



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

JANUARY



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

Bob & Julie Ahearn, FL1-K Chapter Directors



Welcome to the New Year!

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and was able to spend some quality time with family and friends.

Our Chapter Christmas Party on Saturday December 6th was a great time. Thanks to everyone who contributed and participated to make this year a success.



Julie enjoyed working on and running the Saran Wrap Christmas Ball game. Almost everyone played this year and made the game so much fun. Congratulations to Ed for making it to the center and winning the grand prize.

As of January 1st, Julie and I took over the CD position from Ed & Jeanette, who are now our Assistant Chapter Directors.

Our short biography:

We met in the late 1980's in Palma Spain while both of us were serving in the U.S. Navy and then deployed during Operation Desert Shield / Desert Storm.

After the war, we lost touch with each other, only to be reunited again many years later and finally married on September 9th, 2003.

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Julie retired after 22 years as a Chief Petty Officer (E-7). Bob retired from the Navy as a Master Chief (E-9) and then spent nine years as a Lockheed P-3 Orion Modification Coordinator with BAE Systems and then



worked for the Department of the Navy as a Special Programs Aircraft Configuration Manager.

We have been riding motorcycles as a couple for over 26 years.

Motorcycles I owned included a Honda CB-350, KZ-650SR, '82 1100cc Gold Wing Aspencade, '85 1200cc Gold Wing, '02 1800cc Gold Wing, and our current ride is a '15 Gold Wing Anniversary Edition which is now a Trike.

We joined the old organization in 2005 and were very active, holding many positions within our Maryland Chapter (MD-I), Maryland District and Northeast Region B.

Positions held in the past included Assistant Chapter Directors, Senior Chapter Directors, Ride Coordinators, Chapter, District and Region Couple of the Year, Chapter, District, and Region Chapter of the Year Coordinators, District Trainers, and Senior University Trainers.

Julie has also been a CPR / First Aid Instructor since about 2007 and has been bringing her expertise to EWMA.

We moved to Florida in 2022, and after the old organization folded, we joined EWMA and selected FL1-K as our home Chapter.

Presently, Julie and I are on a 10-day Southern Caribbean cruise with Princess.

Our port visits include Princess Cays, St Thomas Virgin Islands, Dominica, Barbados, Martinique, and Antiqua.

Watch next month's newsletter article about our cruise.

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Last month we spent a week at the St Augustine RV Resort for the FRVA “Sand Dollar” Rally.



During the week we visited the “St Augustine Distillery”, the “Believe It or Not Museum”, and had dinner at “Crabby’s Beachside”, the “Columbia Restaurant”, and the “Ice Plant”. We also rode the Red Train Trolley to see St Augustine’s 32nd annual “Night of Lights” with more than three million lights adorning every corner of the historic district.

At the end of the week, Julie and I traveled down to “Cape Kennedy RV Resort” for a visit to the Space Coast and the feasibility of a RV rally location in early 2027.

The day before we returned home, we took the time to visit the “Cape Kennedy Visitor Center”.

We viewed artifacts of NASA’s Mercury, Gemini, Apollo, and Space Shuttle Programs which tell the NASA story.

During our time at the Space Coast, there were three launches from Cape Kennedy. Two rockets were SpaceX Falcon 9’s with one from ULA’s Atlas Five launch of Amazon’s LEO4 to low Earth Orbit.

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All the launches were held late at night or early in the morning. We heard the rockets launch from the RV but ended up watching it on U tube.

Watching a launch from the NASA complex is on our bucket list.

This month while we're cruising the Southern Caribbean, we hope folks enjoy the first ride of the year to "Shrimp R Us".

Join us for our Chapter Gathering on Monday the 12th and check the calendar for the upcoming rides and Lotto Dinner.

Next month Julie and I will be on the EWMA Wings & Waves Valentine's Cruise – a 6-night Grand Cayman & Mexico cruise on the Celebrity Eclipse.

Stayed tuned to more FUN in 2026!

Robert & Julie A'Hearn

FL1-K Chapter Directors





Membership Development Musings

Jeanette Carr, Membership Development Coordinator



HAPPY 2026! We are looking forward to lots of riding and Florida Sunshine F*U*N in this new year.

Remember to check out chapter events and photos at FL1-K EWMA on the Facebook page I manage. So far you have all been very responsive to requests for “who is attending” an event.

As you renew membership, I would like to mention it in my news articles and include a photo if possible. Often people renew for 2 or 3 years, so it may be a while before some of you get in the news.

RENEWING MEMBERS:

Rock’n Bob & Rainie Ingenito – through 11/1/2028

Albert & Deanna Cisson – through 1/1/28. Welcome to their daughter, **Lauren Bedford**, who is now also a member.



2026 Rally Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the next three-chapter gatherings - or you can contact me and I will get your request to you. **MANY THANKS** to the members who have already purchased tickets in order of request:

Ed Carr, Ernie & Sue Vereker, Marcia Shad, Bob & Sharon McNicol, Shad McNicol, Gordon & Betty Currie, and Bill Morris.

Tickets were sold at the EWMA Fort Smith Rally & the Mississippi Rally. FL1-K purchased tickets for participation rewards to members. There are still many tickets available, and we can always get more if needed from the FL District Safety / Ride Coordinators, Dominick & Diane DeSiato

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GET WELL WISHES



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On The Lighter Side

Can You Hear That?

An old man decided his old wife was getting hard of hearing. He called her doctor to make an appointment to have her hearing checked.

The doctor said he could see her in 2 weeks, and meanwhile, there's a simple, informal test the husband could do to give the doctor some idea of the dimensions of the problem.

"Here's what you do. Start about 40 feet away from her, and speak in a normal conversational tone and see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response."

So that evening she's in the kitchen cooking dinner, and he's in the living room, and he says to himself, "I'm about 40 feet away, let's see what happens."

"Honey, what's for supper?" No response.

So he moves to the other end of the room, about 30 feet away. "Honey, what's for supper?" No response.

So he moves into the dining room, about 20 feet away. "Honey, what's for supper?" No response. On to the kitchen door, only 10 feet away. "Honey, what's for supper?" No response.

So he walks right up behind her. "Honey, what's for supper?" "For the 5th time, CHICKEN!"



Florida District Safety/Ride Coordinators

November 2025 Safety Article

Dominick & Diane Desiato



COLD WEATHER RIDING

Thankfully for Florida motorcyclist the weather is finally cooling down. It is time to start thinking about if you have the proper riding gear for winter riding. I know we do not get the same degree of extreme cold as they do further up north but this is a good time to check your winter riding gear and replace anything needed.

Everyone has their own temperature tolerance. Some stop riding if the outside temperature is under a certain degree. When you are deciding to ride due to outside temperature there are a couple of things to consider. “Wind Chill Factor” should be on the top of your list. The wind passing by your body on a moving motorcycle lowers the temperature your body is actually experiencing. The differences between the outside temperature and the temperature your body is experiencing can as much as a 20 degree difference. That means if the outside temperature is 50 degrees and you are traveling at 70 mph on the interstate, your body can be experiencing 30 degrees of wind chill.

There are several factors to consider when determining how much wind chill you will be experiencing. One question is: “How much wind deflection protection does my motorcycle provide?” If it is a naked bike you have no wind protection. A windshield would be better. A fairing with a windshield is even better. Full upper and lower fairing protection would be the best. The less wind deflection protection you bike has, the more wind insulation and warmth clothing you will have to wear to compensate for the wind chill.

The best way to compensate for the ever adjusting wind chill would be to have an underlining of electric gear. Once again the extent of what pieces of electric gear you need is determined by what parts of your body are protected or not, from the wind by your motorcycle’s parts. Electric gear comes in individual pieces: a jacket liner or vest, gloves, pant’s liner and socks. You will be able to determine rather quickly on a cold weather ride what pieces you need. I remember I had one bike that had plenty of upper body wind protection but no foot protection. On a cold weather ride one day my feet got so cold they hurt unbearably. It wasn’t long after that I bought the electric socks. They really work well. The other nice thing about electric gear is that it doesn’t take up as much room as wearing or packing layers of warm gear. You do not have to look like the Michelin Man all bundled up. As the outside temperature warms up you simple turn down the thermostat knob to adjust for the change in outside temperature. If you have upper and lower electric gear you get a duel thermostat. The top of your body and your lower body get cold at different levels. With a duel thermostat you can regulate your upper and lower body temperature separately. Don’t forget your passenger on the back. They get more wind chill and require their own set of electric gear.

If you do not want to go the electric gear route consider what type of gear you are wearing. Some motorcycle jackets have zip-in thermal liners. Some motorcycle jackets have zip-in rain proof liners. What works the best is to buy a motorcycle jacket that has both. When it is really cold you can zip in both liners for extra warmth. The rain liner does not let any wind through to your body. This is just a bonus of using the rain liner for warmth. The rain liner doesn’t let the wind through because it is actually designed not to let the water through.

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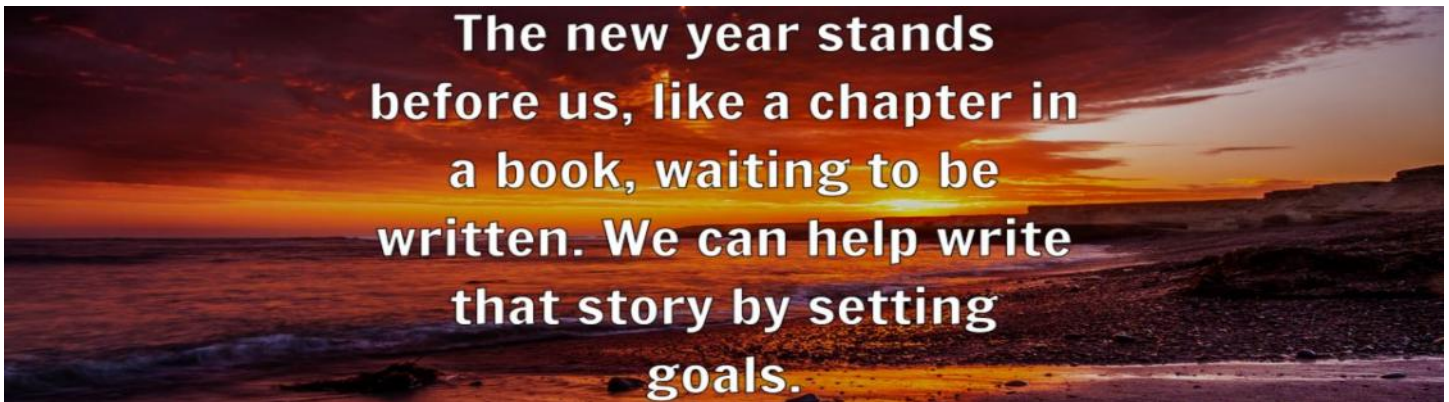
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Riding pants also come with zip-in thermal and rain liners. Don't forget to pack a separate pair of cold weather rain gloves. The worse thing to have is cold wet gloves. The electric gloves are made to get wet and the electric heating elements quickly dry them out after the rain stops while even keeping your hands warm when they are wet while riding in the rain.

Cold weather riding is can actually be enjoyable if you are dressed properly. An added bonus to having on all the proper gear is that you are actually fully covered in case you go down. Be prepared! Our Florida District Rally is in March. We never know what the temperature will be in March in Florida. Have your cold weather riding gear ready just in case. Be prepared and come ride with us at our March Rally.

Ride safe, and watch out for hazards

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 January Calendar

Jan 01

1st Ride of the Year @ Shrimp R Us, 765 3rd Ave, Welaka, FL . KSU 10:00 AM, Location B, McDonalds, 1090 E Moody Blvd, Palm Coast., or meet there at 11:00AM.

Jan 29

Lotto Dinner - . Houligan's, 50 Plaza Dr., Palm Coast, FL 32137. Meet there at 5:30 pm.

Jan 02

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

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Jan 06

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

Jan 09

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Jan 12

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.

Jan 13

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

Jan 16

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BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES, etc.!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY	
Dennis & Paula Maxwell	01/10

WINNING DOOR PRIZE CONTRIBUTOR	
50/50	
Chapter Patch	

DOOR PRIZES	



CONTRIBUTED DOOR PRIZES	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
Juanita Butler	01/05
Robbie Coulson	01/11
Jranette Bowen	01/20
Gordon Currie	01/21
Linda Coulson	01/23

December Christmas Party





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1776-2026*



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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
Jan 1, 2026	1st Ride of the Year! "Shrimp-R-Us and more"	Welaka, FL	Flyer
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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