



# EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



FL2-O Monthly Gatherings Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday

Southern Pig & Cattle Restaurant

2585 SE Federal Highway, Stuart, FL

Dinner 5:00 - Meet 6:00



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## The FL2-O Team

Joe Trotta – Treasure

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It is turning out to be a great ride season! Over the past few months, our Chapter FL2-0 has experienced a substantial increase in participation at every ride and Gathering. It is certainly encouraging to see all of our members enthusiastically attending our activities and we can look forward to even bigger turn-outs at our future Spirit team events including the annual picnic, game nights and, of course, our Holiday Celebration which is always a special treat.

On our past ride to Okeechobee, we were joined by 4 members from Chapter FL2-A. I took the opportunity to ask them if we had missed any celebration of Claudia Vega's life because we had not heard of any event since her passing. I discovered that not only had we not heard about any memorial service, but FL2-A had not been informed either. We also were told that Robert (who faithfully helped Claudia with all her Chapter activities) had not heard anything as well. Robert told them that Claudia's brother was handling all the arrangements. We will keep you informed of any news regarding Claudia's celebration of life service. She was a kind and generous person and an integral part of the success of the Florida District EWMA. She will be missed!

We thank you all for staying active in the chapter and wish you a great Spring season filled with lots of rides and opportunities to get together with your chapter friends.

Chapter Directors David Morris and Terry Henderson

## ***FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND RIDING***

**Next Ride:** Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> Lunch Ride to Crabby Dockside Fort Pierce then Navy Seal Museum (cost \$13. Seniors/veterans). If interested join us for a visit to the Seal Museum.

KSU 10:00 McDonald's (Cove Rd & Rt 1) Stuart. RSVP Jim Rich [richtrader3@gmail.com](mailto:richtrader3@gmail.com)

Questions: John DuBose 772.974.8389 text/call

**Important March 2025 Dates**

 <p><b>March Birthdays</b></p> <p>Bob Steigmeier 3/17</p> <p>Larry Pounds 3/21</p> <p>Terry Henderson 3/24</p>	 <p><b>March Anniversaries</b></p> <p>Doug and Donna Goethel 3/7</p>
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**Spirit Team Events**

Invitation: Game Night Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 at Joe Trotta's

Pre-pay \$5.00 RSVP Sandy Pisano [sandy\\_p\\_33497@yahoo.com](mailto:sandy_p_33497@yahoo.com) by March 16<sup>th</sup>

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**Invitation: Meet to Eat at Miller Ale House in Jensen Beach 5:30**

Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Please RSVP

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**Invitation: Annual Picnic Johnathon Dickerson State Park**

When: Saturday, May 3, 2025

Cost: \$3.00 plus covered dish also State Park Gate Fee

Location: Johnathon Dickerson State Park, 16450 SE Federal Hwy, Hobe Sound

Mark your calendar! It's time for our annual picnic! Would love to see you there for friends, food, fun for BINGO – Details coming soon!

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## FL2-O “Treasure Coast Riders” Gathering/Social Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>



A great group (24) for the gathering including John Autorino's brother Frank and nephew Anthony.

The new Chapter Director, Dave Morris, was introduced and will be taking over from long standing Director Doug Goethel.



Ride Coordinator John DuBose talked about the recent rides to the Icon Brewery in Vero Beach and Harpoon Harry's at the Fisherman's Village in Punta Gorda. John also brought up the Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> ride to Lunker's in Okeechobee, KSU at 9:45 am at the Cracker Barrel.

Sandy Pisano reviewed the upcoming events, including:

Saturday, March 8, 1:30 pm Spirit Team meeting at Tammy Pounds

Wednesday, March 19, 5:00 pm Game night at Joe Trotta's

Wednesday, April 2, 5:30 pm Meet & eat at Miller Ale House in Jensen Beach

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the annual picnic in Jonathon Dickenson Park

Continue information from February Gathering/Social.

## **EWMA Florida Assistant District Directors Recruitment & Retention**

**Doug & Donna Goethel** [1Ringo@comcast.net](mailto:1Ringo@comcast.net)



Doug told us about their new position with the EWMA Florida District. What an important position, recruitment and retention of EWMA members. Doug was also the lucky winner of the 50/50 at FL2-O February Gathering/Social. He won \$40.00.

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Dan GW Tech – Don Service Manager – Mike Owner.

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## **MOTORCYCLES are The FOUNTAIN of YOUTH!!! Let's GO FOR A RIDE!!!**

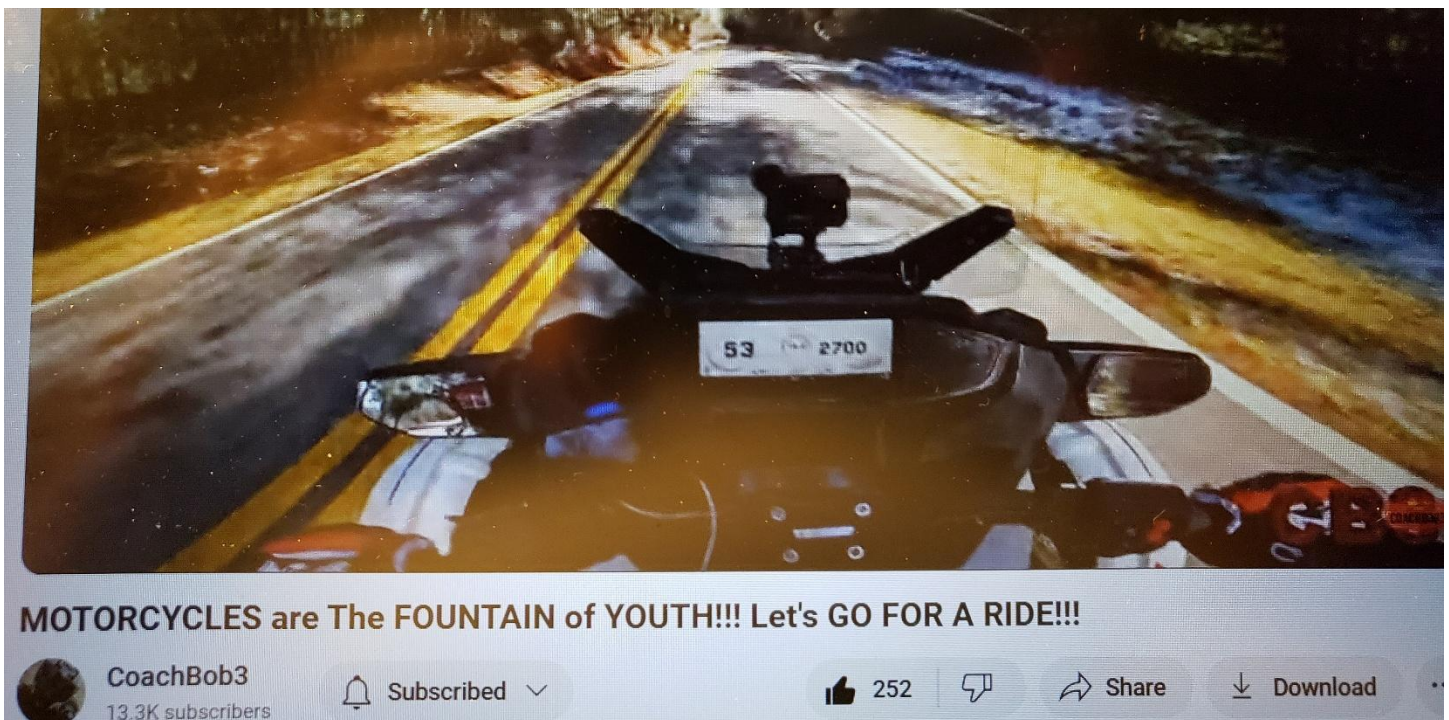
Coach Bob is located on YouTube and has seven youthful tips plus two bonuses. If you would like to hear the 20 plus minutes of interesting tips as he rides in the Tallahassee area, check him out on his YouTube Channel.

by John DuBose – Chapter Ride Coordinator

1. Physical Fitness – The benefits of riding
2. Mental Activity
3. Social Connection
4. Stress Relief
5. Independence – Freedom
6. Skill – Riding/Development
7. Connectivity – Events/Community

Bonuses:

8. Motorcycle Riding is therapy
9. Adventure - Gets you out to explore



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## Which motorcycle is the most reliable?

Consumer reports did a survey in 2015 of 11,000 motorcycle owners. This was their consensus of manufacturers regarding reliability. One Yamaha, two Honda, three Suzuki, four Kawasaki, five Harley Davidson, six Triumph, seven Ducati and eighth BMW.

### A bit of trivia

One night when I was watching the Johnny Carson Show (way back when, choke), Robert Craig Knievel was a guest, you may know him better as Evel Knievel. Johnny asked him how he got his name and he said one time when he was young and rowdy he was arrested and they put him in jail. The guy in the cell next to him had the last name of Knoffel. During his stay as a guest of the county Robert said “The guards used to tease the two of them by calling me Evil Knievel, and the other guy Awful Knawful. The name kind of stuck, and I decided to use it as a professional name”.

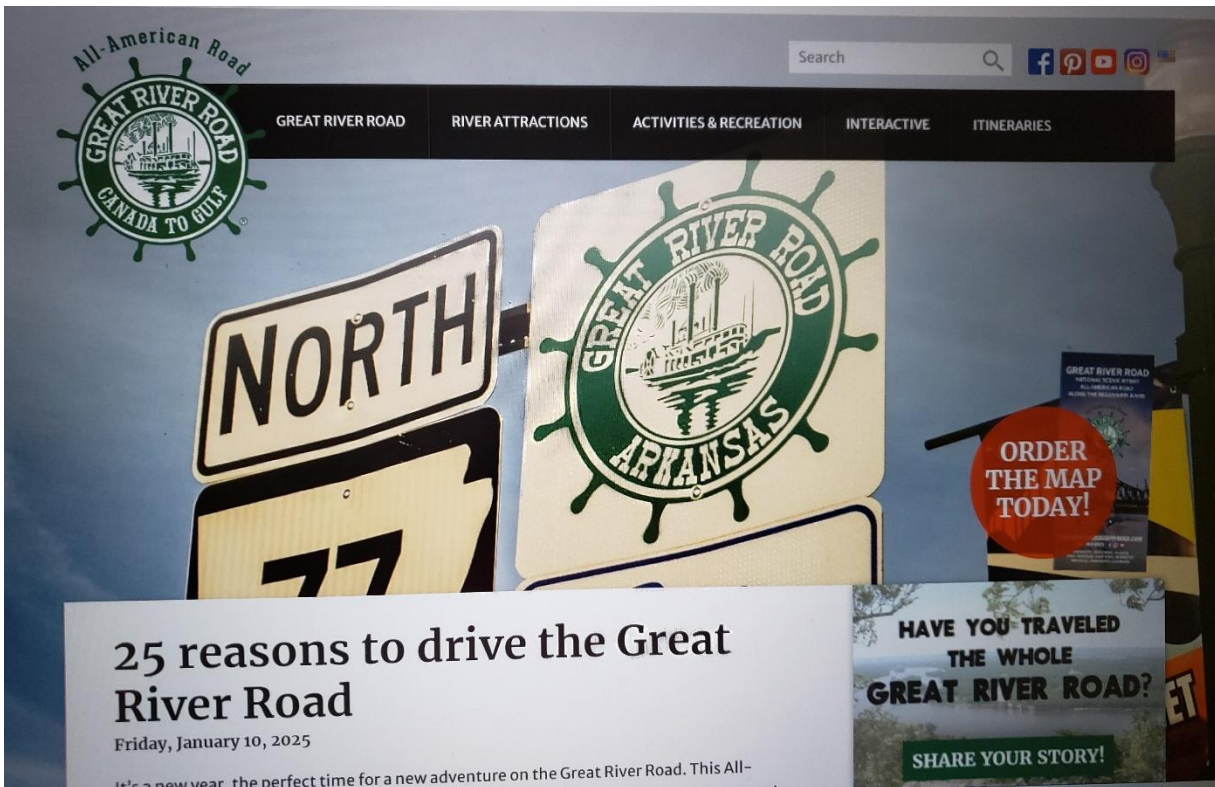
Joe Pisano Chapter FL2-O





## Sandy Pisano's says, check out the Great River Road - March 2025

### Experience the Great River Road



<https://experiencemississippiriver.com/25-reasons-to-drive-the-great-river-road/>





## FL2-O Coast Treasure Riders – Lunch Ride American ICON Brewery Vero Beach

Wednesday, January 29, 2025 - by John DuBose Chapter Ride Coordinator

Treasure Coast Riders had a great turn-out with 12 bikes and 17 riders. We have to thank Ted and Beth Daniels for suggesting this location. So, if you have a location make sure to let us know. The American ICON Brewery is located in downtown Vero Beach and was the old diesel power plant they remodeled and made a successful business for Vero.



Lead John DuBose took the group up Old Dixie Highway to the location and Lead Jim Rich took the group US 1 to Fort Pierce then AIA to Stuart. What a beautiful day for a ride. It was nice to see many faces out we hadn't seen in a while.

Riders: Leads John DuBose and Jim Rich, Tail CD Dave Morris, Ted/Beth Daniels, Larry/Tammy Pounds, Al/Myrta Colussy, Mark Colussy with friend Chris Barca from PA, Leo/Lena Valcourt, Jim Cuff, John Autorino, Tom/Connie Chaffin.

Just a note: I notice CD Dave got a new riding jacket... we can see him coming now. Jim Rich had the high mileage today at 142 miles. Thanks to all that came out!!



Ride Coordinator John DuBose rides with FL2-H Wauchula  
Saturday, February 1, 2025 Cowpokes Watering Hole Sebring



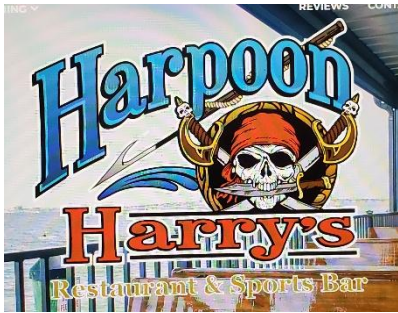
John visited FL2-H – Chapter Director Winston Carlton had 18 out for there ride.



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## FL2-O Treasure Coast Riders - Ride Report Harpoon Harry's Punta Gorda



Wednesday, February 5, 2025 – East Coast to West Coast

We had another prefect day for a ride to the west coast of Florida. Harpoon Harry's is part of Fisherman's Village on Charlotte Harbor. We took time after lunch to walk through the shops at Fisherman's Village... I did see a few packages.

We started todays adventure at Wawa in Okeechobee with seven bikes and 10 riders. Then we had two cars and seven more for a total of 17 out today. Joe and Sandy Pisano had battery troubles at Wawa so they headed home to take care of the problem. Jim Rich and Dave Piacente had high mileage 318 miles.

Riders: Lead John DuBose, Tail Leo and Lena Valcourt, Jim Rich, Dave Piacente, Mark Colussy, Jim and Sondra Cuff. Leo and Lena did a super job today as our tail gunner!

Cars: Larry and Tammy Pounds, Al and Myrta/sister-in. Marilyn Rich and daughter Suzanne. Marilyn and Suzanne spent the better part of the ride bird watching. The eagles have started to build nests (not the Eagles that are playing in the Super Bowl on Sunday) and they saw three pairs and six singles, three Cara-car as, Ospreys, plus flocks of both giant Egrets and Sandhill Cranes.



Al & Mark with Shark



15 at Harpoon Harry's Punta Gorda

John DuBose and Joe Pisano rides with FL2-H Wauchula  
Saturday, February 8, 2025 – Hitchin Post in Lithia Pinecrest



Joe and I met-up in Okeechobee for a *fulfilled* day of riding. We rode to Bowling Green just north of Wauchula where we met CD Winston Carlton. There only four of us out today for plenty of riding through central Florida. Surprisingly how big the Phosphate Mining is by the world leader the Mosaic Company. My Big Red went 260 miles, so I know Joe must ridden at least 350 miles.



Hitchin Post Restaurant in Lithia Pinecrest (Dick-Winston-John-Joe)

FL2-O Treasure Coast Riders John DuBose riders with FL2-H Wauchula



## Saturday, February 15, 2025 – Brake Burgers – Lake Wales



FL2-H Wauchula Chapter Director Winston Carlton had 11 bikes and 14 riders for a nice ride to Brake Burgers in Lake Wales. After lunch, Winston took us on a ride through the sand hills of Florida. My Big Red went 220 miles, John DuBose.





## FL2-O Stuart meets-up with FL2-D Melbourne Sunday, February 16, 2025

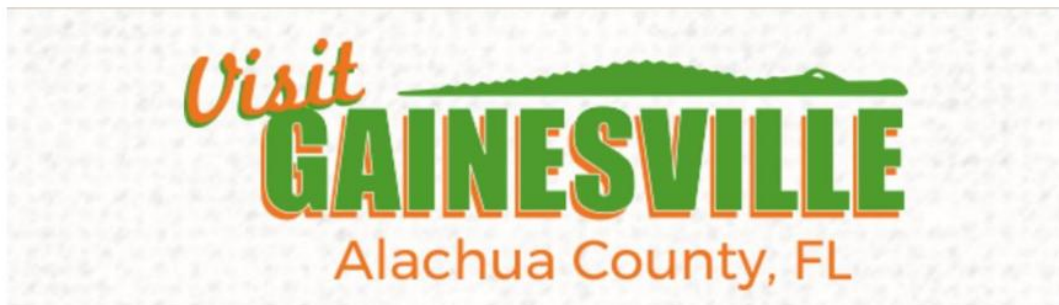


FL2-O John and Peggy DuBose have breakfast with FL2-D Harry and Lynn Anderson along with Tom and John. CJ Cannon Restaurant was a busy place since Vero Beach has put in commercial flights.

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### **FLORIDA DISTRICT GATHERING OF FRIENDS FOR FUN**

**MARCH 13 - 15, 2025**



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## FL2.O Stuart & FL2.A West Palm Beach Lunch Ride

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 – Lunkers Sports Grill Okeechobee



FL2.A West Palm Beach joined FL2.O Stuart for a ride to Okeechobee with lunch at Lunkers Sports Grill. We had 10 bikes out with 13 riders. FL2.O Paul Dreyfus stopped by to say hi to everyone, Paul has Stage 4 cancer and his treatments keep him from riding with us for now. We rode Kanner/Hwy 76 from Stuart to Port Mayaca then Hwy 441 to Okeechobee for a scenic ride.

Group 1 Lead John DuBose, Ted & Beth Daniels, Ty Taylor, Phil Baxter and tail ACD Doug & Donna. Group 2 Lead Jim Rich, Lori with a new trike, Dave Lovelace, Susan Lovelace Tail CD Dave Morris. Peggy DuBose met-up with the group at Lunkers for a total of 13 for lunch. My Big Red went 107 miles, John DuBose. High mileage for FL2.O was Jim Rich at 129 miles.



Ted & Beth Daniels FL2.O

FL2.A Lori with new Trike – What a Beauty



## FL2.O Stuart &amp; FL2.A West Palm Beach Lunch Ride

Pictures by Jim Rich &amp; John DuBose



FL2-O Chapter Director Dave Morris with ACD Donna and Doug Goethel

CD Dave was Tail for Group 2 and ACD Donna and Doug Tail for Group 1



## FL2.O Stuart & FL2.A West Palm Beach Lunch Ride

Pictures by Jim Rich & John DuBose



FL2-O Peggy DuBose and Beth Daniels

**Note from Chapter Ride Coordinator John DuBose: Jim Rich Assistant Ride Coordinator and I will be planning FL2-O Treasure Coast Riders rides for the season. **Please look for Jim's emails listing times and location.** It's always nice if you **RSVP** so we have a head count for restaurants. We're looking forward to riding with you. A couple of notes: we always **plan a pre-ride meeting before KSU (Kick-Stands-UP), full tank of gas and empty blander.****



### FL2-O Treasure Coast Riders

Ride Coordinator – John DuBose

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Assistant Ride Coordinator - Jim Rich

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**FL2-O Riding Season is here...**



**keep an eye out for Rides with Jim's emails**

Tuesday, October 22nd	Luch Ride - Boonies in Loxahatchee (9 Riders)	Leads Jim & John
Monday, October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Ride – Cowpokes in Sebring (4 Riders)	Leads John & Jim
Saturday, Nov 9, 2024	FL District Ride-in Dixie Crossroads in Titusville	Joe/Sandy & Johe/Peggy
Thursday, November 21	Crabby Dockside at Fort Pierce Marina (6 Riders)	Leads John & Jim
Monday, November 25	Lake Placid – Jaxson's Restaurant (7 Riders)	Leads John & Jim
Wed, January 1, 2025	FL EWMA First Ride – Shrimp-R-Us in Welaka	Joe/Sandy & John/Peggy
Friday, January 10, 2025	Lunch Ride – Captains Gallery in Ft. Pierce (3/5)	Leads John & Jim
Wed. January 29, 2025	Lunch Ride – American ICON Brewery VB (17)	Leads John & Jim
Saturday February 1, 2025	Lunch Ride – Cowpokes Watering Hole Sebring	Visitation John
Wed February 5, 2025	Lunch Ride – Harpoon Harry's Punta Gorda (17)	Leads John & Jim
Saturday February 8, 2025	Lunch Ride - Hitchin Post – Lithia Pinecrest (4)	Visitation FL2-H John/Joe
Sat February 15, 2025	Lunch Ride – Brake Burger – Lake Wales (14)	Visitation FL2-H John
Sunday, February 16, 2025	Breakfast at CJ Cannon VB Airport FL2-D & O	Visitation John & Peggy
Tues, February 18, 2025	Lunch Ride – Lunkers in Okee FL2-O & FL2-A	Leads John & Jim 13 riders

### **FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND RIDING**

Thanks ~ To everyone who wrote an article or pictures for this month's Newsletter: Dave Morris, Terry Henderson, Jim Rich, Joe and Sandy Pisano, John DuBose and Dominick & Diane DeSiato

Everyone is encouraged to submit relevant articles by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month!  
To John DuBose, Newsletter Editor - [FL2oRoadCaptain@comcast.net](mailto:FL2oRoadCaptain@comcast.net)

I'm looking for pictures of rides, trips, new accessories/bikes with a quote.



**FL2-O Stuart – Treasure Coast Riders** <https://fl2o.org/>

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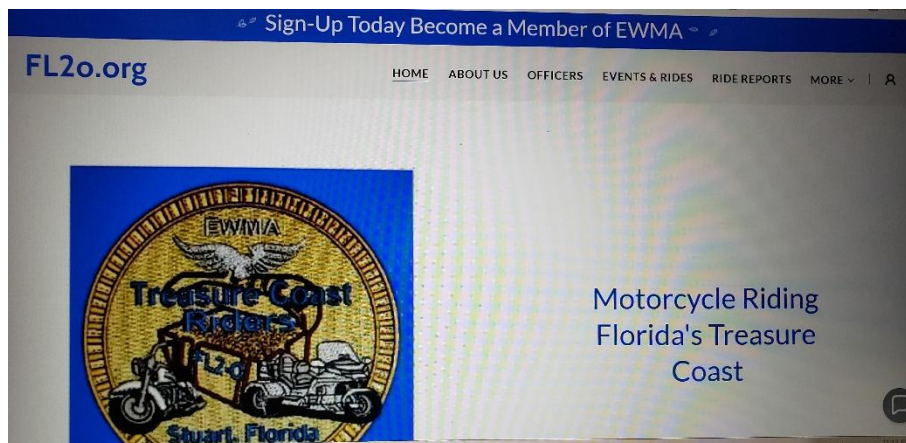
**Donna Goethel**

**has added to the FL2-O  
Webpage.**



- Ride Reports (New)
- **More Tab:** Pictures, Newsletters, Contact Us, Become a Member of EWMA, Store (Shirts), Ride Information/Planning

**PLEASE TAKE TIME TO CHECK-OUT AND USE THE WEBPAGE.**



### **Future Communication FL2-O**

1. Please use FL2-O Treasure Coast Riders webpage: [fl2o.org](https://fl2o.org/)
2. Pictures will also be posted on Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association Webpage <https://www.ewma-world.org/> Pictures are under Members Resources – Photo Albums
3. Email communication will be done by Jim Rich Assistant Ride Coordinator [richtrader3@gmail.com](mailto:richtrader3@gmail.com) Please make sure you're on his mailing list.



March, 2025

## Florida District Safety/Ride Coordinators Safety Article

**Greetings to all!** Well, our Florida District Rally is just around the corner. We are looking forward to a great time and have some nice day rides planned. On Thursday we will be having a lunch ride. On Friday we will be having a morning ride and an afternoon ride. On Saturday we will be having a morning ride. There will be a rest stop somewhere in the middle of the rides. When you check-in at Registration check the Ride Sign-Up Sheets for the times and sign up. EWMA is all about riding, so LET'S RIDE!

### RIDING IN THE RAIN

It's going to happen. You are going to get caught riding in the rain. But when it rains and you are riding your motorcycle, all bets are off. Suddenly, the world becomes more dangerous and a much scarier place. Suddenly, traction becomes sketchy; your safety feels more tenuous; it's often cooler; and fear becomes a dominating factor.

It's not so bad if you are riding out in the country or on less-traveled roads. There you can move at a speed that matches the more limited grip you know your tires now have. You can choose where you want to ride in your lane, and not be pushed by traffic behind you.

But in the city, it is often ugly. There you're dealing with cars and trucks in close proximity (few of their drivers feel the need to slow down for the wet conditions) who have better traction than you do. Slippery painted lines; a layer of oil and grease on the tarmac; often-limited visibility; and all sorts of slippery little surprises are now affecting you on your motorcycle but not other vehicle drivers. All this coupled with the fact that the four-wheel drivers are often distracted and not paying attention. (Cell Phones.)



Having the proper rain gear matters. Wear highly conspicuous color-wise to other drivers in the rain and gear that is also bad-weather friendly. There are some expensive rain suits you can buy that have built-in armour that takes place of your regular protective motorcycle gear. These suits are nice but take up a lot of storage space in your motorcycle when you are not using them. An economical solution which also does not take up a lot of storage space on your motorcycle, is to purchase thin water proof gear. The thinner stuff does not usually hold up well to the pounding winds as you are riding. They also do not have any protective components should you go down. What you can do is put the thinner rain gear under the protective gear you are already wearing. Therefore, your outer protective gear is still there should you go down and the thinner rain gear underneath stops you from getting wet. As soon as it stops raining the wind will blow dry your outer protective gear.

Getting caught by a surprise downpour is one thing, but heading out into rain from home without the right gear is quite another. Being wet and cold while trying to stay on top of things on the bike can be a big distraction, and one you don't need when you're dealing with the variables of a wet ride. Your helmet is key to all this, and primarily the face shield. Do you even have a face shield? Pounding rain hitting you in the eyes is a dangerous distraction and limits distance visibility. You'll want an anti-fog face shield if possible, or a face shield you can easily crack open to allow outside air to clear off the fog from within.

What is the condition of your tires? Knowing what kind and how much tread you have on your tires should dictate how you will be riding in the rain. Touring, sport-touring, adventure-bike and most retro-bike tires are designed to deal with water dispersal, and if they are in good shape you're ahead of the game when it comes to wet-weather traction. Many sport bike tires however, trade grooving for maximum slick-like surface area, which improves traction on a dry roadway-a good thing-but does nothing for water dispersal, and can lead to hydroplaning on a wet roadway-a bad thing.

Operating your motorcycle smoothly and without any jerky inputs on the handlebar controls and foot pegs are of supreme importance when riding on wet surfaces. Some of the newer motorcycles have a "Rain Mode" selection setting. This reduces the possibility of you giving your bike too much throttle when you take off. It is usually tied into the ABS braking system which lessens the chance of you braking too abruptly. If

your bike has such a mode setting make sure you select it when you are about to ride in the rain. The limited traction your tires' contact patches is lessened in wet conditions, as abrupt movements can easily overwhelm that less-than-dry pavement traction quotient and cause hydroplaning and an often-abrupt loss of traction. Be aware of now slippery surfaces such as any painted lines like crosswalk lines, manhole covers, leaves, puddles, asphalt ridges, and potholes, etc. Intersections are extra ugly due to automobile oil droppings at stop bars.

Increase your following distance even though the vehicle behind you will probably be tailgating you. Apply your brakes more gently and do not use engine braking combined with the use of your brakes when stopping. Engine braking puts extra stress on your rear tire when combined with using your rear brake. This increases the chances of sliding your rear tire on a wet road surface. Take off from a stop smoothly to prevent slipping your rear tire. All control input should be gradual. This again is the reason for the extra following distance you should give yourself. Practice makes perfect. Pretend the road is wet and practice taking off and stopping smoothly so you are ready for the rain.

Stay relaxed. Keep your cool. And survive riding in the rain.

Ride safe,

Dominick & Diane

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### Gold Wing's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary





Upcoming Florida EWMA Events		
March 13 - 15, 2025	Florida District Gathering of Friends for FUN <i>"Roaring 20's"</i>	Gainesville, FL
April 24 - 26, 2025	Tennessee District Rally <i>"America the Beautiful"</i>	Johnson City, TN
May 15 - 17, 2025	South Carolina District Rally <i>"Salute to the Troops"</i>	Newberry, SC
June 5 - 7, 2025	Georgia District Rally <i>"Beach Bash"</i>	Helen, GA
June 20 - 21	International Ride-In	Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada
June 26 - 28, 2025	Alabama District Rally <i>"Roaring 20's"</i>	Sheffield, AL
August 28 - 30, 2025	EWMA <i>"2025 Eagle Wing Rendezvous"</i>	Fort Smith, AR
October 16 - 18, 2025	Mississippi District Rally <i>"The New Frontier"</i>	Biloxi, MS

# FUN in Florida is # 1



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Remember we'd (EWMA) like to ride with all brands!

Ask your Harley – Can Am – Honda, buddies to join!

## “William Harley And Arthur Davidson, 1914”





## **2025 International Ride-In**

**June 20-21, 2025**

**Sault Ste Marie, Ontario**

**Hotels, Camping and other details on the EWMA website**

**[Eagle Wings Ride In web Link](#)**

**Need to have the number of Motorcycles for the  
Agawa Indian Crafts at Pancake Bay and  
the Eastern Ride**

**(details on how to sign up for the Rides coming soon)**



# Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association

## International Ride-In

### June 20-21, 2025

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ONLINE REGISTRATION: <https://www.EWMA-world.org/ride-in>



**\*Registration deadline is June 1, 2025. Cancellation fee \$20. No refunds after June 1, 2025.**  
**\*Includes Friday Night Pie and Saturday Night PRIME RIB!**  
EWMA Members **\$50USD** each.  
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