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

Greetings All!

Fresh off the Rally Trail and preparing for the 3rd Annual EWMA Rendezvous in Ft Smith, Arkansas. It's been a busy, but super **FUN** schedule that had us in Helen, Georgia and Sheffield, Alabama.

This month, we celebrate the 4th of July and the founding of this great country. Now that fireworks are legal during certain holidays in Florida, the celebration will be louder than ever! Yes, this country has its flaws and issues, it still is the best example in the World where people of all races and cultures are living and working together to make this the Best Country on Earth! Karen and I would like to wish everybody a very happy and safe holiday!

The Georgia District/Region A combo rally was a lot of **FUN** and offered some really great mountain rides! It was my first time in Helen and I was taken aback by the Bavarian style architecture and the beautiful scenery. The food choices were exceptional and I enjoyed some delicious meals at several different restaurants. The rides were excellent and exciting, offering both scenic and twisty roads. Everybody, including me, had nothing but praise for the quality of the rides we went on! Tommy and Vicky Martin and their Team really hosted a **FUN** event and even provided a watermelon feast. Next year's rally will be at the same venue, which was awesome, and we certainly look forward to returning and exploring this beautiful area even further next year.

We also took the opportunity to travel down to Titusville to attend a multi-chapter ride in and lunch at the Dixie Crossroads Restaurant. We really enjoyed mingling with so many people and we had a great time. It was very nice to see so many chapters come together for this event. Many thanks to Harry and Lynn Anderson for welcoming us into their home and we really had a great time!

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The continuing mystery of the identity of the “Big Boss” was finally revealed at the Alabama District Rally, months after the search began at the Florida Rally back in March. If you’ve been following this continuing saga on the Alabama District Facebook feeds, you would have seen the many wanted posters seeking information leading to the Big Boss’s identity posted in several states, including Alaska! Well, after intense investigations and some tomfoolery, the “Big Boss” was actually in attendance and was physically identified by some of his former feminine conquests. The Big Boss’s true identity was... Bruce Beeman! Bruce was a great sport about it and you can see his “take down” on EWMA’s Facebook page, as well as on those of many other districts. Alabama never fails to have an extremely entertaining and hilarious skit. Terry and Barbie Cleveland did a great job leading their team to a memorable and super **FUN**

rally. The rides were great and this time we rode to the Rattlesnake Saloon for lunch and this was truly a unique venue, located below ground under a giant rock slab, with a road so steep, it is necessary to ride in a truck to get up or down the entry road. All in all, we had a marvelous time and wherever they have their rally next year, we will definitely be there! Oh, yeah, Karen and I won 2nd place in the costume contest and Florida was the largest Region A District in attendance!

What’s next? Why, Rendezvous, of course! We will be attending this event in Ft Smith on August 28th, 29th and 30th, and are super excited to travel to yet another area that we’ve never visited before. There will be lots to do in the area and many great events at the rally itself. I have been told by a very reliable source that has recently been to the convention center there, that we are going to LOVE IT! If it comes even close to the one in Green Bay, it will be awesome!

If you haven’t already registered, you’ve still got time, but don’t wait too long and let this opportunity slip by. There’s going to be lots to do, lots to see, lots of **FUN** and lots of friends! Let’s make Florida stand out with the highest attendance!

Remember, all of next year’s Region A Rallies will focus on the 250th Anniversary of this Great country! There’s a lot of time to think about what outfit you would like to wear for the costume contest or to create a skit or act for the talent show! We would love it if we had a lot of participants and I challenge all chapters to come up with a serious or comedic skit so we can make next year’s rally as memorable as the Anniversary we are celebrating.

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!

EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



**Our 2025 Eagle Wings Rendezvous will be located at
Convention Center, in Fort Smith, AR
August 28th - 30th**



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

RIDING IN THE HEAT

It's hot!!! I guess I don't have to tell you that. Here are a few tips and facts that might help you make the best of it. Ride early in the morning or in the evening when it is cooler. Use sunscreen in direct sunlight. Wear long sleeves. I know that is contrary to what most riders want to do. Having covered skin in hot weather is actually better physically for you. If your skin is exposed the hot air rushes past your body and will dry you out. Just in the same manner you dry your hands in the hand blower in the restroom. Wear a helmet visor to keep the hot air from hitting you in the face. Don't wear black clothing which only draws the heat even more. Only wear a tank top shirt under your mesh summer motorcycle jacket. You could also wet your shirt under your mesh motorcycle jacket. You could put a cool tie around your neck. Take a flexible ice pack from the freezer and put it in your jacket. You could wear an

ice vest. You could carry a mist spray bottle. Have drink holders on your bike for you and your passenger.

There are three physical concerns you should think about: Dehydration, Heat Exhaustion, and Heat Stroke.

Dehydration Symptoms:

- Dry or sticky mouth
- Low or no urine output or concentrated urine appears dark yellow
- Not producing tears
- Sunken eyes
- Lethargic

Dehydration Treatment:

- Seek shade or air conditioning
- Drink additional water or sport drinks (diluted 50/50 with water)
- If possible decrease the time between rest stops

Heat Exhaustion Symptoms:

- Loss of large amounts of fluid through sweating
- Sweating, clammy and moist skin with pale or flushed complexion
- Extreme weakness or fatigue, giddiness, nausea, headache, or irritability
- Vomiting

- Loss of consciousness

Heat Exhaustion Treatment:

- Drink additional water or sport drinks (diluted 50/50 with water)
- Apply cool compresses or ice packs to the neck, groin, and arm pits

Heat Stroke Symptoms:

- Hot, dry, flushed or spotted skin
- Severe headache
- Exhaustion
- Bizarre behavior
- Hallucinations
- Altered mental status
- Confusion
- Disorientation
- Possible convulsions and coma

Heat Stroke Treatment:

- Call EMS (911) this is a medical emergency
- Move rider to a cool place
- Reduce rider's body heat immediately by any means available

Yes, it's hot out there. Let's make the best of it so we can continue to enjoy our sport in hot weather.

Ride Safe and Stay Cool!



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

New Safety Talk – Two vs Three: Bikes vs. Trikes

This month I highlight another of the new safety talks presented at the 2025 Florida District Rally in Gainesville. This outstanding talk was authored and presented by Brian Richards,

the Region A Safety/Ride Coordinator. I believe this talk is destined for publication on the national website, pending final review. In the meantime, with Brian's permission, here are his presentation materials: [Florida Rally 2025\2 vs 3 Bike vs. Trikes by Brian Richards .pptx](#)

The presentation provides important information to members that are currently riding a 2-wheel motorcycle but are considering changing to a 3-wheel (or vice versa). Topics addressed include:

- Distinctive features, variations & definitions
- Wheelbase — horizontal distance between the centers of the front and rear wheels

- Track — the distance between the centerline of two wheels on the same axle
- Front Fork Rake — if any
- Suspension — independent, straight axle, air ride, etc.
- Differential gear ratio
- Service intervals
- Storage Space
- Price

Remember that this presentation, like all the safety talks, is available for your use at any EWMA event. Contact me or Brian for help if needed: jcain16@gmail.com, Brian Richards barlir@att.net.

Ride Safe. Have FUN!



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

National Ice Cream Day 2025

Whether you're in the depths of some of the hottest temps ever

or just have a sweet tooth, National Ice Cream Day can provide some relief. Not only do ice cream shops have National Ice Cream Day deals, but it's a great time to stock up on ice cream deals at delivery services or find grocery sales.

Really, National Ice Cream Day is among the most well-played of food holidays. And it's been around for 40 years!

Dairy Queen: Dairy Queen will likely offer DQ Rewards members a free Dilly Bar with any \$1 purchase on National Ice Cream Day, July 20, 2025.

**Florida
 District
 "Gathering of
 Friends for
 FUN!"**

March 12 - 14, 2026
 Gainesville, FL

Fun at the Alabama Rally



FLORIDA DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

JULY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Please verify with an individual Chapter before visiting. Chapters occasionally alter their gathering schedule to accommodate rallies and/or other events.	1 FL1-Y, Gainesville FL2-D, Melbourne	2 FL2-R, Ft Lauderdale	3 FL1-X, Orange Park	4 Independence Day	5 FL1-E2, Ft Walton Beach FL2-F, Punta Gorda
6	7	8 FL2-H, Wauchula	9 FL1-D2, New Port Richey FL2-O, Stuart	10 FL1-B, Brandon FL2-P, Lake Placid	11	12 FL1-A, Tampa FL1-D, Pensacola
13 FL2-A, West Palm Beach	14 FL1-K, Palm Coast	15 FL1-F2, Ocala	16 FL1-H Daytona Beach	17 FL1-M, Clearwater	18	19 FL2-B2, Sarasota
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 FL2-G, Ft Myers
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

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
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
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

Raffle to support EWMA Florida District Safety Program &
EWMA Florida District

1st Drawing - \$5,000 Cash

2nd Drawing - \$ 500 Cash

3rd Drawing - \$ 250 Cash



Visit
GAINESVILLE
Alachua County, FL



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

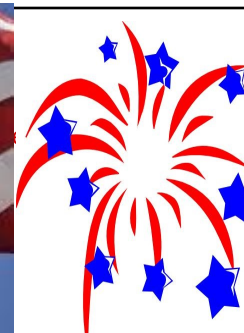
Florida District Rally March 12—14, 2026

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	_____	\$ _____
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Day Passes-available for purchase on site

Dinner Thursday Night (Max seating-360)	\$30	_____	\$ _____
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Dinner Saturday Night (Max seating-360)	\$45	_____	\$ _____
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Chicken _____ Pork _____

First Aid/CPR _____	\$25	_____	\$ _____
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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	_____	\$ _____
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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: _____