



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

September 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 September...*from the road*

Hello, Julie and I are heading to Sharonville Ohio for the EWMA International Rally. Our travels will take us to Newberry SC, New Market TN, and finally Sharonville.

NOTE: *Due to Rally attendance by us and your ACDs, our Chapter Gathering will not be held this month. Look for us October 12th at our next Gathering.*

During the Rally, our District will be running the Registration Desk on Thursday, September 3rd and is looking for volunteers to work three-hour shifts. We are scheduled to work from 1100 AM to 2 PM.

There are guided and unguided rides being offered during the rally. They are all listed on the Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association website (www.ewma-world.org) with maps & routes. So far, I have signed up for the guided ride to the Wright Patterson Air Force Base Museum.

This will be our first time attending the Eagle Wings International Rally.

The first-year Julie was having surgery on her broken kneecap which she broke in three places.

The second year, I lost use of my right arm due to disks in my neck herniated into the nerve root. The surgery replaced two discs in my neck by placing a cage supporting C-4 through C-6 in the Cervical Spine.

We are all good to go to have FUN this year!!

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

After the rally, once we depart Jellystone, we'll be back on the road to spend our wedding anniversary in New Market Tennessee. Our plans include attending the Hatfield & McCoys Dinner Feud in Pigeon Forge!

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

We'll be at the Cherokee / Great Smokies KOA.

Last month, we visited the Space Coast for a week. Julie and I were on a Recon mission for a possible RV Rally site next April.

We stayed at the Cape Kennedy RV Resort in Titusville.



While we were there, SpaceX was scheduled to launch another rocket carrying more Star Link Satellites for low Earth orbit.

Finally, we figured we would be able to see a launch. So, we traveled early and crossed the Max Brewer Bridge to Parish Park in Titusville and found a great location to watch the launch.

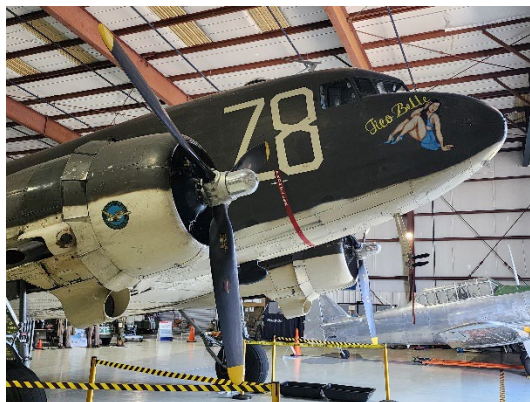
We were joined by a couple of hundred others waiting to see the blast off. At the 28 second mark before ignition, the launch was scrubbed due to weather.

Guess we'll try again soon.

During our trip, we visited the Valiant Air Command Warbird Museum in Titusville.



The museum houses over 45 vintage warbirds, and hundreds of warbirds artifacts across three hangars.



What's great about this museum, a handful of these aircraft are still flying. Some of our favorites included:

C-47 Transport – flew three missions during D-Day and dropped supplies to the 101st Airborne during the Battle of the Bulge.

PT-17 Stearman Biplane

B-25 Mitchell WWII Bomber

SBD-5N Dauntless Navy WWII Bomber, the type used during the Battle of Midway

F-14A, and F-18 Navy Fighters

F-4 Phantom

We enjoyed our time at the museum and highly recommend a visit when you're in the area.



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



Membership Development PREPARING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

It is not too early to look ahead! Hobby Lobby, Walmart, etc have the shelves filled with items for events from football to Santa 2026.

- No September Gathering but remember to attend the Kick Tires on 9/10 at Chili's @ 5:30pm Ormond Beach & Lotto Dinner TBA on the 24th

For the October Gathering:

- \$20 checks to hold a place for CPR Class Nov. 15. Checks returned when you attend
- If you are interested, bring socks for Marcia to deliver to the nursing home
- Halloween Costumes or shirt may be worn instead of a chapter shirt – just for FUN**
- Sign up sheet for food to bring to the chapter Christmas Party Dec. 5, details in October newsletter

RIDE SAFE & ENJOY LIFE!



Alachua County, FL



Marcia Shad FL1-K CPR / First Aid & Travel / Lodging Coordinator



Merry Christmas!

I know it's a bit early, but if you know me well enough, I shop all year for Christmas gifts for our small family. I try to get things that are useful, keep you warm on cold nights and make you smile!

Our Chapter has not participated in any holiday giving in a few years.

As you know, I collect unused greeting cards for the residents of Port Orange Nursing and Rehab Center located on Victoria Garden Blvd., in Port Orange. (Sharon McNichol is my best customer). Many have roommates and when a birthday or special occasion occurs, they ask the activities department staff for a card to give to a friend or their roommate.

On that same feeling of bringing smiles to others, Andrea Kemper and I will be your ambassadors for EWMA Chapter K for the upcoming holiday season. We met with the Director of Activities, and she welcomes us to help, especially at Christmastime. They need lap robes, socks, simple puzzles and costume jewelry.

As you know, I went on a "hunt" to find a "bargain" and I did just that! I found lap robes at Wal-Mart on the bottom shelf tucked in the back marked "Clearance". First, I bought five. Then the next day I bought more. They were \$6.99 reduced to \$2.50. I piled them in my cart and left the store with a smile to share.

Our Chapter could possibly bring more of our talents to the residents living there. The capacity is 106 residents. Please know that many of these people no longer have family or are out of the area so if we can add a little sunshine to their day, let's do it in EWMA spirit! We are mighty, able, willing to share and have the ability to put a smile on someone's face. Warm feet and a warm lap when they feel chilly. We can help with that. Costume jewelry is also welcomed. They will give these as prizes in Bingo or games. Ladies, clean out those jewelry boxes with your unwanted items. Especially helpful are beads that go over the head so as not to fasten. Their fine motor skills are weak sometimes.

I personally worked as a nursing supervisor and floor nurse in long term care in Cincinnati. I know what this means to this generation. I would tell my husband that I go to work "to get my hugs!" Even in the memory care unit, a familiar face was a ray of hope for them. So, let's join together and help these sweet people out with a little gift. We will not provide for 100 residents, just what we are able to collect. Perhaps our volunteerism will spread, and we could help out with Bingo or activities they hold during the year.

You can present your donations to Andrea or myself. We can have a wrapping party at my home to prepare the gifts. I presently have the lap robes which I showed at our August meeting. Since there will be no September Gathering, please call me or Andrea to get these items. As far as the lap robes go, just send me the check for \$2.50 per item made out to me, and how many you wish to donate.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Marcia Shad 386-679-1945 / Andrea Kemper 302-740-0008



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Florida District Safety/Ride Coordinators Safety Article

CHECK OUT THE OPENINGS

Openings in multi-lanes of slow moving or stopped traffic can be a danger to you. This type of scenario often happens in backed up traffic where a driver to your right is just trying to be helpful and lets a vehicle entering from the side to proceed through the stopped cars. This is also one of the most dangerous situations you can find yourself in. You don't know that a driver to your right is telling another driver to proceed through the opening in front of your approach. The driver of the entering vehicle still should see if the way is clear for each lane they are about to enter but often they do not and pull right out in front of your approach.

When you are riding your motorcycle in heavy stopped traffic, always look for possible openings in stopped traffic where a vehicle might suddenly appear cutting through. Your path of travel must be fluid. If you see a gap in traffic, you should go wide in your lane away from the opening. If you are on a multi-lane roadway, you should change lanes away from the opening. You can also stay next to another larger vehicle going in the same direction on a multi-lane road as you pass the opening. The driver cutting through might not see you but hopes are they would see the larger vehicle you are driving next to and not pull out in front of both of you.

We are here to assist you with your rider training needs.

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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FL 1-K September Calendar

September 01

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

September 03 to 05

Eagle Wings Rendezvous, Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Rd, Glendale, OH 45246.

September 08

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

September 10

Kick Tires, Chiles Grill & Bar, 190 Williamson Blvd Ormond Beach, FL 32174. Meet there at 5:30 PM.

September 14

Chapter FL1-K Social Gathering, Canceled for September. See you in October.

September 15

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

September 22

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

September 24

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

September 29

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



BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES, etc.!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
September 09: Bob & Julie A'Hearn
September 15: Ernie & Sue Vereker
September 25: Jim & Juanita Butler



WINNING DOOR PRIZE CONTRIBUTOR	Andrea Kemper
50/50	Paula Maxwell
Chapter Shirt or Patch	Bob Ingenito

CONTRIBUTED DOOR PRIZES	
Betty Currie	Andrea Kemper
Marcia Shad	

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS	
Howard Stewart	Irene Harrison
Gordon Currie	



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
September 23: Howard Stewart
September 26: Faye Watson
September 30: Ernie Vereker



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
Jan 01, 2027	"1st Ride of the Year"	Welaka, FL	See FL District Newsletter & Flyers
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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