

# Florida District FUNshine Times

EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION

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**From Your  
Florida District Directors  
Fred and Karen Kennedy  
(FL1-D, FL1-E2)**

## Greetings All!

**Welcome** to Spring! The weather is becoming much nicer for those of us in the northern end of the state! We are finally shaking off the last of Old Man Winter's grip! I miss the morning rides when it's not too hot and not too cool, but like Goldilocks said, "It's Just Right!" We have to enjoy this period as much as we can, as it rarely lasts more than a few weeks, going from winter to spring to summer in quick succession. I envy our folks in the southern end of Florida for the extent of their riding season. Let the riding begin!

**Thanks** to all of you who attended, we had a fantastic and **FUN** Florida District Rally! Attendance was higher, the hotel was near capacity and the **FUN** was flowing freely! We

had a great time hosting all of you and enjoyed meeting lots of new members. There were LOTS of First Timers and I hope they come back again and again! Congratulations to the winners of the Raffle, KD Cycle drawings the daily 50/50 and BINGO! We enjoyed bringing it to you and are already preparing for next year's rally on March 12th, 13th and 14th, 2026. Does everybody know what the significance of the year 2026 is? It's the 250th Birthday of this great nation! Make your reservations soon for the hotel and don't forget to register for Florida's 4th Annual Gathering of Friends for **FUN**! Next year's rally theme is America the Beautiful, so dress up in your best patriotic wear! Be anything from Presidents to the Statue of Liberty, Uncle Sam to Betsy Ross. Express yourself as the Grand Old Flag...just use your imagination and let's have **FUN** doing it!

**Next** up on the calendar is the Tennessee District Rally on April 24th, 25th & 26th in beautiful Johnson City, Tennessee! Lots of **FUN** and great riding are in the offering. I love being in the mountains in the spring! Karen and I are eager to make the journey and join in on the festivities!

**We'd** love to see you there!

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**Are** you making plans to go to Fort Smith, Arkansas for the EWMA Rendezvous? Word has it that the hotel is filling up fast, so if you want to go, get your reservation soon and we'll all meet up and enjoy some of the

best riding Arkansas has to offer! We have been so looking forward to going there, as we have never been before! It's going to be **FUN!**

**Hey!** Let's meet up soon at one of the upcoming Region A rallies or the Rendezvous...

**So**, until that time when we are together again...

**Ride Safe... Ride Often... but most of all... RIDE!**

Fred and Karen Kennedy  
**Your** Florida District Directors  
The **FUN**shine State,  
where **FUN** is #1!



**Geno & Kathie Jette**  
**Assistant District Directors**  
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(FL1-F2, FL1-K, FL1-X & FL1-Y)

**NATIONAL PICNIC DAY**  
April 23, 2025

**From** barbecues to simple cold plates, picnics are light informal affairs intended to be relaxing and **FUN** for everyone to enjoy the day. Some favorite picnic foods include sandwiches, chips, fresh fruit and vegetables, light salads, and homemade bars. However, picnics can be expanded to include grilled

items, too. Burgers and corn on the cob cook up nicely on a portable grill. During large picnics, guests often bring a dish to share creating a potluck atmosphere.

**The** fresh air tends to rev up our appetite, so getting in some physical activity while enjoying a picnic is nice, too. Games of horseshoe, Frisbee, catch, or flying a kite add to the **FUN** of the day.

**HOW TO OBSERVE NATIONAL PICNIC DAY**

- Celebrate this day by having a picnic of your own.
- Pack up a cooler or basket with a few of your favorite items.
- Make sure to include a beverage or two.

- Visit a favorite park or recreation area.
- Lay the blanket out in the sun or shade (whichever you prefer) and enjoy the day with a meal under the sky.
- Bring a Frisbee or a ball to toss around, too.
- If the weather does not cooperate, have a picnic on the living room floor in your home!

Q. Does a picnic require a crowd?

A. No. In fact, one person can enjoy a picnic. It's a great way to get away and enjoy some quiet time. However, if you're hankering for some company, definitely invite someone to join you.

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**Our 2025 Eagle Wings Rendezvous will be located at  
Convention Center, in Fort Smith, AR  
August 28th - 30th**



**Bill & Cynde Nipple**  
**Assistant District Directors**  
 Vendor Coordinators  
 (Panhandle Chapters)

Hello Everyone!

Well by all accounts Florida's Third Annual EWMA District

Rally was a Great success, this was Cynde and I's first event in the role as Florida's District Vendor Coordinators, and we had a BLAST.

Cynde and I want to thank everyone that attended and helped to make The Florida District Rally **FUN** and **SUCCESSFUL**, we hope you had as much **FUN** as we did. We especially want to send a **BIG THANK YOU** to our vendors, who everyone knows play's a **HUGE** role in making our events a success, that being said here is a list of this year's vendors that supported your Florida District Rally; These vendors often travel hundreds of miles to be at your events,

So, please remember to help support vendors at upcoming events.

- KD Cycles
- Sierra Electronics
- Terri's Thread Art
- Eurowing
- Harley Davidson of Gainesville
- MTS
- SkyMed
- Brenda's Sweets & Treats
- Direct Jobbers Amsoil Distributor
- Diamond Motorcycle Seats
- Luke Scanlan Artistry
- Wingers n Waves
- As well as the Staff at Gateway Grand Best Western Gainesville.



**John Cain**  
**Assistant District Safety/  
 Ride Coordinator / Safety  
 Presentations**

**The** Florida District 2025 annual rally was a great success, as usual! Many thanks to the dedicated, seasoned, and talented group of volunteers that

make up the EWMA Florida District Team.

**Since** I am responsible for the safety presentations at the rally, I want to identify and personally thank those members who authored and made presentations. As announced pre-rally, the presentations were all new and addressed topics not previously discussed. I can't thank those authors and presenters enough for their extraordinary efforts. Their final tally was:

- Tim Poppell, Escape Maneuver Planning
- John Dubose, Riding is the Fountain of Youth!
- Brian Richards, 2 v 3, Bikes v Trikes

- Dominick DeSiato, Group Riding Issues
- Mike Melton, EWMA Website Navigation
- Yours truly, Factors that Increase Safety and Factors that Decrease Safety

**Please** include a safety presentation or two in your planning for next year's rally. Most all are deconflicted from the rides.

**And** please don't forget the these and other safety talks are all available to all chapters in most all venues. Just contact me at [jcain16@gmail.com](mailto:jcain16@gmail.com), 321-505-9772.

**Ride Safe. Have FUN!**



Dominick & Diane DeSiato  
**District Safety /  
 Ride Coordinators**

## **BIKE-TO-BIKE COMMUNICATION**

Greeting to All,

**Well**, our 2025 Florida District Rally is now in the history books. What a great time we had! We had 4 Group Rides that went very well. The Rides presented us with an interesting observation. Modern technology is moving faster than Riders are changing motorcycles. A Gold Wing lasts forever if well maintained. The old standby system of communication for over 20 years has been the 40 Channel CB Radio. The new Gold Wings (2018 and newer) are not coming with a CB radio. The new bikes are equipped with a blue tooth wireless communication system. A CB radio can still be purchased and installed onto the newer Gold Wings at a considerably greater expense. You used to be able to install a CB radio to a pre-2018 Gold Wing for about \$800.00. Now it will cost you

about \$2,000.00 if you can find one.

**When** we lined up for our daily rides we found there were now 3 different methods of communicating. CB, Cardio-Mesh, and Sena-Bluetooth systems. To summarize what we had was a Group of Motorcyclists that could no longer talk to one another. There is no quick fix for this problem. Most of our chapters have individually resolved this issue because they are aware of what type of communication system members of their Chapter have. When you go to an event such as a District Rally plan on there being 3 different methods of communicating along with the Riders that do not have a communication device at all. There was a time before CB Radios when Hand Signals were more emphasized and used. The use of CB radios has spoiled a lot of us and talking on the CB has taken the place of hand signals. With the current electronic communication issue along with the increase of new members that do not have any electronic communication, we will have to go back to more hand signal use.

**You** can find diagrams on the proper use of hand signals on the EWMA Website. You can find these diagrams at: ewma-world.org, Documents, Safety/Ride Coordination, 10-Minute Presentations, Hand Signals for

on Bike. You could look at this individually or Chapter Directors or SRCs can print this out and talk about at a Gathering.

**Because** the membership of EWMA has expanded to include all Brands of Motorcycles there is a good chance some of the new members will not have any type of Electronic Communication. What type of Electronic Communication you would suggest to these members would be determined on what type of Communication your Chapter mostly uses. To ride with members with older Gold Wings, the most expensive and maybe not the most practical conventional system would be the CB System. I would like to recommend a rather inexpensive way to obtain a CB System that would work on any Motorcycle.

**Sierra Electronics** sells a Portable CB System Kit that can be mounted on the handlebars. It comes with a Mount, Headset and Mic and a Push-to-Talk button for the handlebar. The price for the entire kit is \$249.99. You can find this Kit by going to [www.sierra-mc.com](http://www.sierra-mc.com).

**Whatever** your Chapter decides, find a system that works best for you Chapter and discuss it with your members to insure you can maintain Safe and Enjoyable rides.

**Ride Safely!**

# 2025 Rally Winners

## **POKER RUN - Thursday**

BEST Hand - Richard Saltz – FL2-A  
Worst Hand – Shirley Nanning – NC-N

## **POKER RUN – Friday**

Best Hand – Cindy Bryant – NC Dist Tres  
Worst Hand – Miriam Wright - FL2-R

## **POKER RUN – Saturday**

Best Hand – Charles Evans – Jacksonville, FL  
Worst Hand – Donna Horning – SC DD

## **POKER RUN – BEST OVERALL**

Best Hand – Cindy Bryant – NC Dist Tres  
Worst Hand – Miriam Wright – FL2-R

## **THURSDAY 50/50**

Bunny O'Neal – FL1-F2

## **FRIDAY 50/50**

Corky Alexander - Alabama

## **COSTUME CONTEST – INDIVIDUAL**

1<sup>ST</sup> - Les Raske  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Cindy Raske

## **COSTUME CONTEST – CHAPTER / GROUP**

1<sup>st</sup> – Alabama  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Tampa FL1-A

## **TALENT SHOW – 3 or less – COMEDY**

Randy Kelley – MS DD

## **TALENT SHOW – 4 or more – COMEDY**

1<sup>st</sup> Alabama  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ocala – FL2-F2

## **BASEBALL – CORN HOLE STYLE**

1<sup>st</sup> – South Carolina  
2<sup>nd</sup> – North Carolina

## **CHAPTER COLLAGE**

1<sup>st</sup> – FL1-F2 Ocala  
2<sup>nd</sup> – FL1-A Tampa

## **CHAPTER MASCOT**

1<sup>st</sup> – FL1-F2 Ocala  
2<sup>nd</sup> – FL1-D Pensacola

## **CHAPTER BANNER**

1<sup>ST</sup> – FL1-K Palm Coast

## **TEAM CHALLENGE**

1<sup>st</sup> – The “A” Team  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Besties

## **WORD SEARCH**

Madelaina Garrison

## **QUILT**

Cynde Nipple

## **GRAND 50/25/25**

Dwayne Hopkins  
Diane Hixson

## **RAFFLE – 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE - \$5000**

Diane Schmidt

## **RAFFLE 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE - \$500**

Nan Shrader

## **RAFFLE 3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE - \$250**

Bradley Near

## **KD CYCLE \$500**

Ralph Lambert

## **KD CYCLE \$250**

Brian Kirscheaum

## **KD CYCLE \$250**

Cheryl Smith

## **BW 3 Day / 2 Night Stay**

Sandy Pisano

## **MOTORCYCLE TOWING SERVICE**

Carol Parham  
Sophie Hooper

# FLORIDA DISTRICT HAPPENINGS APRIL 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 FL1-Y, Gainesville FL2-D, Melbourne	2 FL2-R, Ft Lauderdale	3 FL1-X, Orange Park	4	5 FL1-E2, Ft Walton Beach FL2-F, Punta Gorda
6	7 FL2-H, Wauchula	8	9 FL1-D2, New Port Richey FL2-O, Stuart	10 FL1-B, Brandon FL2-P, Lake Placid	11	12 FL1-A, Tampa FL1-D, Pensacola
13 FL2-A, West Palm Beach	14 FL1-K, Palm Coast	15 FL1-F2, Ocala	16 FL1-H Daytona Beach	17 FL1-M, Clearwater	18	19 FL2-B2, Sarasota
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 FL2-G, Ft Myers
27	28	29	30	<b>Tennessee District Rally</b>		
				<u>Please verify with an individual Chapter before visiting.</u>		
				<u>Chapters occasionally alter their gathering schedule to accommodate rallies and/or other events.</u>		

Check this URL to find particulars for each individual Chapter and their calendars:  
<http://www.ewma-florida.org/chapters.html>

**Upcoming Florida EWMA Events**

April 24 - 26, 2025	Tennessee District Rally <i>"America the Beautiful"</i>	Johnson City, TN
May 15 - 17, 2025	South Carolina District Rally <i>"Salute to the Troops"</i>	Newberry, SC
June 5 - 7, 2025	Georgia District Rally <i>"Beach Bash"</i>	Helen, GA
June 26 - 28, 2025	Alabama District Rally <i>"Roaring 20's"</i>	Sheffield, AL
August 28 - 30, 2025	EWMA <i>"2025 Eagle Wing Rendezvous"</i>	Fort Smith, AR
Sept 25 - 27, 2025	North Carolina District Rally <i>"Back to the Smokies"</i>	Silva, NC
October 16 - 18, 2025	Mississippi District Rally <i>"The New Frontier"</i>	Biloxi, MS

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# Appreciation for our Sponsors



The Florida District has a Sponsor Plan. We currently offer four levels of Sponsorship: "Platinum", "Gold", "Silver" and "Partner". If your business is interested in being a sponsor of the Florida District of EWMA, please contact our District Director.





**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  
1<sup>st</sup> Drawing - \$5,000 Cash  
2<sup>nd</sup> Drawing - \$ 500 Cash  
3<sup>rd</sup> Drawing - \$ 250 Cash



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Alachua County, FL



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Birthday  
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1776-2026

**MARCH 12—14, 2026**

**FLORIDA**  
EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION  
Friends for Fun, Safety & Riding

Riders Name	EWMA Member #
Riders or Co-Riders Name (circle one)	EWMA Member #
Street Address, City, State & Zip Code	
Phone #	Email Address

Chapter	Chapter Position	District or Team EWMA Position
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I/We agree to hold harmless Florida District, co-sponsoring organizations and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved because of participation in this rally. I/we have read this waiver and acknowledge with signature(s) below:

Signature	Signature
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Is this your first-time attending the Florida Rally? Yes No

Member Registration	\$35.00	X	_____	=	_____
Non-Member Registration	\$40.00	X	_____	=	_____
Under 12 (Dinner on Thursday extra, See below)	FREE	X	_____	=	_____
<b>Sit Down Dinner - Thursday Night</b>	\$30.00	X	_____	=	_____

**\*\*Fully Registered attendees only\*\***

**Dinner choices—Circle One for each attendee:**

Chicken Marsala (with mushrooms & shallots in a demi-glace, Pork Tenderloin  
 (Roasted with Caramelized Pear & Brandy or Eggplant Parmesan (lightly coated fried) (pick one)

**Ticket Sales**

\$5,000 Raffle (Book of 10)	\$10.00	X	_____	=	_____
Daily 50 / 50 Thursday (Strip of 10)	\$ 5.00	X	_____	=	_____
Daily 50 / 50 Friday (Strip of 10)	\$ 5.00	x	_____	=	_____
Grand 50 / 25 / 25 (Strip of 10)	\$ 5.00	x	_____	=	_____
Grand Prize (Strip of 10)	\$ 5.00	x	_____	=	_____

**PRE-ORDER ONLY SHIRT SALES**

**Deadline for pre-order of shirts will be February 10, 2026**

T-Shirt	S M L XL	\$21.00	X	_____	=	_____
T-Shirt	XXL XXXL (XXXXL unavailable)	\$23.00	X	_____	=	_____

**TOTAL ENCLOSED (US Dollars Only) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**RALLY SHIRTS NOT AVAILABLE ON SITE—PRE-ORDER ONLY**

Florida District Rally March 12—14, 2026  
 Opens daily at 9:00am

**Florida District Directors**  
 Fred & Karen Kennedy  
 (850)-232-0365



**NO refunds after February 23, 2026**  
**After March 1st Registration is \$5.00 higher**  
**\$15.00 Day Passes will be sold onsite and are good for all**  
**events of the day of purchase except Thursday Night dinner**

**Submit Registration Forms to:**

**Geno & Kathie Jette**  
**114 Canis Dr E**  
**Orange Park, FL 32073**  
**addgeno@yahoo.com**

Make check or money order (US Dollar only)  
 Payable to EWMA Florida District  
 If you would like registration confirmation, please  
 ensure you provide an email address

**Guided Rides on Friday & Saturday**

Register by **December 1, 2025** for entry into  
 Early Bird drawing to be awarded to 1 lucky  
 winner at Closing Ceremonies!

Pre-Order Shirts for entry into a drawing for a  
 prize to be awarded to 1 lucky winner at Closing  
 Ceremonies

See website for latest information  
<http://www.ewma-florida.org/rally.html>



# Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association

## 3rd Annual Rally

### Eagle Wings Rendezvous

#### Aug 28th – Aug 30th 2025



WE'RE GOING TO  
FORT SMITH, AR!

3 Nights of FUN, FUN, FUN!!!!

3 Days of Rides, Presentations and FUN!

Thursday GRAND OPENING PARTY FUN  
Light Dinner and entertainment

Saturday Night is Closing  
Ceremonies, Dinner and Entertainment

Friday Night Bike and Light Show Vote for your favorite and enjoy some ice cream!

Let's make this the biggest Rendezvous yet!  
We can't wait to see you there!

Registration Fees (onsite \$10 more)	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Total</u>
EWMA Members	\$45	_____	\$ _____
Non Members	\$55	_____	\$ _____
Day Passes-available for purchase on site			
<b>Dinner Thursday Night (Max seating-360)</b>	\$30	_____	\$ _____
<b>Dinner Saturday Night (Max seating-360)</b>	\$45	_____	\$ _____
Chicken _____ Pork _____			
First Aid/CPR _____	\$25	_____	\$ _____
Pre-Registration Tickets	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Total</u>
Grand Prize & Mystery Cash—Books of 5	\$10 X	_____	\$ _____
Grand 50/25/15/10— Books of 5	\$20 X	_____	\$ _____

GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

All pre-registrations must be  
received  
BY 8/9/2025

Make Checks payable to EWMA

Mail completed forms to:

EWMA

Patti ONeill  
2125 Meander

Prescott AZ 86305

Email: ewmacfo@gmail.com

Phone 408-639-0415

\$15.00 fee on all cancellations

No refunds after Aug 1st 2025

CC# \_\_\_\_\_

EXP \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

For more information go to  
[www.ewma.world.org/rendezvous](http://www.ewma.world.org/rendezvous)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ EWMA #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ EWMA #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Reg/District/Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned, agree to comply with the ideals governing this event and to hold harmless the EWMA, co-sponsoring organizations and property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved, and I/we agree to assume responsibility for any property which I/we knowingly damage. **EWMA reserves the right to refuse entrance to anyone at any time.**

Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_