



Liberty Wings

May 2026 News



Greetings fellow riders, hope everyone has had a chance to enjoy some of this great weather we have had the last few weeks. The ride to Mentone for lunch was exceptional, for the fellowship and fun. We rode almost all day with some great friends and had the best time. We just returned from the Tennessee Rally and had a great time there visiting with some old friends and family. The district picnic is coming up next week May the 9th at Rickwood Caverns in Warrior, AL from 10 till 2. The next week we will be going to the Old Cookstove in Danville for lunch. On the 23rd we will be trying out the new Italian place in Helena and on the 30 we will be meeting Chapter A from Mobile for lunch at Ezell's fish camp on the river in Lavaca, Alabama.

Upcoming 14-16th will be the South Carolina Rally in Pediment, SC. And next will be the Georgia Rally in Helen, GA June the 4-6th. That will bring us up to the Alabama District Rally in Decatur, AL. If you have not registered please do so, we still have time to **outdo** Chapter N for the largest chapter in attendance. Also the hotel rooms are quickly selling out so be sure to book yours soon. If you are planning on attending this year, we are in charge of the games and could really use your help in manning them.

The chapter is planning on doing a chapter skit. If you are interested in participating please get in touch with Sarah and let her know. We are planning on doing something different this year at the rally, so we are going to be doing a rally shirt. We have not done this in several years, but thought that with our Countries 250th Anniversary we should do one. We will have pricing and order information available hopefully by the end of next week after our meeting.

Please make plans to attend our next monthly meeting May 12th for some fun and fellowship. Until then please keep the rubber to the ground and the sunny side up. As always remember all of our events are 2, 3 of 4 wheel events.

Thanks for everything you all do to make this chapter the huge success.

Philip Teasley and Sarah Keeton

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction." – Ronald Reagan



The 10 Most Common Motorcycle Accidents And How To Avoid Them



Accidents happen. Because we know they can happen, we must be aware of our surroundings and be prepared to react appropriately when they do.

Motorcycle accidents are even more dangerous for the rider and bikers must take precautions and learn ways to avoid accidents when circumstances arise.

Below are 10 of the most common motorcycle accidents and ways to avoid them:

1. A car turns left in front of you: Drivers are programmed to look for cars, big objects, and not necessarily motorcycles. Motorcycles are small and harder to spot which causes some drivers to miss the motorcycle and make the turn despite oncoming traffic.

How to Avoid: See it coming. Look for signs and situations that might predict an oncoming car's actions. If you prepare yourself for the worst, you will be on the lookout and ready to slow your bike or take other actions to protect yourself.

2. Debris in the road: Sand, gravel, leaves, etc... Can pile up in corners of a turn in the road and wipe you, and your bike, out!

How to Avoid: Don't hit it, if you can. Ride at a pace that allows for an appropriate reaction time. If you are traveling too fast, you may not see a danger until you are upon it. Your pace should reflect your visibility of the road so your reaction time does not suffer.

3. You enter a corner too fast: ...and now you aren't going to make it around.

How to Avoid: First, don't ride recklessly. Drive at a pace that is appropriate for the road conditions and for your visibility. If you can't read the road to know where it is going or turning, slow down.

If it is too late, and you are coming around the curve, trust your bike and attempt to ride it out. Your bike is likely more capable than you so do not brake hard, hit the throttle, or do anything else that may upset the bike.

4. A car changes their lane into you: Motorcycles are small and often fit into blind spots.

How to Avoid: If you cannot see a car driver's eyes in their mirrors, they probably cannot see you either. Try to stay out of potential blind spots and be aware of situations where cars are more likely to change lanes. Situations like merging lanes, cars with a blinker on, and a driver checking lanes should alert you that their vehicle could move at any moment.

5. A car hits you from behind: Sometimes you must stop quickly and if the person behind you is not paying attention, they can rear end you on your bike. Rear-end collisions can kill bikers.

How to Avoid: Use other cars as your buffer. Try to politely pull in front of an already stopped car at a red light so that if a rear-end collision occurs; they will take the most of the impact. If there is not a car to use as a buffer, stick to the side of the lane instead of the center. This may allow you to scoot out of the way more quickly if a car is not able to stop without hitting you.

6. Your riding group is questionable: People in your group are not paying attention or are playing around, and then bump into the back of your bike.

How to Avoid: Discuss riding etiquette before getting on the road with a group. This might also include riding in a staggered formation to give every rider better vision and keep fender benders amongst the bikes from happening.

7. Your front brake locked up: Something caused you to hit the brakes hard, you squeeze your front brakes, and then you see your bike flip down the road after you hit the ground.

How to Avoid: Learn your bike and learn your brakes. Practice braking at increasing speeds so that your comfort level is high in the event you need to brake hard. Another option is to buy a bike with an Antilock Braking System and use it in the event of a quick stop.

8. A car opened its door: You are traveling down a street and a car parked on the side of the road opens their door, and you hit it, or it hits you.

How to Avoid: Never ride between active traffic and a line of parked cars. Not only do car doors swing out, but pedestrians may step out into your path as well.

9. Wet roads: Weather conditions affect how you and others drive. Some drivers maintain normal speed and habits although they may be too fast for conditions.

How to Avoid: Make sure your tires are in good condition. Riding on worn tires is never a safe idea, especially if the roads are wet. Also, stay off the roads if the rain or snow will affect your visibility. If you can't see in front of you, others probably can't see you and you won't be able to see hazards in your way.

10. The Most Common Motorcycle Accident: Drinking and Driving. Most motorcycle accidents involve alcohol.

How to Avoid: Don't do it.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month



LOOK TWICE, SAVE A LIFE
Motorcycle Awareness

“We are the land of the free because of the brave.”

The staff and I would like remind you that if you have something of interest to Chapter Members, pictures, articles or whatever pertaining to EWMA, or our chapter please feel free to send us the information And we will include it in the next newsletter. You can contact us at

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The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese in the trap.

If you have not already done so, please visit and sign up at our FaceBook Page at [Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association E.W.M.A. Alabama Chapter Y](#)

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Region A {AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN}

Rally & Ride-In Schedule 2026

May 14 – 16, 2026	2026 SC District Rally Happy Anniversary America 250 Years Proud!	Piedmont Community Center 3 Main St Piedmont, SC 29673
June 4 - 6, 2026	2026 Georgia District Rally Happy Birthday America	Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott 8035 S. Main St. Helen, GA 706-892-1225
June 25 - 27, 2026	2026 Alabama District Rally Living in America	DoubleTree by Hilton Riverfront 1101 6th Avenue NE Decatur, Alabama 256-355-3150
September 3 - 5, 2026	Eagle Wings Rendezvous 4th Annual Rally	Hyatt Place Sharonville 11345 Chester Rd Cincinnati, OH 45246
September 24 - 26, 2026	E.W.M.A. North Carolina & Region-A-Rally “United We Stand”	Clarion Pointe Hotel 2807 US Hwy 74 East, Sylva, NC 828-586-3315 Opt #2
October 15 – 17, 2026	E.W.M.A. Mississippi District Rally “America The Beautiful”	St Martin Community Center 15008 Lemoyne Blvd, Biloxi, MS (There is no host hotel)

Door Prizes	Name
January	Chapter Y
February	Chapter Y
March	Denise Spense & Pepper Loveless
April	Mickey & Carol Willis
May	Keith & Joyce Cochran
June	Danny Baker
July	Jackie Knapp & Olen Dover
August	Clyde Herring
September	Robert & Gail Brown
October	Linda Teasley
November	Russ & Brenda Christie
December	Chapter Christmas Party

Why do psychics have to ask you your name?

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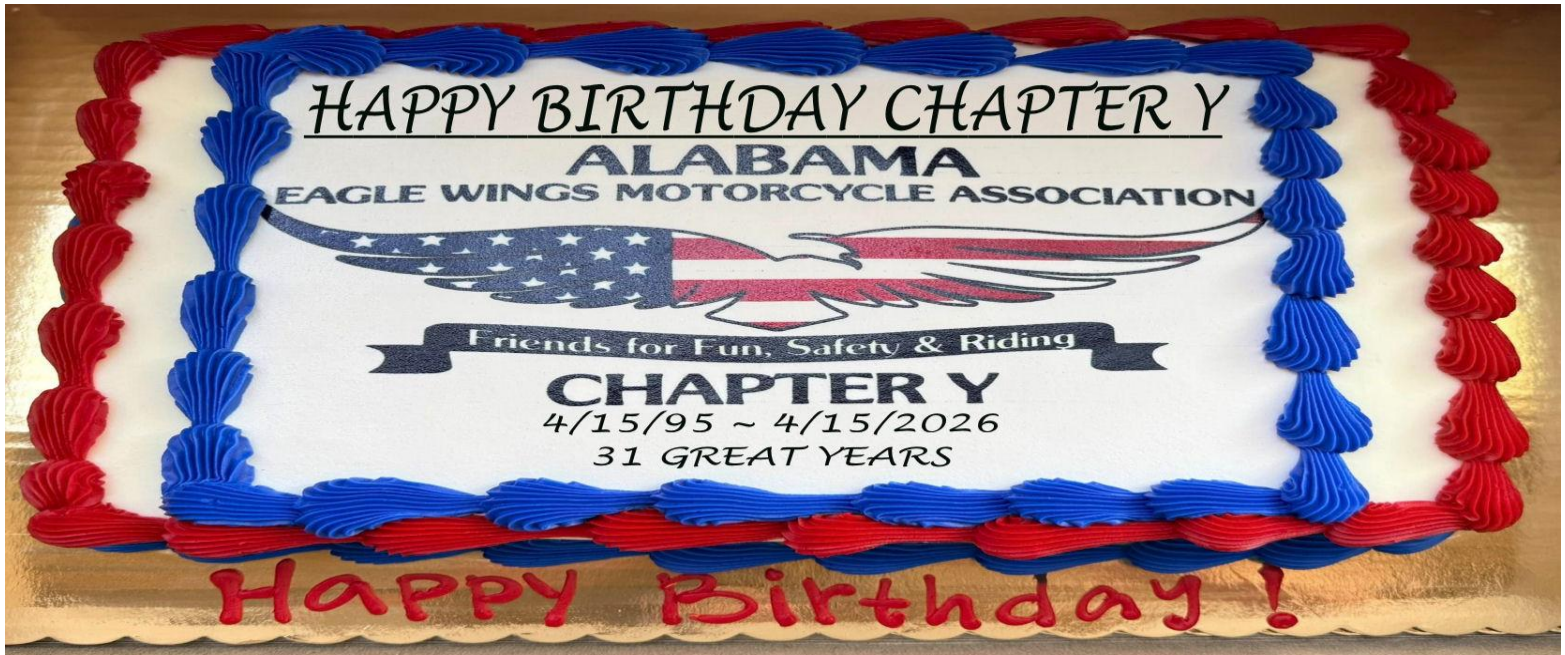
Pictures

Top O'the River 4/4/2026



Chapter Y Birthday Picnic, Tannehill State Park

4/11/2026



I'm going to change my name on Facebook to "Nobody," so when I see someone posting something stupid I can Like their post and it will say "Nobody likes this."



**“People often say that motivation doesn’t last.
Well, neither does bathing — that’s why we recommend it daily.”**



“To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.”

Monthly Meeting 4/14/2026



“Don’t worry about the world coming to an end today. It’s already tomorrow in Australia.”

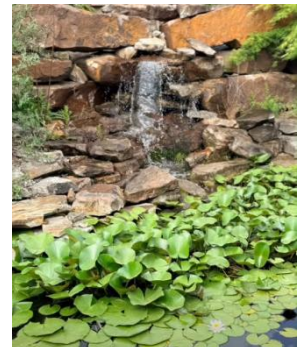


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gots 'em
some new
kicks!

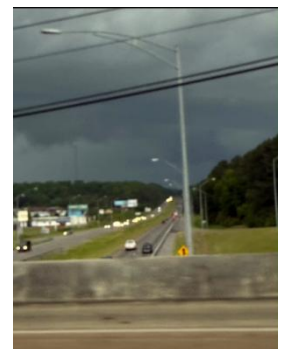
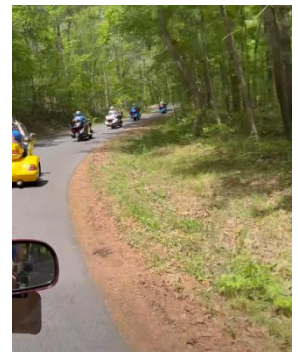
You just can't
hide money!



Wildflower Café 4/18/2026



The secret of my success?
I make a list of things not to do, and then I check them off as I don't do them."



Just because we accept you as you are doesn't mean we've abandoned hope you'll improve.



NOTES



If any of you have not done so, please register for the Alabama District Rally, June 25, 26 & 27th. Besides having a great time you will help us, **YET AGAIN** beat those people in the northern part of the state!

The Run for the Wall group will be coming thru our area on Tuesday May 19, 2026. We usually meet at the Deerfoot Parkway Bridge to support them and it's usually between 11:30 - 12:30 or so when they pass thru our area. After the RFTW group has passed we usually move elsewhere for lunch, if possible you should consider joining us in supporting them.

Proud To Be





UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

250TH ANNIVERSARY

— 1776 — 2026 —



**If you don't attend the rides or events,
you have no idea what you might miss.....**



Grinchette

Today is the first day of the rest of your life. But so was yesterday, and look how that turned out.

Celebrate!

Happy birthday!



May Birthdays

6th Joyce Cochran
7th Jackie Knapp
25th Rusty Lockhart
26th Brenda Christie

"Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else."

***Birthday cake
calories don't count***



"Statistics show that those who have the most birthdays live the longest."

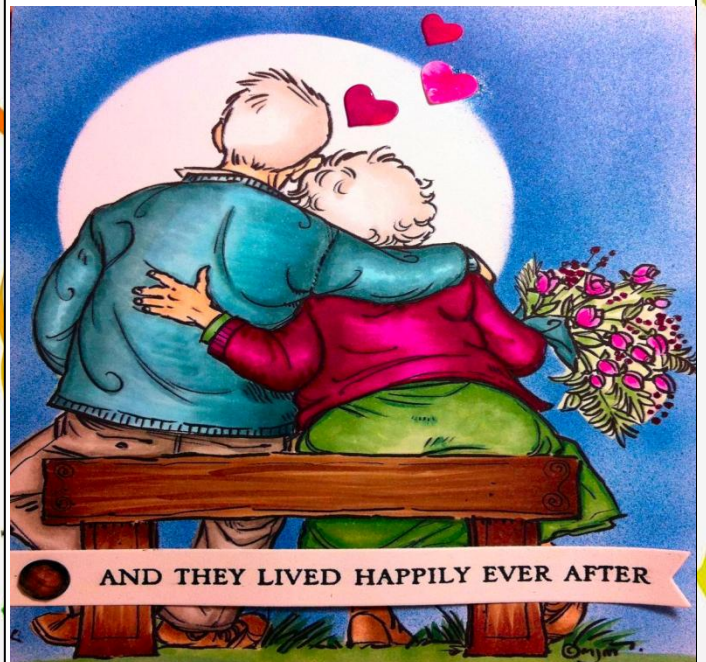
Happy Anniversary



May Anniversaries

27th Keith & Joyce Cochran

"When someone is murdered, the police investigate the spouse first. That tells you everything you need to know about marriage." Katharine Hepburn





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Region A {AL/FL/GA/MS/NC/SC/TN}



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
26	27	28	29	30		2 Miss Myra's BBQ 3278 Cahaba Heights Rd, Lunch 11 a.m. Blue Shirt TBD ~ *	
3	4		6	7	8	9 District Picnic Rickwood Caverns 370 Rickwood Park Rd Warrior, 10 a.m.-~2 p.m. Red Shirt TBD ~ *	
10	11	12 AL-Y Monthly Meeting White House Restaurant 9830 Old Hwy 31 Warrior, Eat 6 pm/Meet 7pm	13	14	15		16 The Old Cookstove 89 Reeder Rd, Danville Lunch 11a.m. Blue Shirt TBD ~ *
17	18	19		20	21	22	23 Due Amici Italian 4085 Helena Rd, Helena, lunch 11 a.m. Red Shirt TBD ~ *
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Ezell's Fish Camp Lunch Ride/Chapter's AL-A & AL-Y 11 a.m. 776 Ezell Road, Lavaca Blue Shirt TBD ~ *	
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TBD ~ To be Decided (we don't know yet!) Watch your email for updates!

* = Check/watch your email for more details