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Arkansas Eagle Riders



VIN'S VIEW APRIL 2025

This is the time that we all welcome the balmy weather of Springtime before we have to endure the oppressive heat and humidity of our Arkansas Summers. Let's not let a beautiful riding day go unheeded.

Our group trip to Mountain View set for April 7 is shaping up nicely. We are currently expecting 17 riders going up in three groups and there are 2 or 3 day rides planned for each day while we are up there. It's going to be a fantastic trip.

Our next meeting at Trademark HSV Realty will be at 9 AM on Saturday, April 12. We have a couple of informative and interesting presentations planned. Steve Didion and Mike Neal will be showcasing their new airbag vests and we will have a 10 minute video demonstration to accompany their presentation. Morgan Reynolds has invited Zach from the HSV Fire Department to give a talk on motorcycle safety and crash response – important stuff.

Our planned trip to TN and NC is coming together nicely. We will have more details to discuss at our April meeting and there is still time for more folks to join up for this tour.

Always keep **SAFE RIDING TECHNIQUES** at the front of your thoughts and **PRACTICE**.
Happy Trails Vin

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History of the Gold wing 1975-2025

This year is the 50th anniversary of the Gold Wing

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2025 Activities



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4/7-10 – Mountain View Trip, Mt View RV Park and Guest Motel - Mike/Don

5/13-16 – Harrison Trip – Mike, Quality Inn \$98.10

5/15-17 – EWMA Arkansas Dist. Rally, Harrison

5/20 - 6/4 TN/NC Trip, Don planning

8/28-30 – Eagle Wings Rendezvous – Ft. Smith (EWMA Nat'l Rally)

9/13 – AER Club Picnic – Cortez Pavilion (reserved)

10/21 – 10/24 - Eureka Springs, Mike, Quality Inn \$98.10

12/8 - Christmas Party at Desoto Club, HSV - Don

Ride to Redford

CASAUL RIDE WEDNESDAY MARCH 19

Butch led a casual ride for Tom, Eric and Don. We stopped at the B-17 Memorial in route to lunch at the Mammoth Orange Café in Redfield, AR. The Café was built in 1966 and has been operated as a family owned restaurant since. Possibly the most recognizable "unique" dining facility in Arkansas, this roadside oddity was built in 1966, inspired by a giant orange restaurant in Fresno, CA circa 1950s. The menu features hamburgers, hot dogs, chili dogs, salad bar and dinner specials.

GRANT COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

If you visit Sheridan, stop by the Grant County Veterans Memorial Park nearby is an option to learn about a piece of World War II history tied to the area. The memorial site honors the nine airmen whose Boeing B-17F Flying Fortress crashed in Sheridan in 1943 and is located at the crash site of the World War II bomber.

The B-17 memorial honors the 1943 crash of a B-17 bomber en route from Kansas to Florida and on to Europe.

LIFE SIZE REPLICA

The park's centerpiece is a life size B-17 replica. As to the history of the plane, it was part of a squadron based in Smoky Hill Air Field in Salina, Kansas. They had been assigned to head to Florida and then Europe to help fight in the war. The plane was held back due to mechanical problems and was eventually condemned for flight. But it was sent out to Florida anyways to catch up with its squadron. En route to this destination they hit a thunderstorm, which changed their flight path and the plane ended up crashing in the field where the park currently resides. Also on site is a Memorial Wall and other features.



Ride to Mena

Bobby Duke took us on another great ride on Thursday, March 13 for lunch at the butcher Block restaurant in Mena. There were 15 bikes including our newest member, Karrie Brison and a potential new member, Bill Quigley. You have to see Karrie's Harley Road King named Woody. When you see it, you will see why it's named Woody.

Don



Ride to Benton

Vin led us on a great ride on Tuesday, March 11. There were 7 bikes on a 180 mile ride with a stop at Verona Italian Restaurant for lunch.



AER Meeting



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Ride to Perryville



Ride to Woods Restaurant



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Ride to Russellville

