

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 John DuBose – Ride Coordinator Jim Rich – Asst. Ride Coordinator Sandy Pisano – Spirit Team Percy Comstock – 50/50 Tech – Herb "Metalflake" Jebb John DuBose – Newsletter Editor <u>https://fl2o.org/</u> Assistant Chapter Directors Chapter Safety/Webmaster Doug and Donna Goethel

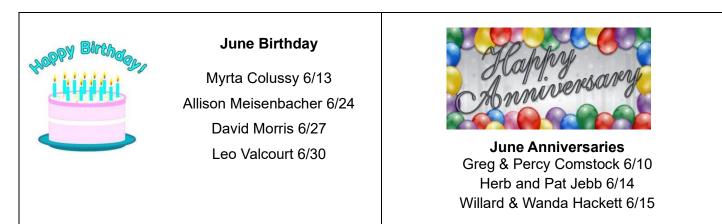


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#### Important June Dates



#### Chapter Directors June Message – David Morris & Terry Henderson

Jim Rich has been officially appointed to the position of *Assistant Ride Coordinator*. He has been performing as one of our Road Captains for several years, so it seems appropriate to make it official. I know that Jim will work diligently to make our summer ride season active with more than one ride each month but, as you all know, summer is a very challenging season to schedule rides. The rainy weather and extreme heat are not conducive for rides that go past noon, so our rides must start earlier and be shorter. Rain is always possible and as you may have noticed, I don't like riding in the rain, but I always try to participate even if it means that I take the car. Please contact Jim to give him some suggestions for a summer ride.

#### Greetings All!

We just got back from attending South Carolina's rally and we had a lot of fun. Coming up in a little more than 3 weeks is the Region A and Georgia District Ride In. The Georgia District Directors wanted to clear up a misconception that this event was just a Ride event. They will have vendors, games and other traditional rally affairs too, so if you were thinking the latter (as I was) there will be way more than just rides!

It's not too late to get your registrations in and reservations made for your hotel stay if you want to attend after this new information.

CD's, please share this information with your members. Hope to see you there!

Fred & Karen Kennedy	More information about EVENTS on Page 12/17
Florida District Directors	

## Sunsetting of GroupWorks

From: GroupWorks....

We are writing to notify you that the GroupWorks club management platform ("GroupWorks") will sunset at **5pm ET on Friday, June 21, 2024**. As of that time, the platform will no longer be available to you for use.

When it was originally developed, GroupWorks offered an effective and easy platform for clubs to coordinate and communicate with their members. Since its inception, it has been made available to clubs at no cost. The costs to maintain the platform have continuously and significantly increased. While GroupWorks remains an effective tool for club management, the circumstances that warranted its unique development and continued use have now changed. It has become infeasible to continue operating the platform at the current expense.

We recognize that transition away from GroupWorks may be disruptive and we apologize for any inconvenience. Enclosed with this notice letter please find a set of <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u> that we hope will provide additional, helpful information about the transition as you explore alternative options for your club management. We will also be notifying members of this wind down in the days ahead.

We sincerely regret the inconvenience this transition will cause to your group. While we have been pleased to have provided this service at no cost for many years, the current operating environment forced us to make this difficult decision.

Thank you,

**Doug Wenners** 

**Chief Executive Officer** 

Fredric Kennedy

Florida District Director

With Group Works going away June 21, 2024. The FL2-O webpage will be so important to us all for communication! Plus, we'll have to use Jim Rich's email list for communication in the future, so if you do not get emails from Jim, please make sure to get on his list. Thanks, John

### FL2-O Stuart – May 8, 2024 Gathering/Social





CD Dave Presents - Jim Rich 50/50 Winner



Percy - Greg - Willard



Bob Steigmeier Raffle Winner



Sondra Drawing Raffle Ticket

#### CE ARMOR

Something to consider when buying a new jacket is armor. Some people don't like armor because it causes rigid places and may be uncomfortable. CE Armor solves that problem. This stuff is really unique in that it is soft, but instantaneously gets hard when it is shocked. When I bought our Cortech motorcycle jackets made by Tourmaster, what sold me was when the salesman laid the armor on the counter and it was soft enough that I could push my finger all the way through almost to the countertop. Then he said try hitting it which I did with my fist and I was amazed at how fast it became harder. What I also liked about these jackets is that the armor slips into pockets so it can be removed, this is a real convenience if your jacket is washable. This space age armor is also available in other Tourmaster jackets.

#### Sunglasses can be dangerous

Well, not all of them. My opinion why polarized sunglasses are not good for motorcycles is because they reduce glare. By doing so they also hide shiny spots on the road surface, which can be oil or slippery spots. They are great around boats and the water, but for me, and riding motorcycles, not so much.



Joe Pisano Chapter FL2-O

#### FL2-O Spirit Team Annual Picnic at Jonathan Dickerson State Park

Spirit Team had 23 FL2-O Stuart "Treasure Coast Rider" out May 4, 2024





Bingo Winners: John DuBose, Al Colussy, Beth Daniels, Sondra Cuff and Sandy Pisano...

Thanks to Doug & Donna Goethel for being the Bingo callers.

Pictures: Percy & Greg Comstock, John DuBose and CD Dave Morris



Head Cook Greg with Sandy prepping



Phil – Joe Trotta – Dave – Lynn – Joe Pisano



Donna & Doug with Tom Shackett



Sondra & Jim with Beth & Ted Daniels

### Tom & Connie Chaffin

A warm welcome to Tom & Connie Chaffin, the newest members of the Treasure Coast Wings and EWMA. Tom and Connie are snowbirds that spend the summer in the town of Ashland, located on the Ohio river in eastern Kentucky, and they winter in Lost Lake in Hobe Sound. Tom rode a Honda 750 many years ago but work and kids and other things got in the way, so it was not until a year ago that he and Connie decided to get a used Can Am and see what it was like to get back on the road again. It turned out that they loved the ride, so they traded up to a brand-new Can Am with all the bells and whistles. Connie is planning to get her endorsement, but what happens after that is still up for discussion. Tom was recruited into a group of riders in Lost Lake where CD Dave Morris recruited, he and Connie for EWMA and the Treasure Coast Riders.





Jan's Place

## FL2-O CHRISTMAS SOCIAL – WENDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024

**Note from Chapter Ride Coordinator John DuBose:** Jim Rich has been one of our Road Captains for years. He now has agreed to step-up and help out with summer rides while I'm in Virginia for the summer. Jim does a good job planning rides, routes and destination spots. Please come out and support FL2-O "Treasure Coast Riders" rides. John



#### FL2-O Treasure Coast Riders

Assistant Ride Coordinator - Jim Rich

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Summer Riding Season is here...

keep an eye out for Rides on Group Works/Jim's emails

April 25, 2024	Cracker's Cafe - Indiantown - FL2-O had 12 Riders
May 16, 2024	Jan's Place – Jensen Beach – FL2-O had 8 Riders
May 22, 2024	Captains Galley – Fort Pierce – FL2-O had 8 Riders

#### FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND RIDING

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

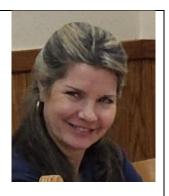
> Everyone is encouraged to submit relevant articles by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month! To John DuBose, Newsletter Editor - <u>FL2oRoadCaptain@comcast.net</u>

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

Please RSVP VIA GROUPWORKS

#### FL2-O Stuart – Treasure Coast Riders https://fl2o.org/

Make sure you take time to check out the FL2-O webpage that Donna works hard on keeping updated with pictures and happenings of the Treasure Coast Riders. With Group Works going away June 21, 2024 the FL2-O webpage will be so important to us all for communication!



Donna Goethel – Assistant Chapter Director & Webmaster

#### Ride Report Cracker's Cafe in Indiantown

Thursday, April 25, 2024 - Leads: John DuBose & Jim Rich

Wow, FL2-O Stuart "Treasure Coast Riders" had 12 out for our breakfast ride to Cracker's Cafe in Indiantown. Rosie our waitress did an excellent job handling the 12 of us. Crackers had a great breakfast menu. So, check them out if you're in the area.

After breakfast we rode out to Port Mayaca and stopped at the locks... CD's Dave and Terry along with Jim Rich had to check out the gator. Lake Okeechobee was beautiful today, which made for a great day of riding.

Riders: Lead John DuBose, Phil Baxter, Doug Goethel and his friend Dave Herz, Ted and Beth Daniels, Barney Salzburg, Jim Rich and his friend Tom Chaffin, Frank Pellegrino and Tail CD's Dave and Terry. High Mileage Rider today was Jim Rich at 106. My Big Red had 101 miles on it today. Ride Coordinator John DuBose





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.

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

Just think you can pick-up the phone and call the vendor Tamma Trump @ 678.744.4293 Paul just got his new shirt... it was easy!

Paul with FL2-H CD Winston Carlton. It's nice to let other where we're from! FL2-O



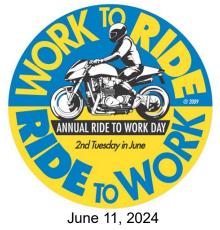


Jan's breakfast ride report – Thursday, May 16, 2024 – Lead Jim Rich

Nobody is going to believe this, but the Chapter Director and world renowned tail-gunner showed up in his <u>car!!!</u> Breakfast at Jan's was great with Dave & Terry, Tom & Connie (yes, there really is a Connie), Ted (Beth couldn't make it), Frank and our newest rider John Autorino. After breakfast the riders, me, Frank, John and Ted headed west to pick up the Green River Parkway north (a scenic route with no traffic) and then west to Veteran's Memorial Highway and back east on Westmoreland Blvd (also scenic with little traffic). My Rebel traveled 84 miles and because Dave and Terry brought their car it guaranteed there wasn't a drop of rain.



June 14,2024



#### Bruch Ride to Captain's Galley Fort Pierce – Wednesday, May 22, 2024



Lead: Assistant Ride Coordinator/Road Captain Jim Rich

Great day, great ride, great group. Greg, Barney, Metalflake Herb, Dave, and I met up at McDonalds and proceeded up Hutchinson Island to the beach parking lot to meet up with Ted and Beth and John Autorino. From there we continued up the island and over the causeway to the Captains Galley. We arrived around 9:45 so some of the breakfast crowd had come and gone so we got a great table, excellent service, and great food. After breakfast we headed south on rt 1 to Sunrise Blvd, Virginia Ave. and 25<sup>th</sup> street south. 25th street ends at Airoso Blvd which ends at St. Lucie Blvd where we jumped over to Westmoreland Blvd and back to rt 1. My Rebel arrived home with 109 more miles. The weather cooperated with a beautiful day starting out in the low 80's and breezy.

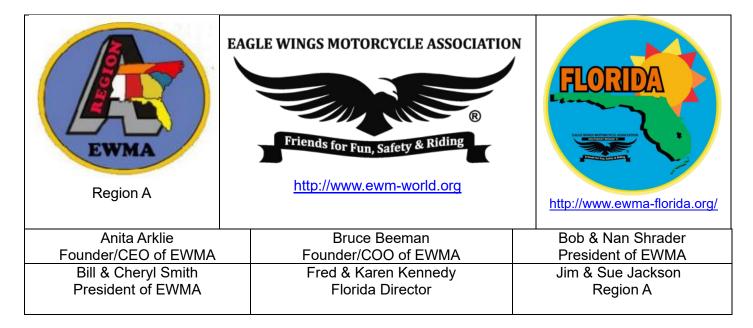
John Autorino rides a beautiful red Harley and has just recently gotten back into riding after getting some heart issues resolved. John was recruited by Terry at the last gathering when she saw his bike outside. Like a lot of us, John started riding young and then kids and job caused an interruption, but he's glad to be back in the saddle and riding with the group.



Bikes at Hutchinson Island



Barney Salzburg & John Autorino



#### More Information may be found on the FL District web-page at: http://www.ewma-florida.org

	FLYERS ON FLORIDA WEB SITE	
June 13 - 15, 2023	Georgia/Region "A" Ride-in "A" Riding Rally	Dillard, GA
June 21 - 22, 2024	EWMA International Ride-in	Loveland, CO
June 27 - 29, 2024	Alabama District Rally	Sheffield, AL
August 29 - 31, 2024	Eagle Wings Rendezvous	Greenbay, WI
Sept. 20 - 21, 2024	North Carolina Rally "Wings over the Smokies"	Brown Summit, NC
Oct. 20 - 24, 2024	Mississippi District Rally "Born to be Wild"	Biloxi, MS



## FL2-O CHRISTMAS SOCIAL – WENDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024



# June, 2024 Florida District Safety/Ride Coordinators Safety Article

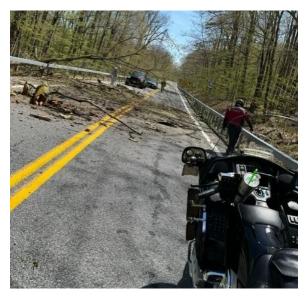
Motorcycle Riding Proficiency

It's like many things in life. "It's better to have it and not need it, rather than need it and not have it". Riding Proficiency is a diminishing skill. If you don't routinely practice the necessary maneuvers to keep you out of trouble you won't be ready in an emergency.

Braking, Swerving, and Cornering are the three areas a motorcyclist must be proficient in. Practicing these functions can be done on your own on an empty street or parking lot. You could also get with your Chapter and schedule a Parking Lot Practice (PLP) Day. No formal Instructor is required to have a PLP session. Only one or two experienced riders who can read simple instructions can facilitate a Chapter PLP meeting. Instructions and diagrams for PLP Exercises can be found in the EWMA website. The way to find the PLP Exercises is to go to the Member Log-in page and Log-in. Once there click on Member's Resources. In the drop down list go to Documents. Then go to Safety Ride Coordinator. You will find the Parking Lot Practices (PLP) there. As always Diane and I are always willing to meet you and your Chapter in your area for any type of Rider Training.

I have the luxury of being able to practice my riding skills monthly. I teach two MSF riding courses a month in which I have to demonstrate proper Braking, Swerving and Cornering. One of the exercises taught is how to perform emergency braking while leaned over going around a curve. The proper method to handle that situation is not to first instinctively go for the brakes. You rather must first quickly straighten up the bike and then you can apply the brakes. When you are in a lean in a curve the rear tire is taking all the stress it can handle just to keep you in the curve. It cannot take the additional strain of you also applying the rear brake. If you do brake while leaned over you take the chance on initiating the rear tire to slide out from under you which is called a "Low Side". I would like to give you an example of just how maintaining my Riding Proficiency saved Diane, Me and Dackel (our dog) some grief recently: We were traveling around a mountain curve at approximately 45 mph. As we rounded the curve there was a large tree down completely blocking our path in the road. I instinctively first straightened up the motorcycle and then applied the brakes hard stopping just short of hitting the downed tree. The car behind me stopped and two cars coming from the opposite direction also had to stop. We got off the bike and helped removed enough of the tree from the roadway so we could all pass on one side.

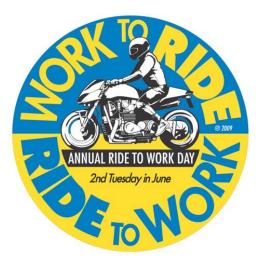
This was a perfect example of how proper training affects your muscle memory. If you don't program your brain and



muscles to properly react they won't when the time comes you need them to. Diane and I sighed a moment of relief. All Dackel knew was that he just got thrown up against the front of his dog carrier mounted on the rear luggage rack.

Take advantage of the resources training EWMA provides for you. Practice your Riding Proficiency Skills and ride safe.

Dominick & Diane



Mark Tuesday, June 11, on your calendar and join fellow motorcyclists as we saddle up for the 33rd annual Ride to Work Day.

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2024 Rendezvous in Green Bay, WI Schedule

## Schedule Subject to Change without notice

-	8/29/2024	Where
Thursday	What's Happening	
Time	Registration Open	
8am - 5pm	Venders Open	Exhibit Hall
8:30am - 5 pm	Selling Daily 50/25/25 and Grand Prize & Grand 50/25/15/10	Exhibit Hall
8:30am - 4pm	Motorcycle Dealer Forum (Q&A)	
9am - 10:30	Guided Rides, riders meeting 10:15am. Sign up SRC booth	
10am - 2pm	Self Guided Rides - routes at SRC booth	
All Day	Riding in the Elements presentation	
10:45 - 12pm	Meet and Q&A with the Founders (open to all)	
1pm - 2:30pm	Riding 2 Up presentation	
2:45pm - 3:45pm	Daily drawing of 50/25/25	ticket booth
4:30pm - 4:40pm	Opening Dinner - Ticketed event	Banquet Room
5pm - 6pm	Opening Ceremonies (open to ALL)	Banquet Room
6:15pm - 7:15pm	Opening Ceremonies (open to ALC)	
7:30pm - 9:30pm	Opening Party (open to Att)	
Friday	8/30/2024	
Time	What's Happening	Where
Bam - 5pm	Registration Open	
8am - 4pm	Selling Daily 50/25/25 and Grand Prize & Grand 50/25/15/10	Exhibit Hall
8am - 7pm	Vendors Open	Exhibit Hall
8:30am	Guided Ride, riders mtg 8:45am. Sign up at SRC booth	
All Day	Self Guided Rides - routes at SRC booth	
9am - 10am	Forum for Lady Riders (Q&A)	
9am - 4pm	First Aid/CPR - must preregister for class	
9am - 10am	Overview of website	
10am - 11am	Directors forum with President & VP's	
11am - 12pm	Treasury Forum (open to All)	
1pm - 2:30pm	Website info	
1pm - 4pm	Ball Game Tournament starts	
2pm - 3pm	Membership Benefits	
3:15pm - 4:15pm	Safety & Ride Coordinators forum (open to All)	
4:30pm - 4:45pm	Daily drawing of 50/25/25	ticket booth
7pm - 8pm	Ice Cream Social (ticketed event - tickets in your packet)	
7pm - 9:30pm	Bike & Light Show register at SRC booth	
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## **Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association**

## Our Vision:

A simple, fun, riding, social association of like-minded motorcycle enthusiast

## Our Motto:

Friends for Fun, Safety & Riding

## Our Mission:

To provide to our Membership a fun and social environment that focuses on the love of motorcycling.

To be a family-oriented, non-religious, non-political association, respectful of each other's beliefs.

Enjoying the ride together with like-minded motorcyclists.

## **Our Core Values:**

FAIRNESS: All issues should stand the test of "is it fair?"

**COMMUNICATIONS:** The more we share information and communicate about our common love of motorcycling, the more we will all learn and benefit.

**TEAMWORK:** Working together forward our common vision, motto and mission keeps us focused and gives us the ability to become exceptional.

**QUALITY:** To be the best we can, treating all the way we would want to be treated, holding each other in highest esteem and respect in all we do.

ATTITUDE: We are each responsible for our own attitude. Strive to be positive, constructive, respectful, enthusiastic and creative in all interactions with members or public to enhance the relationship and promote our motto.

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