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

Greetings Fellow Members!

Fresh off the Rally Trail, we've just returned from the North Carolina District Rally, held in Sylva, NC at the Clarion Pointe Hotel that had **FUN** Mountain Folk theme and all I can say is WOW! This rally was loaded with lots of **FUN** events and entertainment, not to mention all of



the riding opportunities the area had to offer! District Director Libby Jennings and her Team literally knocked it out of the park and all I can say is, I can't wait until next year's rally!

Up next is the Mississippi District Rally, to be held at the St Martin Community Center in Biloxi, MS on October 16th through the 18th. The theme this year is "The New Frontier!"... Get your Star Trek and other Sci-Fi costumes ready and let's get together for some Out Of This World **FUN**! This area also offers some really great restaurants that serve some of the finest seafood dishes anywhere, as well as more traditional fares. There are also many places that cater to the game

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of chance of your choice, so c'mon over to Mississippi and have a GREAT time!

We get to enjoy a couple months break from rally life and our next great event will be the annual Shrimp's R Us Ride In, held in Welaka, FL on New Year's Day! We will be enjoying a meal of all you can eat seafood and **FUN** and Games! We are so looking forward to seeing lots of Florida friends that we don't get to see as often as we'd like to! If you haven't already registered and are planning on attending, please fill out a registration form (found in this very newsletter) and send it in so we can let the restaurant know how many will be in attendance! We always have a great time and if you leave hungry, you chose to, because the food is there in abundance!

Florida's very own rally is rapidly approaching and preparations are well under way and we are excited to host all of



you and our members from other States and Districts. Hopefully, you've made your hotel reservations, as just like last year, the rooms are filling up fast! Remember to put these dates on your calendar... March 12th, 13th & 14th and don't get left out, because we are going to have lots of **FUN** celebrating this Great Nation's 250th Birthday! Dress as any historical figure that you believe had a great impact on how this country was molded into these United States of America! We would LOVE to see a LOT of participants in the costume and talent contests, as I know that there is a LOT of talent within our membership.

An integral part of our ability to put on a great rally are the Grand Prize Tickets that the chapters sell. We rely on these sales to pay expenses associated with hosting our rally. We've created incentives for the chapters to sell as many as possible by allowing 10% to be retained by the chapter for its treasury and paying the chapter's charter fee when sales are at or above 1000 tickets. I really implore all chapters to participate in ticket sales and to take advantage of the incentives we've offered and sell as many as you can! Also, the chapter that sells the most tickets will be featured on next year's tickets and have reserved seating for the evening events!



As a reminder for those of you wishing to attend the 4th Annual EWMA Rendezvous in Sharonville, Ohio on September 3rd, 4th & 5th, 2027, we have thoughtfully included a discounted registration form in this very issue that will save you money if you fill it out and send it in by the 15th of October. Any registrations received postmarked after that date (October 15th, 2025) will be rejected and returned to sender, so be quick if you want to take advantage of the discount!

We've had a great a time attending all of the Region A rallies, as well as the 3rd Annual EWMA Rendezvous and even though we may be so looking forward to the upcoming break we will get after Mississippi's rally, we are already planning our adventures for next year. We would dearly love seeing you at any or all of them and share in the **FUN** that each rally offers!

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!



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

Good morning, afternoon or evening.

Well here we are October ALREADY, I was once told that the older you get the faster time goes by, and of course being a young man at the time I never gave it much thought, BUT I do now.

It seems like there is never enough time to get things done,

kind of like writing this article, I have started to sit down many times since Cynde & I returned from Rendezvous but seems like something always comes up, but it's 0430 and I have my coffee, SO let's do this.

First and foremost congratulations to Anita & Bruce, and the National Team for putting on a wonderful event, Cynde & I really enjoyed ourselves, Can't wait for next year!

Next I want to give a shout out to ALL the vendors there that help make our events a success.

As Vendor Coordinators for the Florida District Cynde & I understand how difficult it can be to sometimes get vendors for events, this is why we feel it is so important to visit and purchase from these folks at your events, these folks travel sometimes hundreds of miles plus the cost of gas, hotels or

campsites to attend your event, so please support them.

The Mississippi Rally October 16-18 will close out the 2025 'Region A' Rally season, Which means it's time to start on the Florida District Rally, over this years Event season we have talked with several vendors about attending our event in March and are very excited about the prospect of bringing in some NEW vendors, be sure to read our District Newsletter for updates on vendors attending in March 2026.

Please keep us in mind while you may be at a craft show or maybe a Flea Market and you see a vendor that you think is a good fit for our Rally send me their contact information.

Well it's time for my second cup of coffee, so I will for now say goodbye.

And remember, it's not always about the Ride, but the Adventure.

Florida District

“Gathering of Friends for FUN!”

March 12 - 14, 2026

Gainesville, FL



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

YOUR MOTORCYCLE SKILL LEVEL

It is unfortunate that many motorcyclists are involved in crashes. In almost a third of all crashes the rider took no evasive action to avoid the crash or did so too late to avoid the crash. This statistic comes from a recent National Transportation Safety Board report on the causes of motorcycle crashes.

Rider education and on-road experiences stress the need for motorcyclists to pay strict attention to the road ahead and do their best to avoid dangerous situations before they occur. But motorcyclists are human, and distractions and/or a lack of riding skills can result in a crash.

So, what can be done to help a motorcyclist reduce the chances of being involved in a crash? Let's start with "A Basic Rider's Course." There are many things in that course to learn about besides just knowing how to physically maneuver a motorcycle. Knowing how you as a human react to different situation as well as how your motorcycle will react is very

helpful in saving you some grief. Many riders like me were self taught on how to ride which may have included being taught by an untrained rider. How do you know the information you are being given by that untrained person is correct? I was self taught to ride a motorcycle 28 years before I became a Motorcycle Instructor. When I went to Instructor's School I found out there were things I had been doing wrong and things I didn't know. I had a few mishaps on my bikes during my first 28 years of riding that could have been avoided had I first been given the proper instruction. I have been a MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) Instructor now for 28 years which has been very beneficial to me as well as riders I have trained.

Another thing that can help a seasoned rider is to take a one-day motorcycle refresher course. Physical skills perish with time. You might say "I ride all the time so I don't need any refresher course." The physical skills that perish over time are not the casual everyday riding skills. It is the emergency maneuvers that you don't usually get a chance to practice. It is too late to find out during an emergency that you cannot react properly. The riding skills you must stay proficient in are: Emergency Braking, Swerving and Cornering. These are the type of exercises you will practice in a one-day riding course. What better place to practice these skills than on an empty safe parking lot. It is better to see how well you react in a

simulated situation with nothing to hit, rather than to improperly react in real traffic and slam into a car.

For the older riders the benefit of taking a refresher course is self assessment. See if you can still properly handle the machine you are riding. You might find you do not still possess the physical strength to control the bike you are on. You might realize that your current bike is now too heavy to hold up during stops. You might decide to go to a lighter bike or even to a three-wheel motorcycle so you can continue to safely ride.

Two-wheel, Trike, Sport Bike and Adventure Bike Classes are all available. The internet is a wonderful thing. Just "Google" the type of class you want and you will find it there. The Tampa Police Motorcycle Unit conducts a one day riding course once a month. Some other agencies in our State also provide this service. They are: Collier County, Osceola County, Gainesville, Jacksonville, and Palm Beach County. The website to find an agency is: fl-msp.com. It is paid for with a Florida State Grant. You bring your own bike and they will put you through exercises to refresh your riding skills. For the Tampa area Google: Tampa SMART-Safe Motorcycle and Rider Techniques Course and the site will come up with the sign-up page. The course is free. So, consider taking a one-day refresher Riding Course for your safety as well as the safety of the loved ones riding with you.



John Cain

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

Tick tock! Tick tock! It's not too soon to consider your participation in the 2026 Florida District Gathering of Friends for **FUN**, March 12-14, Gainesville, FL. As is the tradition, we are planning a few safety presentations at the rally. **PLEASE DO NOT STOP READING THIS ARTICLE! YOU, YES YOU, MIGHT HAVE A TALENT AND/OR TOPIC WORTH SHARING!**

We tried to spice up the presentations last year with members' personal creations as opposed to the stale, canned

ones. The 2025 new presentations line up was:

- John Dubose, Riding is the Fountain of Youth!
- Tim Poppell, Escape Maneuver Planning
- Brian Richards, 2 v 3, Bikes v Trikes
- Dominick DeSiato, Group Riding Issues
- Mike Melton, EWMA Website Navigation
- John Cain, Factors that Increase Safety and Factors that Decrease Safety

Although attendance at the presentations was down last year from previous years, mostly due to the robust riding events, I believe and hope that the safety presentations have a key role in the district rallies.

For the 2026 rally, I encourage each of you to strongly consider sharing your experiences or thoughts that broadly relate to motorcycle safety in a 30-45-minute presentation. Hint:

Audience participation adds significantly to a presentation length. You don't have to do all the talking!

I know from the Chapter's newsletters, chapter meetings, and rides that there are many interesting and important safety topics that could/should be shared with all members. Think about it. You do not have to be an instructor or professional speaker to participate. I will provide maximum support for you. The atmosphere in a presentation is very participative and relaxed, typically with 10-15 participants ready to listen and contribute as invited. Lack of public speaking experience should not deter anyone.

Please touch base with me, jcain16@gmail.com, or Dominick Desiato, Dominickfide@gmail.com, if you would like to discuss your ideas about participation in a safety presentation.

**Ride Safe, Think Safety
Presentations!**

**Join Us at Shrimps-R-Us for the
First Ride of the Year
January 1, 2026**



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

Happy Fall & hope you have a wonderful spooky Halloween

Just got back from the North Carolina rally...

OH MY GOODNESS!!! This one was the BEST one yet (sorry to all the others). We did have a great time (there is good, wonderful, and then there is GREAT). I'm still reliving the Las Vegas **FUN**; but I just can't get over the quarter action. What **FUN**, what **FUN**! I'll let the rest try to explain that to you, dear reader.

Hello Sherill (hope that's right). Anyway, as usual, I'm being an odd man out this month and deviating a little. With the season approaching, I'm going to give you some cooking tips that might help when you run short of something. By the way, this also includes all the men out there that cook too. HERE WE GO:

When baking a box mix, use unsalted butter, melted, instead of oil. Milk instead of water, add a few drops of vanilla. It'll taste bakery fresh.

Need heavy cream... mix 2/3 cup whole milk with 1/3 cup melted butter = 1 cup heavy cream.

Brown sugar??? 1 cup white sugar + 1 tablespoon molasses. Mix WELL WITH FORK TO REMOVE LUMPS.

BUTTERMILK... 1 cup milk + 1tbsp white vinegar or lemon juice. Beef broth: 1 cup water + 1 Tbsp soy sauce

No eggs... here's help. 1 Tbsp of corn starch mixed with 3 Tbsp of water.

For those of you that this applies to: Sidewalk de-icer, 1 teaspoon of DAWN dishwashing liquid, 1 table of rubbing alcohol, & 1 gallon HOT/WARM water. They won't refreeze. No salt to damage concrete.

One more, Self rising flour: 1 cup all-purpose flour + 1/2 teaspoon baking powder + 1/4 teasp fine salt mix thoroughly and seal in an air tight container.

Guys, be sure to follow the measurements or you could end up with a disaster. Will send thoughts next month.

You now you have 3 choices in life:

Choice, chances, or changes.

You must make a CHOICE to take a CHANCE, or your life will never CHANGE.

P.S. Some talk to you in their FREE time, And some FREE their time to talk to you! LEARN THE DIFFERENCE!!!

Florida District Gathering of Friends for FUN

March 12 - 14, 2026?

We want to see YOU there!!!



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

History of National Motorcycle Ride Day October 11, 2025

For many, the motorcycle is more than a means of transportation, it is an experience, a feeling, an adventure like no other. It comes as no surprise the motorcycle has managed to

secure its place in everyone's heart. It is one adrenaline-filled ticket to your freedom.

The first motorcycle came into existence in 1885, when Gottlieb Daimler and Wilhelm Maybach, two German inventors, built an internal combustion gasoline-fueled motorcycle. This invention inspired many others, who began making their versions of the self-propelled bicycle.

Motorcycle production escalated during the First World War, to improve communication systems with front-line troops. Motorcycles replaced messengers on horses with dispatch riders who carried messages, conducted reconnaissance activities, and acted as military police. After

the Second World War, the motorcycle industry experienced widespread popularity brought about by lower costs, engineering advancements, and better road networks.

Today, motorcycles represent one of the most affordable forms of transport all across the planet, with Asia-Pacific and Southern and Eastern Asia regions dominating the market. The evolution of the motorcycle from being an instrument of transportation to a thrill-packed adventure machine is why it deserves a special day of appreciation. And the month of October gives us the perfect opportunity to celebrate the wonders of this great invention.

Get out and ride today.

**The Final Rally in Region A
For 2025 is in
Biloxi, Mississippi
October 16 - 18, 2025
Hope to see you there!!!**

FLORIDA DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

OCTOBER 2025

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	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 FL2-A, West Palm Beach	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	Mississippi District Rally	
26	27	28	29	30	31	24 FL2-G, Ft Myers

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

Upcoming Florida EWMA Events

October 16 - 18, 2025	Mississippi District Rally <i>"The New Frontier"</i>	Biloxi, MS
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

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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: _____



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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

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EWMA Florida District

1st Drawing - \$5,000 Cash

2nd Drawing - \$ 500 Cash

3rd Drawing - \$ 250 Cash



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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 _____

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



**PRICE ONLY GOOD STARTING 9/6/2025 AND THEN MUST
BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN 10/15/2025**

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)

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Total</u>
Special Registration for 2026			
Must be in by 10/15/2025			
EWMA Members	\$35	_____	\$ _____
Light Dinner on Thursday Night			
	\$35	_____	\$ _____
Dinner on Saturday Night			
	\$45	_____	\$ _____
First Aid/CPR—Friday			
	\$25	_____	\$ _____
Tickets—addition to comped			
Grand Prize & Mystery Cash—Books of 5	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$10 X	_____	\$ _____
Grand 50/25/15/10— Books of 5	\$20 X	_____	\$ _____
2025 Bike Giveaway— Books of 5	\$20 X	_____	\$ _____

GRAND TOTAL IN US DOLLARS ENCLOSED \$ _____

**All pre-registrations must be
postmarked**

BY
10/15/2025

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 2025

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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 entrance to anyone at any time.**