



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

March 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 March and Happy St Patrick's Day!

This month our Chapter Gathering is scheduled for Monday March 9th. It's the last chance to purchase District Rally Tickets. The Grand Drawing is for \$5,000. The second drawing is \$500, with the third drawing of \$250...and you do not need to be present to win!

The following weekend we'll be attending the District Rally at the Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel in Gainesville. This years rally theme is "Happy 250th Birthday America!".

Join us for the weekend or at least for a day. There are guided rides planned and our chapter will oversee the Game Room. See Jeanette for more details or to volunteer for a few hours to assist.

As of now, Julie and I are working on the monthly newsletters. Presently, we are looking for a volunteer who would like to take over as our Chapter Newsletter Editor. Just let us or Ed & Jeanette know if you would like to help us out.

Last month, Julie and I were on the Eagle Wings "Wingers & Waves" 6-day Western Caribbean cruise on the Celebrity Eclipse.



We departed Ft Lauderdale Sunday February 8th and returned to Florida Saturday February 14th. Our ports of call included Costa Maya Mexico, Cozumel Mexico, and Georgetown Grand Cayman.

When we arrived in Costa Maya, Julie and I decided to stay on board and enjoy the ship – Celebrity Eclipse.

The next two days we had excursions planned.

We arrived in Cozumel, and we enjoyed the “All Inclusive Dolphin Encounter” tour.



The tour included spending time in the ocean playing with the Dolphins, and lunch with unlimited drinks.



This excursion was something Julie wanted to do for years. Finally the opportunity presented itself.

We got many photos taken during our Dolphin Encounter. The funniest thing was when the Dolphin stuck his tongue out at me after he kissed me on the cheek!!



The following day, the ship pulled into Georgetown Grand Cayman for our second excursion.

We were originally scheduled for a Bourbon, and Rum tour with a Cuban Cigar at the Grand Old House.

When we checked in at the ship for the tour, we were told that tour was canceled but we could still see the Grand Old House with Wine tasting and Tapas.

It was not a hard decision!

Due to construction on the Cayman port piers, all the cruise ships had to anchor out, and we had to ride the ferry to shore.

Once off the ferry, we all boarded the bus for the tour.

We arrived a few minutes later at the Grand Old House and were seated at a very long table surrounded by wine bottles.

The Grand Old House was built in 1908, and it now operates as a winery and restaurant.



After three glasses of wine with plates of Tapas, we got to tour the house and the different rooms as part of the winery. The most expensive bottle of wine for purchase was a mere \$10,000!!

It was a great excursion, and we enjoyed touring the Grand Old House.

The Wingers & Waves Travel Club also hosted two themed parties for our Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association, along with a Superbowl party the night we departed Ft. Lauderdale.

The first themed party was "Tacky Tourist", and the second theme was a Valentines Day Party.



We enjoyed both parties and sold some Florida District Rally Tickets. Julie even won the 50/50!!

It was a great cruise with Celebrity, and we enjoyed seeing friends we haven't seen since last year's cruise.

This month after the District Rally, Julie and I will be departing on another RV / Trike trip for about 30 days.

We have a Family RV Association (FRVA) International Rally at the GA National Fairgrounds in Perry.

The following week, we have a FRVA Chapter "Sand Dollars" Rally at the Coastal GA RV Resort in Brunswick.

After the rally, we're heading to one of our campgrounds, North Shore Landing in Greensboro GA for some relaxation until the first week in April.

We'll wrap up the trip with a return to the Coastal RV Resort for a Fantasy RV Tours Rally.

Our plan is to return home for our Chapter Gathering on Monday 13 April, departing a few days later for another RV Fantasy Tours Fiesta Rally San Antonio Texas.

While we're in Texas, the Tennessee District Rally is scheduled to be in Johnson City Thursday 23 April to the 25th.

Even though we have many travel plans this year, we are planning to attend the following Eagle Wings events:

- FL District Rally in Gainesville this month
- SC District Rally in Piedmont, May 14th through the 16th
- Alabama District Rally in Decatur, June 25th
- EWMA International Rally in Sharonville, Ohio, September 3rd through the 5th
- NC District Rally, "Wings in the Smokies", in Sylva, September 24th through the 26th
- MS District Rally in Biloxi, October 15th through the 17th

It's going to be another fun year ahead for us and we look forward to our travels and riding more!!

Stay tuned for more adventures.





Assistant Directors Ed & Jeanette Carr



It's as FUN as FUN can Be!!

March 2026 is here. That means Bike Week, my Birthday and the 4th Annual Florida District Gathering of Friends for FUN, Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of this great Nation on March 12th, 13th & 14th at the Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel & Conference Center, 4200 N.W. 97th Blvd, in Gainesville, FL.

There will be a Lunch Ride to the Great Conestoga Restaurant on Thursday, two Guided Rides on Friday, a Guided Ride on Saturday morning, and a Talent Show on Friday night.

We will be having some FUN in the Game Room. Make sure you all stop by and say "Hi" and play the games. There are lots of prizes which include many Gift Cards.

There will be a sit-down dinner on Thursday evening for those who have paid in advance.

I really look forward to these rallies because it is a great way to see old friends from out of state, and even from Florida, that we haven't seen in a while. There is the question of who will win the \$5,000, \$500. and \$250 prizes to be won at Closing Ceremonies on Saturday.

Don't forget to bring in the donated Goodies for the hospitality Room. Jeanette will collect these goodies at the March Chapter Gathering.

We hope to see you at a EWMA Event in 2026.

Ed & Jeanette

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TNT Designs & Custom Gifts

<i>Dreamers Fashions Vest</i>	<i>Custom Pins/Patches</i>
<i>Shirts (Short Sleeve, Long Sleeve, Polos, Hoodies etc.)</i>	
<i>Hats/Visors</i>	<i>Embroidered Items</i>
<i>Riding Jackets</i>	<i>S. W. A. T. Riding Boots</i>

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Florida District Safety / Ride Coordinators



March 2026 Safety Article

Dominick & Diane Desiato

Greetings to all!

RALLY RALLY RALLY RALLY RALLY RALLY RALLY RALLY RALLY RALLY RALLY

Our Florida District Rally is quickly approaching on March 12th-14th, 2026 in Gainesville, FL. We will forgo our usual Safety Article and focus on the Rally. Our areas of responsibility will be the Rides and Presentations. There will be a lunch ride on Thursday to the Conestogas Restaurant. This will be an approximate 1 hour leisurely indirect route through the countryside to the restaurant. After lunch you will have the option to ride directly back to the Host Hotel with an escort, or take another approximate 1 hour leisurely escorted ride through the countryside back to the Host Hotel. There will be a morning and an afternoon ride on Friday, and a morning ride on Saturday.

There will be Classroom Presentations throughout the day as well. These Presentations will provide you with valuable information to enhance your knowledge for safe operation of your motorcycle. As an added incentive to promote better attendance we will be offering a \$50 cash reward to one lucky attendant. At each Presentation you will be given a special Raffle Ticket to put your armband number on and then place it into a container. For each Presentation you complete you will get a ticket. The more Presentations you attend the better your chance to win the \$50. The drawing for the winner of this event will be at closing ceremonies.

A Rally Schedule will be posted closer to the date of the Rally. When you receive the Schedule look and see which Rides and/or Presentations best fit your schedule. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Rally.

PS... a gentle reminder to Chapter Directors; if you have not turned in the Grand Prize Raffle Ticket money, please do so before the rally.

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

FL1-K March Calendar

Mar 01

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

Mar 03

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

Mar 06

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

Mar 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.

Mar 10

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

Mar 12-14

Florida District Rally, "Salute to the 250th Birthday of America", Best Western Hotel & Resort, 4200 NW 97th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32606

Mar 13

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

Mar 17

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

Mar 20

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

Mar 24

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

Mar 26

Lotto Dinner, Sonny's BBQ, 25 Cypress Edge Dr., Palm Coast, 32164. Meet there at 5:30 pm.

Mar 27

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

Mar 31

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



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GAINESVILLE
 Alachua County, FL

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES, etc.!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY	
Mar 3rd - Jim & JoAnne Eschenberg	
Mar 21st - Bill Morris & Andrea Kemper	

WINNING DOOR PRIZE CONTRIBUTOR	Sharon McNicol
50/50	Gordon Currie
Chapter Patch	Irene Harrington

DOOR PRIZES	
Sharon Van De Vord	
Ed Carr	



CONTRIBUTED DOOR PRIZES	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
Mar 1st - Barry Watson	
Mar 9th - Ed Carr	
Mar 13th - Charles Van de Vord	
Mar 14th - Marcia Shad	
Mar 29th - Gloria Harrington	

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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Alachua County, FL



(*EVENTS / RIDES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

GUIDED RIDES TBA @ RALLY

GAMES / EVENTS DURING RALLY

SELF-GUIDED RALLY RIDES

- LONG DAM RIDE
- THE SNAKE
- SOUTHERN DOZEN
- BACK OF THE DRAGON
- JOHNSON CITY RAILROAD EXPERIENCE (ETSU CAMPUS)
- BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY
- VINEGAR PIE RIDE

- KARAOKE COSTUME CONTEST
- FOOTBALL CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT
- INDOOR GAMES (TBA @ RALLY)
- WINGO



**Tennessee EWMA Spring Fling 2026
Karaoke Costume Contest**

*There will be awards
for non-costumed and
costumed participants*

*Contact Max Thomas
at (615) 202-0499 for
further information*



**Reminder – What
happens at Karaoke...**

STAYS at Karaoke!



April 23 – 25, 2026



2026 EWMA TENNESSEE DISTRICT RALLY

“AMERICA’S 250th ANNIVERSARY”

A CELEBRATION THRU AMERICAN BANDS, MUSICIANS & COMPOSERS



HOST HOTEL

Holiday Inn

101 West Springbrook Drive, Johnson City, TN 37604

Reservations: (423) 282-4611

Mention “Eagle Wings” for rate of \$120 a night, tax not included. Includes complimentary Wi-Fi. Pet Friendly rooms are available @ \$25 + tax per night & non-refundable. The hotel also has a Fitness Room, laundry, and a dine-in breakfast buffet.

EWMA rate expires 31 March 2026 – any reservations made after this date will be accepted by the hotel on a space available basis at the prevailing rates.



Registration, Please Print Clearly

Rider _____ State _____ Chapter _____
 EWMA # _____ Exp Date _____ Age _____
 EWMA Position _____ Is this your first TN District Rally Y N

Co-Rider _____ State _____ Chapter _____
 EWMA # _____ Exp Date _____ Age _____
 EWMA Position _____ Is this your first TN District Rally Y N

Distance to Rally _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____
 E-mail _____

GRAND PRIZE / EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS

- * One Grand Prize ticket included for each pre-registration. First Grand Prize drawing is **\$750**, second place is **\$500**.
- * Early Bird deadline - **15 March 2026**. Early Bird prize is \$100 by drawing.

Liability Release
All registrants must sign

We agree to hold harmless EWMA, the co-sponsoring organization and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property by any reason by participating in this EWMA sponsored rally.

Signature _____ Date _____
 Signature _____ Date _____
 Signature _____ Date _____

- **Pre-registration ends March 31** – to be considered pre-registered, your registration must be postmarked *by* 31 March.
- ALL registrations **increase by \$5 after 31 March 2026**.
- NO refunds after April 13 (10 days before rally). All refunds will be subject to a \$15 handling fee.
- Day passes will be available at the rally for \$20 per day

EWMA members	\$30 x _____	= \$ _____
Non-members	\$35 x _____	= \$ _____
13 – 15 Years Old	\$15 x _____	= \$ _____
12 years old & younger	<i>Free with paying adult</i>	
Grand Prize tickets	\$1-ea x _____	= \$ _____
	or 6-ea for \$5 x _____	= \$ _____

Saturday Night Dinner & Show

\$28 per person x _____ = \$ _____

REGISTRATION GRAND TOTAL = \$ _____

Please make payment to: **TN EWMA**

Mail entire registration with check/money order (*NO cash*) to:

Bob Mack, 1470 River Rd, Kingston, TN 37763

Listed below are just a few of the loyal and generous vendors attending our rally - please visit them! More to be announced!



Sierra Electronics
 "Motorcycle Audio Store"

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 _____ = \$ _____



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

Pre-Registration Tickets -

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

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



FL District / Region A Calendar of Events



DATE(S)	EVENT	LOCATION	Link
Mar 12-14, 2026	Florida District Rally "Happy 250th Birthday America!"	Gainesville, FL	See Newsletter for flyer
Apr 23—25, 2026	Tennessee District Rally "AMERICA's 250th ANNIVERSARY"	Johnson City, TN	See Newsletter for flyer
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	
Jun 25—27, 2026	Alabama District Rally "Happy Birthday America"	Decatur, AL	
Sep 3—5, 2026	Eagle Wings Rendezvous "4th Annual Rally"	Sharonville, OH	
Sep 24 - 26, 2026	Wings Over the Smokies	Sylva, NC	
Oct 15—17, 2026	Mississippi District Rally "America the Beautiful..."	Biloxi, MS	Flyer
Information on any event can be found at www.ewma-world.org/events or			
at www.ewma-florida.org			

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