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

Greetings All!!!

Welcome to November! The temps here in the Panhandle have been downright fall-like and perfect for riding. We've been enjoying having the windows open with a cool breeze flowing through with the curtains billowing in the wind...marvelous! I hope that we see the end of Hurricane Season without a landfall anywhere in the states, but don't drop your guard, we still have 30 more days left...

Karen and I attended the last, but certainly not the least, rally of the Region-A season a couple weeks ago in Biloxi/Ocean Springs, Mississippi. While it may have been the last one, it couldn't have been more **FUN**! MS District Directors, Connie Fero and Randy Kelly, were



great hosts and they and their Team put on a great and super entertaining rally. We even got a visit from the Ocean Springs Fire Department during the talent show! One of the acts had some really great special effects that included a smoke



machine and just as the aliens were about to appear, the fire alarm went off! Man, was it loud! So loud, they had to suspend the act. Bill and Cheryl jumped in action, got to the Dodds to play the YMCA song and they led the group in dance and motions that go along with the lyrics. You can see the video of all the **FUN**

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we had in the smoke-filled arena on the Florida District Facebook page! Unfortunately, nobody on site had the key to reset the alarm, so the fire department came and tried their master set, however, theirs did not fit either, so they ordered us to shut it down, which we did, but reluctantly, because we were having such a good time. That couldn't have been any more **FUN** if they choreographed it! They got to finish their act the next morning and we all laughed pretty hard. It was great! Congratulations to the entire



Mississippi Team on another awesome rally!

Now, we are relaxing after attending 8 different rallies in the last few months. We really had a great time at all of them, but nothing beats being at home... except **CAMPING**! Our home chapter's camping circle is having a Thanksgiving Campout and we are so looking forward to getting away and relaxing in a hammock, while the campfire crackles in the fire ring with the sound of the wind in the trees... we never know how warm or cold it might be during that time of year, but whatever it is, we are ready for it! We will have all the traditional holiday foods, plus the camaraderie of fellow members. We really enjoy camping several times a year with our group.

We are eagerly looking forward to seeing everybody at the Shrimps R Us ride in, on New Year's Day in Welaka. Lots of Friends,

FUN and all the HOT FRESH SEAFOOD you can eat (and chicken too)! If you haven't registered yet, please do so soon, so we can let the restaurant know how many



people to expect. **FUN**, Food & 50/50! Join us!!!

As of November 1st, there are only 131 days until the start of the Florida District Rally!!!! In checking the current room availability, nearly 3/4 of the rooms are already reserved, so get your room soon if you haven't already. We are working hard to make this rally the best one yet, so let's get ready to celebrate this nation's 250th birthday loudly!

Karen and I would like to wish everybody a safe and fulfilling Thanksgiving and personally thank every single Veteran whose service helped secure the blessings of liberty and the freedoms that we enjoy!!!

Until 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!





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

Greetings to all!

Holidays are coming! Buy some Raffle tickets for your friends and family. They make great Christmas presents and someone in your family could win \$5000 dollars! Last year we had an amazing 7 chapters sell over 1000 tickets! Yes, we just finished paying their charter fees for the next year! Those chapters also got to keep 10 percent of the sales which was \$100- time to party! But wait, there's more! Did you know the highest selling chapter gets premier reserved seating at our Rally dinner, talent show, and opening and closing ceremonies? Yes you are treated like royalty. That will be the Ocala Chapter in March. Congratulations!!! So let's get those tickets sold and get some perks for you and your chapter!

Reaction Time and Following Distance

A study many years ago showed that people on average react in approximately 2 seconds. That's the time it takes your eyes to tell your brain to tell your hands and feet to do something. That is why we had always been told that we needed two seconds following

distance between us and the vehicle in front of us. That gives you enough time to react if there is suddenly a hazard that pops up from under the vehicle in front of you. The hazard could be a pot hole, a piece of semi-truck tire (road gator), a dead animal, etc. To the 4 or more wheel vehicle in front of you, this is not a potential catastrophic danger to them. For a motorcyclist these hazards could be a disaster.

Recently published literature has increased the following distance to 3 seconds. I really don't know why because mathematically two seconds is enough. Maybe they increased it to three seconds because people couldn't count to two or it gives them enough time to look away from their cell phone. On the interstate traveling at 70mph, two seconds is 210 feet of following distance. Three seconds is 306 feet. That's about enough room for 3 semis to pull in front of you. Not really realistic to me. These examples all apply to daylight riding following distance only.

Now let's talk about night time riding. At night your following distance is dependent on how far your bike's headlight(s) illuminate the road ahead of you. If your headlight is properly adjusted, your low beam headlight illuminate the roadway only 150 feet in front of you and your high beam headlight illuminates 450 feet in front of you. That means at night your low beam only serves you properly at speeds of 50mph or less. If you are traveling at 70mph on the interstate you are overriding your low beam headlight. If a road gator pops up, you might not have enough time to avoid it. Sure you

would be in good shape if you were riding with your high beam headlight on, but as soon as there is a vehicle approaching from the opposite direction of 500 feet, you are required by State law to go back to low beam. If you come up behind another vehicle within 300 feet in front of you, you are also required to go back to low beam. You are then dangerously overriding your headlight.

I recently had to be on the interstate at 5am. The road was pitch black. I was surrounded by other traffic so I had to ride with my low beam on. The speed limit was 70mph. I chose to ride at 60mph. I could safely see the road ahead. Sure everyone was passing me but I was comfortable and safe with that. I cared more about not hitting something in the roadway rather than being passed. Another possibility you can use if you want to go faster with only your low beam on, is to ride next to another vehicle and look ahead of them to see what that vehicle's headlights are lighting up in the roadway ahead.

I hope you get the idea. Stay back and watch everyone else rear end the vehicle in front of them because they are following too close. Rear end crashes occur mostly during rush hour traffic in the morning and the evening. Avoid riding during that period of time if possible. If you have to ride during those times give yourself extra following distance. Maybe use the new 3 second recommendation. In the rain double your space. Ride Safe!

Ride Safe, Ride Often,



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

So it is now November and Thanksgiving day is coming up. To me, it means the reminder of life's many things to be thankful for. You know, most of our life we are told how thankful we should be for this and for that. True... but we are also told of love, kindness, and hope.

HOPE, at one time or another we all have had hope, if you only carry one thing your entire life let it be hope. This is the one

word that we need today to see us through. Let it be hope that better things are ALWAYS ahead. Hope can get us through the toughest times. Let it be hope, that you are stronger than any challenge that comes your way. Let it be hope, that you are right where you need to be right now and you are on the path to where you are meant to be... because during these times, hope will be the thing that carries you through.

I know times we are told that LOVE is what will lift us up, but without hope there is no love. Stop and think... your single, you meet someone that you think "their the one". Then you hope they will call, or you hope they will notice you. Hope, hope, hope. Your hopes come true and VOILA love is born. I could go on and on; hope it's a girl (boy), hope the package comes today; hope, hope, hope... it's

all around you. So don't give up hope in your life. Hope can lead you to the sunlight in your life.

Speaking of hope... Here's hoping that all of you will be attending the Florida District Gathering, March 12, 13 & 14 and that would be 2026. By the way, to kick off the new year DO NOT forget the wonderful gathering on New Year's Day at Shrimps-R-US in Palatka, Florida. I truly HOPE you do not miss either of these.

Here's hoping all of you have a WONDERFUL thanksgiving. Until next month, bye-bye.

Food for Thought:

Meet today's problems with today's strength. Don't start tomorrow's problems until tomorrow. You do not have tomorrow's strength yet. You only have enough for today. Live for today and HOPE for tomorrow."

**There is sooo much FUN to be had
at the "First Ride of the Year"
Join Us at Shrimps-R-Us
January 1, 2026**



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

National Pickle Day

14 November 2025

The practice of pickling food dates back thousands of years to ancient civilizations, including the Egyptians, the Greeks, and

the Romans. Pickling was originally used as a way to preserve food for longer periods of time, as it prevented spoilage by inhibiting the growth of bacteria and other microorganisms. The process involved soaking food in a solution of vinegar or brine (water and salt) to create an acidic environment that was hostile to harmful microorganisms.

Over time, the practice of pickling evolved and became an art form, with people experimenting with different ingredients and flavors to create unique and delicious pickled

foods. Pickling was also a way for people to enjoy a variety of seasonal fruits and vegetables throughout the year, as pickling allowed them to preserve the flavors of summer produce for consumption in the winter months.

Today, pickling is still a popular method of food preservation, and it is also enjoyed for its taste and versatility. Pickled foods can be found in many different cuisines, and can range from classic pickles and cucumber pickles to pickled beets, eggs, and even meat and fish.

2026 RALLY FUN
is right around the corner!
Florida District
Gathering of Friends for FUN
March 12 - 14, 2026!
We hope to see YOU there!!!

FLORIDA DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

NOVEMBER 2025

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

Please verify with an individual Chapter before visiting. Chapters 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

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|---------------------|---|------------------|
| January 1, 2026 | 1st Ride of the Year <i>"Shrimp-R-Us & 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.



1st Ride of the Year
January 1, 2026
SHRIMP "R" US & More
765 3rd Avenue Welaka, FL



Are you ready to feast and frolic with your friends?

The Annual 1st Ride of the Year is just around the corner and we want YOU to be there!

We're ordering a spread that'll make your taste buds dance, so we need to know if you're in!

RSVP and prepay now to secure your spot at the table. Get your registration in by December 21st, 2025!
Your Armband will be waiting for you!

Trust us; you won't want to miss out on this scrumptious soirée!

Price: \$30.00 per person ALL You Can Eat Buffet

Time: Lunch begins at 12:00pm

What are we eating? Shrimp: fried, grilled, steamed, garlic baked chicken, red potatoes, fritters, coleslaw, salad with dressing, 1 drink and 1 dessert

*Check Payable to: EWMA Florida District
Mail Check to: Pat VanLengen
1654 White Arrow Drive
Dover, FL 33527*

Any Questions call ADD Harry Anderson 321-693-8703

Please Print

Name: _____ # _____ x \$30.00

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Total Due: _____



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

1st Drawing - \$5,000 Cash

2nd Drawing - \$ 500 Cash

3rd Drawing - \$ 250 Cash



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GAINESVILLE
Alachua County, FL



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



MARCH 12—14, 2026



FLORIDA

EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



Friends for Fun, Safety & Riding

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

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| 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:

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| Signature | Signature |
|-----------|-----------|

Date: _____ Is this your first-time attending the Florida Rally? Yes No

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|--|---------|---|---|--|
| 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

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|--------------------------------------|---------|---|---|--|
| \$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

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|---------|-----|------|---------------------|----|---------|---|---|--|
| 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)

Special Registration for 2026
Must be postmarked by 2/16/2026

| | <u>Cost</u> | <u>Qty</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| EWMA Members | \$40 | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Non- Members | \$55 | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Light Dinner on Thursday Night | \$35 | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Dinner on Saturday Night | \$45 | _____ | \$ _____ |
| First Aid/CPR—Friday | \$25 | _____ | \$ _____ |

| | <u>Cost</u> | <u>Qty</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|-------------|------------|--------------|
| Pre-Registration Tickets | | | |
| 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
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

\$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: _____