Mystery Cash *AND* Grand 50/25/15/10



Thursday	Opening Ceremony, and Grand Opening Party with Dinner and Dancing
Friday	Night Bike and Light Show. Vote for your favorite and enjoy some ice cream.
Saturday	Closing Ceremonies, Dinner and Dancing

We now have a link to order Rally Shirts through our EWMA Store, with pickup at the rally.

Please go to our web site at www.ewma-world.com for the registration form