



# Liberty Wings

## June 2026 News



Greetings fellow riders, hope everyone is enjoying this liquid sunshine we seem to be having so much of lately. We just returned from our first South Carolina rally and we had a blast, everyone made us feel so welcome and we had a fun weekend. Coming up this week is the Georgia rally in Helen Georgia, the 4<sup>th</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup>. If you are planning on going we will see you there.

The next big event on the schedule is the Alabama Rally June 24-26 along the banks of the Tennessee River in beautiful Decatur Al. If you have not registered there is still time left to get in and enjoy some of the fun we have in store for you. Also we need to beat Chapter N for the largest chapter. If you are planning on going we will be handling the games again this year and would greatly appreciate everyone donating some of their time to help us out with that task. Also the chapter will be doing a skit and is looking for some participants. Please get in touch with Sarah if you would like to participate.

Please make your plans to attend our last chapter meeting before the Rally on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for everything that you all do to make this chapter so successful, it would not happen without you.

*Wishing you thrilling rides and the freedom of the open road!  
May every journey bring you joy and unforgettable memories.*

**THE COUNTDOWN TO THE E.W.M.A ALABAMA DISTRICT RALLY**

*“Living in America”*  
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**JUNE 25-27 2026 ALABAMA**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

CHECK OUT THE FULL SCHEDULE AND START PLANNING YOUR WEEKEND OF FUN, FRIENDS & FREEDOM!

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RIDE \* FRIENDS \* FREEDOM \* FUN

THAT'S WHAT AMERICA IS ALL ABOUT!

**HOST HOTEL:** DoubleTree by Hilton Decatur Riverfront  
1101 6th Avenue NE  
Decatur, Alabama 35601

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The header features two stylized eagles with wings spread, one on the left and one on the right. Between them is a flowing ribbon with a pattern of stars and stripes, reminiscent of the American flag. The text 'Keeping Cool: Tips for riding a motorcycle in hot weather' is centered over this graphic.

# Keeping Cool: Tips for riding a motorcycle in hot weather

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The days are longer, the temperatures are warmer, and motorcycles are roaming wild. It's official, spring has sprung. But, as May becomes June and June becomes July, hot weather is in store; hot weather that makes sitting atop a scorching engine practically unbearable.

In such situations, many riders resort to shedding layers. That includes layers of protective gear. Sure, riding in jean shorts, a T-shirt, and flip-flops provides relief from blazing temps but it provides little relief from road rash. Safety and comfort aren't mutually exclusive. You don't have to lose your shirt (in both senses of the phrase) to stay cool this summer. Here are a few ways to beat the heat without sacrificing safety.

## **Hydration**

Fatigue. Dizziness. Confusion. All three pose a danger when riding a motorcycle, and all three are symptoms of dehydration. In order to keep core temperatures down, we sweat. (I'm sure I don't need to tell you.) Like many cooling systems, our body's cooling system requires water — and lots of it. Properly hydrating before a ride is important for that reason, but staying hydrated is just as critical. That's especially true when the mercury rises.

For many, a mid-ride drink is a quick pit stop away. If you're in a remote area, on the other hand, drinkable water may not be as accessible. That's when a hydration pack is invaluable. In the end, it doesn't matter how you hydrate. It just matters that you hydrate. The human body can regulate its temperature. You just have to give it what it needs to do so.

## **Cooling fabrics and base layers**

If you seek even more relief, gear constructed from cooling fabric is a worthwhile investment. Many cooling garments employ polymer-embedded materials that absorb liquid and slowly evaporate it over time. Before each use, the rider simply submerges the garment in water for several minutes and the evaporation over the course of the ride yields a cooling effect.

If you're pinching pennies, you can always drench your regular old cotton T-shirt and achieve a similar effect. I've done so on several occasions and always seemed to arrive at my destination completely dry (thanks, arid Southern California climate).

Even if you don't want to soak your gear in water, you can improve your comfort level with sweat-wicking base layers, which work similarly. They are made of fabrics that allow your sweat to evaporate and have the cooling effect nature intended instead of holding onto the moisture and letting you steam inside your outer layer. These base layers are particularly useful on a hot summer day at the track, where moisture-wicking fabric allows users to easily slip out of a leather race suit. But no matter what kind of riding you're doing, choosing a base layer built to manage your own sweat is often the simplest and one of the most effective ways to be more comfortable in the heat.

## **Textile mesh gear**

When most people think of riding in sweltering summer weather, the first thing that comes to mind is textile gear. More specifically, textile gear with mesh panels. Whether it's found on a four-season jacket or summer riding pants, mesh material maximizes airflow to the wearer. What's more, nearly all of today's textile jackets feature abrasion-resistant mesh, which prioritizes ventilation without sacrificing safety.

In years past, many questioned the durability of mesh materials. At least compared to their leather counterparts. However, most modern motorcycle gear utilizes high-strength, industrial-grade mesh. Point being, riders can combat the heat by dressing shoulders to toes in mesh gear. It may not flow as much air as a tank top and Daisy Dukes, but it certainly does a much better job of saving your hide in a slide. If textile gear doesn't tickle your fancy, however, there is one last option.

## **Perforated and vented gear:**

Despite greater use of cordura, aramid, and Dyneema in modern moto gear, leather still ranks as one of the toughest materials on the market. That's why some riders wear leather jackets or race suits year-round, including the dog days of summer. Whether it's worn by a cruiser aficionado or a sport bike enthusiast, perforated leather finds a happy medium between ventilation and protection. While some solutions are specifically built to handle hot temperatures on a motorcycle, there are some other outside-the-box alternatives that will also help riders endure the hottest months of the year.

## **Honorable mentions:**

- **Feel the breeze:** Windscreens help reduce fatigue by directing oncoming wind away from the rider. That's valuable during winter, spring, and fall, but extra airflow is always welcome during the summer months. That's why purchasing a shorter windscreen or removing the wind protection altogether can help crank up Mother Nature's air conditioner. It goes without saying, but naked bikes and choppers need not apply.
- **Hydration tablets/powders:** Packed with minerals and electrolytes, hydration tablets/powders fight dehydration by replacing what riders lose when they sweat. Sodium and potassium aid with fluid balance while calcium and magnesium support cellular function. Whether riding on the street or in the dirt, adding a hydration tablet to your hydration bladder can help improve your comfort and performance.
- **A shade of shade:** Sunburns are no fun, especially when they're shaped like your helmet's viewport. Smoke, mirror-tinted, and photo chromic shields don't just offer some shelter from the sun's harmful rays but also reduce eye strain throughout long days in the saddle. One final pro tip: sun block. It's a must for oft-exposed parts like the back of the neck and the top of the wrists. Apply heavily and regularly.

**“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

[Email Rocky & Millie Sue](#)

*Rocky Rondo*



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

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

### Rally & Ride-In Schedule 2026

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	<del>Chapter Y</del>
February	<del>Chapter Y</del>
March	<del>Denise Spense &amp; Pepper Loveless</del>
April	<del>Mickey &amp; Carol Willis</del>
May	<del>Keith &amp; Joyce Cochran</del>
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

If you don't know where you are going, you might wind up someplace else.

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# Pictures

Miss Myra's BBQ May 2, 2026 10 Members



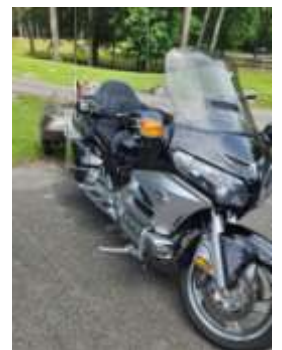
District Picnic May 9, 2026



Keep trying. Stay humble, Trust your instincts. Most importantly, act.  
When you come to a fork in the road, take it.



When the waitress asked if I wanted my pizza cut into four or eight slices, I said, "Four. I don't think I can eat eight."



The Old Cookstove May 16, 2026 17 Members



You should always go to other people's funerals; otherwise, they won't come to yours.



**“I’m not grumpy; I’m just selectively social.”**



Due Amici May 23, 2026 15 Members



If money doesn't grow on trees, why do banks have branches?



If you are going to the Alabama District Rally, please remember to pre-register. This will allow us to beat the Yankees' in the northern part of the state, AGAIN THIS YEAR!

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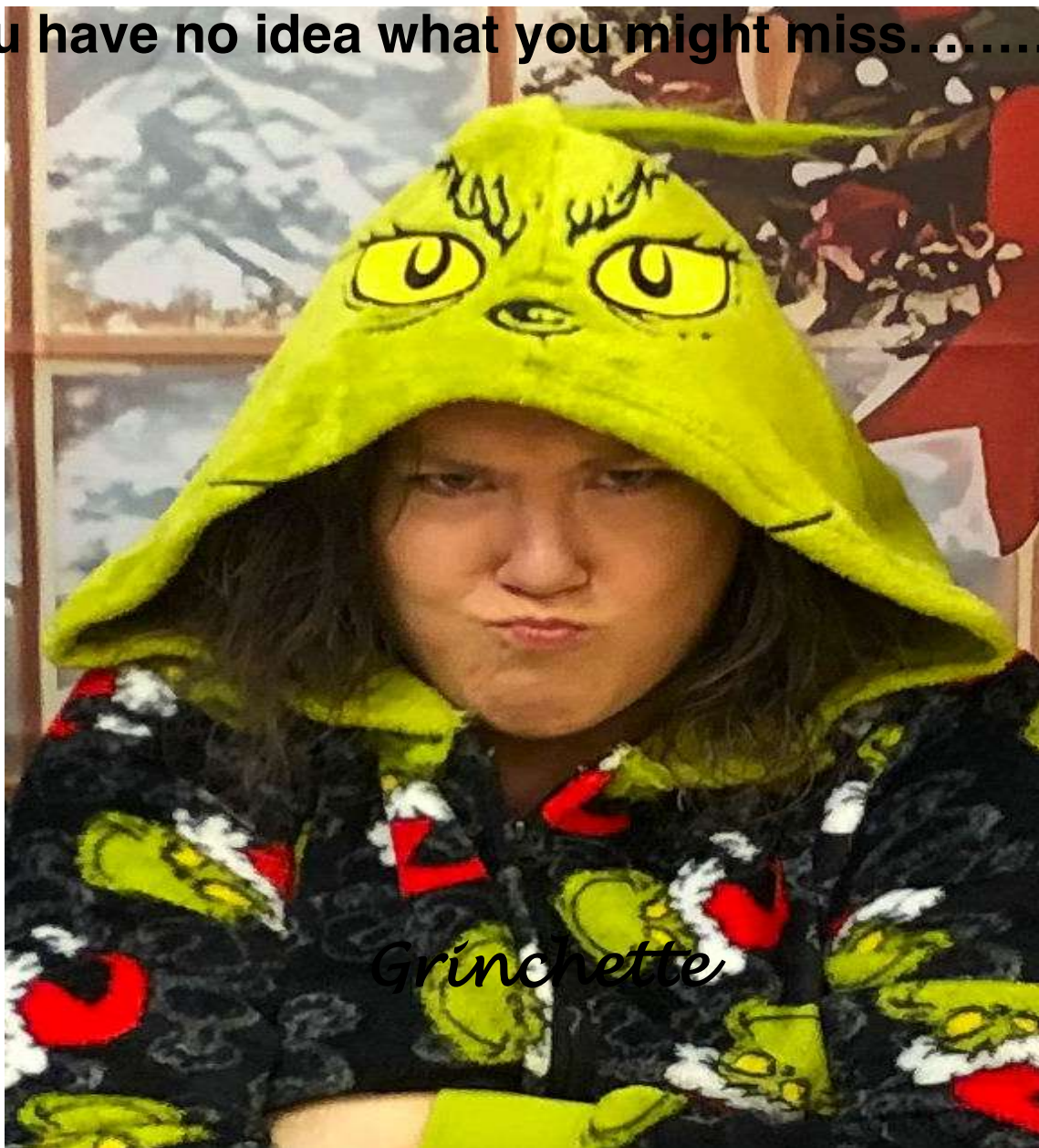
*Millie Sue*  
*Editorial Assistant*

Are you unhappy? Are you alone? Fear not, the light is always on for you in the fridge.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
**250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
— 1776 — 2026 —



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



*Grinchette*

# Celebrate!

Happy birthday!



## June Birthdays

14th Johnny Brooks  
22nd Don Phillips

## June Anniversaries

12th Philip & Sarah Teasley  
21st Mickey & Carol Willis  
24th Dewey & Jan Turner  
27th Claxton & Jan Love

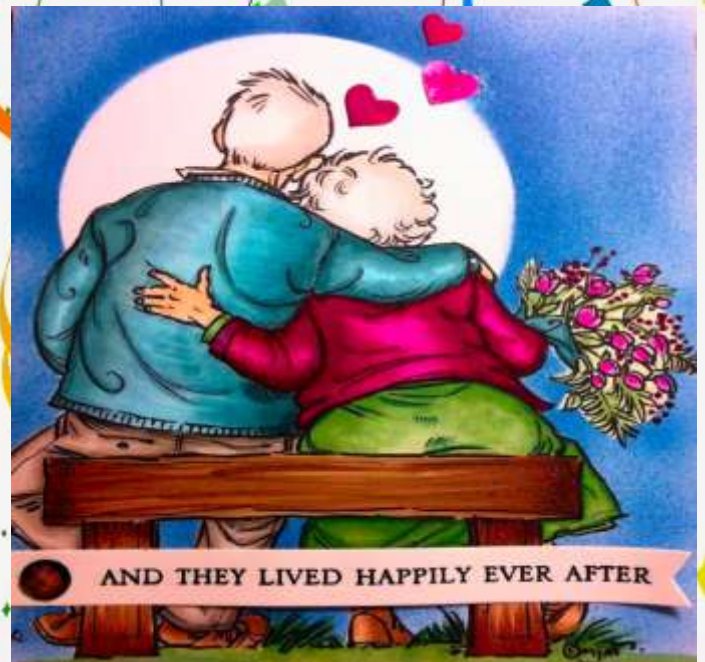
"When someone is murdered, the police investigate the spouse first. That tells you everything you need to know about marriage." Katharine Hepburn

"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."





# EWMA Alabama Liberty Wings News June 2026



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5 * A Saturday June 6 Chapter event is <u>TBD</u> at this time. Watch your email for updates	6  D-DAY ANNIVERSARY
7	8	9 AL-Y Monthly Meeting White House Restaurant 9830 Old Hwy 31 Warrior, Eat 6 pm/Meet 7pm	10	11	12	13 Lunch @ 11 a.m. Allstar Diner 5704 Birmingham Rd, Sylvan Springs <b>BLUE SHIRT</b>
 FLAG DAY	15	16	17	18	19	20 Lunch @ 11 a.m. Papa Sal's 6726 Old Springville Rd, Pinson <b>RED SHIRT</b>
21	22	23  COAST GUARD AUXILIARY BIRTHDAY	24	25	26	27  PTSD awareness day - June 27
28	29	30	Alabama 2026 District Rally "Living in America"			There is no event scheduled for June 27, 2026. We hope that we will see most of you at the Alabama 2026 District Rally.

TBD ~ To be Decided (we don't know yet!) Watch your email for updates!

\* = Check/watch your email for more details