



# 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

John DuBose

Ride Coordinator

Jim Rich

Asst. Ride Coordinator

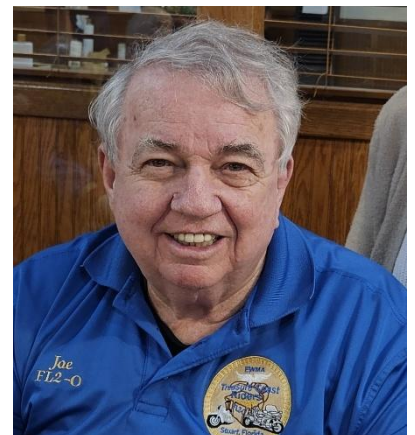
Sandy Pisano – Spirit Team

Percy Comstock – 50/50

John DuBose

Newsletter Editor

Joe Trotta  
Chapter Treasure



**May Message:**

We are nearing the end of a fun-filled Chapter Event Calendar covering the winter and spring seasons. Thanks to John and Jim for conducting rides to lunch destinations and scenic rides, and thanks to the Spirit Team for organizing our Meet to Eat and Game nights, our annual Holiday party and up-coming picnic. A review of our Chapter events demonstrates the complete success of each activity as measured by the large number of members who chose to take part in each and every event.



We bid a fond farewell to all our members who are planning to travel north to more temperate climates and we wish everyone a wonderful summer wherever your journey leads you. Please know that we will be anticipating your return and look forward to another great year of riding and socializing with our EWMA Chapter FL2-O friends. Be safe and have fun!!

All the best,

Chapter Directors David Morris and Terry Henderson

**SPIRIT TEAM MAY EVENT****Annual Picnic Jonathon Dickerson State Park**

**When: Saturday, May 3, 2025      Time: 11:00      Loxahatchee Pavilion**

**Bring: Covered dish and drinks, also State Park Gate Fee**

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

**FRIENDS, FOOD, FUN for BINGO**

## Important MAY 2025 Dates



### MAY Birthdays

Sandy Pisano 5/12  
 Barney Salzburg 5/14  
 Jim Rich 5/29  
 Greg Comstock 5/30



### MAY Anniversaries

NONE

## EWMA Florida Assistant District Directors Recruitment & Retention

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



### FL2-O Membership Report

No updates this month!

Got a question about membership check with  
 Doug and Donna

**Would you like to ride this summer? Got a ride you'd like to suggest?**



**Assistant Ride Coordinator - Jim Rich**

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## FL2-O Gathering/Social April 9, 2025

We had a great April Gathering with 20 members in attendance. Sandy made an Easter Basket filled with goodies & Jim Rich was the lucky winner. Sondra & Jim brought a big container of jellybeans & a smaller container of lolly pops & all the members were invited to guess the quantity in each. Terry Henderson had the closest guess & won both prizes. She immediately distributed the jelly beans to all the members, who enjoyed them immensely & gave Percy the lollipops for her grandchildren. Tammy won the 50/50.



David ran a terrific Gathering! Thanks to Terry for notes and pictures!





**FL2-O “Treasure Coast Riders” Breakfast Ride -Wednesday, April 4, 2025****Galaxy Diner – Stuart – Ride Jupiter Island**

**FL2-O Treasure Coast Riders** had ten out for breakfast at Galaxy Diner on Kanner Hwy, Stuart. CD's Dave Morris and Terry Henderson, Joe and Sandy Pisano, Tom and Connie Chaffin, John Aurtrino, Bob Steigmeier, Jim Rich and John DuBose.



After a good breakfast we lost a few but gained some for the ride. **Riders:** Lead John, Tail CD Dave, Tom, John A, Bob, Jim, Greg, Mark, Al and Myrta, nine bikes and 10 riders. This is the time of year to start the rides earlier so we can beat the heat. We



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rode to Salerno where we picked up Old Dixie Hwy to Hobe Sound at Bridge Road over to Jupiter Island and followed AIA to Jupiter Inlet and headed home on Federal Highway (US 1). My Big Red went 139 miles today, John DuBose. A Big thanks goes out to Jim Rich for sending out the ride emails and doing the RSVP's



***CD Dave with Harley John***



***Bob Steigmeier***

***Thanks to Joe Pisano for sending in pictures!***



## Preventative Maintenance Tip

Recently as many chapter members know when I met them in Okeechobee, for the Punta Gorda ride in February, my bike would not start after filling up with gas. I was dumbfounded because there haven't been any problems with the bike slow starting, no indication of a battery problem whatsoever. One problem I did have this summer coming back from Green Bay Wisconsin was the check engine light coming on. After checking the obvious, liquid levels, battery connections, etc. I couldn't find any problems with the engine nor did anybody make any useful suggestions when I stopped at an out-of-state motorcycle shop that specialized in Gold Wings. In Okeechobee we were able to jumpstart the trike and I decided to abort the ride and go home just to be on the safe side in case there were any further issues. Also, I didn't want to travel across the state and have to keep jumpstarting the bike if I had continued with the group. The next day I bought a new battery and installed it. My trike is a 2021 and the battery was the original that makes it four years old. Like I said, since I wasn't having any problems, replacing it never crossed my mind. Not a good move. I have learned recently from the Honda Shop in Fort Pierce that if the Gold Wing computer senses a battery voltage of 11.7 V or less you will get the check engine light on your instrument panel. I realize the onboard computer can't tell you everything that is wrong with your bike, but when you get an engine warning light for a low battery, it's a pretty general indication and it would be better if the display would say battery voltage is 11.7 V or lower. Well, on my trip this summer coming home from Wisconsin I guess it was trying to warn me my battery was weak, but I had no way of knowing because the bike kept starting OK and driving at highway speeds obviously kept the battery charged above 11.7 V but then the engine warning light would come back on whenever I would switch on various electrical loads and after a period of time go back out again since it was being charged. Now I know what was happening but at the time did not. Again, if I had a warning display saying battery voltage 11.7 V or lower after switching on lights or turn signals or whatever it would have alerted me to an electrical problem not an engine problem. My maintenance tip is this, if your battery is three years old don't even think twice just go ahead and replace it even if it hasn't been giving you problems before it leaves you stranded. When buying a new battery, I like to get an AGM battery which stands for absorbed glass mat. This battery is maintenance free and very dependable. It can also be mounted in any position upside down sideways whatever. For a stronger battery look for the highest CCA, which stands for



cold cranking amps, in a battery that will fit your bike. Walmart had the AGM battery I needed and it was rated at 310 CCA which was an Ever Start ATX20HL rated at 20AH (ampere hours). My original battery was a YUASA rated at 250 CCA. Since there are only about four or five battery manufacturers, buying a battery by name doesn't mean much to me anymore. I just look at its ratings and warranty. Other people who sell batteries simply buy from these manufacturers and put their name on them. I was hoping to find a three-year battery warranty but most batteries I found were only 60 or 90 days which I can't understand. As far as I'm concerned, Lithium batteries are completely out of the question, they may have longer warranties and more powerful for their size but they are not only extremely expensive, require a special charger and on my BMW it also means I would have to buy another electrical box to compensate for the battery and adapt to the electrical system on the bike. Too much! I mention this because it is next in line for a new battery but may apply to other motorcycles also.

Joe Pisano FL2-O



**Joe must be a battery expert with three bikes to keep on the road!**



## Service Tips



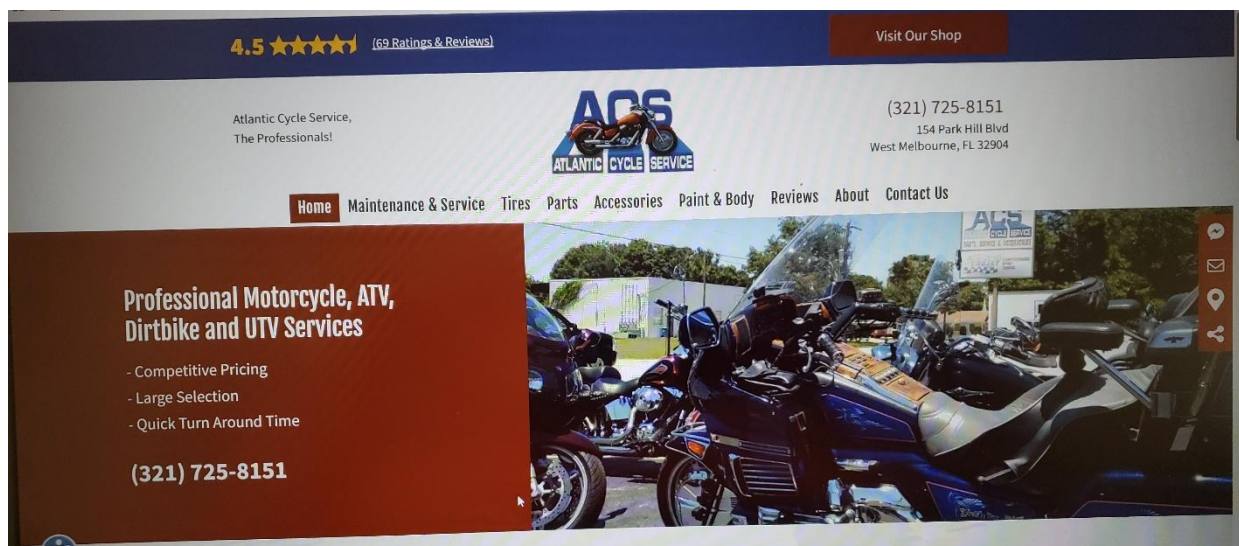
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Dan GW Tech – Don Service Manager – Mike - Owner. - Treasure Coast Honda – Kawasaki

***Don Gehring*** Service Manager will do his best to meet your needs.

Jim Cuff had his Gold Wing Trike warranty work done and very satisfied.

Joe Pisano had his Gold Wing Trike warranty work done.



**Atlantic Cycle Service – 154 Park Hill Blvd. West Melbourne, FL 32904**

**(321.725.8151) <https://www.atlanticcycleservice.com/>**

Larry Pounds found a shop to help him with his trike....

Nice to have a choice!

## Doug & Donna Goethel

### Florida Assistant District Directors Recruitment & Retention

#### Assistant Chapter Directors FL2-O

Doug and Donna have sold their Gold Wing and moved to a lighter bike for ease of riding. This way Donna can tool around on a ride if she chooses too. Safe Riding!



#### 2017 Indian Scout – Blue & White



#### 2015 Indian Scout with custom paint



**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

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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
Saturday, March 1, 2025	Daytona Bike Day Ride (Joe Pisano – Jim Cuff)	John DuBose
Wed, March 5, 2025	Lunch Ride Crabby Dockside & Seal Museum	Leads Jim & John
Saturday, March 8, 2025	Lunch Ride Runway Café' Sebring with FL2 - H	John DuBose (meet-up)
Wed – Sat March 12 - 15	Florida District Gathering - Gainesville	8 Members Attended
Thurs – March 27, 2025	Lunch Ride – Squid Lips – Sebastain (15)	Leads John & Jim
Friday – April 4, 2025	Breakfast Ride – Galaxy the Jupiter Island	Leads John & Jim

***John & Peggy DuBose have gone to Roanoke, VA for the summer!***

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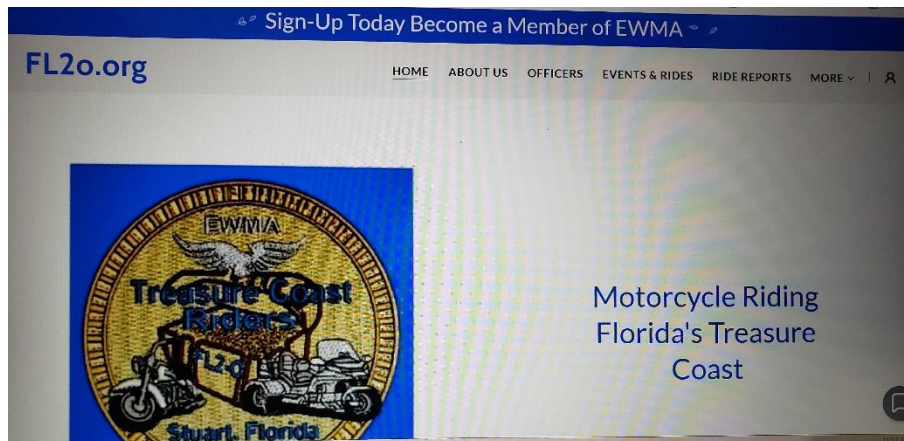
**Donna Goethel**

**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.





May, 2025

## Florida District Safety/Ride Coordinators Safety Article

### CLEAR THE WAY

Courtesy in traffic is a nice thing as long as it is safe. Often when traffic is backed up and comes to a stop, you will see drivers leave a gap so turning traffic or traffic traveling through from the side can proceed. This is a nice thing to do or have done for you. You just have to make sure on multi-laned roadways that there is not a vehicle moving in one of the lanes you are about to cut across.

This type of scenario often happens in backed up traffic where a driver is just trying to be helpful and let you proceed through the stopped cars. This is also one of the most dangerous situations you can put yourself in. The other driver might be waving you through, but you cannot assume that all the lanes are clear of approaching vehicles for you to safely proceed. You must stop and clear each lane visually before you proceed across it.

When you are riding your motorcycle in heavy stopped traffic, always look for possible openings big enough for a vehicle to fit through. A courteous driver might be leaving an opening for other cross through traffic. A vehicle might suddenly appear cutting through into your path. Your path of travel must be fluid. If you see a gap in traffic, you should move away from the opening in your lane, away from the direction of a possible encroaching vehicle. If you are on a multi-lane roadway, you should change lanes away from the opening. You can also stay next to another larger vehicle going in the same direction you are, as you pass the opening. The driver cutting through might not see you but hopes are they would see the larger vehicle you are riding next to and not pull out in front of both of you. Cover your controls and be ready to brake or swerve or both if necessary.

We are here to assist you with your rider training needs.

*Ride Safe!!  
Dominick & Diane*

Upcoming Florida EWMA Events		
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 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
Sept 25 - 27, 2025	North Carolina District Rally <i>"Back to the Smokies"</i>	Silva, NC
October 16 - 18, 2025	Mississippi District Rally <i>"The New Frontier"</i>	Biloxi, MS

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**Our 2025 Eagle Wings Rendezvous will be located at  
Convention Center, in Fort Smith, AR  
August 28th - 30th**



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4200 NW 97th Boulevard  
Gainesville, FL 32606-3742

Rate \$139.00 (including buffet breakfast for 2)  
Reservation call 352-331-3336  
Group Code: **EWMA2026**  
Group room rate cutoff date: 02/20/2026  
Cancel w/o charge 48 hours before arrival



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**Thanks ~ To everyone who wrote an article or pictures for this month's Newsletter:**

Dave Morris, Terry Henderson, Joe & Sandy Pisano, Jim Rich, John DuBose,  
Doug & Donna Goethel 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.

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