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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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Soon we will be making the short track over to Gainesville for the EWMA Florida Rally. I say short cause it is less than 65 miles to the Best Western Hotel for the Florida Rally.

Still looking for new places to ride to for lunch or dinner. Have you been to any interesting places recently, just let me know so I can add to the calendar.

Yes, the Florida Rally will happen in March 2024. 14-16th this time in Gainesville at the Best Western 97th Blvd. We have over 200 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.

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None in March



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”

February meeting notes.....

The 2024 Florida District Rally will be held March 14th – March 16th at the Gateway Grand Best Western in Gainesville, FL. Geno advised that the host hotel is booked and there are currently 180 pre-registered to attend. Please visit <http://www.ewma-florida.org/rally.html> for latest information. Raffle tickets are still available for purchase from the Chapter.

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 18-20 Chapters. There are 7 states in the Region with 78 Chapters.

Ken White has Chapter shirts available.

Geno and Mike6 stated that the Chapter web page will most likely be eliminated. Most members visit the Facebook page, the EWMA website or Group Works. Also, “Monday Minders” are sent weekly.

If anyone needs assistance with the EWMA website, please get with Kathie. Everyone needs to be sure to select their “Chapter” under your profile.

At the February Chapter gathering the following took place: we had 17 members in attendance and one guest, Al Smith. Door prizes were won by **Teena Cox, Russell Sullivan, Gary Hartley, Charlotte Sullivan, Dee Loudon, Jim Loudon, Dottie White** and **Al Smith**. The drawing for those who brought door prizes was won by **Geno Jette**. The 50/50 drawings were won by **Kathie Jette** (28.00) and **Al Smith** (\$27.00). The winner of the Ride Jar was **Kathie Jette** (\$59.50).









March 2024

Florida District Safety/Ride Coordinators

Safety Article

RIDING IN A GROUP REVIEW

Greetings to All,

WOW! Our Florida District Rally is almost here. One important and fun feature of our Rally is going to be the Group Rides. EWMA is all about riding! I thought I would review with you the important aspects of safe and fun Group Riding. The primary thing to remember when you are riding in a Group is that you are no longer an individual rider. Every action you take should be for the benefit of the Group staying safe and together.

Group Riding consists of several riders who have agreed to structured rules regarding formation, conduct, consideration and cooperation while riding together. There is a reliance on each other and a concerted effort to support the others in the group. Members of the group must realize that their individual riding actions influence the others in the Group. You should ride with awareness and focus.

Ride Planning and Preparation:

1. **Plan the Route** away from congested areas and Interstates if possible.
2. **Plan the Breaks** taking into consideration the different needs and ages of your group.
3. **Hold a Pre-Ride Briefing** to discuss the ride itinerary which includes rest stops, food/fuel stops and destination.
4. **Plan the Size of the Groups.** This should be determined by the Lead and Tail Gunner by considering the amount of Riders the group will be comfortable with.
5. **Plan the Start Location and Time.**
6. **Be Prepared to ride.** Members should arrive with a full tank of gas, full stomachs, necessary gear, ride ready and an EMPTY bladder.
7. **Plan the Speed of the Groups.** The larger the group, the slower the Lead Rider needs to take off from a stop. The normal Speed Limit should not be obtained until the Tail Gunner has advised the Lead Rider that all members have moved and are together. Remember the Primary Objective of Group Riding is to keep the Group together, relaxed and comfortable with the ride.
8. **Plan the Stops.** The larger the group, the longer it will take for everyone to get back on their bikes and ready to move out.
9. **Responsibilities.** The Lead Rider must be an Experienced Rider who is able to change hats when he/she is leading a Group. They must slow down their take off speeds and riding speed to keep the Group together. They must keep in communication with the Tail Gunner. They must point out obstacles on the roadway, speed limit changes, traffic lights

or stops ahead, or any other traffic situation that warrants being announced. Hand signals should also be used and passed down by all Riders, especially if some Members do not have audible communication.

10. Group Members should Ride their Own Ride. Only the individual rider can determine certain actions and make decisions that affect their Safe Riding. Members must maintain adequate spacing. The recommended method of riding is staggered and Two Seconds behind the bike in your Same Lane Track. That means the bike staggered in front of you is only One Second ahead of you. Your escape path, should you have to make an emergency stop, would be to pass the bike directly in front of you on the Empty Lane Track side of them if necessary. Remember, the purpose of maintaining a tight formation is to deter other traffic from encroaching into your Group. Should it become obvious that another vehicle is trying to move into the Group to make an upcoming turn, LET THEM IN. A vehicle that has entered the Group and is not turning can be deterred to move out of the Group if the Lead Rider slows the Group down until the vehicle leaves. It's not a perfect world! Stuff happens. Members should minimize audible communication chatter so the Lead Rider and Tail Gunner can talk as needed.

11. The Tail Gunner is responsible to keep the Lead Rider informed as to the Groups progress. The Tail Gunner will secure a lane if requested by the Lead Rider. The Group can then change lanes when advised to so, by either moving FRONT TO BACK or BACK TO FRONT depending on traffic congestion situations. If a Member pulls off, it is the responsibility of the Tail Gunner to notify the lead rider and also pull over with the member to determine the reason for the stop. The Tail Gunner will also advise the Lead Rider if any Members get caught up in traffic or separated due to a Red Light. Neither the Tail Gunner nor any other Member is allowed to Stop Traffic for the Group.

12. The Responsibility of All Riders is to inform the Lead Rider of any special needs: Parking, Medical, or Other. Members should repeat Hand Signals observed in front of them for the consideration of Members who do not have audible communication. Never take anyone else's word that traffic is clear to make any movements without first double checking yourself.

The above recommendations were just an abbreviation of our actual "Riding In A Group" classroom Presentation. If you would like to get the full presentation and discuss what has happened on your past Group Rides, please attend our class at the Rally. I will be conducting this Presentation which will actually be after the Group Rides, so there should be plenty to discuss.

We are here to assist you.

Ride Safe,

Dominick & Diane



NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 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		March 2024			FL1-X	
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3 Lunch La Nopalero 1:00 pm 1571 CR 220 Fleming Island meet & eat	4 Lunch Olive Garden 2:00 pm meet & eat	5 Legion Riders Dinner Middleburg Post 250 Philly	6 ROMEO KSU 10 am Loc #6	7 FL1-X MTG Golden Corral Orange Park 6:00 pm eat 7 pm to meet	8 Kick Tires Dairy Queen Kingsley Ave Orange Park 7PM Loc#4	9 Lunch Ride 12:30 Loc#8 Five.5 Grille 551856 US 1
10 lunch 1:00 pm Carmines Pie House meet & eat	11 Get her done Day	12 Legion Riders Dinner Middleburg Post 250 Chsbrgr	13 ROMEO KSU 10 am Loc #6	14 European Street Cafe 2753 Park St 6:30 pm meet & eat	15 Kick Tires Dairy Queen Kingsley Ave Orange Park 7PM Loc# 4	16 Lunch 12:30 meet & eat Mission BBQ
17 Willie Jewells BBQ Loc #5 11:30 Murabella	18 Lunch Olive Garden 2:00 pm meet & eat	19 Legion Riders Dinner Middleburg Post 250 Meatloaf	20 ROMEO KSU 10 am Loc #6	21 Miller Ale House 6:21 pm Avenues Mall location meet & eat	22 Kick Tires Dairy Queen Kingsley Ave Orange Park 7PM Loc# 4	23 Lunch Ride Loc #1 12::30 ride to Alachua Conestoga's
24 Lunch Bono's Noon meet & eat 2640 Blanding Blvd Middleburg	25 Lunch Orange Buffet 1:30 pm meet & eat	26 Legion Riders Dinner Middleburg Post 250 Burgers & Brats	27 ROMEO KSU 10 am Loc #6	28 Dinner 6:30 meet & eat Texas Roadhouse	29 Kick Tires Dairy Queen Kingsley Ave Orange Park 7PM Loc#4	30 Lunch ride 12:30 Loc#5 Jim's Place Elkton
31 Lunch Corky Bells noon meet & eat Fleming Island	1 April Fools Day	2 Legion Riders Dinner Middleburg Post 250	3 ROMEO KSU 10 am Loc #6	4 FL1-X MTG Golden Corral Orange Park 6:00 pm eat 7 pm to meet	5 Kick Tires Dairy Queen Kingsley Ave Orange Park 7PM	

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)