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

Greetings Florida Members!

The 2026 Florida District Gathering for FUN and Friendship is in the bag, and what a fabulous rally it was! We had excellent attendance and participation, the costume and talent shows rocked and the Bell Ringing was a unique and entertaining event.

Congratulations to Marion Duncan, of FL1-F2, Ocala Chapter! She was the Grand Prize Raffle winner of \$5000. Nobody was more surprised to be the winner than she was! If you weren't there, I'll run down the scene... She just knew she didn't win when I began to call the winner on the phone, because she didn't put her telephone number on any of her ticket entries because she planned on being in the audience... Well, when I saw that the winning ticket did not have a telephone number

and she was sitting 20 feet from me, I quickly went to the Eagle Book and got her number. I could see the excitement drain from her face as I began to dial. The phone began to ring and she just sat there for a couple of seconds, until she realized her phone was ringing, she quickly located her phone, figuring it was just another spam call. When she saw the number was from Pensacola (My Home), she began to get excited and when she answered, she erupted with a scream when I replied HI!. It was the highlight of the rally for me. You could have bowled her over with a feather. It was awesome!

We thank everybody who purchased tickets and wish luck upon all of you in the future. Your purchases allow the Florida District to have free First Aid/CPR for Florida Members, excellent Presentations and really great Prizes.

Speaking of Presentations, weren't they GREAT! Attendance was really up and the varied topics much improved. The presenters worked hard to provide you with up to date and interesting subjects. The Guided Bike Rides were very well attended also and everybody enjoyed them as well.

We had members from Canada, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin and many other states, with the South Carolina

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District having the most out of state attendees! Thanks SC!!!

Overall, our rally was a success by any measure and we can't wait for 2027!!!

Next year's rally theme is, "**Let's Make A Deal!**". Remember that audience engaging game show from the 60's? Well, we plan on recreating all of it... Curtain #1, 2 & 3; Big Boxes and Small Boxes too... What do you have in your pocket? Paper clip, matches, button? You never know what our host, Carlos Lozano, will be asking you for... It's going to be a ton of **FUN** and all it takes to be a participant is to be in costume and sit in the audience. What is the costume theme? There isn't one! Most of

you already have costumes sitting in your closets from rallies past, so dig them out, try them on and bring a couple to compete for PRIZES, MONEY and yes, ZONKS! If you don't have one, use your imagination and create or purchase one, but everybody in costume is a potential player. Since so many people will have their outfits, I believe that the Costume Contest will have a lot of entrants, as well as the Talent Show!

You can make your reservations and registrations now and the Rally Flyer is available on the Florida District's website. Join us as we have **FUN**, because the #1 rule in Florida is to have **FUN!!!**

What is our next adventure? Attending the Tennessee

District Rally in Johnson City on April 23rd, 24th & 25th. The Tennessee Rally continues the year-long observation of the founding of our Nation with a "Celebration Thru American Bands, Musicians & Composers". Tennessee always has a very entertaining rally and we can't wait to go.

Their flyer is also available on our website under the Event page.

We do so look forward to being together again and until that time arrives,

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!



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

Not So Fast Cain!

The "best laid plans..." often do not come to pass as expected.

For several valid reasons, I will enthusiastically remain as the Assistant District Safety/Ride Coordinator for Safety Presentations.

The presentations at the 2026 Florida District Rally were a resounding success. Six presentations were delivered to about 100 attendees. Standing room only! I'm sure the \$50 attendance prize was a significant incentive. But, the presentations were truly outstanding!

Looking forward to next year's rally, "**Let's Make a Deal**", we're planning for six

presentations again. Please consider making a presentation yourself. You may have specific useful knowledge about motorcycles in general or a wide of range of topics that could be relevant to the EWMA diverse audience. We can always figure a way to relate most any topic to motorcycle safety. Let's talk!

And don't forget, chapters can request a short presentation from a guest speaker from another chapter for any venue, including picnics. Yes, we can deliver outdoors!

Ride Safe!



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

BIKE-TO-BIKE COMMUNICATION

Greetings to All,

Well, our 2026 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 considerable 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 (and on the next page of this newsletter). 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.

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

Ride Safe!

MOTORCYCLE HAND SIGNALS



LEFT TURN
Arm and hand extending left, palm facing down



RIGHT TURN
Arm out bent at 90° angle up with fist clinched



STOP
Arm out bent at 90° angle down with palm facing back



SLOW DOWN
Arm extended straight out with palm facing down while swinging arm down



SPEED UP
Arm extended straight out with palm facing up while swinging arm upward




HAZARD IN ROAD
On left point with left hand
On right point with right foot



FOLLOW ME
Arm extended straight up with palm facing forward




**COME AROUND/
TAKE THE LEAD**
Arm extended index finger pointing out while swinging arc from back to front




PULL OFF
Arm extended index finger pointing out while swinging arc from left to over head




SINGLE FILE
Arm straight up with index finger pointed up



DOUBLE FILE
Arm straight up with index finger and middle finger up



RIDE STAGGERED
Arm straight up with index finger and pinky up



FUEL STOP
Point to fuel tank



COMFORT STOP
Arm extended with clinched fist with short up and down motion



REFRESHMENT STOP
Fingers closed with thumb to mouth



TURN SIGNAL ON
Extend arm while opening and closing hand



POLICE AHEAD
Tap top of head or helmet with palm of hand





Harry & Lynn Anderson
Assistant District Directors
 District Hospitality Coordinators
 (FL1-H, FL2-D)

Well, well, well, another BEAUTIFUL rally is in the box, shelved and now we're headed for next year. The theme being "Let's Make a Deal". So dig out those old Halloween costumes and see if you can "Make a Deal".

Ok, here's the question: How many "JUNK" drawers or "CATCH ALL" rooms do you have? Come on now, be honest. I have 3 drawers and one and a half rooms. Ok, ok, you can stop laughing. Everyone has at least a drawer full of "DROP INS". You know, the things you find and just drop them in the drawer to "put away" later and somehow later never comes. Then, little by little, other things

sneak in and before you know it... you are the proud owner of a JUNK drawer.

As the proud owner of a "catch all" room (much to Harry's chagrin) I can tell you, as a craft person, it doesn't take long to be overrun with a lot of "good" stuff. No, I'm not a hoarder (Harry thinks I come close). At this time, I won't mention Harry's garage, or the time he had 3 steering wheels, just in case he found someone driving down the road that needed one. Go figure!!! Anyway, back to our problem. The other wrinkle concerning this subject: most of us are retired and the funny thing is it seems we have less time to get things done. Now, take me, I honestly try to straighten this mess up, but when I start, Lord help me, my cell phone beckons and I think "oh just a few minutes", which turns out to take so much of my precious time, I give up on the room. (Haven't looked at the drawer yet). I know, I know, we are supposed to be "down sizing", and don't worry, I'll get to it. Maybe tomorrow. Let me know how you're coming along in cleaning out or down sizing.

It's funny: We came into the world with nothing. We leave this world with nothing.

But in between, we acquire all our desires just to know we have them. (Me, I'm trying to figure a way to take mine with me!)

Getting serious: To understand the important things in life, you must visit 3 locations...

The hospital; so you will understand, nothing is more important than good health.

A prison, that freedom is a very, very precious thing

And lastly... at the cemetery you'll realize that the ground you are walking on today, could be your roof tomorrow.

Now, get busy cleaning out. I'll be on my phone, but I'll get to it shortly.

By the way... I'm looking for keys. It doesn't matter what kind, just keys that you might not use anymore. Thanks ahead of time.

Until next time...

Make your plans early to attend the 2027

Florida District Rally

March 18 - 20, 2027 - Gainesville, FL



Geno & Kathie Jette
Assistant District Directors
 Rally Registration Coordinators
 Goodie Sales
 (FL1-F2, FL1-K, FL1-X & FL1-Y)

National Animal Cracker Day

April 18, 2026

The celebration brings us back to our childhood memories and

the many boxes of Animal Crackers we shared with our friends. Animal Crackers refer to a type of small cookie baked in the shape of circus or zoo animals, such as a lion, tiger, bear or elephant. The most common variety is light-colored and slightly sweet. However, makers also offer chocolate and frosted varieties, too. Even though animal crackers are made with layered dough, much like crackers, they are sweet like cookies.



While National Day Calendar's research was unable to find the creator of National Animal Crackers Day, we did locate other **FUN** facts. Animal crackers first came to the United States in the late 1800s when the U.S. imported animal-shaped cookies from England. In 1902, animal crackers officially became known as Barnum's Animals and evoked the familiar circus train theme of the Barnum and Bailey Circus. Later that year, Nabisco designed the now-familiar box with a string for the Christmas season to hang from the Christmas tree. They were a big hit in 1902 and still are today.



Ed & Jeanette Carr
Membership Development Coordinators

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

SO MANY WONDERFUL CHAPTERS & MEMBERS!

The game room at the March Florida District Rally was a hopping place. For \$5 each day,

members played games and then had a chance to win a special item or one of the many \$10 gift cards. That's a lot of BANG for your BUCK!

We were fortunate this year to have many nice, donated items which made it possible to use more of the money provided by each chapter on more gift cards. THANK YOU to all who donated items.

The new Plinko Game purchased by Dominick & Diane DeSiato was a big hit. It was a challenge to shorter people but at least no one resorted to standing on a chair. The other regular games were still enjoyed. It was interesting to see how different games were

considered "the favorite". Those "running the games" usually found creative ways to help members have **FUN**.

Special Thanks to the following chapters who helped in the game room:

- FL1-M**, Clearwater; **FL1-O**, Stuart; **FL1-D**, Pensacola; **FL1-A**, Tampa; **FL1-F2**, Ocala; **AL-Y**; **FL1-X**, Orange Park; **FL1-K**, Palm Coast/St. Augustine

As the new Florida Membership Development Coordinator, we will be contacting members who join or renew. Make note of the email which comments will be sent from.

FLORIDA DISTRICT HAPPENINGS APRIL 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 FL2-R, Ft Lauderdale	2 FL1-X, Orange Park	3	4 FL1-E2, Ft Walton Beach FL2-F, Punta Gorda
5 FL2-A, West Palm Beach	6	7 FL1-Y, Gainesville FL2-D, Melbourne	8 FL1-D2, New Port Richey FL2-O, Stuart	9 FL1-B, Brandon FL2-P, Lake Placid	10	11 FL1-A, Tampa FL1-D, Pensacola
12	13 FL1-K, Palm Coast	14 FL2-H, Wauchula	15 FL1-H Daytona Beach	16 FL1-M, Clearwater	17	18 FL2-B2, Sarasota
19	20	21 FL1-F2, Ocala	22	23	24	25 FL2-G, Ft Myers
26	27	28	29	30	Tennessee District Rally	

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 23 - 25, 2026	Tennessee District Rally <i>"America's 250th Anniversary"</i>	Johnson City, TN
May 14 - 16, 2026	South Carolina District Rally <i>"Happy Anniversary America!"</i>	Piedmont, SC
June 4 - 6, 2026	Georgia District Rally <i>"Happy Anniversary America!"</i>	Helen, GA
June 25 - 27, 2026	Alabama District Rally <i>"Happy Anniversary America!"</i>	Decatur, AL
Sept 3 - 5, 2026	EWMA Rendezvous	Sharonville, OH
Sept 24 - 26, 2026	North Carolina District Rally <i>"Wings Over The Smokies"</i>	Sylva, NC
Oct 15 - 17, 2026	Mississippi District Rally <i>"AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL... Land That I Love"</i>	Biloxi, MS
Mar 18 - 20, 2027	Florida District Rally <i>"Let's Make a Deal"</i>	Gainesville, FL

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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.



Eagle Wings Rendezvous
Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association
4th Annual Rally
Sept 3rd – Sept 5th 2026
Sharonville, OH



WE'RE GOING TO SHARONVILLE, OH!

3 Nights of FUN, FUN, FUN!!!!
Thursday GRAND OPENING PARTY FUN,
Light Dinner and entertainment

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

Saturday Night is Closing Ceremonies, and Dinner

***For up to Date Schedule & more info, go to [www. EWMA-World.org/Rendezvous](http://www.EWMA-World.org/Rendezvous)**

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			
Light Dinner on Thursday Night	\$35	_____	\$ _____
Dinner on Saturday Night	\$45	_____	\$ _____
<i>First Aid/CPR—Friday</i>	\$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	_____	\$ _____
2026 Bike Giveaway— Books of 5	\$20 X	_____	\$ _____

GRAND TOTAL IN US DOLLARS ENCLOSED: \$ _____

All pre-registrations must be received
BY
8/9/2026

Make Checks payable to EWMA

Mail completed forms to:

EWMA
Cheryl Fowler
6635 W Happy Valley Rd,
Suite A104-443
Glendale, AZ 85310
clfowler74@yahoo.com

\$15.00 fee on all cancellations
No refunds after Aug 1st 2026

CC# _____

EXP _____ CVV _____

Billing Zip Code _____

See and purchase our Rally shirt on our website in our store. Pick them up at rally. Some may be available on-site.

For more information go to 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 registration and/or entrance to anyone at any time.

Rider Signature: _____ Co-Rider Signature: _____



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Group Code: **EWMA2027**
Group room rate cutoff date: **02/20/2027**
Cancel w/o charge 48 hours before arrival

KD Cycle is donating
\$1000.00 for
drawings
2 for \$250.00
1 for \$500.00

Raffle to support
EWMA Florida District Safety Program &
EWMA Florida District
1st Drawing - **\$5,000 Cash**
2nd Drawing - **\$ 500 Cash**
3rd Drawing - **\$ 250 Cash**
Need Not be present to win!

**What's In
Your
Pocket?**



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Florida District Gathering of Friends for FUN!

Presents.....



With your Host, Carlos Lozano!!!

March 18th, 19th & 20th, 2027



FUN!!! GAMES!!! PRIZES!!!

Which Door will you choose?????



EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



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

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	_____	=	_____
Sit Down Dinner - Thursday Night	\$30.00	X	_____	=	_____

****Fully Registered attendees only***PLEASE LIST ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS*****

Dinner choices—Circle One for each attendee:

Pineapple Seared Chicken *(Marinated Chicken Breast topped with a Freshly Grilled Pineapple Ring)*

Pork Tenderloin *(Roasted Pork with Caramelized Pears & Brandy)*

Manicotti *(Ricotta Cheese Blend Manicotti served with either Red, Parmesan Cream or Green Sauce)*

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, CUT OFF DATE IS FEBRUARY 18TH, 2027

Polo Shirt	S	M	L	XL	XXL	\$28.00	X	_____	=	_____
Polo Shirt	3X	4X	5X	6X		\$34.00	X	_____	=	_____
T-Shirt	S	M	L	XL	XXL	\$21.00	X	_____	=	_____
T-Shirt	3X	4X	5X	6X		\$26.00	X	_____	=	_____
Long Sleeve	S	M	L	XL	XXL	\$24.00	X	_____	=	_____
Long Sleeve	3X	4X	5X	6X		\$28.00	X	_____	=	_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED (US Dollars Only) \$ _____

RALLY SHIRTS NOT AVAILABLE ON SITE—PRE-ORDER ONLY

Florida District Rally March 18-20, 2027

Opens daily at 9:00am

Florida District Directors

Fred & Karen Kennedy
(850)-232-0365



NO refunds after February 22, 2027

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 Thursday, Friday & Saturday

Register by **December 1, 2026** 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>