



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

July 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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Welcome to July...*from the road*

This month we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our independence!!

We are presently in Cave City, Kentucky. We'll be spending the 4th of July here and then heading to Georgetown Kentucky for about 10 days.



While we're in Georgetown, we will be meeting up with a couple we met years ago in Maryland and have cruised with them the last couple of years during the New Years holiday.

Our plans include visiting the reproduction of The Ark and riding our Trikes around the back roads of Kentucky. We might have to stop at a few distilleries along the way.

Last month, we were in Lebanon TN at the "Wilson County Fairgrounds" for the National Indoor RV Center (NIRVC) Music City Motor home Expo.

We spent the week touring many RVs and taking three of them out for test drives.

Two of the RVs were Super C's; RVs that are built on a special S2RV Freightliner Chassis. We got to drive a Newmar "Grand Star", and a Tiffin "Allegro Bay 38BB".

The next day we took a Class A Motorhome, Tiffin "Phaeton" out for a test drive. The winner for us was Tiffin Super C.





We spent a few days at the National Indoor RV Center (NIRVC) outside of Nashville to finalize the details of our new toy.

It took us longer than originally planned to get move our stuff from the 2023 Nexus Viper to our 2027 Tiffin Allegro Bay 38BB Super C. The surprise was how much stuff we had hidden in the Nexus!

Once we detached the trailer with the Goldwing Trike loaded, it would not attach to the new RV due to the height of the Tiffin.

So, there we were, our only transportation is stuck on the trailer!

Thank goodness for Lyft. We visited Tractor Supply and purchased a new adjustable hitch, and a 7 pin RV blade to 4 pin adapter. Finally, success and we pulled out of NIRVC a day late.

While we were finishing up our new RV, our 2023 Viper was already sold and heading to Texas. Overall, it was a great experience and we learned a lot.

Our next stop was Decatur Alabama for the EWMA District Rally. We stayed at the Unhitched Wheeler Lake Campground about 20 minutes from the rally.

The next morning, we rode to the rally through some beautiful country roads, checked in, visited the vendors, and had lunch at the host Double Tree Hotel.

After lunch we found a Publix for some groceries and returned to the campground in the afternoon to check on Hannah.

During the afternoon ride the temperature hit 99 degrees and by the time we got back to the RV, we decided to chill out the rest of the night.

Next years Tennessee District Rally will be held April 22-24 in Manchester. The host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 111 Hospitality Blvd, Manchester, TN 37355. Call reservations (931) 728-9383.

When you make your reservation mention the group code "EWA" (not EWMA) for the discounted rate of \$105 a night, not including tax. Pet friendly rooms are available at \$30 +tax per night and non-refundable.

The following day we departed Alabama for Cave City Kentucky. Along the way we learned more about our Super C, especially when towing the Trailer & Trike.

This month most of our travels will be to Kentucky.

The end of the July, we'll be in Sevierville TN with my brother and his wife and her Mother for our annual family vacation.

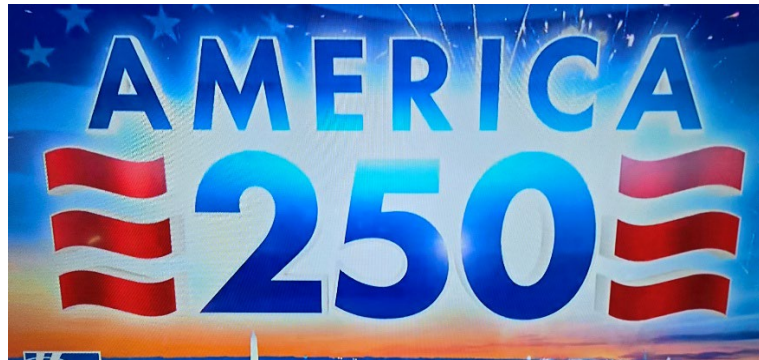
We will be staying in a mountaintop four bedroom, four-bathroom Log House. Perfect location close to Pigeon Forge, and Gatlinburg.

It'll be nice spending time with the family.

Stay tuned for more adventures!



Ed & Jeanette Carr FL1-K Assistant Chapter Directors / Assistant District Directors & Membership Development Coordinators



Happy Birthday America

A Quarter-Millennium: America Prepares for its 250th Birthday

On July 4, 1776, a group of 56 delegates gathered in the sticky summer heat of Philadelphia to sign a document that fundamentally shifted the course of human history. When they put quill to parchment on the Declaration of Independence, they weren't just breaking away from a global empire—they were launching a radical experiment in self-governance.

This July 4th marks the **United States Semi quincentennial**—the nation's milestone 250th birthday.

As the country hits the quarter-millennium mark, the celebration is shaping up to be much more than backyard barbecues and local parades. Under the banner of official initiatives like **America250** and the White House's **Task Force 250**, the country is preparing for a massive, coast-to-coast commemoration designed to reflect on our complex history, celebrate our progress, and look ahead to the next 250 years.

The Signature Spectacles of 2026

The milestone is bringing a series of massive historical, cultural, and sporting events to the national stage.

National Park Service

- **The Great American State Fair:** In late June, the National Mall in Washington, D.C., transforms into a sprawling, multi-week celebration. Every U.S. state and territory will have dedicated pavilions showcasing regional foods (from Maine lobster rolls to Texas steaks), traditional crafts, and live performances.
- **The Largest World Fireworks Display:** On July 4th, a master-planned celebration along the National Mall will feature the largest pyrotechnics and drone show in world history, alongside marching bands and choirs.
- **OpSail 2026 & International Fleet Review:** New York Harbor and historic coastal cities like Baltimore and Charleston will play host to a massive international naval review. Over 60 historic tall ships and modern naval vessels from 30 different countries will sail into American ports.

- **A Historic "Double-Header" in Philadelphia:** As the official birthplace of the nation, Philadelphia is the epicenter of the celebration. The city will host a massive Salute to Independence Parade, bury a historic 250-year time capsule to be opened in 2276, and uniquely blend history with global sports, hosting both the PGA Championship and critical matches for the **2026 FIFA World Cup**.
- We hope all you Dads had a Happy Father's Day and here's hoping we see you at a EWMA event in 2026.

Happy Birthday America.

"With a single sheet of parchment and 56 signatures, America began the greatest political journey in human history," President Trump



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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

FL1-G CHAPTER VISIT



7 June - Ed and I are pictured with a few of the members present for lunch and fun at the Ichigo Ichie Buffett in Sanford, FL. They had just finished a morning of drill team practice. They are always looking for new team members which they are happy to train. More pictures are on the state Facebook page "Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association – Florida District"

where you can see the fun other chapters are having.

FL1 – K CHAPTER GATHERING



8 June – our home chapter had a great time with many birthdays and anniversaries and A Roasting of Ed Carr (see the newsletter at fl1-k.org)

One couple of 41 years, Bob & Sharon McNicol, are Charter Members of EWMA and this chapter. They have supported each other and many chapters during their years of involvement in "like minded organizations". They still have a motorcycle, but do not ride any more. That does not stop their involvement in chapter and district life, and WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE THEM! Remember, anyone can be a member of Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association.

More People - More Fun!

The Legend of “Turtle-Gate” Begins

Article by Bill Morris



Every motorcycle club has one of those stories that become part of club folklore. Stories that get retold around campfires, over dinner stops, and at monthly meetings for years to come.

This year's contribution to “club history” made its debut May 19th this year, just before the Footloose Ride, in the form of a determined land turtle and Ed Carr, our unsuspecting contributor.

As the story goes, Ed was traveling at a low speed when he encountered a turtle making an unauthorized crossing of the roadway. What happened next will become known throughout the riding community as ***“Turtle-Gate.”***

The encounter resulted in a low-speed spill that left Ed with four cracked ribs, a bruised shoulder, and a story that will likely follow him far longer than his injuries. To sum it up in a ***“turtle shell”***: the turtle stood its ground...Ed, unfortunately, did not.

Fortunately, Ed’s Valkyrie suffered only minimal damage, and the turtle reportedly walked away with a bit of an attitude and more than a little pissed off. We’ll leave it to our readers to decide who won that particular contest.

Even the hospital staff couldn't resist joining the fun. Upon learning how the accident occurred, the admissions desk reportedly nicknamed Ed “Evel Knievel,” proving that medical professionals occasionally enjoy a good motorcycle story as much as riders do.

Thankfully, Ed has recovered well and true to his character, has taken the entire episode with good humor. In recognition of this remarkable encounter with one of nature's slower-moving adversaries, the Chapter held a special presentation at our most recent Socia;Gathering.

The ceremony included:

- A commemorative speech recounting the historic battle.

- An official certificate recognizing Ed for his "**Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Battle**" where All parties survived, although the Turtle Won the Fight."
- A hat pin that says "save the turtles"
- The only known photo of the reptilian participant (See Below)

The presentation was received exactly as intended—with plenty of laughter, good-natured roasting, and appreciation that everyone involved, including the turtle, came through the incident relatively unscathed.

While Turtle-Gate has become a source of entertainment for the Chapter, it also serves as a reminder that hazards can appear when and where we least expect them. Deer, squirrels, potholes, distracted drivers—and apparently turtles—can all change the course of a ride in an instant.

We're glad Ed is healing well, grateful the injuries weren't more serious, and impressed that he has embraced his newfound place in Chapter history.

As for the turtle, a local reporter & photographer were able to locate him for comment.



Sources indicate he has returned to his normal activities and remains undefeated.



July, 2026

Florida District Safety/Ride Coordinators Safety Article

RIDING IN THE HEAT

It's hot!!! I guess I don't have to tell you that. Here are a few tips and facts that might help you make the best of it. Ride early in the morning or in the evening when it is cooler. Use sunscreen in direct sunlight. Wear long sleeves. I know that is contrary to what most riders want to do. Having covered skin in hot weather is actually better physically for you. If your skin is exposed the hot air rushes past your body and will dry you out. Just in the same manner you dry your hands in the hand blower in the restroom. Wear a helmet visor to keep the hot air from hitting you in the face. You can wet your shirt under your mesh motorcycle jacket. You could put a cool tie around your neck. You could wear an ice vest. You could carry a mist spray bottle. Have drink holders on your bike for you and your passenger.

There are three physical concerns you should think about: Dehydration, Heat Exhaustion, and Heat Stroke.

Dehydration Symptoms: Dry or sticky mouth

Low or no urine output or concentrated urine appears dark yellow

Not producing tears

Sunken eyes

Lethargic

Dehydration Treatment: Seek shade or air conditioning

Drink additional water or sport drinks (diluted 50/50 with water)

If possible decrease the time between rest stops

Heat Exhaustion Symptoms: Loss of large amounts of fluid through sweating

Sweating, clammy and moist skin with pale or flushed complexion

Extreme weakness or fatigue, giddiness, nausea, headache, or irritability

Vomiting

Loss of consciousness

Heat Exhaustion Treatment: Drink additional water or sport drinks (diluted 50/50 with water)

Apply cool compresses or ice packs to the neck, groin, and arm pits

Heat Stroke Symptoms: Hot, dry, flushed or spotted skin

Severe headache

Exhaustion

Bizarre behavior

Hallucinations

Altered mental status

Confusion

Disorientation

Possible convulsions and coma

Heat Stroke Treatment: Call EMS (911) this is a medical emergency

Move rider to a cool place

Reduce rider's body heat immediately by any means available

Yes it's hot out there. Let's make the best of it so we can continue to enjoy our sport.

Ride Safe and cool,

Dominick & Diane

P.S. Don't forget to support the Florida District by selling and buying Grand Prize Raffle Tickets.



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 July Calendar

July 02

Kick Tires, Beach Front Grill, 2444 S Queen Shore Blvd., Flagler Beach, FL 32136. Meet there at 5:30 PM

July 03

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

July 07

'Footloose Ride', Meet at McDonalds, 5190 E. Moody Blvd., Palm Coast, FL 32164. KSU 9 AM

July 10

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

July 13

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

July 14

Freedom Ride, Because we can. Meet at McDonalds, 105 Interchange Blvd., Ormond Beach, FL 32174. KSU 9 AM

July 17

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

July 21

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

July 24

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

July 28

Freedom Ride, Because we can. Meet at McDonalds, 105 Interchange Blvd, Ormond Beach, FL 32174. KSU 9 AM.

July 30

Lotto Dinner, Texas Roadhouse, 1298 Palm Coast Pkwy, Palm Coast, FL 32137. Meet there at 5:30 PM.

July 31

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



BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES, etc.!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
July 01: Jim & Eilene Klucar
July 14: Ed & Jeanette Carr

WINNING DOOR PRIZE CONTRIBUTOR	Marcia Shad
50/50	Andrea Kemper Ed Carr III
Chapter Shirt or Patch	Ed Carr III

DOOR PRIZES	
Marcia Shad	Andrea Kemper
Ed Carr III	Sue Vereker
Rosalie Doerflein	Charles Van de Vord
Gordon Currie	



CONTRIBUTED DOOR PRIZES	
Sharon McNicol	Marcia Shad
Jeanette Carr	Betty Currie
Sue Vereker	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
July 18: Bill Morris
July 28: Ed Carr III



FL District / Region A Calendar of Events



DATE(S)	EVENT	LOCATION	NOTES
Sep 3-5, 2026	Eagle Wings Rendezvous "4th Annual Rally"	Sharonville, OH	See ewma-world.org
Sep 24-26, 2026	Wings Over the Smokies	Sylva, NC	See ewma-world.org
Oct 15-17, 2026	Mississippi District Rally "America the Beautiful..."	Biloxi, MS	See ewma-world.com
Mar 18-20, 2027	Florida District Rally	Gainesville, FL	See ewma-world.org
Apr 22-24, 2027	Tennessee District Rally	Manchester, TN	See ewma-world.org
Jun 10-12, 2027	Triple Crown Rally (SC, GA, NC)	Anderson, SC	See ewma-world.org
Information on any event can be found at www.ewma-world.org/events or at www.ewma-florida.org			

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