



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

April 2026



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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Director's Chair

Bob & Julie Ahearn FL1-K Chapter Directors



Welcome to April and Happy Easter!

This month our chapter events include a "Kick the Tires", a Saturday Ride to "Aunt Kate's" Restaurant, and our Chapter Gathering scheduled for Monday April 13th.

Last month we attended the annual District Rally at the Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel in Gainesville.

A big "Thanks" to Jeanette & Ed and everyone who attended and / or spent time helping us out in the game room. It was another great success this year.



There were numerous guided rides this year consisting of a Thursday afternoon lunch ride (in the rain), two rides on Friday, with the last ride on Saturday.



Our Chapter got together for dinner on Thursday night at a local favorite Italian Restaurant, the "Pomodoro Café". It was a nice meal with great family and friends.

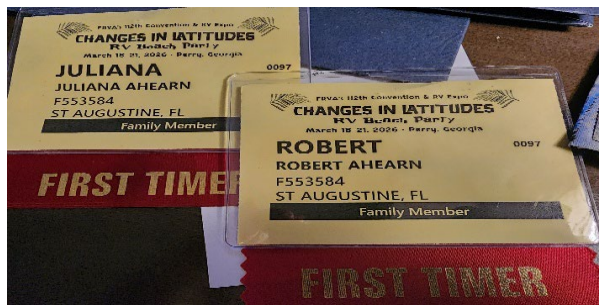
Next year's District Rally is returning to the Best Western hotel and is scheduled for March 18 - March 20.

The flyer is now available on the website, and hotel reservations can be made using code EWMA2027.

After the District Rally, Julie and I attended the Family RV Association (FRVA) International Rally at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry.



We were “First Timers” as identified by a red ribbon on our name tags. There were 290 “First Timers” in attendance.



The number of RVs at the fairgrounds was impressive, with the total count being 1,145, consisting of travel trailers, fifth wheels, Class A, B, C and Super C motorhomes of all shapes and sizes.

Vendors in attendance was 262. Lots of shopping fun in which we successfully participated.

Julie got a new toy, called a Mobility Scooter, which enabled her to get around the rally. The color matches our Goldwing Trike!



The following week, we attended a FRVA Chapter “Sand Dollars” Rally at the Coastal GA RV Resort in Brunswick. During the rally we visited St Simons Island and took a Trolley Tour. The drive-by tour visited all the historical sites on the island including the Lighthouse, Bloody Marsh, site of the famous 1742 battle where the fate of the Southern Colonies was decided: Fort Frederica, the colonial town and fort settled by General James Oglethorpe, along with numerous restaurants and shops.



During the “Sand Dollar Rally”, Julie did not feel well so we got on the Trike in Brunswick GA and rode to Mayo Hospital in Jacksonville.

After a blood test and EKG, she was admitted to the Hospital. Her hemoglobin was 6.9...should be 12 to 15.3 for a woman.

Also, there was an issue with her blood cells. So, she underwent numerous tests to find out what is causing all the issues.

After she was admitted, I rode back to Brunswick GA and packed up the RV and headed home the next morning.

As of this version (3) of the newsletter, she was rescued from Mayo Hospital and brought home. While there she received two blood transfusions, and was infused with Iron and Cooper.

Test results revealed she has a slow bleed in the small intestine, and will undergo a procedure to correct it later this month. She also has a followup soon with her Doctors at Mayo.

Our travel plans have changed so we can stay close to home to get her medical issues resolved.

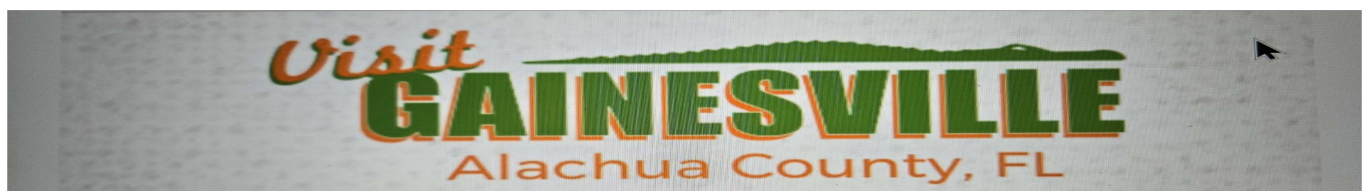
This month, the Tennessee District Rally will be in Johnson City Thursday 23rd April to the 25th.

Next month is the SC District Rally in Piedmont, May 14th through 16th. We'll be staying at the Hartwell Cove Resort in Anderson, just 30 minutes away from the 13th – 18th.

The next few Region A / International rallies include:

- Alabama District Rally in Decatur, June 25th through 27th
 - o We'll be staying at the Decatur / Wheeler Lake KOA, 20 minutes from the Rally the 24th –29th
- EWMA International Rally in Sharonville, Ohio, September 3rd through 5th
 - o We'll be staying at Camp Cedar in Mason Ohio, 20 Minutes north from the Rally 2nd – 8th.

It's shaping up to be another year full of adventures!!





Assistant Directors Ed & Jeanette Carr



The word is out, shout it from the rooftops

The word is out. Shout it from the rooftops. The 5th annual EWMA Florida District Gathering of Friends for FUN, Safety & Riding is happening on 18 March 2027.

The theme for the 2027 rally is **"Let's Make a Deal"** with Host (guess who) none other than **my buddy Carlos Lozano.**

The Rally will take place on March 18 – 20th, 2027 at the Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel & Conference Center. The Hotel and Rally registration are on the District Website ewma-florida.org

Marcia has reserved some rooms for the rally. Check with her if you would like a room for **"Let's Make a Deal"**.

The Lotto Dinner for March came and went.

It was supposed to take place at Sonny's BBQ where Jeanette had called several times on Thursday with no answer. We felt something was amiss. We had to go to Bunnell to pick up my trike at 3pm on Thursday and Jeanette had to drop me off. With quick thinking from Jeanette, she suggested I go up to Sonny's and check out the place, while she drove back home to fetch the lotto bag and a Chapter shirt for me.

I got to Sonny's and they were closed up tight. So, I went Across Palm Coast Pkwy to Houligan's and fast talked to manager into accepting a group of fifteen Chapter K members in one hour for dinner. Being familiar with us he gave us the go ahead. **I** got to try to win the pot of \$160.00. But I drew a white chip. That is commonly called **LOSER**. Better luck next time.

The Lotto Dinner for April will be on the 30th at the River Grill on the Tomoka, 950 US1, Ormond Beach FL 32174.

We hope to see you at an EWMA event in 2026.

Ed & Jeanette

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Jeanette Carr

K MEMBERS ARE THE BEST!

The Florida rally game room (Ed & my responsibility as District Team members) was a success due to the many hours of help provided by K chapter members.

Many Florida Chapters helped, but our chapter filled in the vacant slots each day & helped with prize pick up & placement for the next day.

MANY THANKS TO:

Gordon & Betty Currie, Ernie & Sue Verekers, Bob & Julie A'Hearn, Bill Morris & Andrea Kemper, and Ed & Teresa Carr.

Also, many Thanks also for all the treats provided to the hospitality room.



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April, 2026

Florida District Safety/Ride Coordinators Safety Article

BIKE-TO-BIKE COMMUNICATION

Greeting to All,

Well, our 2026 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, Cardio-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 maybe 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.

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

Ride Safely, Dominick & Diane



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, marcia7780@gmail.com / 386-679-1945

MOTORCYCLE HAND SIGNALS



LEFT TURN

Arm and hand extending left, palm facing down



RIGHT TURN

Arm out bent at 90° angle up with fist clenched



STOP

Arm out bent at 90° angle down with palm facing back



SLOW DOWN

Arm extended straight out with palm facing down while swinging arm down



SPEED UP

Arm extended straight out with palm facing up while swinging arm upward



HAZARD IN ROAD

On left point with left hand
On right point with right foot



FOLLOW ME

Arm extended straight up with palm facing forward



COME AROUND/ TAKE THE LEAD

Arm extended index finger pointing out while swinging arc from back to front



PULL OFF

Arm extended index finger pointing out while swinging arc from left to over head



SINGLE FILE

Arm straight up with index finger pointed up



DOUBLE FILE

Arm straight up with index finger and middle finger up



RIDE STAGGERED

Arm straight up with index finger and pinky up



FUEL STOP

Point to fuel tank



COMFORT STOP

Arm extended with clenched fist with short up and down motion



REFRESHMENT STOP

Fingers closed with thumb to mouth



TURN SIGNAL ON

Extend arm while opening and closing hand



POLICE AHEAD

Tap top of head or helmet with palm of hand



FL1-K April Calendar

Apr 02

Kick Tires, *Colts Pig Stand, 1633 US Hwy 1, Ormond Beach, FL 32174. Meet there at 5:30 PM.*

Apr 03

Snowbird Friday Ride, *KSU 9AM, Race Trac. 2451 Beville Rd, Daytona Beach, FL 32119.*

Apr 05

Visit Chapter FL1-G Deltona, *111 S. Oregon Ave, Sanford FL. Meet there at 12 Noon.*

Apr 07

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

Apr 10

Snowbird Friday Ride, *KSU 9AM, Race Trac, 2451 Beville Rd, Daytona Beach, FL 32119*

Apr 11

Ride to Aunt Kate's Restaurant, *612 Euclid Ave., St Augustine, FL 32084. Meet at McDonalds, Location B, 5190 Moody Blvd, Palm Coast, FL. KSU 10AM*

Apr 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.*

Apr 14

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

Apr 17

Snowbird Friday Ride, *KSU 9AM, Race Trac. 2451 Beville Rd, Daytona Beach, FL 32119*

Apr 21

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

Apr 24

Snowbird Friday Ride, *KSU 9AM, Race Trac. 2451 Beville Rd, Daytona Beach, FL 32119.*

Apr 28

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

Apr 30

Lotto Dinner, *River Grill on the Tomoka, 950 US 1, Ormond Beach, FL 32174. Meet there at 5:30 pm.*



"We're blessed with the opportunity to stand for something: for liberty and freedom and fairness. And these things worth fighting for, worth devoting our lives to.

- Ronald Reagan

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES, etc.!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
Apr 25th: Bob & Linda Coulson

WINNING DOOR PRIZE CONTRIBUTOR	Betty Currie
50/50	Rock'in Bob Ingenito
Chapter Patch	Juanita Butler

DOOR PRIZES	
Ed Carr	Juanita Butler
Teresa Carr	Irene Harrison
Gloria Harrington	
Bill Morris	
Rosalie Doerflein	



CONTRIBUTED DOOR PRIZES	
Betty Currey	Sharon McNicol
Sue Verker	Marcia Shad
Andrea Kemper	Gloria Harrington

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
APR 4th: Robert AHearn
APR 15th: Eilene Heaney

Chapter Happenings



Rally Site
Piedmont Community Center



3 Main St., Piedmont, SC

Host Hotel : **Best Western PLUS** \$105 +tax

70 Kalyns Way, Piedmont SC 29673

864-552-1420

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.41096.html?groupId=7H1KP0K7

Comfort Suites

10 Kalyns Way, Piedmont, SC

864-673-8045

When Booking your room at either hotel please let them know you are with EWMA to get our rates



Special Thanks to Kevin, Michelle & Blake
Platinum Sponsors for South Carolina EWMA

Eagle Wings Motorcycle Assoc.
South Carolina
2026 District Rally

Happy Anniversary America
250 years Proud!



May 14, 15 & 16, 2026

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING:

\$1000

DO NOT need to be present to win!

For Rally Information Contact:

Jon & Donna Horning, SC District Directors
201 Shealy Rd., Prosperity, SC 29127 803-924-5243

For More Details, Check us out at: <http://www.ewmasc.org>

2026 SC DISTRICT RALLY PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

EWMA Members \$30 each x _____ = \$ _____

Non-EWMA Members \$35 each x _____ = \$ _____

Pre-registration deadline is April 30, 2026. No refunds after May 8, 2026

On-site registrations increased by \$5 each. Age 15 & under free with paying adult.

Pre-Registered Day Pass \$15 each x _____ = \$ _____



Pre-Registration Tickets -

Grand Prize Tickets (1 for \$1), (11 for \$10 Book) \$ _____

**Let's Celebrate!
Grand Prize is \$1000!**

All Shirts must be pre-ordered: *There will be no shirt sales at the Rally*****

Short Sleeve Tee S, M, L, XL - \$20 / 2XL & up - \$22 Size _____ Quantity _____ Amount \$ _____

Size _____ Quantity _____ Amount \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Is this your first SC Rally? Yes _____ No _____ Chapter Affiliation: _____

Rider (1) _____ EWMA # _____ Rider (2) _____ EWMA# _____

Street Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I/We agree to hold harmless EWMA co-sponsoring organization and any property owners for any loss or injury in which I/we may become involved by reason of participation at this Rally. I/We have read this waiver and acknowledge with signature(s) below:

Rider Signature _____ Date _____ Rider Signature _____ Date _____

Make Checks payable to EWMA SC. Mail to: Mary Coral 304 Silver Branch Rd., West Columbia, SC 29170



Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association

Eagle Wings Rendezvous

4th Annual Rally

Sept 3rd – Sept 5th 2026



WE'RE GOING TO SHARONVILLE, OH!

3 Nights of FUN, FUN, FUN!!!!

3 Days of Rides, Presentations and FUN!

Thursday GRAND OPENING ,
Light Dinner and ceremony

Saturday Night is Closing
Ceremonies and Dinner

Friday Night Bike and Light Show Vote for your favorite and enjoy some ice cream!

**Let's make this the biggest Rendezvous yet!
We can't wait to see you there!**

Registration Fees (onsite \$10 more)	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Total</u>
EWMA Members	\$45	_____	\$ _____
Non Members	\$55	_____	\$ _____
Day Passes-available for purchase on site			
Dinner on Thursday Night	\$35	_____	\$ _____
Dinner on Saturday Night	\$45	_____	\$ _____
First Aid/CPR _____ Friday	\$25	_____	\$ _____
Pre-Registration Tickets	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Total</u>
Grand Prize & Mystery Cash—Books of 5	\$10 X	_____	\$ _____
Grand 50/25/15/10— Books of 5	\$20 X	_____	\$ _____
Bike Giveaway— Books of 5	\$20 X	_____	\$ _____

GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

**All pre-registrations must be received
BY 8/9/2026**

Make Checks payable to EWMA

Mail completed forms to:

EWMA

**Cheryl Fowler
6635 W Happy Valley Rd,
Suite A104-443
Glendale, AZ 85310**

**\$15.00 fee on all cancellations
No refunds after Aug 1st 2026**

CC# _____

EXP _____ CVV _____

Billing Zip Code _____

For more information go to
www.ewma.world.org/rendezvous

Name: _____ EWMA #: _____

Name: _____ EWMA #: _____

Address: _____ Reg/District/Chapter: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

The undersigned, agree to comply with the ideals governing this event and to hold harmless the EWMA, co-sponsoring organizations and property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved, and I/we agree to assume responsibility for any property which I/we knowingly damage. **EWMA reserves the right to refuse entrance to anyone at any time.**

Rider Signature: _____ Cb¹⁴-Rider Signature: _____



FL District / Region A Calendar of Events



DATE(S)	EVENT	LOCATION	Link
Apr 23—25, 2026	Tennessee District Rally “AMERICA’s 250th ANNIVERSARY”	Johnson City, TN	See ewma- world.org
May 14—16, 2026	South Carolina District Rally “Happy Birthday America - 250 Years Proud	Piedmont, SC	See Newsletter for flyer
Jun 4—6, 2026	Georgia District Rally “Happy Birthday America	Helen, GA	See ewma- world.org
Jun 25—27, 2026	Alabama District Rally “Happy Birthday America”	Decatur, AL	See ewma- world.org
Sep 3—5, 2026	Eagle Wings Rendezvous “4th Annual Rally”	Sharonville, OH	See Newsletter for registration
Sep 24 - 26, 2026	Wings Over the Smokies	Sylva, NC	
Oct 15—17, 2026	Mississippi District Rally “America the Beautiful...”	Biloxi, MS	
Mar 18-20, 2027	Florida District Rally	Gainesville, FL	
Information on any event can be found at www.ewma-world.org/events or			
at www.ewma-florida.org			

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