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

Greetings Fellow Members!

May is upon us and with it, yet another opportunity to attend a Region A rally! This month, we'll be attending the South Carolina District's "Salute to the Troops" Rally on May 15th, 16th & 17th, in historic Newberry, SC. Karen and I attended this one for the first-time last year and we really enjoyed the rally, as it was a lot of **FUN** in a very unique venue! I think I may have mentioned this before, but I'm going to say it again, Newberry is a small municipality that was founded in the late 1800's and played a major role in the events of the Civil War. There are also more than 20 buildings that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. As with many towns and cities, the area has gone through economic transitions, but now is going through a renaissance

period, where many of the historic buildings have either been renovated or are under reconstruction and opening as shops, restaurants, boutiques and residences. We walked the downtown area quite a bit last year, but the weather was not the best with a lot of rain showers, keeping us closer to the hotel. This year we are going to explore more and even go to the historic Hardware Store, just a couple of blocks away. We would love to share in the **FUN** with all of you, so, if you can, let's meet up there!

Karen and I were unable to attend the Tennessee District Rally due to a death in the family. We were so looking forward to going to Johnson City and we hope that their rally was as successful as ours was and we already know that it was just plain **FUN**! We are sorry to have to have missed it. Richard and Connie never fail to put on a great rally!

On another note, I know I've harped on this before, but I cannot stress the importance of periodically logging into the EWMA-World.org web site enough. Once on the site, you can read the entirety of EWMA's "On the Fly" magazine, check your Membership Benefits, find riding friends, check your expiration dates, renew memberships and even access the "Eagle Book" if you are

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away from home and find yourself in need of assistance. That's not all, but you can go into the site and play around with it, you might discover that you can do things that you didn't even know you could. I also have it on good information that

Mike Melton would be happy to fix anything you might mess up while you are browsing around. So be adventurous and ply the digital waves and see what you can do on the EWMA website and support our fellow Region A Districts and make plans to attend one of the rallies left in the year!

Hope to see you soon!

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!



Geno & Kathie Jette
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(FL1-F2, FL1-K, FL1-X & FL1-Y)

History of National Golf Day

May 10, 2025

The official creator and origin of National Golf Day are still under discussion within the community. What we do know for sure is that the game has come a really long way. The earliest golf game dates back to 15th century Scotland, although in a quite unfamiliar figure. Golf looked vastly different way back — people using clubs or bent sticks to hit a pebble around tracks or dunes. The game was wildly popular across Scotland but eventually became a problem. The passionate pursuit of golf led many people to

neglect military training when the English invasion loomed. Due to this, King James II and the Scottish Parliament banned the game entirely. However, most golf enthusiasts responded by ignoring the order.

In 1502, the game of golf received royal approval when Scotland's King James IV took to the game, becoming the world's first golfing monarch. His love for the game laid the foundations for what would become one of the greatest sports in the world. Although played by the likes of royalty, golfing equipment at the time was simple. Golfers were using handmade wooden clubs made from beech wood until the 1700s. Golf balls were not accurate since they were essentially feathers wrapped in horsehide. Rumor has it that players even experimented with wooden golf balls.

The 19th century saw the rise of the British empire. As the country's political ambitions reached all corners of the globe, golf followed suit. The game

found large fan followings in many countries. Years later, the Industrial Revolution would shake up economies and restructure the traditional social fabric. The railways allowed ordinary folks to travel outside their towns and discover new worlds — the world of golf is one of them. Golf clubs began to spring up everywhere in the countryside. Enterprises also harnessed the power of machines to manufacture clubs and balls commercially. The game became an official phenomenon and accessible to more people.

In 1894, golf lovers in the U.S. established the United States Golf Association (U.S.G.A.) to regulate the game. Within five years, 1,000 golf clubs appeared across the country. Since then, the U.S. has remained the center and heart of professional golf. Among other objectives, National Golf Day aims to make golf more inclusive.





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

CLEAR THE WAY

Courtesy in traffic is a nice thing as long as it is safe. Often when traffic is backed up and comes to a stop, you will see drivers leave a gap so turning traffic or traffic traveling through from the side can proceed. This is a nice thing to do or have done for you. You just have to make sure on multi-laned roadways that there is not a

vehicle moving in one of the lanes you are about to cut across.

This type of scenario often happens in backed up traffic where a driver is just trying to be helpful and let you proceed through the stopped cars. This is also one of the most dangerous situations you can put yourself in. The other driver might be waving you through, but you cannot assume that all the lanes are clear of approaching vehicles for you to safely proceed. You must stop and clear each lane visually before you proceed across it.

When you are riding your motorcycle in heavy stopped traffic, always look for possible openings big enough for a vehicle to fit through. A courteous driver might be leaving an opening for other cross through traffic. A vehicle

might suddenly appear cutting through into your path. Your path of travel must be fluid. If you see a gap in traffic, you should move away from the opening in your lane, away from the direction of a possible encroaching vehicle. 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 you are, as you pass the opening. The driver cutting through might not see you but hopes are they would see the larger vehicle you are riding next to and not pull out in front of both of you. Cover your controls and be ready to brake or swerve or both if necessary.

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

Ride Safely!



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

**“Motorcycles Are the
Fountain of Youth”**

If you missed John DuBose’s (FL2-O Stuart) fresh and enlightening safety presentation on “Motorcycles Are the Fountain of Youth” at the 2025 Florida District Rally in Gainesville, FL, then you missed a great presentation. Adapted from [Coach Bob 3](#)’s original YouTube work, John’s presentation discusses how riding a motorcycle can improve one’s physical and mental well-being. John gave many examples specific to his personal situation and his chapter that were very entertaining and informative.

With his permission, John’s presentation is available at [The Benefits of Riding – John Dubose.pdf](#).

As a suggestion and challenge, consider putting together your own chapter’s version of “Motorcycles Are the Fountain of Youth” to share. We can discuss further sharing if interested.





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

Well, well, well... Another Florida District Rally has come and gone and for those of you who missed it... it is GONE, GONE, GONE. there is no way to tell you what you missed. SOOOO SORRY!!! Maybe you'll make it next year. But boy we sure had **FUN**. I'll let the others extol about the gathering and get on with my article.

BUT FIRST, I WANT TO THANK NAN, DIANE, SANDY & KAREN, for their great participation in our skit of seven little girls. But also apologize to Sandy and Karen for forgetting to bring them on stage. If anything, I was so nervous that I totally forgot. Karen and Sandy, I promise next time YOU get to be stars. I promise. Love to all my ladies who did a fantastic job.

It's not my job to shovel the coal, it's not my job to ring the bell; But let the damn train jump the track and guess who catches HELL!! How many times have we heard "not my job", or "I don't know how". Better yet; how many times have YOU said it?

You know, when you belong to an organization it takes everyone pulling their weight. Not working as a complete team can cause things to fall apart. I'm sad to say that I've seen and heard the same things from many chapters, many who are now gone. How sad that such a small thing can topple a giant. I realize that there were lots of extenuating circumstances causing a lot of this, but also some of 'IT'S NOT MY JOB' hurried most of it a long.

I miss all those we have lost, due to one thing or another.

In a way, their being gone has more or less given the remaining a heavier load. But we seem to stand shoulder to shoulder to keep making memories. You know what??? We will wait until the last one leaves and the last bike is put away for good.

I can't say I see that any way soon, and I feel (and hope others do too) I have worked for and over the years, played with friends during the very best of times with the former organization and the newborn Eagle Wings. I hope that with my work over the years I have stored enough memories to last me in my stay in the old age home.

OK, let's see if you can keep up:

Once there were four people: EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY AND NOBODY. There was an important job to be done and EVERYBODY was sure that SOMEBODY would do it. ANYBODY could have done it, but NOBODY did it. SOMEBODY got angry about that because it was EVERYBODY'S JOB. EVERYBODY thought ANYBODY could do it, but NOBODY realized that EVERYBODY wouldn't do it. It ended up that EVERYBODY blamed SOMEBODY when NOBODY did what ANYBODY could have done.

Until next time:

It's not too early to make your plans to attend the...

Florida District Gathering of Friends for FUN!

March 12 - 14, 2026 in Gainesville, FL

FLORIDA DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

MAY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<u>Please verify with an individual Chapter before visiting.</u> <u>Chapters occasionally alter their gathering</u> <u>schedule to accommodate rallies and/or other events.</u>			2	3 FL1-E2, Ft Walton Beach FL2-F, Punta Gorda
4	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 FL2-A, West Palm Beach	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
				South Carolina District Rally		
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

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

Upcoming Florida EWMA Events

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
March 12 - 14, 2026	Florida District Gathering of Friends for FUN <i>"Happy 250th Birthday America!"</i>	Gainesville, FL

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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.



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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

1st Drawing - \$5,000 Cash

2nd Drawing - \$ 500 Cash

3rd Drawing - \$ 250 Cash



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

MARCH 12—14, 2026

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 _____

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****

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

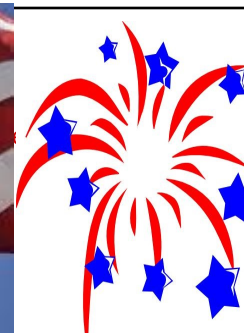
Florida District Rally March 12—14, 2026

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			
Dinner Thursday Night (Max seating-360)	\$30	_____	\$ _____
Dinner Saturday Night (Max seating-360)	\$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

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: _____