

# 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'



## When Is Mother's Day in the USA?

Mother's Day in the United States is annually held on the second Sunday of May. The same is true for Australia and Canada. However, there still exists confusion about the right date.

May 12<sup>th</sup> 2024

Can it be May already, time flies when you stay busy. If you have looked at the Wingnutts calendar you know we stay busy. If you see anything you like, please come join us. The experts say it will be really hot this summer, so we need to get all our riding in now.

A few of us were discussing a trip to Green Bay, WI for the Rendezvous this coming labor day weekend. If that sounds like something you might want to do, then let us know.

The rest of the discussion was about co-riders on the long trip. They are thinking fly up to Green Bay and then fly back. Maybe we can get a group to go. Just a thought.

Hope to see you sooner than later.

Geno & Kathie, Senior Chapter Directors

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# ***2024 FLORIDA EWMA EVENTS***

**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”**

**March 13 – March 15, 2025**

**Florida District Rally  
“Roaring 20’s”  
Best Western Gateway Grand  
Gainesville, FL**



April meeting notes.....

We had 18 Wingnuts at the Florida Rally this year. The Chapter sold 500 raffle tickets. The West Palm Beach Chapter sold about 2,200. Geno thanked those that donated snacks for the hospitality room.

The Florida Rally will be held at the same location next year – March 13-15, 2025. Registration forms are available on the FL EWMA website.

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 is reporting 19 Chapters, with one more being added in April.

Ken White has Chapter shirts available.

Geno reviewed the ride calendar and asked for any suggestions on places to try.

At the April Chapter gathering the following took place: we had 21 members in attendance. Door prizes were won by **Rich Vernon**, **Geno Jette**, and **Terri Evans**. The drawing for those who brought door prizes was won by **Geno Jette**. The 50/50 drawings were won by **Rich Vernon** (\$28.00) and **Charles Evans** (\$27.00). The winner of the Ride Jar was Terri Evans (\$67.50).







May, 2024

Florida District Safety/Ride Coordinators

Safety Article

Greetings to all!

#### UNDERSTANDING HOW TO CHANGE A TWO-Wheel MOTORCYCLE'S DIRECTION

The ability to be able to change the direction of your motorcycle at a moment's notice is essential to safe motorcycle operation. Knowing how this necessary task actually works might save you a moment of indecision that could save you time and space to a maneuver you might need.

When to steer a motorcycle like a tricycle and when to press forward on the handlebar end to change direction must be first understood. If you are riding slow, which means any speed under 12 mph on a two-wheel motorcycle, you must steer the handlebars of the motorcycle like you would a child's tricycle to change direction. The gyroscopic effect of the two wheels spinning fast enough for the motorcycle to maintain its own balance occurs at 12 mph and up. At 12 mph or higher you change directions of the motorcycle by pressing forward on the handlebar grip on the side you want the direction of the motorcycle to go. If you want the motorcycle to go to the right, press forward on the right handlebar grip. If you want the motorcycle to go to the left, press forward on the left handlebar grip. You must maintain the forward pressure on the appropriate handlebar grip as long as you want the motorcycle to keep turning. To straighten up after the turn is complete, you simply reduce the pressure on the handlebar grip you were pressing. The gyroscopic effect of the spinning wheels will naturally bring the motorcycle back to a straight path of travel.

Some riders say: "Push forward with one hand while pulling back with the other hand". This is only true with a three-wheel motorcycle. Steering a three wheel-motorcycle is direct steering all of the time at any speed. It takes a lot of muscle to steer a three-wheel motorcycle so using the Push/Pull method makes steering easier for the rider.

On a two-wheel motorcycle at speeds of 12 mph or higher only the hand doing the pushing or pressing is needed. Your other hand is not needed to do anything other than remaining on the opposite handlebar grip for safety and stability. Just to prove the point you could actually take the hand not being used to do the pressing off the other grip and the motorcycle will still maintain the direction you want to go in the curve. The motorcycle will go in the direction of the pressing hand without any help from the other hand.

Understanding how the motorcycle reacts to you is helpful when you have to react unexpectedly to change directions quickly to avoid a hazard. Pressing forward on the handlebar grip end may not be your natural instinctive way to react. As with many aspects of riding a motorcycle, different necessary techniques will only become instinctive to you if you practice them. When you are riding your motorcycle practice avoiding imaginary objects. Pick a dark spot on the pavement or a manhole cover. Quickly press forward on the appropriate handlebar grip to avoid the object. Only then will you properly react when a real emergency arises.

Ride Safe,

Dominick & Diane



**NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 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.



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# EWMA

# May 2024

# FL1-X

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>1</b> <b>ROMEO</b> <b>KSU 10 am</b> <b>Loc #6</b>	<b>2</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>3</b> <b>Kick Tires</b> <b>Dairy Queen</b> <b>Kingsley Ave</b> <b>Orange Park</b> <b>7PM Loc#4</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Shrimp Festival</b> <b>Fernandina</b>  <b>6:30 pm meet &amp; eat, Metro Diner</b> <b>Orange Park</b>
<b>5</b> <b>Willie Jewells</b> <b>BBQ</b> <b>Loc #5</b> <b>11:30</b> <b>Murabella</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Lunch</b> <b>Olive Garden</b> <b>1:00 pm</b> <b>meet &amp; eat</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Legion Riders</b> <b>Dinner</b> <b>Middleburg</b> <b>Post 250</b>	<b>8</b> <b>ROMEO</b> <b>KSU 10 am</b> <b>Loc #6</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Dinner</b> <b>Denny's</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> <b>8409 Blanding Blvd</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Kick Tires</b> <b>Dairy Queen</b> <b>Kingsley Ave</b> <b>Orange Park</b> <b>7PM Loc# 4</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Lunch</b> <b>12:30</b> <b>meet &amp; eat</b> <b>Mission BBQ</b>
<b>12</b>  <b>Early Dinner</b> <b>4:30 meet &amp; eat</b> <b>Kyodai</b> <b>210</b> <b>Northway</b> <b>OP</b>	<b>13</b>  <b>Breakfast</b> <b>9:30 am</b> <b>meet &amp; eat</b> <b>Nicole's on the river</b>	<b>14</b>  <b>Legion Riders</b> <b>Dinner</b> <b>Middleburg</b> <b>Post 250</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>ROMEO</b> <b>KSU 10 am</b> <b>Loc #6</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>European Street Cafe</b> <b>2753 Park St</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> <b>meet &amp; eat</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>Kick Tires</b> <b>Dairy Queen</b> <b>Kingsley Ave</b> <b>Orange Park</b> <b>7PM Loc# 4</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>Newberry Watermelon</b> <b>Festival &amp; parade</b> <b>9 am to 3:30</b>  <b>meet &amp; eat</b> <b>dinner in Alachua</b> <b>at 5:00 pm</b> <b>Conestoga's</b>
<b>19</b>  <b>Brunch</b> <b>10:30 am</b> <b>meet &amp; eat</b> <b>Cracker Barrel</b> <b>502 Chafee</b> <b>Point Blvd</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>Lunch</b> <b>Orange Buffet</b> <b>1:30 pm</b> <b>meet &amp; eat</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>Legion Riders</b> <b>Dinner</b> <b>Middleburg</b> <b>Post 250</b>	<b>22</b>  <b>ROMEO</b> <b>KSU 10 am</b> <b>Loc #6</b>	<b>23</b>  <b>Dinner 6:30</b> <b>meet &amp; eat</b> <b>Texas Roadhouse</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>Kick Tires</b> <b>Dairy Queen</b> <b>Kingsley Ave</b> <b>Orange Park</b> <b>7PM Loc#4</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>Lunch ride</b> <b>12:30 Loc#5</b> <b>Jim's Place</b> <b>Elkton, FL</b>
<b>26</b>  <b>lunch</b> <b>1:00 pm</b> <b>Carmines</b> <b>Pie House</b> <b>meet &amp; eat</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>Blue Crab Festival</b> <b>Palatka</b> <b>Loc #5</b> <b>10:00 am</b>	<b>28</b>  <b>Legion Riders</b> <b>Dinner</b> <b>Middleburg</b> <b>Post 250</b>	<b>29</b>  <b>ROMEO</b> <b>KSU 10 am</b> <b>Loc #6</b>	<b>30</b>  <b>Miller Ale House 6:30</b> <b>pm Avenues</b> <b>Mall location</b> <b>meet &amp; eat</b>	<b>31</b>  <b>Kick Tires</b> <b>Dairy Queen</b> <b>Kingsley Ave</b> <b>Orange Park</b> <b>7PM</b>	<b>1</b>  <b>Fleming Island</b> <b>Summer Saturday</b> <b>Market 9:30 - 2 pm</b> <b>Village Square</b> <b>shopping center</b>  <b>3 pm meet &amp; eat</b> <b>Bono's Middleburg</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)**