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EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION

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

### Happy New Year Greetings!!!

I hope everybody received their Christmas blessings and the perfect gifts that you've been wishing for and shared in the holiday cheer! I made a few resolutions for the New Year, so, we'll see how long before I break them!

The festivities for the 2026 New Year ushers in the celebration of this Great Nation's 250th Birthday that will be celebrated in the themes of all 7 of the EWMA, Region-A District Rallies! Florida has the privilege of being the first rally of the season and we will be leading off with "America the Beautiful!" as our main theme. We are going to be very patriotic and wear a lot of themed garments and it's going to be a blast! If your chapter is wondering what to do for

the talent or costume contests, you can be anything from the Revolutionary War period to modern times, so there are lots of possibilities if you use your imagination... Founding Fathers, Doughboys or even a Politician from history... anybody who has influenced the future of our wonderful country.

Have you already got your reservations for the rally? At last check, more than 2/3 of the available rooms had been reserved, so be sure to get yours soon, as the next closest accommodations are at the next exit! While you are at it, don't forget to send in your completed registration so we can better estimate attendance numbers. We are looking forward to seeing everybody there and sharing in all the **FUN** that we are going to have!

To help our members with getting the most out of their smartphones, here's another helpful function that can be very helpful, especially in an emergency situation... Have you ever had to meet someone at a location that you weren't exactly sure where they were at, or try to give directions to somebody from where they were at, but you really weren't sure exactly where they were, how about being broke down at night in

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an unfamiliar area and letting the tow operator know your exact location?

If any of these scenarios sound familiar, it's easy to send your exact location (called dropping a pin, as in a pin on a map) to a recipient using your smart phone.

**To drop a pin on your iPhone and send it, use the Messages app by tapping the Plus icon > Location > Map Pin > Send Pin,** or use Apple Maps by long-pressing the spot, tapping the pin icon, then the Share icon to send via Messages, AirDrop, or other apps. Both methods allow you to share a specific spot with someone so they can see it on their map.

**To send a pin on Android and send it, use the Google Maps app: find the spot, long-press to drop a red pin, tap the address/name at the bottom, tap "Share," and choose your messaging app or contact to send a link to that location.** You can also ask Google Assistant to "send my location to [Contact Name]," and it will offer to use Maps or Messages to send a link.

**Either** way, your location is not only shared with your intended recipient, it allows them to create the shortest or fastest route to your location, or vice versa...

**How** many of you are going to go to the EWMA Rendezvous this year? For the 3rd year in a row, the location will be in a city that we've never been to, so I'm

excited to travel to Sharonville, Ohio to attend the rally being held on September 3rd, 4th & 5th, 2026. We will be exploring the sights and tastes of the city and make some more memories of our trip. I had such a great time last year, I'm eager to see what they are going to do to top that one! I'd love to see Florida have a great showing and we are looking forward to seeing as many of you that can while we are there!

I can't wait to see you guys soon, so...

**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!





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

Greetings to all!

## **COLD WEATHER RIDING**

**Thankfully** for Florida motorcyclist the weather is finally cooling down. It is time to start thinking about if you have the proper riding gear for winter riding. I know we do not get the same degree of extreme cold as they do further up north but this is a good time to check your winter riding gear and replace anything needed.

**Everyone** has their own temperature tolerance. Some stop riding if the outside temperature is under a certain degree. When you are deciding to ride due to outside temperature there are a couple of things to consider. "Wind Chill Factor" should be on the top of your list. The wind passing by your body on a moving motorcycle lowers the temperature your body is actually experiencing. The differences between the outside temperature and the temperature your body is experiencing can as much as a 20 degree difference. That

means if the outside temperature is 50 degrees and you are traveling at 70 mph on the interstate, your body can be experiencing 30 degrees of wind chill.

**There** are several factors to consider when determining how much wind chill you will be experiencing. One question is: "How much wind deflection protection does my motorcycle provide?" If it is a naked bike you have no wind protection. A windshield would be better. A fairing with a windshield is even better. Full upper and lower fairing protection would be the best. The less wind deflection protection you bike has, the more wind insulation and warmth clothing you will have to wear to compensate for the wind chill.

**The** best way to compensate for the ever-adjusting wind chill would be to have an underlining of electric gear. Once again, the extent of what pieces of electric gear you need is determined by what parts of your body are protected or not, from the wind by your motorcycle's parts. Electric gear comes in individual pieces: a jacket liner or vest, gloves, pant's liner and socks. You will be able to determine rather quickly on a cold weather ride what pieces you need. I remember I had one bike that had plenty of upper body wind protection but no foot protection. On a cold weather ride one day my feet got so cold they hurt unbearably. It wasn't long after that I bought the electric socks.

They really work well. The other nice thing about electric gear is that it doesn't take up as much room as wearing or packing layers of warm gear. You do not have to look like the Michelin Man all bundled up. As the outside temperature warms up you simple turn down the thermostat knob to adjust for the change in outside temperature. If you have upper and lower electric gear you get a duel thermostat. The top of your body and your lower body get cold at different levels. With a duel thermostat you can regulate your upper and lower body temperature separately. Don't forget your passenger on the back. They get more wind chill and require their own set of electric gear.

**If** you do not want to go the electric gear route consider what type of gear you are wearing. Some motorcycle jackets have zip-in thermal liners. Some motorcycle jackets have zip-in rain proof liners. What works the best is to buy a motorcycle jacket that has both. When it is really cold you can zip in both liners for extra warmth. The rain liner does not let any wind through to your body. This is just a bonus of using the rain liner for warmth. The rain liner doesn't let the wind through because it is actually designed not to let the water through. Riding pants also come with zip-in thermal and rain liners. Don't forget to pack a separate pair of cold weather rain gloves. The worse

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thing to have is cold wet gloves. The electric gloves are made to get wet and the electric heating elements quickly dry them out after the rain stops while even keeping your hands warm when they are wet while riding in the rain.

**Cold** weather riding is can actually be enjoyable if you are dressed properly. An added bonus to having on all the proper gear is that you are actually fully covered in case you go down. Be prepared! Our Florida District Rally is in

March. We never know what the temperature will be in March in Florida. Have your cold weather riding gear ready just in case. Be prepared and come ride with us at our March Rally.

**Keep warm and ride safe!**



**John Cain**

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

**Seeking new and innovative  
“safety presentations” from  
members for the 2026 Rally!**

**The** 10 EWMA-authored safety presentations have historically been a key part of our district rallies. The 10 presentations address relevant motorcycle topics such as riding in rain, heat, cold, mountains, groups,

nighttime, and helmets, trailering, accident scenes, and co-riders. These motorcycle riding topics are timeless, and the presentations are updated periodically. However, I believe repetitive exposure has detracted from rally-goers' attendance at the presentations.

**Last** year at the 2025 Florida district rally, we arranged for five brand-spanking new presentations by knowledgeable, volunteer members. The members met the challenge with new, quality presentations such as Escape Path Planning by Tim Poppell, Mental and Physical Riding Benefits by John Dubose, Bikes vs. Trikes by Brian Richards, and others.

**Do** you personally have relevant knowledge of some motorcycle-related topic that could be shared with other members at

the rally? For example: riding techniques, interesting routes, motorcycle maintenance, new innovative motorcycle features and add-ons, chapter events worth sharing, insurance, co-rider techniques, tires, no-radios group riding, parking lot practices, motorcycle games, scavenger hunts, poker runs, etc. **We solicit your participation as a presenter at the upcoming rally.**

**The** process is very simple and flexible. Plan a 30-45 minute presentation presenting ideas and triggering audience participation. Typically, five or so PowerPoint slides or similar printed handouts are sufficient. Discuss with me for details and help ([jcain16@gmail.com](mailto:jcain16@gmail.com)). It's really easy and highly rewarding!

**Ride Safe!**

**“First Ride of the Year”**

**Join Us at Shrimps-R-Us**

**January 1, 2026 - Hope you are coming!**



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

**“A very Merry Christmas, And A HAPPY NEW YEAR, May the year be a good one, Without any fear”**

**HAPPY**, HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026, to each and every one of you.

**So** another year has gone, and we're looking at the new year.

**But** at this time, look back. 2025... well, 2025 had it's ups

and downs and I'm sure we all had our share of those ok, ok, ok. Let's do away with the downs and get on with the ups. The biggest being that you are still UP! If you are reading this, that's a plus. If you are still riding, big plus. If you're not riding but still participating, it's a really big plus. Get my drift??? Oh, the biggest plus: REMEMBER TO ATTEND THE NEW YEARS DAY "SHRIMPS-R- US GATHERING. Outside of the rallies, this is the greatest way to welcome the new and renew acquaintances (not to mention to pig out on a delicious buffet).

**What** started out a small idea, and now has blown to the greatest way to welcome the new baby (2026). I know some wish to go back and make some changes. Bad idea. Life is life and mistakes are lessons to

teach us life's worth. If you don't leave your past in the past, it will destroy your future. Look forward to the new year and see what it has to offer. Don't touch last year remember: As long as we have MEMORIES, yesterday remains.

**As** long as we have HOPE, tomorrow awaits. As long as we have LOVE, today is beautiful.

**Now** mark on your calendar SHRIMPS-R- US... NEW YEARS DAY in WALEKA, FLORIDA. THE **FUN** RUNS FROM 9am (???) until you can't eat any more (or around 4pm-5pm). SEE YOU THERE!!!

**The 3 C's in life: Choice, chance, change.**

**You** must make a CHOICE, to take the CHANCE, IF YOU want ANYTHING TO change...

**It's Right Around the Corner**  
**The Florida District**  
**“Gathering of Friends for FUN!”**  
 March 12 - 14, 2026  
 Gainesville, FL



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

## National Peanut Butter Day

January 24, 2026

**National** Peanut Butter Day is celebrated annually in the United States on January 24th. This unusual holiday is dedicated to one of the country's most popular and versatile products – peanut butter. Its goal is to recognize the importance of this product in American culture and nutrition.

### History of Peanut Butter

**The** first forms of peanut butter were used in ancient cultures,

such as the Aztecs and Incas. Modern peanut butter was patented in 1884 by Canadian inventor Marcellus Gilmore Edson. The product became incredibly popular in the United States in the early 20th century due to its nutritional value and availability.

### How National Peanut Butter Day is Celebrated

**Preparing** dishes with peanut butter, such as sandwiches, desserts, and even sauces. Participating in cooking contests and workshops. Attending events where various types of peanut butter are sampled. Sharing the joy on social media with the hashtag #PeanutButterDay.

### Interesting Facts About Peanut Butter

**Over** 1.3 billion pounds of peanut butter are consumed in the U.S. annually. It takes 540 peanuts to make one jar of peanut butter. The most popular way to eat it is in sandwiches

with jam or jelly, known as “PB&J” (peanut butter and jelly).

### Benefits of Peanut Butter

**Peanut** butter is a great source of protein, vitamins, and healthy fats. It helps maintain a feeling of fullness and promotes muscle growth. It can be included in the diet of athletes and active people.

**National** Peanut Butter Day is an opportunity not only to enjoy a delicious product but also to learn about its history, nutritional value, and uses. This holiday brings peanut butter lovers together and inspires culinary experiments.



Get Ready for 2026 RALLY FUN

**The Florida District**  
**Gathering of Friends for FUN**  
 March 12 - 14, 2026 - Gainesville, FL

# FLORIDA DISTRICT HAPPENINGS JANUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 FL1-X, Orange Park	2	3 FL1-E2, Ft Walton Beach FL2-F, Punta Gorda
4 FL2-A, West Palm Beach	5	6 FL1-Y, Gainesville FL2-D, Melbourne	7 FL2-R, Ft Lauderdale	8 FL1-B, Brandon FL2-P, Lake Placid	9	10 FL1-A, Tampa FL1-D, Pensacola
11	12 FL1-K, Palm Coast	13 FL2-H, Wauchula	14 FL1-D2, New Port Richey FL2-O, Stuart	15 FL1-M, Clearwater	16	17 FL2-B2, Sarasota
18	19	20 FL1-F2, Ocala	21 FL1-H Daytona Beach	22	23	24 FL2-G, Ft Myers
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Please verify with an individual Chapter before visiting. Charters occasionally alter their gathering schedule to accommodate rallies and/or other events.

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

**Upcoming Florida EWMA Events**

January 1, 2026	1st Ride of the Year <i>"Shrimp-R-Us &amp; More"</i>	Welaka, FL
March 12 - 14, 2026	Florida District Gathering of Friends for FUN <i>"Happy 250th Birthday America!"</i>	Gainesville, FL
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

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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



Visit  
**GAINESVILLE**  
Alachua County, FL



Happy **250th**  
Birthday  
America!  
1776-2026

**MARCH 12—14, 2026**

**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)	\$25.00	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/2026-rally.html>



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



**PRICE ONLY GOOD STARTING 10/16/2025 AND THEN MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN 2/16/2026**

**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)**

<b>Special Registration for 2026</b>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Must be postmarked by 2/16/2026</b>			
EWMA Members	\$40	_____	\$ _____
Non- Members	\$55	_____	\$ _____
<b>Light Dinner on Thursday Night</b>	\$35	_____	\$ _____
<b>Dinner on Saturday Night</b>	\$45	_____	\$ _____
<i>First Aid/CPR—Friday</i>	\$25	_____	\$ _____
<b>Pre-Registration Tickets</b>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Grand Prize &amp; Mystery Cash—Books of 5</b>	\$10 X	_____	\$ _____
<b>Grand 50/25/15/10— Books of 5</b>	\$20 X	_____	\$ _____
<b>2026 Bike Giveaway— Books of 5</b>	\$20 X	_____	\$ _____

**GRAND TOTAL IN US DOLLARS ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**All pre-registrations must be postmarked**  
**BY**  
**2/16/2026**

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](mailto:clfowler74@yahoo.com)**

**\$15.00 fee on all cancellations**  
**No refunds after Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.ewma.world.org/rendezvous)**

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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_