November 2026

Rocket City Wings EWMA AL-B Newsletter



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Welcome to the November Issue……

As November begins, Halloween is behind us and the official holiday season has begun. And Fall is officially here with a break in the temperatures, leaves changing colors, and brisk evenings. This is my favorite time of year and a great time to ride.

However, around this part of Alabama, we never know what each day's weather will bring. We've had warm temperatures and a tornado one day and snow the very next. Planning rides will be iffy but we will plan what we can and throw in some impromptu rides when weather permits. Keep an eye on your email and the Facebook group.

Make sure to check out the calendar for our dinner rides. Kathy has put together a great set of restaurants. Thanks Kathy!

Please reach out if you have any ride ideas, gatherings for lunch, Dairy Queen runs, etc. One day soon we need to get a Bug Run scheduled.

Send in any ideas you have and we'll get them scheduled.
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Don't Forget





November



Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Addresses for each event below…. 						1 Breakfast 8am City Café Diner
2	3 Dinner 6pm **Nothing but Noodles** Meet at 5:15 to ride	4	5	6	7 Ride to Rattlesnake Saloon Details on page 12	8 Breakfast 8am City Café Diner
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Addresses

Kacey's Country Buffet 10017 Memorial Pkwy SW Huntsville, AL 35803
City Café Diner 2003 Drake Ave SW Huntsville, AL 35801

Nothing but Noodles 6125 University Dr NW Huntsville, AL 35806
Twin Peaks 5901 University Drive NE Huntsville, AL 35806
Outback Steakhouse 4777 Whitesburg Dr SW Huntsville, AL 35802

To ride to dinner, meet at 5:15 @ Extra Space Storage 11607 Mem Pkwy SW HSV, AL 35803

**REMEMBER TO ALWAYS CHECK YOUR EMAIL and our Facebook page as Ride Locations and Times ARE SUBJECT to change.
BE SURE TO RSVP TO ANY EVENT via email, Facebook, or text Faye



Our current plan is to ride the 1st and 3rd Saturday each month, weather permitting. Exceptions will be made to work around the EWMA Rally schedule. Fall is in full swing so let's head to the mountains!

Changes to rides will be sent via email and Facebook.

Nov 7 **Rattlesnake Saloon, Tuscumbia, AL**
Relaxed, funky watering hole under a giant rock with a menu of appetizers, burgers & sandwiches. 1292 Mt Mills Rd, Tuscumbia, AL 35674

Nov 21 **David Crockett State Park, Lawrenceburg, TN**
Encompassing 1,400 acres, invites visitors to step back in time and immerse themselves in the legacy of the legendary frontiersman. Nestled in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, this park offers a blend of natural beauty and historical significance.

Dec 5 **Chapter Christmas Party**
Details to be determined.

2027 Happy New Year

Jan 1 **District Gathering Sponsored by AL-Y**
New Year's Day Ride to Wintzells Oyster House
Guntersville, AL
Ride details to be determined.





Happenings around the Chapter……

September 29th Dinner at Big Ed's Pizza Pratt Ave.













October 3rd Wings on the Farm





















Happenings around the Chapter……

October 6th Dinner at West End Grill













October 11th Blayke's Brigade Ride



















MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Getting to Know the Members of Rocket City Wings

Paul Neal





1. How long have you been riding?
Seriously since 2014. But started out on a mini bike when I was a child.

2. First motorcycle?
Minibike when I was a child then bought a 2005 Goldwing Trike



3. Current motorcycle?
2012 Goldwing Trike (Roadsmith)

4. Favorite ride?
Any Ride!!!

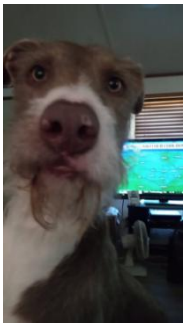


5. Dream destination?
So far Orlando Florida. My first Motorcycle Rally.

6. Best motorcycle memory?
My first motorcycle rally and then my first EWMA motorcycle rally

7. Favorite part about being a chapter member?
The camaraderie of members getting together and riding plus going out to eat.

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8. Tell us something about yourself that has nothing to do with motorcycles.
I was happily married for 29 and a half years. We knew each other 5 years before me and Anna got married.



Different bikes. ★ Different roads. ★ One incredible family. That's Rocket City Wings!



November Safety Corner:
Master the Language of the Road: Hand Signals for Riding

When riding motorcycles, effective communication is essential for safety and coordination. Many of us rely on Citizens Band (CB) radios to communicate during group rides. However, not everyone has a CB, and sometimes equipment fails. That's where hand signals come in. These simple gestures help riders communicate clearly, even when radios aren't available.

The Significance of Hand Signals:
Motorcycles lack the size and visibility of larger vehicles, making it crucial for riders to utilize additional means of communication. Hand signals serve as a universal language on the road, allowing riders to communicate their intentions to other motorists, pedestrians, and fellow riders. They provide an extra layer of clarity and help ensure that everyone on the road is aware of the rider's actions.

Basic Hand Signals Every Rider Should Know:
Left Turn, Right Turn, Stop or Slow Down

Additional Hand Signals for Advanced Communication:
Hazard on Road, Overtaking or Passing, Staggered Riding Formation

Practice and Familiarization:
To effectively utilize hand signals, practice is essential. Spend time becoming familiar with each gesture and ensure that your signals are clear, deliberate, and easily visible to other road users. It's equally important to educate your fellow riding companions about the hand signals, especially if you are riding in a group.

Conclusion:
Hand signals are a vital aspect of motorcycle riding, enabling effective communication when traditional indicators may not suffice. By mastering these gestures and incorporating them into your riding routine, you enhance your safety and improve the overall coordination on the road. Remember, clear and confident hand signals ensure that your intentions are understood by other road users, fostering a safer and more enjoyable riding experience for everyone. So, embrace the language of the road and ride with confidence, knowing that your hand signals speak volumes.

Master the Language of the Road:
Hand Signals for Riding (Continued)





Left turn
Arm and hand extending left, palm facing down



Right turn
Arm out, bent at 90° angle, fist clinched.



Stop
Arm extended straight down, palm facing back.



Speed Up
Arm extended straight out, palm facing up, swing upward.



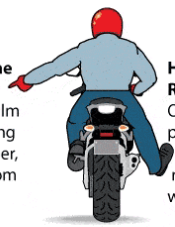
Slow Down
Arm extended straight out, palm facing down, swing down to your side.



Follow Me
Arm extended straight up from shoulder, palm forward.



You Lead/Come
Arm extended upward 45°, palm forward pointing with index finger, swing in arc from back to front.



Hazard in Roadway
On the left, point with left hand; on the right, point with right foot.



Single File
Arm and index finger extended straight up.



Double File
Arm with index and middle finger extended straight up.



Comfort Stop
Forearm extended, fist clenched with short up and down motion.



Refreshment Stop
Fingers closed, thumb to mouth.



Turn Signal On
Open and close hand with fingers and thumb extended.



Pull Off
Arm positioned as for right turn, forearm swung toward shoulder.



Cops Ahead
Tap on top of helmet with open palm down.



Fuel
Arm out to side pointing to tank with finger extended.

A Break in the Heat—
and a Ride to Remember

On September 26th, we finally got the day we had waited for all summer: a break in the heat. Just seven days earlier, we had canceled a ride when temperatures reached 99°F with a heat index of 110°F. Riding in that heat feels like sitting in front of a giant convection oven.

With a forecast high of 80°F, we had to take advantage of a beautiful day. The temperatures were in the upper 60s when we all left our houses to head over to Galen's Restaurant in New Hope for some breakfast. After we fueled up on coffee and some food, six trikes headed out toward Lake Guntersville.

We started out traveling down Hwy 431 south to Guntersville before turning onto Hwy 227 toward Langston. Once we turned off Hwy 431 and got over to the back side of the lake, the scene looked a little different than it had a few years ago. Lots of new houses had been built. But the roads stayed the same, curving around through the trees and hills. One moment we caught that familiar fishy lake smell; around the next curve, the fresh smell of pine trees greeted us. As we passed through the campground in the state park, we caught the smell of a campfire – and who doesn't love that? There was a light breeze, fantastic sunshine, and wonderful outdoor smells! It was a perfect day for a ride!

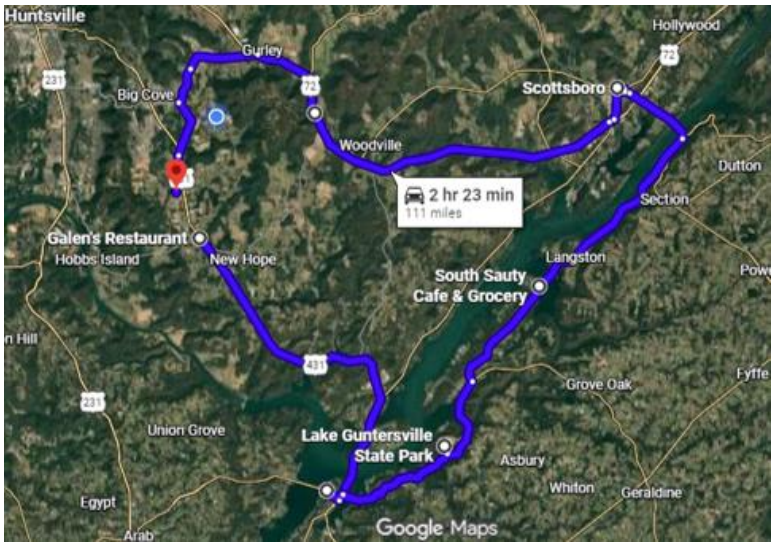
To top off a perfect day, we stopped at the South Sauty Creek Store in Langston for a comfort stop and enjoyed some hot homemade cobbler with ice cream. Though some of us just enjoyed a Diet Coke. Just as tasty.

Eventually, our perfect day had to come to an end. We headed home, making our way to Hwy 72 for the ride back to Huntsville.

Many thanks to our Lead Rider, Faye, and our Tailgunner, Paul, for doing a fantastic job. My favorite place in the group is next to last, giving Paul a front-row seat to my enthusiasm for the scenery! Thank you, Paul, for your patience. There was so much to enjoy on this beautiful day.

Debbie Applegate





A Break in the Heat—
and a Ride to Remember

Starting the day with breakfast.







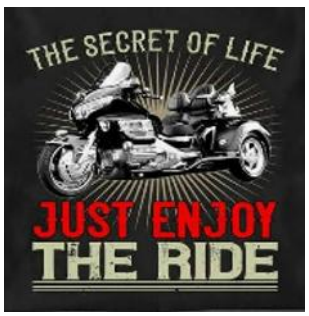
Comfort stops should always include cobbler and ice cream.







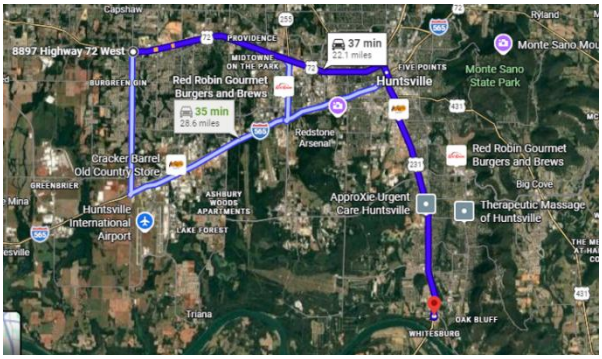




Ride Details……

November 7th Ride Rattlesnake Saloon, Tuscumbia, AL

Suggested route. Subject to change.
If you know a better route, please let us know.



First leg meetup for South Huntsville riders:
Meet: RaceTrac 13401 Memorial Pkwy SW, HSV 35803
KSU: 8:30am Ride Lead: Faye Gersch

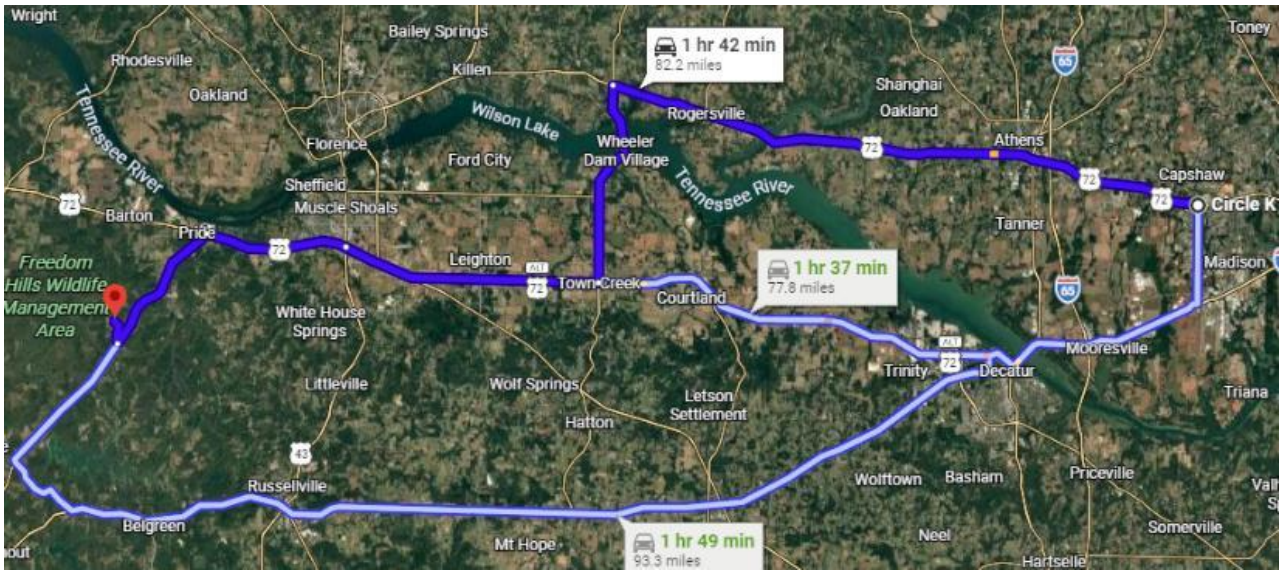
Arrive at Circle K Madison. Approximate time: 45 min.

Second leg meetup with Limestone County riders:
Meet: Circle K 8897 Hwy 72 W Madison, AL 35758
KSU: 9:30am Ride Lead: Floyd and Audrey McQueen

1 hr 42 min (82.2 miles)

Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto US-72 W	44 min (35.8 mi)
Turn left onto AL-101 S	15 min (12.4 mi)
Continue on US-72 ALT W to Colbert County	26 min (23.7 mi)
Continue on AL-247 S. Drive to Mt Mills Rd	12 min (10.1 mi)

RattleSnake Saloon
1292 Mt Mills Rd Tuscumbia, AL 35674

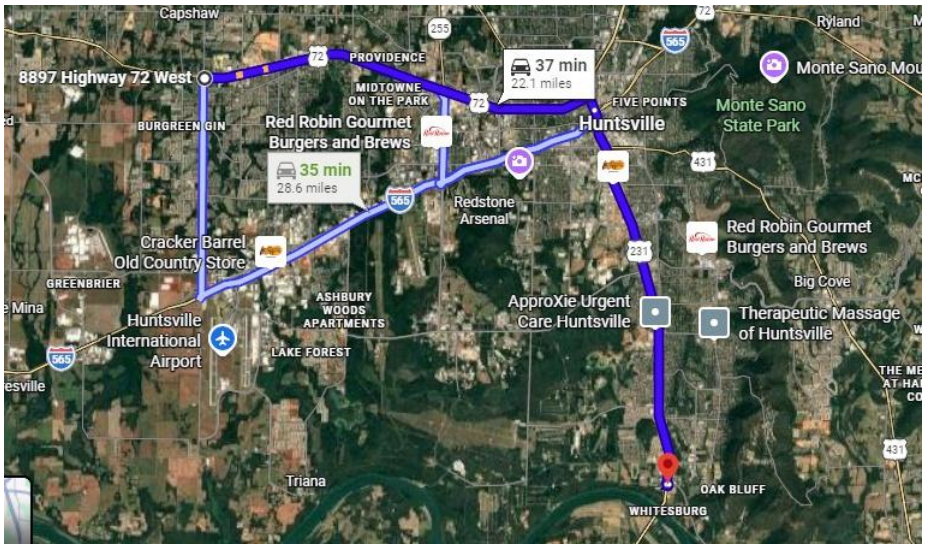


Ride Details……

November 21st - David Crockett State Park, Lawrenceburg, TN

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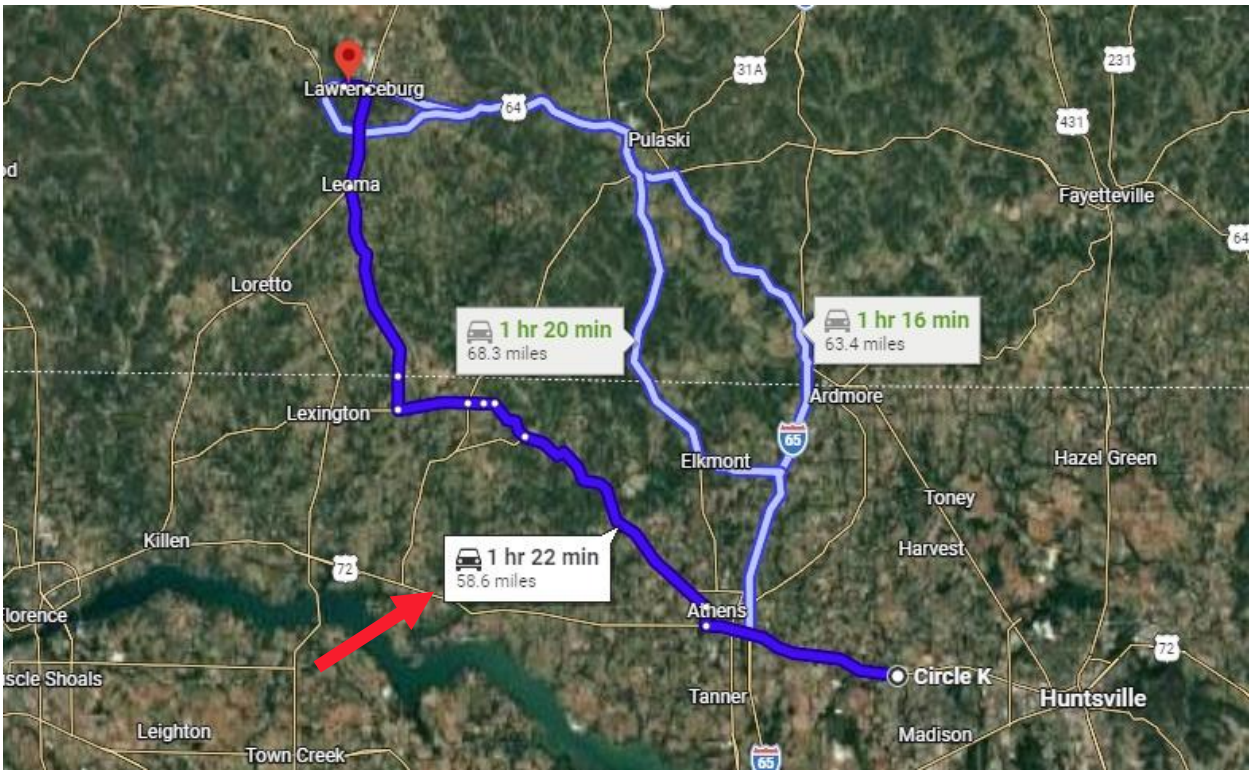
1 hr 22 min (58.6 miles) via Buck Island Rd

Follow US-72 W/US Hwy 72 E and Buck Island Rd to Persimmon Tree Rd in Limestone County	40 min (28.6 mi)
Continue on Persimmon Tree Rd to Lauderdale County	6 min (4.5 mi)
Continue onto AL-64 W	5 min (4.1 mi)
Take TN-98 N/Rabbit Trail Rd to US-43 N/Hwy 43 S in Leoma	16 min (13.8 mi)
Turn right onto US-43 N/Hwy 43 S	
Continue to follow US-43 N	7 min (5.8 mi)
Continue on E Gaines St. Drive to Crockett Pk Rd /Davy Crockett Park Rd	4 min (1.6 mi)

David Crockett State Park Visitor Center
23 Davy Crockett Park Rd, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464

Ride to David Crockett State Park

Suggested route. Subject to change. If you know a better route, please let us know.



David Crockett State Park is a state park in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. The park is located on Shoal Creek and commemorates the historical activities of famous frontiersman David Crockett in the local area.

Ideas for lunch:

Crockett's Mill Restaurant: Located inside the park (1400 W Gaines St), this scenic restaurant overlooks the park grounds and serves classic American and southern-style comfort food.

Cross the Creek Deli and Charcuterie *(602 Old Florence Rd)*: An artisan deli offering handcrafted sandwiches, fresh salads, and specialty cheeses.



The Daydream Diner *(2132 N Locust Ave)*: A 1950s-style retro diner known for signature burgers, curly fries, and homestyle plates.

Hinie's BBQ *(2782 US-43)*: A popular local stop for slow-smoked brisket, ribs, and classic barbecue sides.

News around the EWMA...

https://ewma-world.org/

Upcoming EWMA Events:

2027 FL District Rally Mar 18-20, 2027 Best Western Hotels & Resort, Gainesville, FL
2027 TN District Rally Apr 22-24, 2027 Holiday Inn Express & Suites. Manchester, TN
2027 Triple Crown Rally Jun 10-12, 2027 Hilton Garden Inn, Anderson, SC (Combined NC-SC-GA)
2027 Eagle Wings Rendezvous Sep 2-4, 2027 Von Braun Center, Huntsville, AL

Info can be found at www.ewma-world.org/events

2027 Eagle Wings Rendezvous 5th Annual Rally

Early Bird Registration is open:

Von Braun Center Huntsville, Alabama September 2nd - 4th

Register Online Now Early Bird discount rates are available through **10/31/2026**.

For all the information about registration, please visit ewma-world.org
(Remember to log in for member pricing)

Thursday: Grand Opening Party
Friday: Bike and Light Show
(Enjoy some ice cream!)
Saturday: Closing Ceremonies

Daily 50/25/25 On Bike Games
Guest Speakers Presentations
Bike & Light Show Vendors
Mystery Cash and Grand 50/25/15/10



Our Early Bird discount rates are only good till 10/31/2026. $45.00/person
Afterwards, the price increases to the regular rate until 08/06/2027. $50.00/person
After 08/06/2027, pricing goes up to the onsite pricing (increases $10) and you must register onsite.

Rendezvous Shirts are NOT included with the registration and must be pre-ordered. There will be more info soon on how to order the shirts.

News around the EWMA...

Alabama District...

https://ewma-al.org/

Rally site: https://ewma-al.org/rally.html

Rally Site & Host Hotel
Host Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton Decatur Riverfront
1101 6th Avenue NE, Decatur,
Alabama 35601 (256) 355-3150
Room Rate is $139.00 + Tax Per Night,
2 Free Breakfast Buffets per room Included.
(Good Until 9/16/27)

For online booking check website below after October 04, 2026.

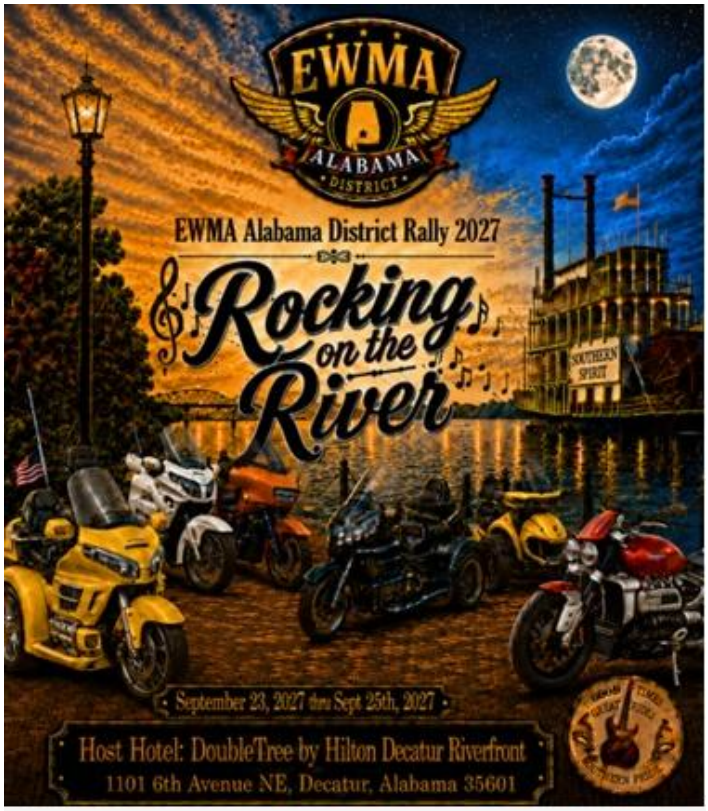
Booking Link:

https://bit.ly/3VfKoOk?r=qr

QR Code:

For Rally & Campground Information Go to www.ewma-al.org
For Rally Information Contact: Terry Cleveland, EWMA AL District Director (256)490-4850 or email at ewmaalald@gmail.com
For Vendor Information Contact: Michael Horton, AL Vendor Coordinator (256) 412 - 0046 or email at jmh3a@aol.com
RALLY PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE Sept 9, 2027.
On site registration is increased by $5.00.
Day Passes are sold on site for $15 (cash or check only) are good that day and are for Game Room, Vendors, & Rides.
Make Payment To: *"Alabama EWMA"*
Mail to: Sarah Keeton - Treasurer, 1465 Brookside Rd., Mt. Olive, AL 35117.

EWMA Alabama District Rally 2027



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2nd Tuesday of each month Eat at 5:30pm; Meet at 6:30pm
Kacey's Country Buffet
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