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CLEARWATER, FLORIDA**

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KICK TIRES

1st, 2nd, & 4th Thursdays

See Calendar for Location*

Eat at 6:00; Meet at 7:00 p.m.

*** Visit us online:**

www.suncoastwings.com



GENERAL GATHERING

October 16, 2025

Country Skillet

2839 Roosevelt Blvd. Clearwater, Florida

Eat at 6:00; Meet at 7:00 p.m.



Chapter Directors Message

Yikes! Here it is October already and it won't be long before the holidays are upon us! Each year seems to go by faster than the last.

Steve led rides to the Asian Buffet in Wesley Chapel on September 7 and to the Brach Shack in Aburndale on the 13th. Curtis pinch hit for Steve while he was out of town and led a ride to the Golden Corral in Zephyrhills on Saturday, September 20. We've missed going to Golden Corral since the ones near us closed, so this was a nice treat. While Steve handled a triathlon on Captiva Island, Curtis led the group to the Pioneer Restaurant in Zolpo Springs on the 28th. Pioneer was a substitution due to rain. The food was good and the prices were pretty reasonable.

Thank you, Steve, for making that long trip for the triathlon and "bringin' home the bacon" for Chapter M!



Happy Halloween!

Here's a link to the Florida District Events calendar for information on upcoming events:

<http://www.ewma-florida.org/events.html>

Check out more ride and event photos on the Chapter M website at

https://suncoastwings.com/chapter_m_photo.html



Curtis & Kim Palmore
Chapter Directors FL1-M

Ride Safe!

Rider Education Corner

EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



YOUR MOTORCYCLE SKILL LEVEL

It is unfortunate that many motorcyclists are involved in crashes. In almost a third of all crashes the rider took no evasive action to avoid the crash or did so too late to avoid the crash. This statistic comes from a recent National Transportation Safety Board report on the causes of motorcycle crashes.

Rider education and on-road experiences stress the need for motorcyclists to pay strict attention to the road ahead and do their best to avoid dangerous situations before they occur. But motorcyclists are human, and distractions and/or a lack of riding skills can result in a crash.

So what can be done to help a motorcyclist reduce the chances of being involved in a crash? Let's start with "A Basic Rider's Course." There are many things in that course to learn about besides just knowing how to physically maneuver a motorcycle. Knowing how you as a human react to different situation as well as how your motorcycle will react is very helpful in saving you some grief. Many riders like me were self taught on how to ride which may have included being taught by an untrained rider. How do you know the information you are being given by that untrained person is correct? I was self taught to ride a motorcycle 28 years before I became a Motorcycle Instructor. When I went to Instructor's School I found out there were things I had been doing wrong and things I didn't know. I had a few mishaps on my bikes during my first 28 years of riding that could have been avoided had I first been given the proper instruction. I have been a MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) Instructor now for 28 years which has been very beneficial to me as well as riders I have trained.

Another thing that can help a seasoned rider is to take a one-day motorcycle refresher course. Physical skills perish with time. You might say "I ride all the time so I don't need any refresher course." The physical skills that perish over time are not the casual everyday riding skills. It is the emergency maneuvers that you don't usually get a chance to practice. It is too late to find out during an emergency that you cannot react properly. The riding skills you must stay proficient in are: Emergency Braking, Swerving and Cornering. These are the type of exercises you will practice in a one-day riding course. What better place to practice these skills than on an empty safe parking lot. It is better to see how well you react in a simulated situation with nothing to hit, rather than to improperly react in real traffic and slam into a car.

For older riders the benefit of taking a refresher course is self assessment. See if you can still properly handle the machine you are riding. You might find you do not still possess the physical strength to control the bike you are on. You might realize that your current bike is now too heavy to hold up during stops. You might decide to go to a lighter bike or even to a three-wheel motorcycle so you can continue to safely ride.

Rider Education Corner

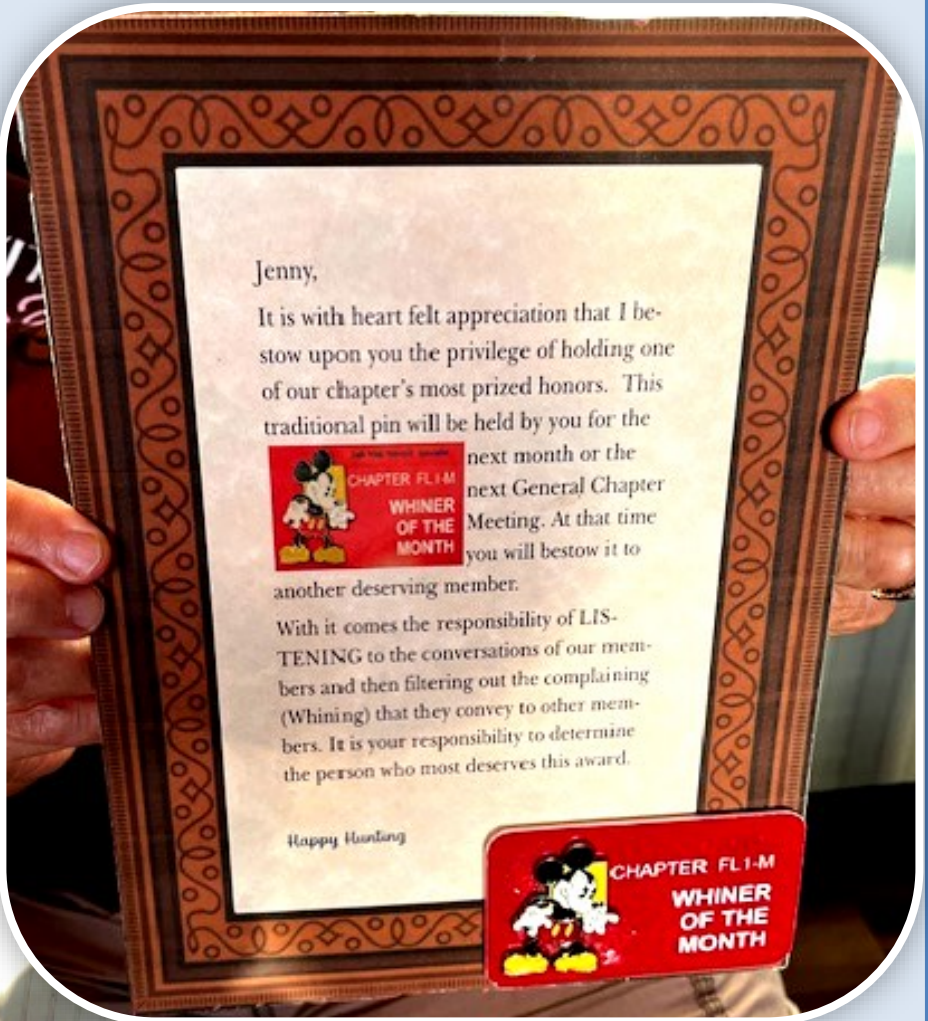
Two-wheel, Trike, Sport Bike and Adventure Bike Classes are all available. The internet is a wonderful thing. Just "Google" the type of class you want and you will find it there. The Tampa Police Motorcycle Unit conducts a one day riding course once a month. Some other agencies in our State also provide this service. They are: Collier County, Osceola County, Gainesville, Jacksonville, and Palm Beach County. The website to find an agency is: fl-msp.com. It is paid for with a Florida State Grant. You bring your own bike and they will put you through exercises to refresh your riding skills. For the Tampa area Google: Tampa SMART-Safe Motorcycle and Rider Techniques Course and the site will come up with the sign-up page. The course is free. So consider taking a one-day refresher Riding Course for your safety as well as the safety of the loved ones riding with you.



Ride safe and watch out for hazards,
Dominick & Diane DeSiato
District Safety/Ride Coordinators

September Kick Tire Fun

Paul Begin, August's Whiner of the Month awardee, outdid himself by creating a cute plaque which outlines the distinctive privilege and responsibility associated with Chapter M's Whiner Award. In the spirit of FUN Paul presented the plaque to Jennie Cox, October's Whiner recipient. Jennie immediately *whined* that Paul spelled her name wrong! She has the pin, so she can WHINE all she wants!!! *You go GIRL!*



Jerry Costell showed off his new tattoo at our September 26 Kick Tire. It's an interesting choice to have a guy pushing a lawn mower on your mostly bald head. (Maybe the little guy needs an edger to get those sides?)



FLORIDA DISTRICT/EWMA 2025 EVENTS

DATE

EVENT

LOCATION

Oct 16 - 18, 2025

Mississippi District Rally
"EWMA... The New Frontier"

Biloxi, MS

Jan 1, 2026

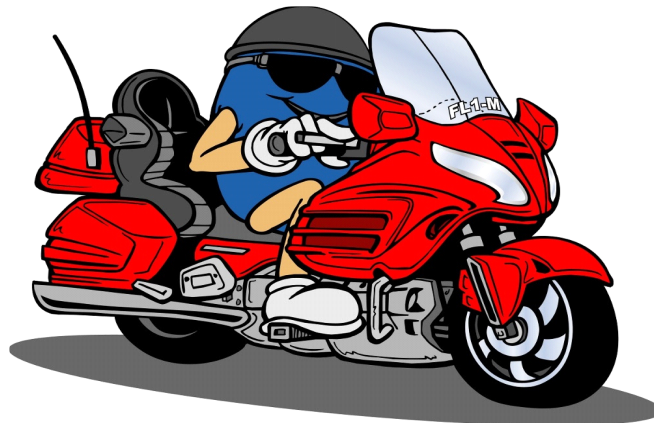
1st Ride of the Year!
"SHRIMP- R-US and more"

Welaka, FL

Mar 12 - 14, 2026

Florida District Rally
"Happy 250th Birthday America!"

Gainesville, FL



To view fliers with more details on these events, click below

<http://www.ewma-florida.org/events.html>

FLORIDA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER:

TO ACCESS THE CURRENT DISTRICT NEWSLETTER CLICK ON THIS LINK:

<http://www.ewma-florida.org/newsletter.html>

CHAPTER FL1-M'S October 2025 CALENDAR

All Riders Meetings (RM) will be at the Wawa's at US 19 and Roosevelt Blvd.
unless otherwise noted. Be sure to fill your tank with gas before the RM.

Kick Tires and General Gatherings: Eat at 6 p.m.; Meet at 7 p.m.

Visit us at: suncoastwings.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Kick Tire Acropol 1170 Starkey Rd. Largo	3	4 RM 9:00 a.m. Bree's Riverside Nobleton
5	6 RM 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Ride	7	8	9 Kick Tire Bob Evans 2183 Gulf to Bay Clearwater	10	11
12 RM 9:00 a.m. Riverside Seafood & Chicken Lakeland	13	14	15	16 General Gather- ing Country Skillet 2839 Roosevelt Blvd, Clearwater	17	18 RM 9:00 a.m. Sleepy Hollow Fish Camp Floral City
19	20 RM 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Ride	21	22	23 Kick Tire Sonny's BBQ 2250 Seminole Blvd., Largo	24	25 RM 9:00 a.m. Cherry Pocket Lake Wales
26	27	28	29	30 Kick Tire Mike's Deli 13560 49th St. N. Clearwater	31 	

Have a Spooky
Halloween!
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Celebrating Special Days!

October

Birthdays

10/03 Chuck Miller
10/08 Nancy Brunson
10/12 Bill Zulas
10/13 Pam Richards
10/16 Roger Hills



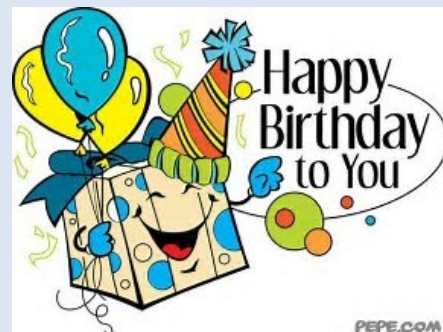
Anniversaries

10/30 Bill & Ann Zulas

November

Birthdays

11/08 Vicki Oldham
11/12 Debbie Magness
11/14 Leland Smith



Anniversaries

11/27 Mark & Nancy Brunson