



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

August 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 August...*from the road*

Since our last newsletter, we began the month of July at Cave County RV Campground in Cave City Kentucky.

We toured the Lost River Cave, a natural attraction featuring an underground river with boat tours, hiking trails, a butterfly habitat, and historical significance as a hideout for the outlaw Jesse James, a Civil War encampment, and a nightclub in the 30's.



Independence Day was spent at the campground. We had the perfect viewing site for the fireworks celebration of our 250 years of freedom.

Our next destination was Georgetown Kentucky, where we met up with our friends from Maryland.

We stayed at Whispering Hills RV Park, about 35 minutes south of Williamstown Kentucky.

During our time there we visited the Ark Encounter which features a full-size Noah's Ark, built according to the dimensions listed in the Bible.



The biblical ark was 300 cubits long, 50 cubits wide, and 30 cubits high. The dimensions convert to approx. 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high.

The grounds at the Ark Encounter include the reproduction of the Ark, a zoo, a Virtual Reality ride, a theater, restaurants, and numerous gift shops.

There was so much to see, we decided to purchase the three-day pass.

Out of the three days, we spent two days at the Ark Encounter. The first day we toured the three decks of the Ark.

The second day we enjoyed the Virtual Reality ride, a play in the theater, and a group playing gospel music. After the concert we went to the buffet restaurant and had dinner.

It was a great day, and we highly recommend adding this attraction to your bucket list.

A few days later, and after a break in the wet weather, we visited the Buffalo Trace Distillery.



Buffalo Trace is the world's most award-winning Distillery, a National Historic Landmark over 200 years old which makes it America's oldest continually operating Bourbon distillery, and home to over 20 spirit brands.

We all signed up for the Trace Tour, which gave us an introduction to the history and science of Bourbon at the Distillery. The tour also included a tour guide, a tasting of select products, and access to the Visitor Center and Gift Shop.

After the tasting we spent more time sampling other beverages available to us and ended up spending some bucks in the Gift Shop!

Another recommendation for the bucket list...of course there are more distilleries in the area (Kentucky Bourbon Trail) so we'll need to return in the future.

Finally, the time had come to depart Kentucky and say goodbye to our friends. No worries, we'll see them again during our New Years cruise on Princess!

Presently, we are in Sevierville TN for our annual family vacation.

We are staying in a log mansion with 180-degree Smokey Mountain vistas. The mountaintop home has four bedrooms, and four bathrooms. Perfect location close to Pigeon Forge, and Gatlinburg.



The first morning we had a visitor to our log house; a small black Bear. She wandered onto the property where our cars were parked and walked by the dining room door!

We are scheduled to attend the Dolly Pardon Stampede later in the week and are looking forward to the festivities.

Join us next month at the International Rally at the Convention Center in Sharonville, Ohio from September 3rd to the 5th.

Our District will be running the Registration Desk on Thursday, September 3rd and is looking for volunteers to work three-hour shifts. Let us know if you're interested.

There are guided and unguided rides being offered during the rally. They are all listed on the website with maps & routes.

Julie and I will be staying at Jellystone Park Cincinnati for the week. The RV Resort is located 20 minutes away from the Convention Center.

Once we depart Jellystone, we'll spend our wedding anniversary in Tennessee before heading home for a few days.

The following week will find us back on the road towards the North Carolina Rally in Sylva.

Stay tuned for more adventures.





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



Warm Pastries and Open Roads: Seven Riders Head to Yalahala

There is something special about an early morning motorcycle run—the cool air, the hum of the engine, and the promise of a great destination at the end of the route. On Thursday, July 16, 2026, a group of seven motorcyclists took to the open roads of Central Florida with a single, delicious goal in mind: the iconic Yalahala Bakery.

Nestled along the scenic shores of Lake Harris, Yalahala is a legendary pitstop for Florida riders. Known for its traditional German heritage, authentic soft pretzels, and towering spread of scratch-made strudels and fruit tarts, it's the kind of place that turns a simple morning ride into a full-fledged culinary destination.

The Journey Over the Destination

The ride itself offered the perfect backdrop. Leaving behind the standard highway drone, **Lynn Harris, Howard Stewart, RockNBob Ingenito, Ernie & Sue Verecker, and Jeanette & Me** navigated the winding, tree-canopied backroads of Lake County. Sweeping through rolling hills and passing quiet citrus groves, the formation stayed tight, enjoying the camaraderie that only a shared group ride can bring.

By the time the kickstands went down in Yalahala, the mid-morning heat was just beginning to set in, making the shaded patio of the bakery an inviting sanctuary.

Stepping Into Germany

Walking into the Yalahala Bakery is always an assault on the senses in the best way possible. The warm, rich aroma of baking bread, roasted coffee, and caramelized sugar filled the air.

After parking their helmets, the seven riders lined up at the glass display cases, faced with the usual dilemma: sweet or savory?

- **The Savory Staples:** Freshly baked German soft pretzels topped with coarse salt, savory schnitzel sandwiches, and hearty bratwurst.
- **The Sweet Delights:** Flaky apple strudels, cream-filled bee sting cakes and rich Black Forest tortes paired with cold drinks.

Sitting together, the group chose the air-conditioned Deli and the group traded stories from the road, discussed upcoming rallies, and enjoyed a relaxed morning before gearing up for the ride home.

For these seven motorcyclists, Thursday wasn't just about grabbing a bite to eat. It was about preserving a classic tradition—combining great roads, great food, and great company. As long as the oven stays hot and the backroads stay clear, rides like this will always be worth making.



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Why GATHERING not MEETING

FL1-J CHAPTER VISIT

Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association is all about the members. It is not a club with rules and voting, but like-minded people who enjoy activities together. The old organization had monthly meetings where business was discussed but EWMA wants member's time together to be less formal and filled with fun, friendship, safety tips, and a minimal amount of "business". If there are problems or major things to discuss – the team may 1st address these matters and then discuss with the group as needed.

On the Florida District website, Chapters are listed with Chapter Director contact information and the monthly Gathering date/time. This makes it possible for non-members or visitors to join the group or ask for the monthly calendar of events.

One time to have a meeting would be when a chapter is just forming or reorganizing. July 9th I attended the reorganization meeting for FL1-J, Jacksonville, lead by the new Chapter Director Donald Lewis, "The Bluesman". Members, prospective members, and members from FL1-X attended the meeting at Golden Coral. There are many "like-minded" people in the area and so they are ready to become a strong/active chapter.

MORE PEOPLE, MORE FUN!



Bill and Cheryl Smith, VP of Membership Benefits, announced a new benefit – HELLO By GROUPER. This service is FREE with your EWMA membership. This service gives you access to a wide range of activities and classes that can help you stay healthy or improve your well-being.

RIDE SAFE & HAVE FUN!



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Florida District Safety/Ride Coordinators Safety Article

TPMS-Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems for Motorcycles

I don't know about you, but my idea of a good time is not getting down on the ground to check the tire pressure on my motorcycle tires. Most modern auto/trucks come with a TPMS where all you have to do is to look on your instrument panel and see what the tire pressure is. Some of the newer motorcycles are coming with such a system,

If you have a motorcycle without a TPMS you can easily add one on to it. You can find such systems on Amazon or many other websites. The prices range from \$30 to \$90 depending on how elaborate a system you want. The more expensive systems have blue tooth capabilities to connect to your cell phone.

Basically, what you are getting with a TPMS Kit is a Display Unit that you mount on your handlebars with a clamp or any other place with strong double-sided tape. You also get two Valve Stem Cap Sending Units. The Display Unit comes in two different configurations. One has a replaceable battery or a rechargeable battery via USB, the other style has a Solar Charger mounted on top of it (my preference) which also comes with a USB cord for charging. The Valve Stem caps have a changeable battery within. Usually a 1632 battery that will last about 3-4 months.

The beauty of the TPMS for a motorcycle is all you have to do is turn on the Display Unit before you ride and see if you need to add any air, without climbing down on the ground and finding the valve stem to check your tires air pressure.

Make it easy and SAFE on yourself. Add a TPMS to your ride.

Ride safe,

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.

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FL1-K August Calendar

August 04

'Footloose Ride', Meet at McDonalds, 5190 E. Moody Blvd., Palm Coast, FL 32164. KSU 8 AM

August 06

Kick Tires, Houligan's Destination Daytona, 1643 US Hwy 1, Ormond Beach, FL 32174. Meet there at 5:30 PM.

August 10

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.

August 11

Freedom Ride, Because we can. Meet at McDonalds, 105 Interchange Blvd., Ormond Beach, FL 32174. KSU 8 AM

August 18

'Footloose Ride', Meet at McDonald's, 5190 Moody Blvd, Palm Coast, 32164 .KSU 8 AM

August 25

Freedom Ride, Because we can. Meet at McDonalds, 105 Interchange Blvd, Ormond Beach, FL 32174. KSU 8 AM.

August 27

Lotto Dinner, Red Bowl Asian Bistro, 1482 W. Granada Blvd # 615, Ormond Beach, FL 32174. Meet there at 5:30 PM.



“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”

— Mother Teresa

“Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin.”

— Mother Teresa

“Life is a song, sing it. Life is a struggle, accept it.”

— Mother Teresa

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES, etc.!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
August 22: Don & Judy Black



WINNING DOOR PRIZE CONTRIBUTOR	Sharon McNicol
50/50	Gordon Currie Jim Butler
Chapter Shirt or Patch	Gordon Currie

DOOR PRIZES	
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Bob Ingenito	Betty Currie

CONTRIBUTED DOOR PRIZES	
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
August 02: Sharon McNicol
August 10: Jena Watson
August 20: Dennis Maxwell
August 22: Bob Ingenito



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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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