

FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND RIDING



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FL1-X "WINGNUTTS", ORANGE PARK, FL CHARTERED AUGUST 16, 2022



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'



I had hoped the cold weather was all gone, but I sit here the last days of February with a chill in the air. Bike week has begun and spring riding season has sprung. Time to get everything ready for the Florida District Rally in Gainesville, March 13, 14 & 15th 2025. Florida is having a Roaring 20's ride in. Be sure you are part of the FUN Fun...Fun.

Come April would like to plan a overnight trip to Pensacola. The Blue Angels have their practice schedule posted and there are two events in April. 15-16 or 22-23 these are during work week for some, but not all. We can visit the Air & Space Museum then see the Air show practice from the side of the runway. Last year it was awesome to see.

Great news, thanks to all the raffle ticket sellers we are out of tickets, Great job selling 1000 tickets.

Maybe one will win the \$5000 prize.

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2024 - 2025 FLORIDA EWMA EVENTS

March 13 – March 15, 2025

Florida District Rally

“Roaring 20’s”

Best Western Gateway Grand

Gainesville, FL

April 24 – April 26, 2025

Tennessee District Rally

“America the Beautiful”

Johnson City TN

May 15 – May 17, 2025

South Carolina District Rally

“Salute to the Troops”

Newberry, SC

June 5 – June 7, 2025

Georgia District Rally

“Beach Bash”

Helen, GA

June 26 – June 28, 2025

Alabama District Rally

“Roaring 20’s”

Sheffield, AL

August 28th – August 30th

Eagle Wings Rendezvous 3rd Annual Rally

The Fort Smith Convention Center

55 S 7th Street

Fort Smith, AR 72901

March meeting notes.....

The Florida Rally will be held at the same location this year – March 13-15, 2025. Registration forms are available on the FL EWMA website. The hotel has 100 rooms reserved and most have already been booked. The District has made arrangements with another hotel for overflow. Rides are scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Sign-ups for these rides will be done at registration. There are currently 195 registered. The Rally will most likely be held at the Best Western Gateway Grand again next year.

There will not be a “ride jar” until April.

There are 25 chapters in FL. The Chapter Director conference was held on January 25th.

Geno advised that he still has raffle tickets still to sell. See him to purchase (or sell) these.

Ken White has Chapter shirts and hats available.

John Moody is home in a wheelchair. Gary and Terry’s son-in-law is still in re-hab but is on the mend.

At the February Chapter gathering the following took place: we had 17 members in attendance. Door prizes were won by **Lynn Vernon, Jim Louden, Susann Blake, Rich Vernon, Teena Cox and Jeff Cox**. The drawing for those who brought door prizes was won by **Suzann Blake**. The 50/50 drawings were won by **Mike Randall** (\$23.00) and **Jim Louden** (\$22.00).







March, 2025

Florida District Safety/Ride Coordinators

Safety Article

Greetings to all! Greetings to All, Well, our Florida District Rally is just around the corner. We are looking forward to a great time and have some nice day rides planned. On Thursday we will be having a lunch ride. On Friday we will be having a morning ride and an afternoon ride. On Saturday we will be having a morning ride. There will be a rest stop somewhere in the middle of the rides. When you check-in at Registration check the Ride Sign-Up Sheets for the times and sign up. EWMA is all about riding, so LET'S RIDE!

RIDING IN THE RAIN

It's going to happen. You are going to get caught riding in the rain. But when it rains and you are riding your motorcycle, all bets are off. Suddenly, the world becomes more dangerous and a much scarier place. Suddenly, traction becomes sketchy; your safety feels more tenuous; it's often cooler; and fear becomes a dominating factor.

It's not so bad if you are riding out in the country or on less-traveled roads. There you can move at a speed that matches the more limited grip you know your tires now have. You can choose where you want to ride in your lane, and not be pushed by traffic behind you.

But in the city it is often ugly. There you're dealing with cars and trucks in close proximity (few of their drivers feel the need to slow down for the wet conditions) who have better traction than you do. Slippery painted lines; a layer of oil and grease on the tarmac; often-limited visibility; and all sorts of slippery little surprises are now affecting you on your motorcycle but not other vehicle drivers. All this coupled with the fact that the four wheel drivers are often distracted and not paying attention. (Cell Phones.)

Having the proper rain gear matters. Wear highly conspicuous color-wise to other drivers in the rain and gear that is also bad-weather friendly. There are some expensive rain suits you can buy that have built-in amour that takes place of your regular protective motorcycle gear. These suits are nice but take up a lot of storage space in your motorcycle when you are not using them. An economical solution which also does not take up a lot of storage space on you motorcycle, is to purchase thin water proof gear. The thinner stuff does not usually hold up well to the pounding winds as you are riding. They also do not have any protective components should you go down. What you can do is put the thinner rain gear under the protective gear you are already wearing. Therefore, your outer protective gear is still there should you go down and the thinner rain gear underneath stops you from getting wet. As soon as it stops raining the wind will blow dry your outer protective gear.

Getting caught by a surprise downpour is one thing, but heading out into rain from home without the right gear is quite another. Being wet and cold while trying to stay on top of things on the bike can be a big distraction, and one you don't need when you're dealing with the variables of a wet ride. Your helmet is key to all this, and primarily the face shield. Do you even have a face shield? Pounding rain hitting you in the eyes is a dangerous distraction and limits distance visibility. You'll want an anti-fog face shield if possible, or a face shield you can easily crack open to allow outside air to clear off the fog from within.

What is the condition of your tires? Knowing what kind and how much tread you have on your tires should dictate how you will be riding in the rain. Touring, sport-touring, adventure-bike and most retro-bike tires are designed to deal with water dispersal, and if they are in good shape you're ahead of the game when it comes to wet-weather traction. Many sport bike tires however, trade grooving for maximum slick-like surface area, which improves traction on a dry roadway-a good thing-but does nothing for water dispersal, and can lead to hydroplaning on a wet roadway-a bad thing.

Operating your motorcycle smoothly and without any jerky inputs on the handlebar controls and foot pegs are of supreme importance when riding on wet surfaces. Some of the newer motorcycles have a "Rain Mode" selection setting. This reduces the possibility of you giving your bike too much throttle when you take off. It is usually tied into the ABS braking system which lessens the chance of you braking too abruptly. If your bike has such a mode setting make sure you select it when you are about to ride in the rain. The limited traction your tires' contact patches is lessened in wet conditions, as abrupt movements can easily overwhelm that less-than-dry pavement traction quotient and cause hydroplaning and an often-abrupt loss of traction. Be aware of now slippery surfaces such as any painted lines like crosswalk lines, manhole covers, leaves, puddles, asphalt ridges, and potholes, etc. Intersections are extra ugly due to automobile oil droppings at stop bars.

Increase your following distance even though the vehicle behind you will probably be tailgating you. Apply your brakes more gently and do not use engine braking combined with the use of your brakes when stopping. Engine braking puts extra stress on your rear tire when combined with using your rear brake. This increases the chances of sliding your rear tire on a wet road surface. Take off from a stop smoothly to prevent slipping your rear tire. All control input should be gradual. This again is the reason for the extra following distance you should give yourself. Practice makes perfect. Pretend the road is wet and practice taking off and stopping smoothly so you are ready for the rain.

Stay relaxed. Keep your cool. And survive riding in the rain.

Ride safe,

Dominick & Diane



NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025

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.



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EWMA**March 2025****FL1-X**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2	3	4 FL1-Y Social Cracker Barrel Lake City 6 pm	5 ROMEO KSU 10 am Loc #6	6 FL1-X Social Golden Corral Orange Park 6:00 pm eat 7 pm to meet	7 Kick Tires Dairy Queen Kingsley Ave Orange Park 7PM	8 Lunch 12:30 Loc #1 ride to Laredo's Lake Butler
9 Brunch 10:30 am meet & eat Cracker Barrel OP	10 Lunch Olive Garden 12:30	11 Taco Tues noon Mr Gordo's Legion Dinner Post 250	12 ROMEO KSU 10 am Loc #6	13 Dinner 6:30 pm meet & eat Cheddar's 4954 Town Center Pky Florida State	14 Kick Tires Dairy Queen Kingsley Ave Orange Park 7PM Loc# 4 EWMA Rally	15 Lunch 12:02 meet & eat Mission BBQ Gainesville, FL
16 Lunch noon meet & eat New York Pizza Fleming Island	17 Lunch China Buffet 12:30	18 Legion Dinner Post 250	19 ROMEO KSU 10 am Loc #6	20 European Street Cafe 2753 Park St 6:30 pm	21 Kick Tires Dairy Queen Orange Park 7PM Loc# 4	22 Lunch ride Loc #5 10:15 ride to Palatka 207 Diner
23 Lunch ride Loc #5 11 am Willie Jewells Murabella	24 Lunch Orange Buffet 12:30 pm	25 12:30 Taco Tue Cinco Mayo Legion Dinner Post 250	26 ROMEO KSU 10 am Loc #6	27 Dinner 6:30 meet & eat Texas Roadhouse	28 Kick Tires Dairy Queen Kingsley Ave Orange Park 7PM Loc#4	29 Lunch ride 12:30 Loc#5 Jim's Place Elkton
30	31 Lunch Olive Garden 12:30	1 Legion Dinner Post 250	2 ROMEO KSU 10 am Loc #6	3 FL1-X Social Golden Corral Orange Park 6:00 pm eat 7 pm to meet	4 Kick Tires Dairy Queen Kingsley Ave Orange Park 7PM	

ROMEO- Retired Old Men eating Out
#1 Circle K, 2540 Blanding, Middleburg
#3 Speedway Station, 9651 Argyle Forest Bv
#4 Dairy Queen, 610 Kingsley Ave

JULIET- Just Us Ladies In Enjoyable Times
#5 Race Trac, RT 17/CR209, Green Cove
#6 Speedway, RT 17, Orange Park
#8 Race Trac, US#1 & I-295 (northside)