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We don't care what you ride as long as you ride. Our gatherings are informative, and promote friendship, fun and knowledge. If you are an occasional, frequent, new or experienced rider and want more fun on your rides, join us on our next ride.

Just give any team member a call for more information

Visit Our Web Site

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Daytona Beach "Race Wings"

Monthly Gathering
Third Wednesday of Each Month
Eat at 6 PM
Meeting at 7 PM

Houligan's
1725 W. International Speedway
Blvd. Daytona Beach
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Conrad Shad 9/08

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9/25

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From The desk of the Directors

Where has this year gone?? The day's really do go by faster the older you get. We made it through the hot days and anxiously waiting for the cooler days to enjoy riding. We have had some good turnouts at the events this month. We love seeing everyone's face and hear the stories of summer travels.

Well the inaugural Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association has closed. Over 780 participants enjoyed the vendors, bike games, and meeting old friends along with making new ones.

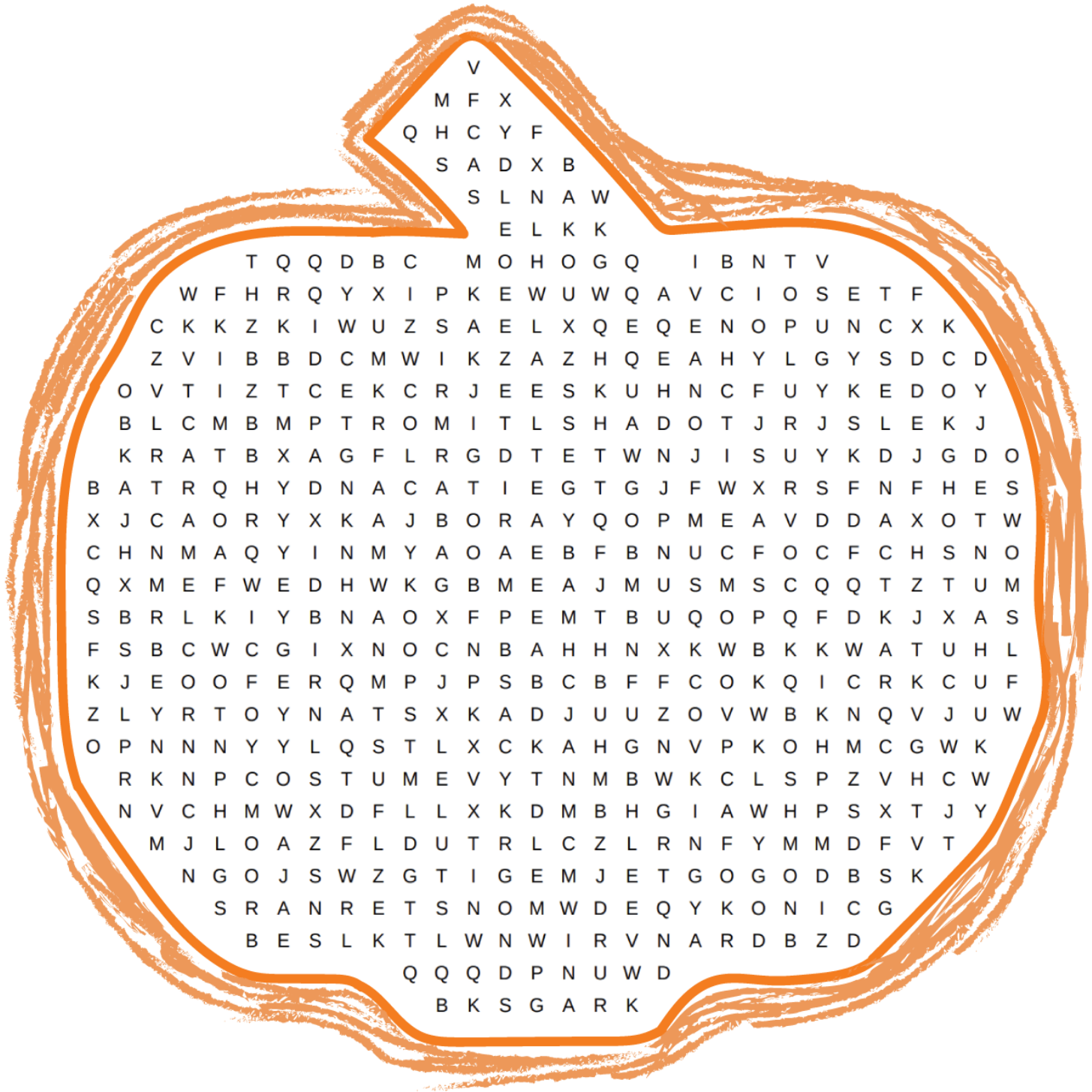
Start making your plans for next year. The Rendezvous will be in Green Bay WI. August 29th—31st. Should be some great weather for riding. You can go to the EWMA web page to register for next year.

Next up for us will be Biketoberfest. October 19th—22nd. Time to sell our raffle tickets. Please be sure to sign out your tickets to get sold. If each member just sold \$100 = 100 tickets, we will be sold out.

Thank You

Jim & Linda

Halloween



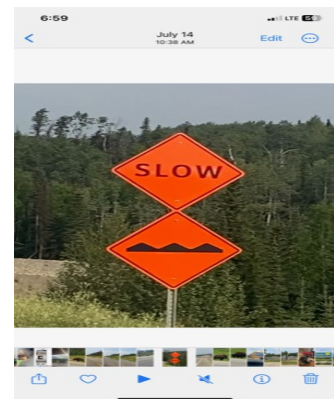
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Jim McGinnis

Motorcycle Safety Tips That All Riders Need to Know

Before the ride

Most people think that the ride begins when you shift in to first and ease off the clutch. Well, technically that's right, but I like to begin my safety checks before I ride. The first 6 items on our list happen before the ride even starts:

1. Select the right bike

Wait. What? Find a bike? What does this even mean? Well, before we start our ride we need to find a bike that suits us. In fact, for new riders selecting their first bike, the task can be as difficult as deciding on your first tattoo. Even motorcycle owners decide to try different bikes from time to time. Perhaps they rent a motorcycle when they travel, or they decide to test ride a bike before they buy. Many riders decide on their next bike based on how the bike looks, when in fact this should be the second or third item you consider. It's important to look at:

- **Overall power – this is a tricky metric. Just because a bike has high displacement, it doesn't mean it's faster. A 700cc motorcycle can be just as fast as a 1400cc. It all depends on the weight**
- **Wet weight – are you about to ride a Harley-Davidson touring bike and have only been on Triumph Bonneville's? This is okay, but make sure you're prepared**
- **Power-to-weight ratio – The higher this number, the faster the bike, and if you learned to ride on a cruiser, be careful. Bikes with higher ratios will have shorter braking distances, faster acceleration, and higher top speeds**
- **Your judgement – sometimes we think about riding a bike and something tells us we shouldn't. Maybe the bike is too big. Maybe you haven't ridden with a sidecar before. Or the bike is too fast. Listen to your gut. Don't get in over your head.**

2. Always wear a full-face helmet

Wear a full-face helmet, with a face shield (or eye protection). Always. My friend Jim rides, and always wears a motorcycle helmet, except "when he just needs to go to the store really quick to get something." Really? Most accidents occur at slow speeds, and even at slow speeds, not wearing a helmet increases your risk. The helmet may save you if you hit a patch of gravel. Or an oil slick. And your head hits...something. It's critical to safe riding. Oh - one more thing. You're probably asking whether a full-face helmet is necessary. An open-face helmet looks so much cooler and isn't nearly as hot in the summer. Right? Sure, but the most common area of impact to a motorcycle helmet is the chin at 19.4%. It's worth wearing a full-face helmet

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3. Wear protective gear – always

There are a few basic rules here. Boots that cover your ankles, an abrasion resistant jacket with armor, long pants or jeans, gloves, and the full-face helmet in #2. If you want more protection, wear motorcycle pants with armor and moto boots. Just because you've never dropped a bike doesn't mean you won't horizontally park one day. You may find yourself asking "do I always need to wear all this gear? How about in the summer? When it's 100°, sweltering, and humid?" Yes. Yes. And Yes. If it's that unbearable, get a vented white helmet and some lighter colored or white gear.

4. Check the weather and know your limits. Then check it again.

To be a safe rider, we need to plan. It takes time to plan a safe ride, and concessions are often made by cautious motorcyclists. Last year, I spent a week riding from [Denver](#) to [Las Vegas](#) in October. And it was lightly snowing. I was wearing rain gear and ski gloves and I wasn't afraid of some light snow. I had spent three months planning for this ride, using [the REVER app](#) to plan the route and different weather apps to check the forecast. But the weather changed daily. So, I needed to re-plan and reroute. Every day. Before bed each night I'd review the forecast, and plan the route. I'd repeat this in the morning. Rain and snow can move in quickly, and if we properly anticipate them, we can make safe decisions. Need to cancel a hotel? It's worth it. Have to catch a later flight? It's worth it. The small financial impact of these choices can save your life.

5. Stay sober

Pilots have a saying: "Eight hours from bottle to throttle." Well, it applies to us too. Safe riding takes all of our concentration. We use all four limbs, our eyes, ears, and nose. We are always aware. I'm not going to start lecturing you on blood-alcohol content, impaired judgement and delayed response time. I'll leave that to the 8th grade health teachers. Just don't do it.

6. Get some rest

This kinda goes without saying, but not really. Being on a motorcycle requires a significant amount of focus; after a long ride, I'm mentally exhausted. So when you ride, make sure you're a safe motorcyclist and get a good night's sleep. Highway hypnosis applies to both drivers and riders, so even when you're well rested, you may get tired during a ride. Take breaks. Stay hydrated. Stretch. And if needed, nap. A few years ago, I was riding the Blue Ridge Parkway and started getting a little tired. I turned into a scenic pullout, parked the bike, found a patch of shade, and took a nap. Just 15 minutes of rest in the grass, using my jacket as a makeshift pillow, was all I needed.

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Riders or Co-Riders Name (circle one) _____ EWMA Member # _____

Street Address, City, State & Zip Code _____

Phone # _____

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Chapter _____

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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 x _____ = _____

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Sit Down Dinner - Thursday Night \$30 x _____ = _____

*** Fully registered attendees only ***

Dinner choices - Circle One for each attendee:

Pineapple Seared Chicken, Seared Mahi Mahi, Manacotti w/ red sauce or spinach cream sauce (pick one)

Ticket Sales

\$5,000 Raffle (Book of 10) \$10 x _____ = _____

Daily 50 / 50 Thursday (Strip of 10) \$5 x _____ = _____

Daily 50 / 50 Friday (Strip of 10) \$5 x _____ = _____

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Florida District Rally (March 14 -16, 2024)

Opens daily at 9:00am

Florida District Directors

Bill & Cheryl Smith

(561) 445-4270

fldd2018@gmail.com

FIRST AID/CPR CLASS OFFERED

Wednesday 03-13-2024 - 11am - 5pm

Limit 20 people Must Be Fully Registered

FL EWMA MEMBERS \$25. (returned upon completion)

NON-FLORIDA EWMA MEMBERS \$35.00

SEPARATE CHECKS NEEDED PAYABLE TO FL DISTRICT

Contact Claudia Vega for availability

561-722-0632 rvega19854@gmail.com

Preregistrations must be postmarked by March 1, 2024

No refunds after February 25, 2024.

After March 1st Registration is \$5.00 higher

\$15 Day Passes will be sold onsite and are good for all events the day of purchase **except Thursday night dinner**

Submit Registration Forms to:

Geno & Kathie Jette

114 Canis Dr E

Orange Park, FL 32073

Make check or money order (US dollars only)

payable to Florida District

If you would like registration confirmation, please ensure you provide an email address

Guided rides on Friday & Saturday

Register by **December 1st, 2023** 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>

ARCTIC CIRCLE and/or BUST

I recently completed a motorcycle trip to the Arctic Circle in Alaska. I thought I would share my observations and experiences about the trip for those of you who might be considering such a ride. The "Alaska Highway" starts in Dawson Creek, British Columbia to Fairbanks Alaska and the "Dalton Highway" starts in Fairbanks Alaska and goes all the way to the Arctic Circle. (About 200 miles of unpaved road.)

It was on my bucket list: Ride to the Arctic Circle north of Fairbanks, Alaska, take the photo of the "Arctic Circle" sign, and return. It was a trip I was glad I took and a trip I will never do again. 6,100 miles in 14 days starting in Livingston, Montana. (We trailered the bikes from Florida to a friend's house in Montana, unloaded the bikes, and the bike trip began.) The average day ride was 435 miles. The roads were in the worst condition I had ever ridden on. I rode my Kawasaki Versys 1000 and not my Honda Gold Wing and was glad I had done so. I was accompanied by my good friend, Jeff Brunelle, who was riding his Yamaha 1200 Super Tenere and not his Gold Wing. There were many riders along the way on Gold Wings and touring Harley Davidsons. It was not that a larger bike like those can't make the trip, it is just the risk of doing some real damage to those types of bikes is too great. There were some places we rode that bigger streets bike could not safely traverse. There were times we were struggling to keep the adventure bikes upright and that was the type of terrain the adventure bikes were made for. I think if I were to attempt the trip again it would be on a smaller Enduro Dirt Bike. At one of our stops on the way through Canada we met two guys who were trailer-ing two Yamaha TW200s Enduro Bikes. We should have taken that as a clue as to what type of riding conditions we were about to experience.

There were several different types of roads we encountered: Smooth paved asphalt, asphalt rough gravel mix, soft asphalt over dirt, soft dirt that when wet was like riding on ice, hard packed dirt, rough gravel dirt mix, and loose large gravel which was very dusty. (It was like riding in a London fog. We could no longer see the road in front of us or anything else for that matter until the dust settled.) We got to hate seeing "orange signs". An orange sign meant trouble ahead. (We saw many such signs.) Sometimes the sign just meant a new patch job ahead. Sometimes the orange sign meant miles of dirt and gravel road. Sink-holes under the blacktop were common with fissures big enough they could swallow your front wheel. There were many "follow me" construction trucks to lead us through the active construction areas. They often drove much faster than we could safely ride on across the loose terrain. I concluded that Canadians and Alaskans must have much better eyesight than we do in the lower US. All of the road signs were about 1/3 of the size we are used to reading. In order to read them I often had to slow down to do so.

We saw much of the native wildlife. Most of which were chipmunks running across the road in front of us much like squirrels do. This happened about 19 ½ times. (If you get my meaning: poor chipmunk.) We saw mountain goats, deer, caribou, moose, a grizzly bear, two black bears, antelope, porcupines, a red fox, a white eagle (extremely rare), buffalo, very large crows, and some very friendly stray dogs looking for a hand out (I

complied). There was one interesting black bear encounter. I rounded a curve where there was a solid granite mountain to my left and a metal guard rail to my right. A large black bear was walking right down the middle of the road in a head on path towards me. I had to come to a complete stop. I was anticipation a quick U-turn to get away from the bear but he decided to hop over the guard rail. (Another reason to learn how to do a U-turn which is not usually covered in a Basic Rider Course.) There was a bit of an adrenaline rush there.

The Canadian Rockies from Calgary to Jasper were beautiful with good roads. On our return trip from Alaska we choose to try Route 37 instead of the Alaska Highway. It started at the Yukon border with British Columbia and went south ending in Smithers, BC. It was a much more enjoyable, curvy, and mostly paved road with little construction.

There was no phone cell service many times. Not having phone service sometimes lasted for hours and sometimes as much as 100 miles. We brought a satellite phone which we had to use a couple of times. Not having cell service also meant not having phone GPS capabilities to find a gas station or food. We carried an extra 2 gallons of gas on each bike which we had to use once. Gas up and get food at every opportunity.

So there you have it. Would I recommend taking the trip? Definitely "Yes". Would I recommend doing it on a large fancy bike you care about? Definitely "NO!"

**Enjoy the ride and ride safe,
Dominick & Diane**



RIDE LOCATIONS

#1— Sonic's Ridgewood Ave., Holly Hill

#3 McDonald's US 92 & I 95, Daytona Beach

#2—Sonic's Ridgewood Ave., South Daytona

#4 RACETRAX Gas Station 2087 LPGA Blvd.

OCTOBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 DQ 3817 Clyde Morris Blvd meet here at 7pm.	7
8	9 FL1-K 6 pm IHOP 212 Palm Coast Pkwy Palm Coast	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 fl1-h MEETING Houligan's 1725 W ISB Daytona Beach eat at 6p meeting 7p	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Dinner ride to Grind & Gastropub 49 W. Granada Loc. #1 1pm	30	31 				

Biketoberfest

ACTIVES CALENDAR

September 20th FL1-H Chapter Meeting Houligan's 1725 W International Speedway Blvd. Eat at 6pm meeting at 7pm

September 21st Cruise & Dine 6:30 pm meet at 5:30pm 125 Basin St. Suite 140 Daytona Beach Halifax Marina. \$38.89 per person. Make your reservations now before the cruise is sold out. They now offer Prime Rib on the menu.

September 28th—30th Alabama District Rally Lakepoint Resort 104 Lakepoint Dr Eufaula Al. 334-687-8011

October 6th Ice Cream Social DQ 3817 Clyde Morris Blvd. Port Orange. Meet here 7pm.

October 9th FL1-K Chapter meeting IHOP 212 Palm Coast Parkway Palm Coast Eat at 6pm meeting at 7pm.

October 18th FL1-H Chapter meeting Houligan's 1725 W International Speedway Blvd. Daytona Beach Eat at 6pm meeting at 7pm

October 19th—22nd Biketoberfest

October 29th Dinner ride to Grind Gastropub & Kona Tiki Bar 49 W. Granada Blvd. Ormond Beach. Leave location #1 Sonics Ridgewood Ave. Holly Hill at 1pm or meet at the restaurant at 2pm.

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