

# FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND RIDING



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## Monthly Gathering

First Thursday of  
each Month at

Golden Corral  
582 Blanding Blvd  
6:00 pm – Eat  
7:00 pm - Meet



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EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION  
SOUTHEAST REGION 'A'



February is here and winter should be over for us Floridians. There are a few celebrations for the second month of the year: National Pizza Day 9<sup>th</sup>, Valentines Day 14<sup>th</sup>, Presidents & Cherry Pie Day 20<sup>th</sup>, Chili Day 24<sup>th</sup>, Jelly Donut Day 25<sup>th</sup>, Pistachio Day 26<sup>th</sup>, and Last is Leap Year day on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

If you haven't heard of these celebrations, then you haven't been reading my Florida District Newsletter for the past eight years. Get with it and read those newsletters so you can be informed.

I have raffle tickets to pass out. Next year the big prize is \$5000 so get your tickets, just see me.

Yes, the Florida Rally will happen in March 2024. 14-16<sup>th</sup> this time in Gainesville at the Best Western 97<sup>th</sup> Blvd. We have over 160 members of EWMA signed up to attend so far, more with registrations in the mail every day. So get your paperwork in to come have some FUN.

Hope to see you sooner than later.

Geno & Kathie, Senior Chapter Directors.

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Jim & Dee Louden 2/29



# ***2024 FLORIDA EWMA EVENTS***

**March 14 – March 16, 2024**

**Florida District Rally  
“Fun with 50’s 60’s 70’s TV Shows”  
Best Western Gateway Grand  
Gainesville, FL**

**April 25 – April 27, 2024**

**Tennessee District Rally  
“Spring Fling”, Banjos & Barbecue  
Holiday Inn Convention Center  
Johnson City, TN**

**May 17 – May 18, 2024**

**South Carolina District Rally  
“Home Town, USA – Red, White & Blue”  
Newberry Firehouse Convention Center  
Newberry, SC 29108**

**June 13 – June 15, 2024**

**Georgia District Ride In  
Dillard House Convention Center  
Dillard, GA**

**June 27 – June 29, 2024**

**Alabama District Rally  
“50’s Sock Hop”  
Clarion Inn – Sheffield-Muscle Shoals  
Sheffield, AL**

**August 29 – August 31, 2024**

**EWMA Rendezvous 2024  
Hyatt Regency  
Green Bay, WI**

**September 20 – September 21, 2024**

**North Carolina District Rally  
“Wings Over the Smokies”**

**October 24 – October 26, 2024**

**Mississippi District Rally  
“Born to be Wild”**

January meeting notes.....

The 2024 Florida District Rally will be held March 14<sup>th</sup> – March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Gateway Grand Best Western in Gainesville, FL. Please visit <http://www.ewma-florida.org/rally.html> for latest information. Geno let everyone know raffle tickets are now available to/for sell.

The Second Annual Eagle Wings Rendezvous will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Green Bay, WI, August 29 – August 31, 2024.

The Florida District now has 19 Chapters. There are 7 states in the Region with 78 Chapters.

Ken White has Chapter shirts available.

The “Monday Minders” and the Ride Calendar are now available on Facebook.

If anyone needs assistance with the EWMA website, please get with Kathie.

At the January Chapter gathering the following took place: we had 23 members in attendance. Door prizes were won by **Dee Loudon**, **Charles Evans**, **Loretta Coughenour** and **Teena Cox**. The drawing for those who brought door prizes was won by **Suzann Blake**. Both evenings 50-50 drawings were won by **Suzann Blake** (\$33.00 and \$32.00). The winner of the Ride Jar was **Geno Jette** (\$42.52).









## February, 2024

### Florida District Safety/Ride Coordinators

### Safety Article

Greetings to All,

The Florida District Rally is almost here! Great new location, great rides, Bike Games, and our beautiful Florida riding winter weather, what more could you want. No reason not to bring your bike. EWMA is all about the ride.

We will be having two different “On the Bike” Games in which everyone can participate. Two-Wheels or Three-Wheels, with or without a passenger, all are welcome. Gift cards will be awarded to the winners in each category. We will be playing two Bike Games that have been popular and fun at past Rallies. The “Bean Bag Shuffle Board Toss Game” and the “Critter Pick Up Game”. If you would like to preview and practice these games ahead of the Rally just send us an email and we can send you the details.

This would be a good time to check your bike to make sure it is ready and safe to attend our Rally. Below is a review of what you should be checking on your bike.

#### NINE TIPS TO MAKE YOUR BIKE LIVE LONGER

1. If it is a new bike, follow the recommendations in your owner's manual. Pay close attention to the maintenance schedule section.
2. If the bike is new, break in the engine properly. The first few hundred miles are the most critical. Do not over rev the recommended engine rpms.
3. Change the oil as per the owner's manual schedule. The original oil usually has no synthetic properties. You may want to use a synthetic blend on your first oil change and thereafter use full synthetic oil. Full synthetic oil has more lubricating factors, does not break down as fast and can be changed at longer intervals. Most motorcycle manufacturers will recommend standard oil be changed every 4,000 miles. Full synthetic oil can easily last 6,000 miles without breaking down. This can be especially helpful on long touring trips. Full synthetic oil also helps your engine run cooler, especially in hot Florida weather conditions. Synthetic oil helps your engine parts experience less friction and wear. You will seldom get a recommendation from your dealer or the motorcycle company to use synthetic blend or full synthetic oil in your motorcycle. After all they are in the business of selling you a "new" motorcycle every couple of years.
4. Clean your air filter as recommended.
5. Check your tire pressure regularly. Low tire pressure can affect your safe handling, gas mileage and early tire wear.
6. Grease the wheel bearings if it applies. Even sealed bearings should probably be replaced every 100,000 miles for peace of mind and safety.

7. Check your drive train, whether chain, belt or drive shaft, for wear. Bikes with drive shafts have U-joints that can wear out and get sloppy until they finally break.

8. Charge the battery. If your bike sits for long periods of time connect a battery tender charging system to the battery. This will extend the life of your battery and the bike will start up when you finally want to ride it.

9. Do a pre-ride check. Establish a routine for checking your bike before each ride. Check the motor oil level, tire pressure, fuel, brake fluid levels and lines, electrical system & switches, lights, turn signals, controls, and look for any loose bolts.

Ride Safe!

We are here to assist you,

Dominick & Diane





**NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024**

## **Friends for Fun, Safety and Riding**

### **Our Vision**

A simple, fun, riding, social association of like-minded motorcycle enthusiasts

### **Our Motto**

Friends for Fun, Safety & Riding

### **Our Mission**

To provide to our Membership a fun and social environment that focuses on the love of motorcycling.

To bring the world together around that passion while helping them to be safer and mindful when riding a motorcycle.

To be a family-oriented, non-religious, non-political association, respectful of each other's beliefs.  
Enjoying the ride together with like-minded motorcyclists.



**EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION**



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Sunday	CLOSED



# EWMA

# February 2024

# FL1-X

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				<b>1</b> <b>FL1-X MTG</b> <b>Golden Corral</b> <b>Orange Park</b> <b>6:00 pm eat</b> <b>7 pm to meet</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Kick Tires</b> <b>Dairy Queen</b> <b>Kingsley Ave</b> <b>Orange Park</b> <b>7PM Loc#4</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Lunch Ride</b> <b>12:00 Loc#8</b> <b>Five.5 Grille</b> <b>551856 US 1</b>
<b>4</b> <b>Honey do</b> <b>Day</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Lunch</b> <b>Olive</b> <b>Garden</b> <b>2:00 pm</b> <b>meet &amp; eat</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Legion</b> <b>Riders</b> <b>Dinner</b> <b>Middleburg</b> <b>Post 250</b> <b>Tacos</b>	<b>7</b> <b>ROMEO</b> <b>KSU 10 am</b> <b>Loc #6</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Dinner 6:30</b> <b>meet &amp; eat</b> <b>Texas</b> <b>Roadhouse</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Kick Tires</b> <b>Dairy Queen</b> <b>Kingsley Ave</b> <b>Orange Park</b> <b>7PM Loc#4</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Lunch</b> <b>12:30</b> <b>meet &amp; eat</b> <b>Mission BBQ</b>
<b>11</b> <b>Lunch</b> <b>12:00 Loc#1</b> <b>ride to</b> <b>Melrose</b> <b>Betty Pizza</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Lunch</b> <b>Orange</b> <b>Buffet</b> <b>1:30 pm</b> <b>meet &amp; eat</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Legion</b> <b>Riders</b> <b>Dinner</b> <b>Middleburg</b> <b>Post 250</b> <b>Jambalya</b>	<b>14</b> <b>ROMEO</b> <b>KSU 10 am</b> <b>Loc #6</b>	<b>15</b> <b>European</b> <b>Street Cafe</b> <b>2753 Park St</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> <b>meet &amp; eat</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Kick Tires</b> <b>Dairy Queen</b> <b>Kingsley Ave</b> <b>Orange Park</b> <b>7PM Loc# 4</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Lunch ride</b> <b>12:00 Loc#5</b> <b>Jim's Place</b> <b>Elkton</b>
<b>18</b> <b>Willie</b> <b>Jewells BBQ</b> <b>Loc #5 11:30</b> <b>Murabella</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Lunch</b> <b>Olive</b> <b>Garden</b> <b>2:00 pm</b> <b>meet &amp; eat</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Legion</b> <b>Riders</b> <b>Dinner</b> <b>Middleburg</b> <b>Post 250</b> <b>Philly</b>	<b>21</b> <b>ROMEO</b> <b>KSU 10 am</b> <b>Loc #6</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Miller Ale</b> <b>House 6:15</b> <b>pm Avenues</b> <b>Mall location</b> <b>meet &amp; eat</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Kick Tires</b> <b>Dairy Queen</b> <b>Kingsley Ave</b> <b>Orange Park</b> <b>7PM Loc# 4</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Lunch Ride</b> <b>Loc #1 noon</b> <b>ride to Alachua</b> <b>Conestoga's</b>
<b>25</b> <b>Kyodai</b> <b>Steakhouse</b> <b>4:30 pm</b> <b>wells rd</b> <b>meet &amp; eat</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Lunch</b> <b>Orange</b> <b>Buffet</b> <b>1:30 pm</b> <b>meet &amp; eat</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Legion</b> <b>Riders</b> <b>Dinner</b> <b>Middleburg</b> <b>Post 250</b> <b>Burgers &amp;</b> <b>Brats</b>	<b>28</b> <b>ROMEO</b> <b>KSU 10 am</b> <b>Loc #6</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Dinner 6:30</b> <b>Buffalo Wild</b> <b>Wings</b> <b>1940 Wells Rd</b> <b>meet &amp; eat</b>	<b>1</b> <b>Kick Tires</b> <b>Dairy Queen</b> <b>Kingsley Ave</b> <b>Orange Park</b> <b>7PM Loc#4</b>	

**ROMEO-** Retired Old Men eating Out

**JULIET-** Just Us Ladies In Enjoyable Times

#1 Circle K, 2540 Blanding, Middleburg

#5 Race Trac, RT 17/CR209, Green Cove

#3 Speedway Station, 9651 Argyle Forest Bv

#6 Speedway, RT 17, Orange Park

#4 Dairy Queen, 610 Kingsley Ave

#8 Race Trac, US#1 & I-295 (northside)