



CHAPTER FL1-K, MATANZAS WINGS PALM COAST/ST. AUGUSTINE

NOVEMBER

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



*Thankful for...
freedom, open roads, two wheels,
family & friends!*

Our monthly gathering takes place on the 2nd Monday of every month at the IHop Restaurant, 212 Palm Coast Pkwy, Palm Coast, FL.

We begin with dinner at 6 pm, and our gathering starts at 7 pm.

Please come and join us – we'd LOVE to see you!

Visit us online at www.fl1-k.org!

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From the Director's Chair

Ed & Jeanette Carr, FL1-K Chapter Directors



You can't beat a Region "A" District Rally

We had a delightful weekend with Chapter FL1-K **Assistant Chapter Directors Bob & Julie A'Hearn** and delegates from many other Districts and Regions as well as a multitude of people from Region "A" at the Mississippi District Rally in Biloxi, MS. Also in attendance were **Co-founder & COO Bruce & Barb Beeman** who came from Minnesota to support the rally and officially present **Bob and Nan Shrader** with their **Certificate of Appointment** as the **President of E.W.M.A.** Also present from the National Team were **VP of Operations Don & Ronda Weed, VP of Membership Development Bill Smith** and **Region "A" Directors Jim & Sue Jackson**. Say that three times! Also present were our **Florida District Directors Fred & Karen Kennedy**.

We had a marvelous time playing the indoor games (Check the chapter web site to see the string of tickets Jeanette was filling out & that was just one day!), watching the Outdoor Bike Games, attending safety presentations, having lunch from the on-site food trucks, eating at local restaurants, and seeing friends from all over the Eastern and Central United States. There was an outstanding Costume Contest with 1st place going to FL1-A Tampa and **FL District Safety/Ride Coordinators, Dominick & Diane Desiato**, and an excellent Talent Show. We want to especially thank Mississippi District Directors KZ & Terry Kleinheitz and the Mississippi District Team and members for showing us and great time in Biloxi. We hope you are feeling better Terry.

Photos of the event are on our chapter web site; www.fl1k.org. Bob and Julie took pictures on the guided rides/tours on Friday and Saturday.

We left Biloxi on Sunday morning and spent the night at the Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel and Conference Center, in Gainesville, FL, where we will hold our 2024 District Rally to scope the place out, take measurements and see what we had to work with. **Karl Kaufmann, Senior Sales Manager** was an excellent tour guide and host. I'll tell you all right now, this place is awesome, and we have come up with some things to do that you may have never seen at a District Rally before.

We are going to have so much fun. I can't wait!

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From the Assistant Director

Bob & Julie Ahearn, FL1-K Asst. Chapter Directors

Hello from the road again. As of this writing, Julie and I are at “Biloxi Bay RV Resort” for the Eagle Wings Mississippi District Rally.

As mentioned last month, get your Florida District Rally tickets soon. They are available for donations of \$1 per ticket, or \$10 for a book of ten. What would you do with an extra \$5,000, \$500, or \$250? Just catch us at the Chapter Gatherings, call us, or send us an email. We’ll even provide a drop-off service!



The drawing will be held March 16, 2024, at the EWMA Florida District Rally in Gainesville. You do not need to be present to win. Julie and I will be there to bring home your winnings.

Last month our Chapter Directors Ed and Jeanette Carr, along with Julie and I attended the Mississippi Rally in Biloxi.



Mentioned earlier, Julie and I stayed at the “Biloxi Bay RV Resort” located 1.1 miles from the Rally. It’s the closest we have stayed to a rally this year. Normally, we’re 45 minutes to an hour out from the Rally location, which enables us to ride more and enjoy the scenery along the way.



We picked up our registration packet Thursday morning and signed up for the first guided ride scheduled for Friday morning to the “Mississippi Aviation Heritage Museum”.



Friday morning, we arrived at the Museum with approx. 20 other riders. The Founder, and Executive Director Francisco Gonzalez greeted us and give us the history of how he founded the museum. Afterwards he spent time making sure everything was running smoothly and answered questions.

After our visit, the group headed to “Shaggy’s” in Biloxi for lunch. We both ordered Shrimp baskets, I had grilled shrimp, and Julie ordered Coconut Shrimp. Both were excellent. The others at our table ordered the Seafood Boil, and it looked good. We’ll have to add this restaurant to our list.



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Saturday, Julie and I participated in the ride to the GI Museum, via Casino's, several beaches and Marina's. Along the route we passed numerous beautiful homes overlooking the Ocean and finally arriving at the Museum in Ocean Springs.

We were greeted by the Museum Owner Doug Mansfield and his wife. He started the tour at the restored "Huey" Helicopter before the group entered the building.

The exhibits in the Museum were fantastic. Each piece had a history to it, which started very interesting conversations.



Afterwards, we rode to the "Shed BBQ & Blues Joint" for lunch. This place was amazing and was featured in numerous TV specials. What started as a 300 sq ft take out morphed into 9,570 sq. ft including an office and stage. The place seats 120 inside with an additional 450 outside.

The "Shed" reminded us of a place we visited once in West Virginia, "Hillbilly Hotdogs" located next to the Ohio River. Both places would take hours just to look at and read everything posted. Check out the websites for each. Just Goggle it!



Did I mention the BBQ was excellent?! Another place was added to our list of favorites.

Another successful Region A District Rally for the books. We enjoyed spending time with Ed and Jeanette and the folks that plugged into the Rally.



Saturday afternoon, after the closing ceremonies, we headed back to the RV Park for the Halloween celebration with all the little trick & treats.

We had over a hundred kids, including parents, and dogs visiting us at the RV. After five large bags of candy, things slowed down and we settled in for the night.

Sunday, we spent the day at the Hard Rock Café and Casino for lunch and some slots. A great way to wrap up another trip.

Robert & Julie A'Hearn
FL1-K Assistant Chapter Directors



Membership Enhancement Musings

Jeanette Carr, Membership Enhancement



COMING ATTRACTIONS



CHAPTER RED SHIRT GROUP PICTURE

Nov. 13 Chapter Gathering @ I-Hop

Gary will be taking a group picture of members to put on the chapter web page. Please plan to attend with your red shirt on. Gene & Eileen, Goodie Sales, show off their shirts.



FL 1-K CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 2, 2023

Bayberry Lakes Club House – 104 Elderberry Ln, Daytona Beach, FL (entrance from LPGA at Florida Tennis Center)

4pm Set up time 5 – 8pm dinner/party time

Chapter provides: ham, turkey, coffee, tea, table service

Bring a covered dish – vegetable or salad or dessert

If you wish, bring a \$15 per person wrapped gift to participate in the gift exchange

Dress: casual holiday attire

The sign up list for covered dish items will be at the November Gathering. Food has been DELICIOUS the past two years and we look forward to more great food and good times.

UGLY SWEATER – DECEMBER 11 CHAPTER GATHERING @ I-HOP

Ugly sweater or Ugly T-Shirt may be worn JUST FOR FUN! Prizes will be awarded. See you There or be Square!

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Florida District Safety/Ride Coordinators

Safety Article

Dominick & Diane Desiato



ORGANIZED CHAOS – RIDING A MOTORCYCLE IN ITALY

We recently completed an 8 day tour of Italy on a motorcycle so I thought I would share our experiences should any of you chose to venture such a trip. The first thing you need to do is readjust your mindset on how to ride a motorcycle. You can take anything you know about legally riding a motorcycle and through it out the window. Almost all Italians, whether on two or four wheels like to go fast, park in the most impossible places, honk often, and don't care about turn signals, stop signs, or similar trifles. You have to be willing to ride aggressively and have advanced riding skills to survive. The locals who mostly ride scooters seem to have no problem negotiating in traffic. The whole time we were there we saw no traffic accidents involving motorcycles, scooters or cars. The one thing hard to find was a motorcycle, scooter or car that didn't have sideswipe or fall-down damage on it. The reason scooters, motorcycles and cars coexist safely is probably because most car drivers started out as scooter or motorcycle riders. They know what the scooter and motorcycle riders are going to do and expect it. Beyond the expectation of crazy riding, most car drivers will give way to a scooter or motorcycle that is passing them. Everyone in Italy rides or drives like they are in a big hurry. It makes me think of the words in a country western song: "I'm in a hurry but don't know why".

The secondary roads in towns were narrow and uneven. Although the GPS listed the driving route as a "road", often times it was more like an alley way with only enough room for one small car to pass through at a time. Sometimes there were one way signs regulating the flow of traffic in these narrow passageways but most times there were no signs and you were on your own to make it through. Traffic signs are only a suggestion in Italy. All vehicles did stop for red lights but that was about the only traffic control device honored. Most vehicles drove 20-40 miles per hour over the speed limit. Some small towns had automated radar boxes with cameras that are supposed to send you a speeding ticket in the mail. The verdict is still out on that one. Passing is done anywhere. Often in blind curves. If you ride too much to the right of your lane don't be surprised if a Fiat passes you in your lane.

The tour company we used was called Edelweiss. Not the only company available but one we have used 4 times now. This company has been around since the 1980's. They provide everything you need once you arrive. Airfare and travel to get to the host hotel are on you. This company started out with BMW motorcycles back in the 80's but now they have a good selection of bikes, but no Honda Gold Wings. Nor would you want to ride a Gold Wing there. Maneuvers must be quick and precise in often limited spaces so the Gold Wing would not be practical. However, there were times I wished I had "reverse" for parking. Our group consisted of 10 motorcycles: 2 BMW 1250 RT's, 5 BMW 1250 GS's, 2 Ducati Monsters, and 1 Suzuki 1000 V-Strom. 8 bikes had two-up riders and 2 bikes had solo riders. The solo riders were a husband and wife. When you book your trip you get to choose what brand and model bike you want to ride. You must pick one primary choice and one secondary choice. Out of our 4 trips we only got our secondary choice once. There are even "Harley Davidson only" trips available to book. The reason for Harley to be separate this is for safety. The size and ground clearance limitations of a Harley would make it dangerous for a rider to try to keep up with

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the sporty and adventure type motorcycles. Edelweiss offers what they call “Coverall Insurance” for an additional cost. We and they highly recommend it. On every trip, including this one, we have had bikes fall over. Bikes falling over are usually during parking due to uneven and often unpaved parking surfaces. You are responsible to pay for any fall down damage to the bike you are riding at the end of the trip. The “Coverall Insurance” covers any damage.

The roads between cities were twisty. Many of the riders in the group had been to the “Dragon’s Tail” in North Carolina, 318 curves in 11 miles. The comments by many were that the Dragon’s Tail was child’s play compared to the roads we were on. The Dragon’s Tail ride only takes about 15-20 minutes. We rode the twisties for an hour to an hour and a half before stopping for a break. You felt like you just had a work out at the gym. The scenery was spectacular. Imagine any Italian countryside painting you have see come to life. Almost every mountain top had a castle, monastery, or church. Towns were then built descending from these structures. We started tour in Rome. Rode North to Florence and then South again back to Rome. We combined riding with sightseeing. We saw many beautiful structures and the many ruins of the Roman Empire. A bus sightseeing tour would give you more time to visit the sites. We went a day early and took a foot tour of Rome which is offered and recommended.

Gasoline was expensive. Although sold by the liter for about 1.90 euro that come out to about \$8.00 a gallon. It was a good thing we were on motorcycle. We averaged about 175 miles a day which was fine given the workout we got and having enough time to stop to see the sites. We stayed in 5 star hotels. The food was plentiful and good. Breakfast and dinner were part of the tour package price. At lunch you could purchase whatever you liked at your own expense not forgetting to get some gelato along the way.

These trips are not cheap. But you will never experience a motorcycle trip anywhere else at any price that compares. If you are able to take such a riding trip, do it now while you still able and have the time. Edelweiss does offer many tours in other countries with less strenuous riding. Just stay away from Italy if that is what you want.

Ride safe,

Dominick & Diane



American Flags



If you have any torn, tattered, or discolored flags of any size, please give them to me. I will gladly have them disposed of properly, DO NOT put into trash.

Thank you.

Marcia D. Shad

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On The Lighter Side

- * I was driving down the street when I saw the flash of a traffic camera. I figured that my picture had been taken for exceeding the limit even though I knew that I was not speeding. Just to be sure, I went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly, but again the camera flashed. Now I began to think that this was quite funny, so I drove even slower as I passed the area once more, but the traffic camera again flashed. I tried a fourth and fifth time with the same results and was now laughing as the camera flashed while I rolled past at a snail's pace. Two weeks later, I got five tickets in the mail for driving without a seat belt.

You know, you just can't fix stupid!

- * A Texas State trooper pulled a car over on I-10 about 62 miles west of Kerrville Texas. When the trooper asked the driver why he was speeding, the driver said he was a Magician and Juggler and was on his way to West Texas to do a show for the Shrine Circus. He didn't want to be late.

The trooper told the driver he was fascinated by juggling and said if the driver would do a little juggling for him then he wouldn't give him a ticket. He told the trooper he had sent his equipment ahead and didn't have anything to juggle.

The trooper said he had some flares in the trunk and asked if he could juggle them. The juggler said he could, so the trooper got 5 flares, lit them and handed them to him.

While the man was juggling, a car pulled in behind the State Troopers car. A drunken good old boy from Ingram Texas got out, watched the performance, then went over to the Trooper's car, opened the rear door and got in. The trooper observed him and went over to the State car, opened the door asking the drunk what he thought he was doing.

The drunk replied, "You might as well take my butt to jail, because there isn't no way I can pass that test."

- * Remember; If you can't explain it simply, you don't understand it well enough,
- * Also Remember; If you see someone falling behind, walk beside them. If you see someone being ignored, find a way to include them. Always remind people of their worth. One small act could mean so much.



Thanksgiving Day is a
good day to recommit
our energies to giving
thanks and just giving.

Amy Grant

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES, etc.!



DOOR PRIZES	
Richard McCormick	Marcia Shad
Ruth Sober	Deanna Cisson
Ed Carr	Bob Ingenito

Brought Door Prize	Sharon McNicol
50/50	Ed Carr
10" Patch	Bob Coulson



Happy Birthday	
Bob McNicol	11/02
Mike Turcelli	11/09
Betty Currie	11/14
Ruth Sober	11/20
Jim Klucar	11/30

Happy Anniversary	
Jackie & James King	11/10

FL1-K Happenings

October Chapter Gathering




Chapter H Visitation



November 2023

FL1-K Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		31 Freedom Ride - Because We Can, Meet at McDonalds, 105 Interchange Blvd, Ormond Beach, 32174. KSU 9AM	1 Social meet & eat at Bob Evens Family Restaurant, 100 Garden St, Palm Coast. Meet there at 5:30pm..	2 Social meet & eat at Bob Evens Family Restaurant, 100 Garden St, Palm Coast. Meet there at 5:30pm..	3	4
5	6 Team Meeting - eat at 6pm and meet at 7pm, at Houligan's @ Destination Daytona 1643 US1, Ormond Beach, 32174	7 'Footloose Ride', Meet at McDonald's, 5190 E Moody Blvd, Palm Coast, 32164 KSU @ 9:00 AM.	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day
12	13 Chapter FL1-K Social Gathering We will eat at 5:30 and begin the Social Gathering at 7:00pm at the IHOP, 212 Palm Coast Pkwy, Palm Coast FL 32137.	14 Freedom Ride - Because We Can, Meet at McDonalds, 105 Interchange Blvd, Ormond Beach, 32174. KSU 9AM	15 Visit Chapter FL1-H, Daytona Beach, Meet 6 pm at Houligan's, 1725 W International Speedway Blvd. Daytona Beach, 32114	16	17	18 Ride to Conestoga Restaurant, 14920 Main St, Alachua, FL 32615. Meet at McDonald's, 5190 E Moody Blvd, Palm Coast, FL 32164. KSU 10:00AM
19	20	21 'Footloose Ride', Meet at McDonald's, 5190 E Moody Blvd, Palm Coast, 32164 KSU @ 9:00 AM.	22	23  Thanksgiving Day	24	25
26	27	28 Freedom Ride - Because We Can, Meet at McDonalds, 105 Interchange Blvd, Ormond Beach, 32174. KSU 9AM	29	30 Lotto Dinner, The Landing Strip, 200 Airport Rd, Palm Coast, FL 32164 . Meet at 5:30pm	1	2

Ride Locations: A – McDonalds at 105 Interchange Blvd Ormond Beach FL (SR40 & 195) Ride Location B – McDonald's at 5901 E. Moody Blvd (SR 100), Palm Coast



Florida District Calendar of Events



DATE(S)	EVENT	LOCATION	Link
Oct 13, 2023	EWMA WV District Fall Ride	Quality Inn, Summerville, WV	Flyer
Oct 26-28, 2023	“Let’s Soar!!” Mississippi District Rally	Gulfport, MS	Flyer
Jan 1, 2024	First Ride of the Year	Shrimp "R" US, 765 3 rd Avenue We- laka, FL 32193, Meet at McDonald's, 5190 E Moody Blvd, Palm Coast, FL 32164, KSU 10AM	
Feb 2-10	9th Annual Winger-N-Waves	Port Canaveral, FL	Flyer
Mar 14—16 2024	Florida District Gathering of Friends for FUN, "FUN with 50's, 60's, 70's TV Shows"	BW Grand Hotel 4200 NW 97th Boulevard Gainesville, FL 32606-3742	Flyer
Apr 25	Tennessee District EWMA Spring Fling	Holiday Inn & Convention Center Johnson City, TN	Flyer
November	13		2023



Florida District Gathering of

Friends for FUN

FUN WITH 50'S 60'S 70'S TV SHOWS



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Gainesville, FL 32606-3742

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Group Code: EWMA2023



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Membership Application

DD/MM/YYYY

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Last, First

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Primary Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ ST/PV: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

USA Canada Other

Member Phone number: _____ Member Email: _____

Select One:

Individual Membership: 3 years \$65.00, 2 years \$45.00, 1 year \$25.00Family Membership (2 or more people in household): 3 years \$80.00, 2 years \$55.00, 1 year \$30.00Payment Method: Visa Master Card

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New Member - Who referred you? Name _____ Member # _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

(Note: Only two signatures required for family membership)

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