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## EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



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### Monthly Gathering

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at  
Southern Pig & Cattle  
Restaurant  
2583 SE Federal Highway  
Stuart, FL

**Dinner 5:00**

**Meet 6:00**



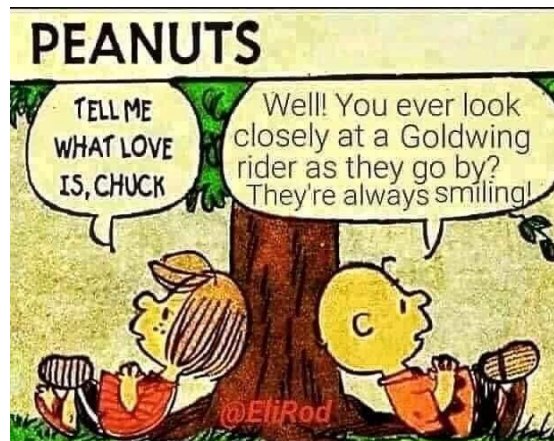
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July marks the halfway point in 2023. We just had our July Gathering and have celebrated the 4th of July holiday. It is still early in the summer season and we are experiencing very hot days with temps hitting 95 degrees every day with heavy afternoon rains. This is the season that our rides are morning rides to a breakfast location. We have joined Chapter FL2-A on a couple of their scheduled ride destinations.

Two major rallies are coming up. The first is called Rendezvous, EWMA's first annual rally and the March District Rally. Now that the District has announced a new location in Gainesville, they are getting the Rally tickets out to the printer. The tickets should be ready for distribution in early August so stay tuned. The raffle tickets support the funding for our Florida safety courses.



### Anita Alkire

Founder/CEO of EWMA

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### Chapter Treasure

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### 50/50

Percy Comstock

### Spirit Team Lead

Sandy Pisano



### Ride Coordinator

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## Important August Dates

 <p><b>August Birthday</b></p> <p>Laura Smutek 8/20 Willard Hackett 8/23</p>	 <p><b>August Anniversary</b></p> <p>None</p>
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## Friends for FUN, Safety and Riding

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**NATIONAL LAZY DAY**

### NATIONAL LAZY DAY | AUGUST 10

**Lazy Day** is a holiday that is celebrated in the United States, and maybe abroad, on August 10th. It is a day for people to take a break from their daily chores and work and spend the day doing absolutely nothing. It is the perfect day to become a slacker, couch potato, or loafer.

### Our chapter shirts are now available to order!!!

The official Chapter color is Royal Blue...be sure that you have made the correct selection on the order form.



**To Order**....go to our website <https://fl2o.org/> and at the top of the screen is the heading "MORE", select it, then select "STORE". scroll down to the detailed directions and make all the selections for the shirt you want. You can have FL2--O embroidered under your name if you want for no extra charge. The cost with all the embroidering including our new logo patch on the front and the Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association logo on the back is \$33. **Note:** depending on the shirt you choose, the price might vary a little. Shipping is an additional \$8 charge.

Thanks to Doug and Donna for spearheading the FL2-O new shirt designs.



## FL2-O Treasure Coast Riders - July Gathering - July 12, 2023

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District Director Bill Smith Presents Officer Patches - Chapter Directors Dave Morris & Terry Henderson - Assistant Chapter Directors Donna & Doug Goethel



Cheryl & Bill Smith - FL District Director



Doug & Donna Goethel Assistant Chapter Directors



Joe Trotta - Treasure - Dave Morris - CD



Claudia Vega FL District Educator & Robert



**FL2-O Treasure Coast Riders - July Gathering - July 12, 2023**

Sandy Pisano Spirit Team & Joe Pisano Newsletter Articles & Rides



Al & Myrta Colussy



Greg Comstock & Barney Salzburg



"Metalflake" Herb Jebb  
TECH TALKS



**HEARING**  
by Jim Rich



The Honda Gold Wing is probably one of the quietest motorcycles on the planet, but at 75 mph (easily achieved on a Gold Wing) the wind noise can be significant. Most of us have CB's and intercoms to communicate with our passengers or fellow riders. I've tried foamies, typically used on the shooting range, and other types of ear plugs. An article in Rider magazine put me on to a whole different concept in ear protection, a product called Musicians Ear Plugs. The ear plug resembles a normal ear plug with a stem for insertion, but down the middle is a channel with a filter designed to reduce extraneous sounds. The Alpine ear plugs we purchased come with two filters, one that reduces sound by 19db and one that reduces it by 22db. We found that the 19db filter got rid of most of the wind noise but let us hear the CB and intercom clearly. Riding my new Honda Rebel with a low windshield the ear plugs really come in handy, letting me listen to music from my phone or pair with another rider who has a Sena headset.

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

**FL2-O Stuart met FL2-A Palm Beach at Sammy J's for Breakfast in Stuart**

Saturday, July 15, 2023



**That Social Time looks like “FUN”**







August 2023

## Florida District Safety/Ride Coordinators

### Safety Article

#### Addressing Hazards in the Roadway

There are many different types of hazards you will encounter in the roadway while riding your motorcycle. Striking objects with your motorcycle is much more dangerous and has much greater consequences than if you had struck the same object with a car, suv or pick-up truck. If you strike a pot hole, piece of truck tire, or any other substantial piece of debris with a 4-wheel vehicle the results might be a flat tire or some minor cosmetic damage. If you struck the same object with a motorcycle the result could be a crash.

Some types of hazards you might encounter in the roadway are as follows:

1. Wet or dry grass clippings being blown into the road during mowing.
2. Gravel kicked into the road by cars and trucks.
3. Tree branches falling from trees above the road.
4. Wet or dry leaves.
5. Dirt washed onto the road during a rain storm.
6. Deep puddles during or after a rain storm.
7. Motorcycles or other vehicles approaching from the opposite direction intruding onto your side of the road going around a curve.
8. Pieces of truck tire. (Florida Gator)
9. And many more.

Make sure if you have to surmount any of the potential slippery examples I have listed, you take as much lean as possible out of your bike to reduce the chance of sliding out and losing control. No braking, down shifting or abrupt throttle deceleration while crossing over these areas.

The best way to avoid any hazard is not to encounter it in the first place. To be able to avoid a hazard you must see it soon enough and far enough away so you have enough time and space to avoid it. Braking or swerving only works if you have enough time and distance to execute these maneuvers. A person needs at least two seconds to react. It takes about one second for your eyes to tell your brain something needs to be done. It takes about another second for your hands and feet to begin to move to accomplish whatever action is required. Much literature has now been changed to three seconds being the minimum amount of reaction time required. More is better. The proper reaction time distance directly related to the proper following distance. If you are closer than 2-3 seconds behind the vehicle in front of you, you will not have enough time and distance to react should some hazard appear.

Riding at night reduces your reaction time even if there is not a vehicle in front of you. There is a line between where your headlight is lighting the road and the darkness just beyond your headlight beam. The

distance of this line depends on your speed and headlight adjustment. This line should also always be 2-3 seconds ahead of you. If that distance is shorter than 2-3 seconds slow down accordingly.

A legally, properly adjusted headlight is supposed to be 150 ft. on low beam and 450 ft. on high beam. At 50 mph the distance of two second ahead you is already 150 ft. If you are going faster, such as 70 mph on the interstate, you are already over riding your low beam headlight distance. You can switch to high beam for additional distance. But, remember if you are running with your high beam on and another vehicle is approaching you from the opposite direction; legally you must switch back to low beam. At that point you are now drastically over riding your headlight distance.

Ride safe and watch out for hazards,

Dominick & Diane

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

# *National Traffic Awareness Month*



**August 2023**



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## FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND RIDING!

**2023 Events** - More Information may be found on the FL District web-page at: <http://www.ewma-florida.org>

Aug 31 - 2 Sep, 2023	<b>EWMA</b> <b>Inaugural EWMA Rendezvous</b>	Knoxville, TN
September 15 - 16	Georgia District Fall Mountain Ride and Camp Reunion	Dillard, GA
September 28 - 30	Alabama District Rally - Western Round-up	Eufaula, AL
October 5 - 7	Virginia Wing'd Rider - Rally in the Valley	Roanoke, VA
October 26 - 28	Mississippi District Rally - Let's Soar	Gulf Port, MS
<b>March 14-16, 2024</b>	<b>Florida District Gathering of Friends for FUN</b>	<b>Gainesville, FL</b>



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### Raffle to support Safety

- 1<sup>st</sup> Drawing - \$5,000 Cash
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Drawing - \$ 500 Cash
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Drawing - \$ 250 Cash

### GOLD SPONSOR



That Social Time looks like **"FUN"**



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Group Code: EWMA2023



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#### GOLD SPONSOR



**PLATINUM SPONSOR**  
Funded in part by Visit Gainesville,  
Alachua County

Need not be present to win  
Proceeds support EWMA Florida District Safety Program



### Florida District Gathering of Friends for FUN

### FUN WITH 50'S 60'S 70'S TV SHOWS



Riders Name		EWMA Member #	
Riders or Co-Riders Name (circle one)		EWMA Member #	
Street Address, City, State & Zip Code			
Phone #		Email Address	
Chapter	Chapter Position	District or Team EWMA Position	

We agree to hold harmless Florida District, co-sponsoring organizations and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved because of participation in this rally. I/we have read this waiver and acknowledge with signature(s) below:

Signature	Date	Is this your first-time attending the Florida Rally?	Yes	No
Member Registration	\$30	x		
Non-Member Registration	\$40	x		
Under 12 (Dinner on Thursday extra. See below)	Free	x		
<b>Sit Down Dinner - Thursday Night</b>	<b>\$30</b>	x		

\*\*\* Fully registered attendees only \*\*\*  
Dinner choices - Circle One for each attendee:  
Pineapple Seared Chicken, Seared Mahi Mahi, Menchetti w/ 1st Sauce or spinach cream sauce (pick one)

Ticket Sales				
\$5,000 Raffle (Book of 10)	\$10	x		
Daily 50 / 50 Thursday (Strip of 10)	\$5	x		
Daily 50 / 50 Friday (Strip of 10)	\$5	x		
Grand 50 / 25 / 25 (Strip of 10)	\$5	x		
Grand Prize (Strip of 10)	\$5	x		

PRE-ORDER ONLY SHIRT SALES				
Polo Shirt	S	M	L	XL
Polo Shirt	XXL	XXXL	XXXXL	\$20
T-Shirt	S	M	L	XL
T-Shirt	XXL	XXXL	XXXXL	\$20
Long Sleeve	S	M	L	XL
Long Sleeve	XXL	XXXL	XXXXL	\$22

TOTAL ENCLOSED (US Dollars Only) \$

**RALLY SHIRTS NOT AVAILABLE ON SITE - PRE-ORDER ONLY**

#### Florida District Rally (March 14 - 16, 2024) Opens daily at 9:00am

##### Florida District Directors

Bill & Cheryl Smith  
(561) 445-4270  
bill2818@gmail.com

##### FIRST AID/CPR CLASS OFFERED

Wednesday 01.15.2024 - 11am - 1pm

Limit 20 people Must Be Fully Registered

FL EWMA MEMBERS \$25. (returned upon completion)

NON-FLORIDA EWMA MEMBERS \$35.00

SEPARATE CHECKS NEEDED PAYABLE TO FL DISTRICT

Contact Claudia Vega for availability

881-722-0622 rvaga1984@gmail.com

#### Preregistrations must be postmarked by March 1, 2024

No refunds after February 25, 2024.

After March 1<sup>st</sup> Registration is \$5.00 higher

\$10 Day Passes will be sold onsite and are good for all events the day of purchase **except Thursday night dinner**

#### Submit Registration Forms to:

Gene & Kathie Jette  
114 Canis Dr E  
Orange Park, FL 32073

Make check or money order (US dollars only)

payable to Florida District

If you would like registration confirmation, please

ensure you provide an email address

#### Guided Hike on Friday & Saturday

Register by **December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023** for entry into

Early Bird drawing to be awarded to 1 lucky

winner at Closing Ceremonies!

Pre-Order Shirts for entry into a drawing for a

prize to be awarded to 1 lucky winner at Closing

Ceremonies

See website for latest information

<http://www.ewma-florida.org/rally.htm>