



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

APRIL



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



The word is out, shout it from the rooftops. The **4th annual EWMA Florida District Gathering of Friends for FUN, Safety & Riding is happening on 12 March 2026**. The theme for the 2026 rally is "Happy Birthday America 1776 – 2025". Rally will take place on March 12 – 14th, 2026 at the Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel & Conference Center. Hotel and Rally registration are on the District Website ewma-florida.org. See the attached flyer enclosed in the newsletter.

The Lotto Dinner for March came and went. Seventeen Chapter K members and two guests were hoping to win the pot. **Dennis Maas** got to try to win the pot of \$18.00. But drew a white chip. Better luck next time Dennis. The Lotto Dinner for April will be on the 24th at the Beach Front Grill, 2444 Ocean Shore Blvd, Flagler Beach, FL 32136

Jeanette & I along with **ACD's Bob & Julie A'Hearn** will be attending the EWMA Tennessee District Rally in Johnson City, TN on the 24th thru 26th April 2025. The theme this year is "America The Beautiful".

Be sure to read this month's article by Dominick and Diane DeSiato about Bike to Bike Communication, in this newsletter.

WE hope to see you at an EWMA event in 2025,

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Age is something
 that doesn't
 matter, unless you
 are a cheese.

Luis Bunuel



From the Assistant Director

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

Welcome to April.

Our plans this month include our Chapter Gathering on Monday the 14th, and the Tennessee District Rally in Johnson City from the 24th to the 26th at the Holiday Inn located at 101 West Springbrook.

As mentioned last month, Julie and I will be arriving in the RV with Trike in tow and staying at the Bristol / Kingsport KOA Holiday, about 20 minutes away.

Once we depart from the TN rally, it will be the beginning of our two-month trip.

After the TN Rally, we'll be at the Ironhorse Motorcycle Lodge in Robbinsville NC (Maggy Valley), then spending some time at a campground located in Jackson Springs NC.

Next stop is the SC District Rally in Newberry. We'll be staying at the Newberry / I-26 / Sumter KOA.

After the Rally, we'll make our way up north to Lake George for the Americade Motorcycle Rally. Stops along the way include Callaway MD, and the Delaware Water Gap.

The destinations on the return trip south, includes a few days in Gettysburg PA, then a visit to the GA/ Region A Rally in St. Helen.

Another stop in NC, then to Pigeon Forge TN for a few days before we stop at the Alabama District Rally in Sheffield.

We'll be home for the 4th of July celebrations for about eight weeks.

Last month, we attended the FL District Rally in Gainesville. The theme this year was the 1920's. It was a FUN and successful Rally with more folks attending this year than last year.



Thanks to all our Chapter members who attended, and especially to those who donated their time assisting

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Jeanette in the Game room.



The rides were fantastic, and the Thursday ride included a lunch stop at our Chapter favorite, “Conestogas Restaurant”. Next year, the rally will return to Best Western from the 12th to the 14th of March. Include this rally in your plans for 2026.

After the FL District Rally, we traveled to East Ellijay GA for the “Fantasy RV Tours Homecoming Rally”. The rally was held at one of the newest campgrounds, “Talona Ridge RV Resort”.



One of the events included a ride on the Blue Ridge Scenic Railway; a breathtaking train ride along the Toccoa River, journeying through the Appalachians foothills and the North Georgia countryside.

The train stopped halfway through in the town of McCaysville GA, and Copperhill, TN. Two small towns that have the state line separating GA /TN through them. Nothing like standing in two states at the same time!!



The theme at the Fantasy Tours Homecoming Rally was “the 70’s. Julie dressed as a Hippie, and I went the Disco route...

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We enjoyed our time at the rally and booked a few more tours for next year, and Mexico in 2027.
Stay tuned for more adventures.

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



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.

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Membership Development Musings

Jeanette Carr, Membership Development Coordinator



MANY THANKS TO THE GAME ROOM VOLUNTEERS WE WERE BLESSED!

Everyone that played the games at the Florida District Rally in March only had positive things to say about their experience. That is thanks to all the wonderful members who helped with the games and helped prepare the prizes.

We had volunteers from FL1-K, FL1-M, FL1-A, FL1-O, FL1-Y, FL1-F2, FL1-P, FL2-R, FL1-D, Virginia, Georgia, and Alabama.

FL1-K Members: Bob & Julie A' Hearn, Gordon & Betty Currie, Ed III & Teresa Carr, Marcia Shad, Bob & Sharon McNicol, Gene & Eileen Heaney, and Ed Carr.

Volunteers seemed to enjoy their 2 ½ hour shifts – many on more than one day.



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Florida District Safety/Ride Coordinators

Safety Article

Dominick & Diane Desiato



BIKE-TO-BIKE COMMUNICATION

Greeting to All,

Well, our 2025 Florida District Rally is now in the history books. What a great time we had! We had 4 Group Rides that went very well. The Rides presented us with an interesting observation. Modern technology is moving faster than Riders are changing motorcycles. A Gold Wing lasts forever if well maintained. The old standby system of communication for over 20 years has been the 40 Channel CB Radio. The new Gold Wings (2018 and newer) are not coming with a CB radio. The new bikes are equipped with a blue tooth wireless communication system. A CB radio can still be purchased and installed onto the newer Gold Wings at a considerable greater expense. You used to be able to install a CB radio to a pre-2018 Gold Wing for about \$800.00. Now it will cost you about \$2,000.00 if you can find one.

When we lined up for our daily rides we found there were now 3 different methods of communicating. CB, Cardo-Mesh, and Sena-Bluetooth systems. To summarize what we had was a Group of Motorcyclists that could no longer talk to one another. There is no quick fix for this problem. Most of our chapters have individually resolved this issue because they are aware of what type of communication system members of their Chapter have. When you go to an event such as a District Rally plan on there being 3 different methods of communicating along with the Riders that do not have a communication device at all. There was a time before CB Radios when Hand Signals were more emphasized and used. The use of CB radios has spoiled a lot of us and talking on the CB has taken the place of hand signals. With the current electronic communication issue along with the increase of new members that do not have any electronic communication, we will have to go back to more hand signal use.

You can find diagrams on the proper use of hand signals on the EWMA Website. You can find these diagrams at: ewma-world.org, Documents, Safety/Ride Coordination, 10-Minute Presentations, Hand Signals for on Bike. You could look at this individually or Chapter Directors or SRCs can print this out and talk about at a Gathering.

Because the membership of EWMA has expanded to include all Brands of Motorcycles there is a good chance some of the new members will not have any type of Electronic Communication. What type of Electronic Communication you would suggest to these members would be determined on what type of Communication your Chapter mostly uses. To ride with members with older Gold Wings, the most expensive and may be not the most practical conventional system would be the CB System. I would like to recommend a rather inexpensive way to obtain a CB System that would work on any Motorcycle.

Sierra Electronics sells a Portable CB System Kit that can be mounted on the handlebars. It comes with a Mount, Headset and Mic and a Push-to-Talk button for the handlebar. The price for the entire kit is \$249.99. You can find this Kit by going to www.sierra-mc.com.

Whatever your Chapter decides, find a system that works best for you Chapter and discuss it with your members to insure you can maintain Safe and Enjoyable rides.

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Our products



SIERRA COBRA KIT WITH IMC HEADSET AND PTT HARNESS

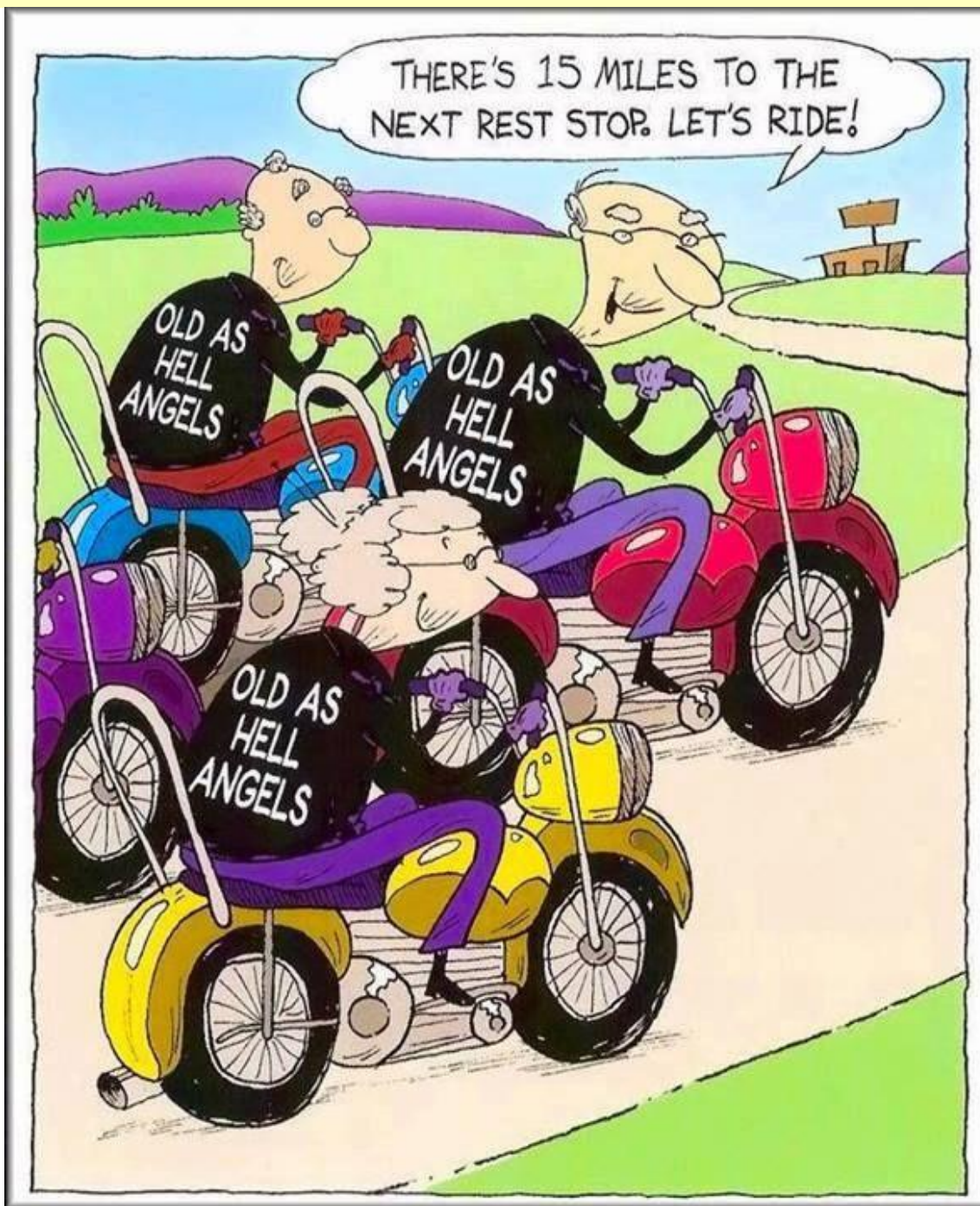
The **Sierra Cobra IMC Kit** includes everything needed to have Bike to Bike CB Communications for the Solo Rider. This kit utilizes the **COBRA HH50WXST** Portable 40 Channel CB Radio with 10 NOAA Weather Channels. The **IMC HS-100 Series** Headset and Harness with Grip Mounted Push to Talk switch. The kit comes with RAM Handlebar Mounting Accessories with necessary hardware to offer a more universal mounting solution for most applications. Also includes a Cigarette Lighter Power Cord, as well as a Direct Wire Power Cord. We recommend powering this CB radio from the tail light of your motorcycle to reduce engine noise issues.

*Ride safe,
Dominick & Diane*

Some safety tips for motorcycles

- Most people think that the ride begins when you shift into first and ease off the clutch. Well, technically, that's right, but safety checks are most important.
Here are a few basic rules.
- Boots that cover your ankles, abrasion-resistant jacket, long pants or jeans, gloves, and the helmet.
- Take breaks. Stay hydrated.
- Do you know what the most common phrase a driver says after a collision with a motorcyclist? "I didn't even see him." Drivers are trained to see other cars, not bikes. And because of our narrow profile, we often find ourselves in an auto's blind spot. The best way to ride is defensively.
- Pretend nobody sees you. Do your best to predict driver behavior (or at least expect the worst). Don't stop looking, thinking, scanning your mirrors, and being alert. We are frequently invisible. So, is this a comprehensive list of everything you need to do to stay safe? Not at all. But it's a good start.

On The Lighter Side



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FL1-K April Calendar

Apr 01

'Footloose Ride', Meet at McDonald's, 5190 E Moody Blvd, Palm Coast, 32164 KSU @ 9:00 AM.

Apr 25

EWMA Tennessee District Rally, Holiday Inn, 101 West Springbrook Drive, Johnson City, TN . AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

Apr 06

Visit Chapter FL1-G Deltona, 111 S Oregan Ave, Sanford, FL. Meet there at 12:noon.

Apr 26

EWMA Tennessee District Rally, Holiday Inn, 101 West Springbrook Drive, Johnson City, TN . AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

Apr 10

Kick Tires at Houligan's Sports Bar & Grill, 1643 US Hwy 1, Ormond Beach, FL 32174. Meet there at 5:30PM, 10 April 2025.

Apr 29

'Footloose Ride', Meet at McDonald's, 5190 E Moody Blvd, Palm Coast, 32164 KSU @ 9:00 AM.

Apr 14

Chapter FL1-K Social Gathering. We will eat at 5:30pm and begin the Social Gathering at 7:00 pm. Location is IHOP, 212 Palm Coast Pkwy, Palm Coast, FL 32137.

Apr 15

'Footloose Ride', Meet at McDonald's, 5190 E Moody Blvd, Palm Coast, 32164 KSU @ 9:00 AM.

Apr 22

Freedom Ride - Because We Can, Meet at McDonalds, 105 Interchange Blvd, Ormond Beach, 32174. KSU 9AM

Ladies Luncheon, The Southern Table Restaurant, 501 South State St, Bunnell, FL 32110. Meet there at 11:30AM

Apr 24

Lotto Dinner. Beach Front Grill, 2444 S Ocean Shore Blvd, Flagler Beach, FL 32136 Meet there at 5:30PM

EWMA Tennessee District Rally, Holiday Inn, 101 West Springbrook Drive, Johnson City, TN . AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL



BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES, etc.!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY	
Bob & Linda Coulson	04/25



WINNING DOOR PRIZE CONTRIBUTOR	Jeanette Bowen
50/50	Jeanette Bowen Juanita Butler
Chapter Shirt	Ed Carr



HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
Bob A'Hearn	04/04
Eileen Heaney	04/16

DOOR PRIZES	
Dick McCormick	
Faye Watson	
Ernie Verker	
Gloria Harrington	
Marsha Shad	

CONTRIBUTED DOOR PRIZES	
Paula Maxwell	Jeanette Bowen
Betty Currie	
Sharon McNicol	
Gloria Harrington	

Rally



Bike Week



Ladies Luncheon





*Happy 250th
Birthday
America!
1776-2026*



MARCH 12—14, 2026



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EWMA Florida District

1st Drawing - \$5,000 Cash

2nd Drawing - \$ 500 Cash

3rd Drawing - \$ 250 Cash



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Florida District Calendar of Events



DATE(S)	EVENT	LOCATION	Link
Apr 24 - 26, 2025	Tennessee District Rally "America the Beautiful"	Johnson City, TN	Flyer
May 15 - 17, 2025	South Carolina District Rally "Salute to the Troops"	Newberry, SC	Flyer
Jun 5-7, 2025	Georgia District Rally "Beach Bash"	Helen, GA	Flyer
Jun 20-21, 2025	EWMA International Ride-In	Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada	Flayer
Jun 26-28, 2025	Alabama District Rally "Roaring 20s"	Sheffield, AL	Flyer
Aug 28-30, 2025	EWMA National Rally Eagle Wings Rendezvous"	Fort Smith, AR	Link To EWMA Website

Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association

Our Vision:

A simple, fun, riding, social association of like-minded motorcycle enthusiasts

Our Motto:

Friends for Fun, Safety & Riding

Our Mission:

To provide to our Membership a fun and social environment that focuses on the love of motorcycling.

To bring the world together around that passion while helping them to be safer and mindful when riding a motorcycle.

To be a family-oriented, non-religious, non-political association, respectful of each other's beliefs.

Enjoying the ride together with like-minded motorcyclists.

Our Core Values:

FAIRNESS: All issues should stand the test of "is it fair?"

COMMUNICATIONS: The more we share information and communicate about our common love of motorcycling, the more we will all learn and benefit.

WORK: Working together toward our common vision, motto and mission keeps us focused and gives us the ability to become exceptional.

QUALITY: To be the best we can, treating all the way we would want to be treated, holding each other in highest esteem and respect in all we do.

ATTITUDE: We are each responsible for our own attitude. Strive to be positive, constructive, respectful, enthusiastic and creative in all interactions with members or public to enhance the relationship and promote our motto.



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