



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

February 2026



Happy Valentine's Day

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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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FL1-K CDs February 2026



**Director's Chair
Bob & Julie Ahearn
FL1-K Chapter Directors**



Welcome to February and Happy Valentines Day!

This month our Chapter Gathering is scheduled for Monday February 9th. Ed and Jeanette will be filling in for us as we will be on the EWMA Wingers & Waves

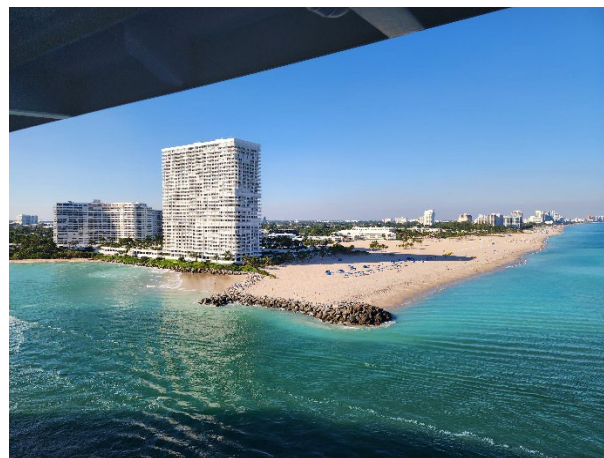
Valentine's Cruise on the Celebrity Eclipse.

Last month, Julie and I were on a 10-day southern Caribbean cruise over New Years on the Enchanted Princess.



Friends of ours, we met during our GW days in Maryland, also attended. It was nice to see them again.

We departed Ft Lauderdale Saturday December 27th and returned to Florida January 6th. Our ports of call included Princess Cays, St Thomas, Dominica, Barbados, Martinique, and Antiqua.



New Years Eve was formal night, and many folks were nicely dressed for the occasion. The dining room served Steak and Lobster.



The whole night was a big celebration with entertainment being provided in all the theaters, lounges, and even on the pool deck.



We lost the girls for a while that night but eventually found them in the Effy Jewelry store!!

Once we returned to Florida, we had a week to relax before we departed for an RV rally in Ocala with the "Sand Dollars" Chapter of the Family RV Association (FRVA).

During the rally, the weather took a turn for the worse, and we had a few mornings of below freezing temperatures.

Even with the cold weather snap, we visited Silver Springs State Park where we took the famous Glass Bottom Boat tour.



The boat Captain was very informative telling the history of the park.

Silver Springs State Park was a major film location, known for its clear water and jungle-like setting. Films shot there included The Tarzan series, Creature from the Black Lagoon, Rebel Without a Cause, Distant Drums, The Yearling, and James Bond films like Moonraker and Thunderball, plus TV shows like Sea Hunt, with many underwater props like Greek Statues still present.

The next day we toured the Don Garlits Museum of Drag Racing.

The museum consisted of two large buildings, one housed all the racing cars, and engines.



The second building we visited had all the antique cars and displays of the workshops that were used during his race days.



It was ironic that through the years of passing through the museum on the highway, we never had the opportunity to stop and enjoy the sights.

It's a great place to visit to spend a few hours reminiscing about the past and enjoying the museum. If you're in the Ocala area, check it out. You won't be disappointed.

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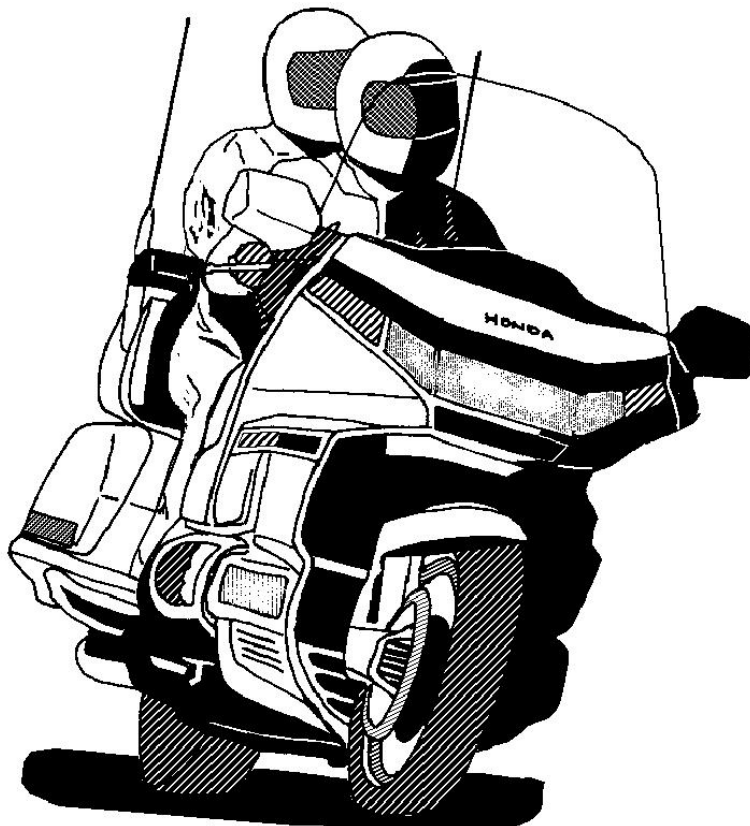
We still have rally tickets available to support EWMA Florida District Safety Program. Grand

Drawing is for

\$5,000. The second drawing is \$500, with the third drawing of \$250.

Each book of 10 tickets is a donation of \$10, or \$1 a piece. The drawing will be

held on Saturday the 14th and you do not need to be present to win. Hope to see everyone there!





Ed & Jeanette Carr



From The Assistant Director

God Bless America!

Happy Valentines Day and Happy 250th Anniversary of these United States of America (1776–2026). In remembrance of Americas 250th all Districts in Region A, Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association will be celebrating their District Rally with red, white and blue themes. In March the Sunshine State will be in Gainesville for the Happy 250th Birthday America, in April Tennessee will celebrate America The Beautiful, in May South Carolina will have a Salute to the Troops observance, in June the Alabama District will go back to the Roaring 20's, June has the Georgia District Rally with Happy Birthday America, in early September will be our 4th Annual Rendezvous in Sharonville , OH, North Carolina will back to the Smokies in late September and America The Beautiful, Land that I Love, will round out the year at the Mississippi District Rally. Looks like a lot of FUN to be had this year

We hope you are making plans to attend the **4th Annual Florida District Gathering of Friends for FUN, Safety & Riding** March 12, 13 & 14 2026, Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel & Conference Center **We will be celebrating the 250th Birthday of the United States of America.** Information about Hotel and Rally registration is on the District Website ewma-florida.org.



MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MUSINGS

Have you heard? I am in charge of the game room at the March Florida Rally in Gainesville. It is my happy responsibility as part of the Florida District Staff. During the year, I collect donated items and use funds to purchase items and gift cards for prizes to give away each day. So, for \$5 – you have fun playing the games and then might be a lucky prize winner.

It takes 7 volunteers to manage the games – and often this is more fun than playing the games. It is an opportunity to interact with members from across the state and visitors from across the nation. Did I mention that it is a “sit down job”?

Chapter members have always helped in the past and those attending have already said they will help again. There are three 2 1/2 hr sessions available each day, with lots of extra times for members to also participate in rides, attend seminars, play Bingo, etc. Evenings are always free for dinners, costume contest and talent show, etc.

RENEWING MEMBERS:

Jim & Juanita Butler – through 2/1/2027

Bill Morris & Andrea Kemper - through 9/15/26



Charles Van de Vord

GET WELL WISHES

Jim Klucar



Teresa Carr

In Memoriam

DENNIS MAAS – RIDING IN THE HEAVENS

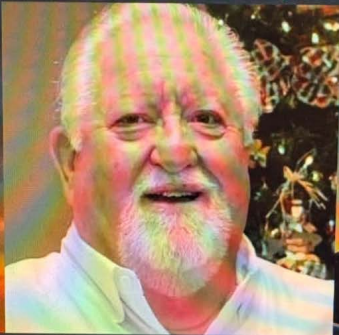
Dennis enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson with the chapter and attending dinners. He always helped fill the room with conversation and laughter.

He loved visiting family, especially the granddaughters. After college he served in the Army Reserves and he worked as General Manager for Farmer's Co-op – the stories he could tell. RIP


5/9/50 – 1/12/26



Your Heart will Ride Free Forever
Celebration of Life



Dennis A. Maas
May 1950 - January 2026
Thursday February 5th, 5:00-8:00pm
Halifax Sports Fishing Club
3431 S. RIDGEWOOD AVE
PORT ORANGE, FL
In loving memory





Florida District Safety/Ride Coordinators February 2026 Safety Article *Dominick & Diane Desiato*



Plan Ahead / Look Ahead

Over the past few years there have been about a half a dozen crashes that I am aware of where one of our members strikes the rear of the bike in front of them with their bike while on a group ride. Some of the impact has been minor and some of impact has been major such as a Trike flipping upside down.

There are some common reasons these crashes have occurred and some common solutions that might help prevent them from happening:

Situation #1: A bike rear ending another bike when catching back up to the group:

When you are catching up to the group during times such as after taking off from a stop, pace your slowing when you catch up to the group to be gradual. If you pull up fast and slow fast, the motorcycle behind you has to slow even faster than you did. This starts a chain reaction where the last bikes are stopping too abruptly and thus adding to the possibility of a rear end collision. If you slow gradually the bikes behind you will do the same and thus reduce the chance of a rear end collision. Because you know the possibility of a rear end collision exists during these times, keep an eye in your rear view mirror and leave enough space in front of you for an escape path just in case you have to get out of the way of a bike coming up from behind you that looks like it cannot stop without hitting you.

Situation #2: A bike rear ending another bike when pulling out when making a right turn:

When you are behind other bikes taking off from a stop making a right turn, you should be on what the bike in front of you is doing and not the approaching traffic. What has happened often times in this situation is that the second bike rider is also looking for a gap in the approaching traffic to pull out. They see an opening and see the bike in front of them begin to move. They think the bike in front of them is going to continue to move forward to enter traffic but for whatever reason abruptly stops. Because the second rider is still looking back at approaching traffic, they strike the rear of the bike in front of them. If you are the second bike in this situation, before you continue to move, look back at the bike in front of you to make sure they are continuing on their way before you continue. Remember every rider has a different skill level and risk level.

Just because you feel there is enough room to safely pull out the other rider in front of you may not. If you keep these facts in mind it might just save you from a mishap.

Don't forget there will be Group Rides at our Florida District Rally on March 12th-14th. Come join us for a great time.

Ride safe and enjoy those group rides with other members,

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.

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FL1-K February Calendar

Feb 01

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

Feb 03

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

Feb 06

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

Feb 09

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.

Feb 10

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

Feb 13

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

Feb 17

'Footloose Ride', Meet at McDonald's, 5190 E Moody Blvd, Palm Coast, 32164 KSU @ 8:00 AM

Feb 20

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

Feb 20

Lotto Dinner, Houligan's Destination Daytona, 1643 US-1, Ormond Beach, 32174 Meet there at 5:30 pm.

Feb 24

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

Feb 27

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

Feb 28

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



BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES, etc.!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY	
FEB 6th - Gary & Ruth Sober	

WINNING DOOR PRIZE CONTRIBUTOR	Betty Currie
50/50	Gordon Currie
Chapter Patch	Gloria Harrington

DOOR PRIZES	



CONTRIBUTED DOOR PRIZES	
Gloria Harrington	
Betty Currie	
Sharon McNicol	
Jeanette Carr	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
Feb 7th - Irene Klucar	
Feb 10th - Jenna Watson	

Chapter Happenings





*Happy 250th
Birthday
America!
1776-2026*



MARCH 12—14, 2026



EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION





BW | Best Western.
Hotels & Resorts

4200 NW 97th Boulevard
Gainesville, FL 32606-3742

Rate \$139.00 (including buffet breakfast for 2)
Reservation call 352-331-3336
Group Code: EWMA2026
Group room rate cutoff date: 02/20/2026
Cancel w/o charge 48 hours before arrival



Raffle to support EWMA Florida District Safety Program &
EWMA Florida District

- 1st Drawing - \$5,000 Cash
- 2nd Drawing - \$ 500 Cash
- 3rd Drawing - \$ 250 Cash



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GAINESVILLE
Alachua County, FL





Florida District Calendar of Events



DATE(S)	EVENT	LOCATION	Link
Feb 8-14, 2026	Wingers & Waves - Valetine's Cruise	Ft Lauderdale, FL	
Mar 12-14, 2026	Florida District Rally "Happy 250th Birthday America!"	Gainesville, FL	Flyer
Apr 23—25, 2026	Tennessee District Rally "AMERICA's 250th ANNIVERSARY"	Johnson City, TN	Flyer
May 14—16, 2026	South Carolina District Rally "Happy Birthday America - 250 Years Proud	Piedmont, SC	Flyer
Jun 4—6, 2026	Georgia District Rally "Happy Birthday America	Helen, GA	Flyer
Jun 25—27, 2026	Alabama District Rally "Happy Birthday America"	Decatur, AL	Flyer
Sep 3—5, 2026	Eagle Wings Rendezvous "4th Annual Rally"	Sharonville, OH	Flyer
Oct 15—17, 2026	Mississippi District Rally "America the Beautiful..."	Biloxi, MS	Flyer

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.



FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND RIDING!

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