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## EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



<http://www.ewm-world.org>



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

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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**



### Assistant Chapter Directors

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### David Morris and Terry Henderson

#### Chapter Directors

Our winter and spring ride season has been one of the best in many years. Ride Coordinator/Road Captain John DuBose conducted a very successful series of rides to great destinations. He led the ride to the District Rally in Altamonte Springs that included a lunch stop at one of our favorite restaurants, the Catfish House in St. Cloud. We had a full winter and spring ride schedule that took us on off highway roads to a lot of East Coast lunch stops along the water. The season ended with 'pop up' rides of shorter duration that included a few new locations like the Indianwood Golf Club in Indiantown. The weather mostly cooperated and only a few rides had to be rescheduled. So, THANKS, John, for your terrific planning and for leading us on SAFE and FUN rides all season long!

As we all know, it is a challenge to schedule rides during the summer months due to the extremely hot weather and the unexpected showers. Plus, our full time residents are taking vacations and our Snowbirds have left for the summer. We have found that our best opportunity is to take early morning rides that have us back home by noon time. So, if anyone has an idea for a ride, perhaps a breakfast ride, that is limited to an hour one way, let's get it on the schedule!

At the May Gathering, District Director Bill Smith told us that he and his team are close to booking the March District Rally location. This will be a new location that he expects will be more motorcycle friendly and more cost effective than the Altamonte Springs location. One of the locations he is considering is in Gainesville. Bill also reminded us that the Rendezvous is only a couple of months away and we need to make hotel reservations for the first EWMA rally as soon as possible.

Have a great summer and don't forget to make some suggestions about ride destinations!!

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#### Ride Coordinator

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## Important July Dates

### July Birthday



Marilyn Rich 7/12  
George Scholes 7/21  
Paul Dreyfus 7/24  
Lena Valcourt 7/23  
Tammy Pounds 7/28



### July Anniversary

Jim & Sondra Cuff 7/16  
John & Allison Meisenbacher 7/24

## Friends for FUN, Safety and Riding

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**2585 SE Federal Highway, Stuart, FL**  
**Dinner 5:00 - Meet 6:00**



**Tuesday, July 4, 2023**

**Independence Day is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the Declaration of Independence, which was ratified by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, establishing the United States of America**

## 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.

**Target Fixation**

Joe Pisano Chapter FL2-O

When it comes to road hazards sometimes we have a warning, sometimes we don't. By a warning I mean you can see it coming, like a pothole, something laying in the road, etc. This is when you do not want to become a victim of **Target Fixation**. It is defined as the tendency to steer a vehicle towards an object you are focusing on. When you see a hazard in the road you **MUST** avoid staring at it. Instead, concentrate on a path around the hazard. Try this little self test that works better on two wheeled motorcycles than trikes. The next time you are on an interstate and you want to change lanes, try staring at the reflectors on the broken white line and steer through the space between them so you don't hear your tires go to tha-thump. Try this more than once and different days on different roads. For me, when I try to avoid the reflectors by looking at them I am amazed at how many times I do hit them. So what do you do if you are in traffic and can't see around the vehicle in front of you looking for hazards? Try dropping back, if you're not able to do that then ride in the wheel tracks of the vehicle ahead of you.

Summer is here and many of us will be traveling. The Chinese proverb, a journey of 1000 miles begins with a single step is true but my take on it is somewhat different. I think it should say, a journey of 1000 miles begins with a single twist of the wrist. Don't you like this one better? I thought so.

***FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND RIDING!*****June 2023 FL2-D Safety Message**

You might be your own worst enemy!

Motorcycle accident statistics suggest that the most common cause of motorcycle accidents, not involving another vehicle, is the motorcyclist's failure to negotiate a curve. Furthermore, the reason the bike failed to negotiate the curve was excessive curve entry speed.

You may recall from some motorcycle safety training event that the first step in the MSF suggested method for negotiating a curve is to slow down!

**'Nuff said? John Cain, FL2-D Melbourne Safety/Ride Coordinator**





## Florida District Safety/Ride Coordinators

July, 2023

### - REAR BRAKE BENEFITS ON TWO-WHEEL MOTORCYCLES

The front brake system on modern bikes provides much more stopping power than they did in the past. Often only a single finger (not recommended by me) is needed on the front brake lever. Approximately 70% of a motorcycle's stopping power is provided by the front brake when properly applied. The remaining 30% is accomplished by the rear brake. Many factors affect this ratio, such as speed, tire grip, road surface, road gradient, and type of motorcycle. Cruisers and touring bikes with long wheelbases benefit from the rear brake to a greater degree than short-wheelbase motorcycles like sportbikes.

Hard braking with the front brake can lighten the rear end so much that it can lessen the advantage of whatever percentage of braking is available by the rear brake. When you brake hard with the front brake it lightens the contact patch of the rear tire. Therefore the rear wheel stopping percentage goes down and the potential chance to skid the rear wheel goes up. The heavier the bike and the longer the wheelbase, the greater percentage is of stopping power to the rear wheel.

So if the rear brake provides us less benefit for stopping, when is it more beneficial to use the rear brake only? The answer: U-turns, slow tight turns, and riding in slow moving traffic. Let's start talking about the U-turn. You should be able to make a U-turn without putting a foot down. (Especially on a 900 lb. motorcycle. You risk the chance on injuring an ankle.) Or worse, having to stop, back up, and take another stab at it. I saw this on a recent group ride. Two of the big bikes stopped right in the middle of a tight switch back turn going uphill. Not a good situation for the motorcycles behind them. The approaching bikes either had to stop or go around them. When you are making a U-turn on a multi-laned road with a median, you should be able to make the turn only using the total area of the lane you started in, the width of the median, and the next closest lane to the median to complete the U-turn. If you venture into any more lanes to complete your U-turn you increase your chances of conflicting with oncoming traffic in the other lanes. During a slow tight turn dragging the rear brake shortens the distance you will be swinging out. If you are driving in slow moving traffic such as at a congested intersection, dragging the rear brake in conjunction with using the throttle and clutch in the friction zone will prevent you from having to put your feet up and down or dragging them on the road.

Let's define "using the rear brake" for slow maneuvers. The method I am about to describe is not natural to us and defies normal logic. To illustrate the process let's talk about how you drive your car, a process that is natural to us. So, what I am saying is to get in your car, put the emergency brake on, and

drive down the street. Right away you will think, "You are crazy, that is not how you drive a car". You would be right, but, that "is" how you ride a motorcycle if you want to improve your ability to perform slow

tight maneuvers. Some motorcycles have a linked braking system. That means that when you apply the rear brake lever, the system will also apply one side of the front brake. That will make the bike squat down. You will have to apply more throttle and use more friction zone with the clutch to complete the maneuver. You will definitely hear the engine working against the braking system, but that's what you want to happen. Most motorcycles have a wet clutch which means you will not damage the clutch during this process. If you have a bike with a dry clutch, this process can still be utilized but you just have to minimize the use of the rear brake against the clutch.

We are here to assist you with your training needs.

*Ride Safe!!  
Dominick & Diane*



## FL2-O Treasure Coast Riders

Ride Coordinator John DuBose - [FL2oRoadCaptain@comcast.net](mailto:FL2oRoadCaptain@comcast.net)

John 772.971.8389 Text or Call

We hope to see you at **"Eagle Wings 2023 Rendezvous"**

**Thanks** ~ To everyone who wrote an article for this month's Newsletter:  
Dave Morris, Terry Henderson, John DuBose, Joe Pisano, John Cain, Dominick DeSiato and  
Bill and Cheryl Smith

Everyone is encouraged to submit relevant articles by the 20<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.***

## **Please RSVP VIA GROUPWORKS**

*Why should you use Group Works?*

*Due to vacations etc various individuals will be handling the reservations for **EVENTS**  
If your **RSVP** is on **Group Works**, any of these individuals can see it.*

**All, Subject: Eagle Wings 2023 Rendezvous Sign-up****It's that time!**

You need to get your hotel room and register for the Rendezvous if they haven't done so already. You have to be a member and be registered to volunteer. We want Florida to be the Largest District in Attendance and that number is determined by pre-registration! The registration, hotel information and camping information is attached. Cheryl and I are staying at the Racoon Valley Campground.

At the Rendezvous we want you to volunteer to work a shift with the Florida District on Friday September 1st at the On Site Registration Table! We need 4-6 folks per shift. The day runs from 8:00am to 5:00pm and only 2.5 hours per shift. There is a 15 minute overlap built in for training.

The shifts are as follows:

7:45am to 10:15am

10:00am to 12:30pm

12:15pm to 2:45pm

2:30pm to 5:00pm

**The schedule will be filled on a first come first served basis. To volunteer contact me at [FLDD2018@gmail.com](mailto:FLDD2018@gmail.com). Please provide a 1st and 2nd choice of shift along with your phone number and email that we will be able to contact you while at the Rendezvous.**

If you can't make it on Friday and still want to volunteer just let me know the day you can volunteer and you will be contacted to get on another shift.

Thanks,  
Bill and Cheryl Smith  
Chapter FL2-A West Palm Beach  
Florida District Directors  
561-445-4270 (Bill)  
561-445-1624 (Cheryl)  
[www.goldwingfl2-a.com](http://www.goldwingfl2-a.com)  
[www.ewma-florida.org](http://www.ewma-florida.org)

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 <p>Region A</p>	<p><b>EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION</b></p>  <p><a href="http://www.ewm-world.org">http://www.ewm-world.org</a></p>	 <p><a href="http://www.ewma-florida.org/">http://www.ewma-florida.org/</a></p>
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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	<a href="#">EWMA Inaugural EWMA Rendezvous</a>	Knoxville, TN (Flyer on Pg 12)
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

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• Shop On-line

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**Eagle Wings Rendezvous**  
**Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association**  
**Inaugural Rally**  
**Aug 31–Sept 2, 2023**  
**Knoxville, TN Convention Center**



Take a Scavenger Hunt ride to Knoxville, TN and join your friends at the Inaugural rally, Eagle Wings Rendezvous! We'll have vendors, FUN, presentations, FUN, guest speakers, FUN, games, FUN, on bike games, FUN, and awesome guided and self guided rides into the beautiful hills of Tennessee! This is an event you don't want to miss!

**Plan for FUN!!!**

**Daily 50/25/25**

**On Bike Games**

**Commerative item & Door Prizes**

**Guest Speakers & Presentations**

**Bike & Light Show**

**First Aid/CPR Class**

**Vendors, Including Motorcycle stuff, Bling & Chrome**

**GRAND PRIZE and MYSTERY CASH**  
**AND**  
**GRAND 50/25/15/10**

**3 Nights of FUN, FUN, FUN!!!!**

**Thursday GRAND OPENING PARTY FUN,  
Dinner and dancing**

**Friday Night Bike and Light Show Vote for  
your favorite and enjoy some ice cream!**

**Saturday Night is Closing  
Ceremonies, Dinner and Dancing**

**\*For up to Date Schedule & more info,  
go to [www.EWMA-World.org](http://www.EWMA-World.org)**

<b>Registration Fees (onsite \$10 more)</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Total</b>
EWMA Members	\$40	_____	\$_____
Non Members	\$50	_____	\$_____
Day Passes-available for purchase on site			
Dinner on Thursday Night	\$20	_____	\$_____
Dinner on Saturday Night	\$35	_____	\$_____
First Aid/CPR	\$25	_____	\$_____
<b>Tickets</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Total</b>
Grand Prize & Mystery Cash—Books of 5	\$10 X	_____	\$_____
Grand 50/25/15/10— Books of 5	\$20 X	_____	\$_____

**See and purchase our Rally shirt on our website in our store.  
Pick them up at rally. Some may be available on-site.**

**All pre-registrations must be received  
by August 1, 2023**

**Make Checks payable to EWMA**

Mail completed forms to:

**EWMA**

**Patti O'Neill**

**2125 Meander**

**Prescott AZ 86305**

**For further information**

**Contact: Patti O'Neill**

**Email: [ewmacfo@gmail.com](mailto:ewmacfo@gmail.com)**

**Phone 408-639-0415**

**\$15.00 fee on all cancellations**

**No refunds after Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 2023**

**Pre-reg only  
USA CC#**

**Billing Zip Code**

**All countries credit cards will be accepted at rally**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ EWMA #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ EWMA #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Reg/District/Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned, agree to comply with the ideals governing this event and to hold harmless the EWMA, co-sponsoring organizations and property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved, and I/we agree to assume responsibility for any property which I/we knowingly damage. **EWMA reserves the right to refuse entrance to anyone at any time.**

Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## 2023 Hotel Information For Eagle Wings Rendezvous

Wed 8/30 through Sun 9/2 rates shown.

**ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 7/31/2023 TO ASSURE THE RATE**

**Host Hotel: Crowne Plaza**

.4 miles

401 W. Summit Hill Drive Knoxville, TN 37902

\$145/night, parking free – up-charge for king room, on site restaurant

Pet Friendly – see details on booking site

Reservations methods: call direct 865-522-2600 Reservation Code: EWR

**Booking Link:**

[Eagle Wings](#)

Put in dates of arrival and departure, rooms & guests and the rate preference. It should be “group rate, travel agent”. Then click book now. To stay before 8/30 or after 9/2, call the hotel.

**Hampton Inn and Suites Knoxville-Downtown**

opposite corner from KCC

618 West Main Street Knoxville, TN 37902

\$149/night, parking included, hot breakfast

Pet Friendly – see details on booking site

**Booking Link:**

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=TYSHSHX&groupCode=CHHEWR&arrivaldate=2023-08-30&departuredate=2023-09-03&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

**Hampton Inn Knoxville Papermill**

6 miles

601 N Weisgarber Road Knoxville, TN 37919

\$139/night, parking free, hot breakfast

Pet Friendly – see details on booking site

**Booking Link:**

<https://group.hamptoninn.com/o9pxdx>

**Hilton Garden Inn Papermill**

15 miles

6200 Paperville Drive Knoxville, TN 37919

\$134/night, parking free, on site restaurant

Pet Friendly – see details on booking site

**Booking Link:**

<https://group.hiltongardeninn.com/tcqt8z>

**Courtyard Knoxville West/Bearden**

14.9 miles

250 Brookview Centre Way Knoxville, Tennessee 37919

\$134/night, parking free, on site restaurant

[Book your group rate for 2023 Eagle Wings](#)

**Camping Opportunities on Separate Sheets**

# CAMPGROUNDS FOR EWMA RENDEZVOUS

- #1: **RACCOON VALLEY RV PARK (ESCAPEES)- 14 miles via I-75**  
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**\$34.28/ night for up to 3 People 30a**  
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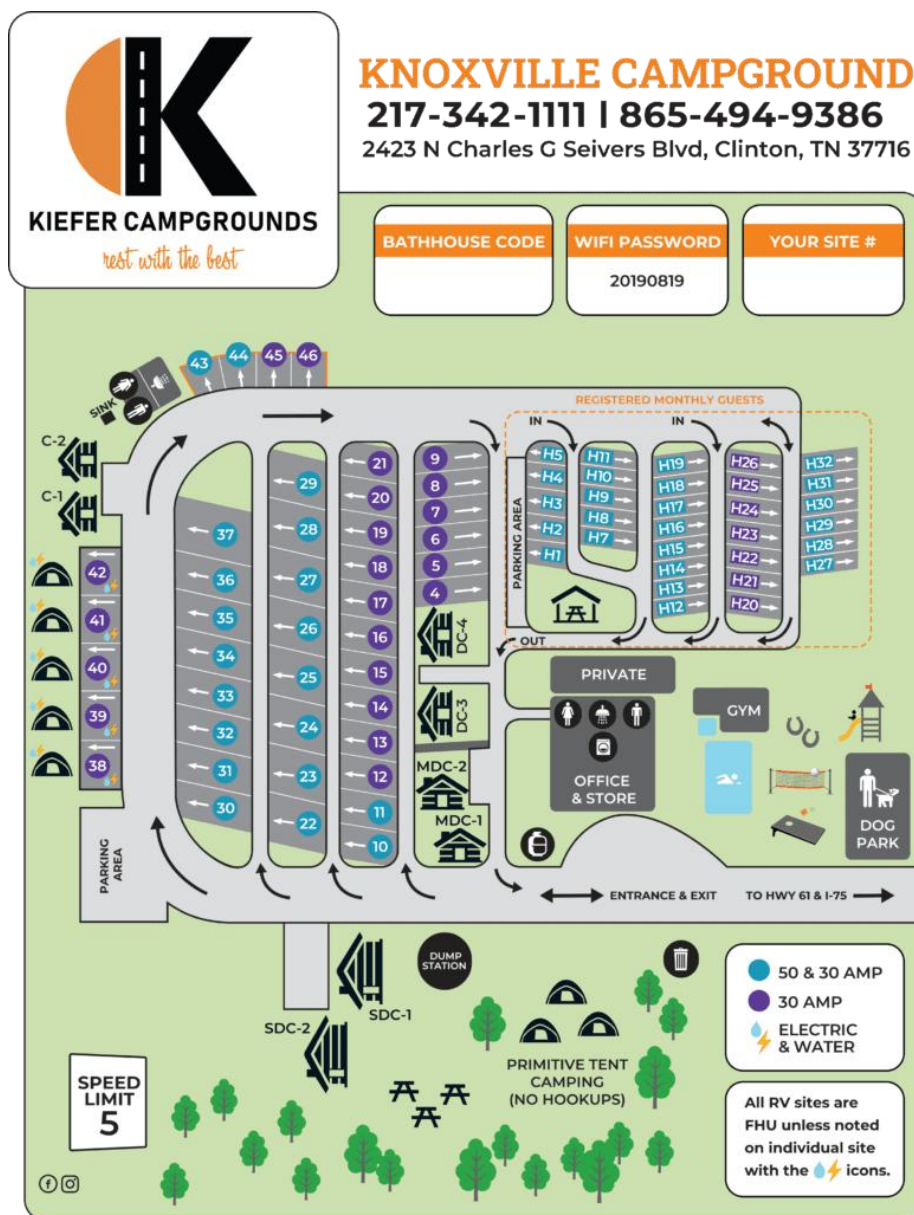


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