

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



Chapter Directors 772.349.8482 David Morris & Terry Henderson



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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 fl2o.org Assistant Chapter Directors Chapter Safety/Webmaster Doug and Donna Goethel



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#### Important July Dates



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

Our next Gathering is **July 10<sup>th</sup>** at 5 pm for dinner and 6 pm for the meeting at the Southern Pig and Cattle Restaurant on US Federal Hwy. 1 in Stuart. Please be aware that we no longer will be sending meeting notifications via Groupworks, due to the demise of this utility.

However, I'm happy to report that EWMA is in the process of selecting a replacement for Groupworks. I do not expect that they will find one any time soon nor will it be free. As you know, we have all been using Groupworks for a number of years to successfully schedule events and post Newsletters etc. It has been an excellent tool to indicate our participation in scheduled events and to post ride reports. Obviously, we will continue to need a method to disseminate information regarding upcoming events as well as post reports, Newsletters and photos.

In the meantime, both John DuBose and Jim Rich have continued to send event notices to everyone on their email list. If you have not received any of their emails, I urge you to give them your email address as soon as possible. Emails will be the primary method to communicate all chapter information until EWMA finds a replacement tool. Plus, we will still need to get your feedback on posted rides, as this will give our Ride Captain a count of how many people and meals the restaurant can plan for and expect. Text messages and email responses will both work to facilitate this process.

District Raffle Tickets are in. Bring money to purchase a book or two. The tickets help provide members with district education.

Drawing at the Florida District Gathering

March 15, 2025 – Need not be present to win



David & I just returned from Oregon where my son, John, was married to Claire Healy at Abbey Road Farm & Vineyard. Their ceremony was absolutely beautiful & filled with joy & natural beauty. Terry



Terry with son – John



**Chapter Directors Dave & Terry** 

## **Future Communication FL2-O**

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

#### FL2-O Treasure Coast Riders - June 12, 2024 Gathering/Social

Weather kept some members away, Sandy and Joe Pisano along with Sondra and Jim Cuff were attending the EWMA Region A/Georgia Ride in. Many members are gone north or on vacation but we still had a good turnout. ACD Donna Goethel won the 50/50. CD Terry Henderson







50/50 Winner Donna Goethel ACD/Webmaster

### **FATHER – SON ADVENTURE RIDE**

#### by Jim Rich

Son Jeff recently decided that Mom and Dad were having so much fun touring that he might give it a try. Jeff traded his Suzuki M109 for a 2024 BMW 1600B (bagger), a true touring motorcycle. After breaking it in and getting the first service he called and asked if I could suggest some fun touring roads. I suggested that he meet me in Knoxville, Tennessee and I would show him some of the best touring roads in the world. We



met up on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, near the Knoxville airport south and west of the town of Knoxville. Monday morning Jeff looked out at the mountains and asked, "are we going up there?" Two hours later we were at close to 6,000 feet of altitude on the Cherohala Skyway looking out over the Great Smokey Mountains. Leaving Knoxville, we noticed a back road that led to Tellico Plains, the beginning of the Skyway, and what a road it turned out to be. At the gift shop and visitors center we discovered the Charles Hall Museum and one of the largest gun collections I have ever seen.



and then turned around and rode 11 miles back.

We came off the Skyway in Robbinsville, checked into our hotel and immediately headed north on route 129 to the Tail of the Dragon. It was a Monday, but there were over 200 motorcycles in the parking lot, and they were coming off the Dragon in groups of ten or more. The Dragon is newly paved and striped, and they were doing some finishing touches, but nearly the entire 11 miles was open to some really great riding. We rode the 11 miles Tuesday, we rode south through Blue Ridge, a quaint tourist town, and across route 52 through the forests to Dahlonega, Georgia. Keep in mind that there is no such thing as level ground in the Smokies so stopping and parking places must be chosen with care. Dahlonega is an historic Georgia town with beautiful antebellum mansions and an historic town square.



Wednesday, we headed back north through Helen, Georgia, a Bavarian village made for tourists, but fun to visit. Route 75 thru the mountains is not I-75, but a challenging mountain highway. Our destination was Bryson City, but first we had to navigate route 19 along the Nantahala River, one of the better-known riding roads in the Smokies.

Thursday took us north thru Cherokee to 441 and up to Clingmans Dome, at over 6600



feet it is the tallest mountain in the Smokies and was enshrouded in fog. Route 441 is a very technical ride where we saw deer and turkey and some great hairpin turns.

We headed for home on Friday with Jeff going west and riding the entire Natchez Trace, so in one short week Jeff got to experience the Skyway, the Dragon, the Nantahala and the Trace, all outstanding touring roads.



#### ON THE ROAD WITH JOE AND SANDY

We began our summer road trip north to the Region A and Georgia Ride-In on June 11. According to the weather forecast it seemed that rain might be an issue. Fortunately, we only had a few spritzes and a beautiful two days (first night spent in Douglas, Ga.) of riding. From home we took the turnpike to I-75 (Lake City) where we picked up 441 (a perfect road on the way to our destination). The rally was held in Dillard Georgia (at the Dillard House). Dillard is just a stone's throw from North Carolina. Dillard House accommodations are cabin-like rooms



overlooking mountains and beautiful scenery (all which could be seen from our rocking chairs on the back porch). Our next-door neighbors were Sondra and Jim Cuff. We spent many enjoyable days (and meals at local restaurants) with them.



The rally was well attended (about 220 EWMA members; 120 for dinner on Friday night). We enjoyed the rally and the company of EW riders.

After leaving Dillard we headed to Gadsden, Alabama (239 miles). Joe had an appointment at KD Cycles (in Altoona) at 8:30 on Monday morning to have new forks put on the trike. We spent the morning there while the work was being done. It was very busy with customers coming and going.

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Located on the Dillard House grounds is R.M. Distillery. A guided tour was provided by the owner who was a great storyteller. He provided us with a lively (and very interesting) family history of moonshining and the operations of his distillery.

Travelling around Dillard and participating in rally activities kept us busy. If you have seen the posted pictures, you saw that Sondra did well playing bingo. Joe also had the best poker hand (four 2's) (Dairy Queen gift card which we have put to good use).



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Four Goldwing trikes were sold while we there. Everyone was very cordial and most importantly Joe is happy with the new forks.

Leaving Gadsden, we began our trek home. Heading to Phenix City, Alabama. We found route 431 to be great for riding and upon leaving there we headed southeast on 280, 520 and 82 toward Albany, Georgia. From Albany south on 19, 300, 221 and 84 toward Valdosta. All of the aforementioned roads were less travelled and once again great for riding. Leaving Valdosta, we began heading toward

Florida on I-75 and the turnpike. On the way home we stopped in Gainesville at our Florida District hotel site (Best Western Plus). It was a good stop (especially the omelet breakfast).



We so enjoyed this ten-day trip (1677 miles). The weather was perfect for 90% of the trip and the other 10% provided a few hot spots and a few shower sprinkles. It's good to be home and as I always must say I am so thankful for Joe's attention to detail with the trike and his amazing riding skills (and putting up with my backseat driving). Safe travels everyone!

Joe and Sandy Pisano



Jim Jackson Region A Director – Bob Schrader President EWMA – Tommy Martin Georgia Director

**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 with Jim's emails

April 25, 2024	Cracker's Cafe - Indiantown - FL2-O had 12 Riders	Lead John DuBose
May 16, 2024	Jan's Place – Jensen Beach – FL2-O had 8 Riders	Lead Jim Rich
May 22, 2024	Captains Galley – Fort Pierce – FL2-O had 8 Riders	Lead Jim Rich
June 26, 2024	Glady's Café` - Okeechobee - FL2-O had 4 Riders	Lead Jim Rich

#### FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND RIDING

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

> Everyone is encouraged to submit relevant articles by the 25<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.

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. Group Works is gone! The FL2-O webpage will be so important to us all for communication!

Donna Goethel – Assistant Chapter Director & Webmaster





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let others know where we're from! FL2-O

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.



#### New Member – John Autorino

John Autorino rides a beautiful red Harley and has just recently gotten back into riding after having 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.



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

### **New Location: The Florida Club**



### Birthday Brunch ride report – Wednesday, June 26, 2024 – Lead Jim Rich

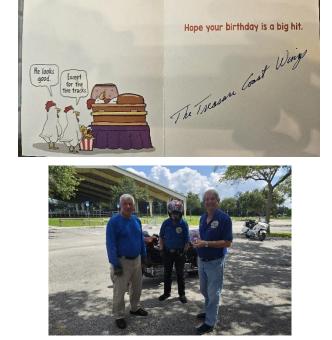
Four of us, Frank Pelligrino, Greg Comstock, Dave Morris and myself, departed the Cracker Barrel and rode out the Martin Downs Scenic Byway headed for the Landing Strip Café. Upon arrival we discovered they had decided to do some renovations, but Frank Pelligrino came to the rescue and

took us to Glady's Restaurant in downtown Okeechobee. Good food, good service and good prices. We decided to take 441/98 down along the lake to Port Mayaca since Frank assured us it was much improved from the roller coaster ride it once was. It got a little warm on the return ride, but we thought ATGATT might frown on us riding in helmets, boots and underwear. My Rebel put on 138 miles.



#### Chapter Director Dave Morris celebrating his birthday: June 27, 2024

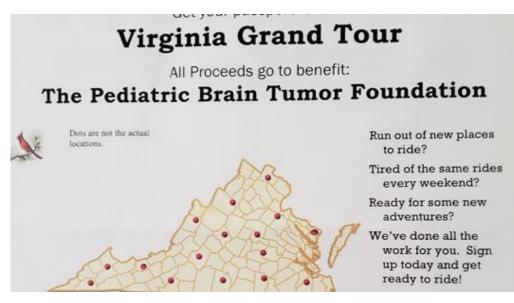




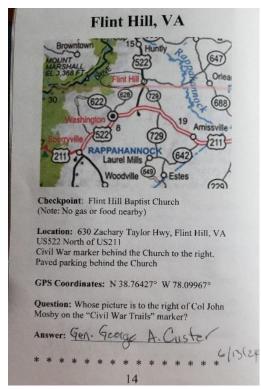
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John & Peggy DuBose participate in the Virginia Grand Tour 2024



We have completed 14 of the 15 great ride destinations, along the maps, nearby attractions and put them into a booklet form (similar to a passport). Answer the questions in your passport. The red dots on the map are the many locations we have traveled, well over one thousand miles. One example below.



#14 Whose picture is to the right of Col John Mosby on the "Civil Wars Trails" marker? **Gen. George A Custer** 



Peggy & I will get to visit with Paul Dreyfus while in the Boone/Blowing Rock, NC area. We'll meet up in Banner Elk for some Pizza. Paul has a home base for his motorhome close by for the summer. Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Peggy participated in June VA-K Ladies Night Out at the new restaurant in Daleville, Crooked Shoreline.



John and Peggy attended Chapters VA-X Salem and VA-K Roanoke June 1<sup>st</sup> picnic. They had a 52 turnout.

John and Peggy participated in **Wing'd Rider Virginia SW Ride-in to Quaker Steak and Lube in Raphine**. After lunch we visited Cyrus McCormic Museum just around the corner. Cyrus at the ripe old age of 22 created the "Reaper" and eventually International Harvester Corporation. The center is now run by Virginia Tech Agriculture Research Department. Saturday, June 21, 2024



Note: I did recruited a new EWMA Member "Cathy Dufour" who rides a 2021 GW at this event



John & Peggy with Shelba Morris who had her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday and won the 50/50 (\$38,00). She has a daughter that lives in Vero Beach.



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

	FLYERS ON FLORIDA WEB SITE	
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

## FLORIDA DISTRICT GATHERING OF FRIENDS FOR FUN

## <u> MARCH 13 - 15, 2025</u>





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

#### CHANGES IS ATTITUDES

"Changes in latitudes, changes in attitudes" a line from an old Jimmy Buffett song. Jimmy was singing about traveling to different places and encountering different types of people. He states his attitude had to change to accommodate his new acquaintances. Shouldn't that mindset affect us as EWMA members? Isn't our new forum to invite non-Gold Wing riders into our group?

I have had numerous opportunities to ride with other Gold Wing Chapters over the years, both in Florida and in other states at Rallies. A simple wave is customary when passing approaching motorcycles. But are we doing this? What I have seen is that many of our Gold Wing riders will only wave at other Gold Wing riders. An approaching Gold Wing, which is easily recognizable, is more likely to get a wave than other brands. I wave at all approaching motorcycles when I can. You never know, the bike that other rider is on today, might only be one of other motorcycles he might own. One of the other motorcycles he owns might just be a Gold Wing. (Like me.)

EWMA is supposed to be an open-brand bike friendly organization. I have often seen the approaching bikes of other brands wave at our group and none of us, except for me, wave back. An approaching Gold Wing is an easily recognizable brand of motorcycle to identify and they usually get a return wave from our group. What do you think the other riders with the other brands think about our group when we do not wave back? They can easily spot a Gold Wing. Are they thinking: That looks like a friendly group I would like to join? I think not.

Granted there are times your hand is busy completing a more important task and you are not able to safely wave. If you have a co-rider you have a built in waver. But, if no co-rider and your hand is free....wave! If we truly are trying to increase our membership a simple wave may be all it takes to open the door.

Ride safe & wave,

**Dominick & Diane** 

2024 Rendezvous in Green Bay, WI Schedule

## Schedule Subject to Change without notice

The second second	8/29/2024	Where
Thursday	What's Happening	
Time	Registration Open	
8am - 5pm	Vondors 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 2:45pm - 3:45pm	Riding 2 Up presentation	
4:30pm - 4:40pm	Daily drawing of 50/25/25	ticket booth
	Opening Dinner - Ticketed event	Banquet Room
5pm - 6pm 6:15pm - 7:15pm	Opening Ceremonies (open to ALL)	Banquet Room
7:30pm - 9:30pm	Opening Party (open to All)	
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Bam - 5pm	Registration Open	
Bam - 4pm	Selling Daily 50/25/25 and Grand Prize & Grand 50/25/15/10	Exhibit Hall
Bam - 7pm	Vendors Open	Exhibit Hall
3:30am	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	
am - 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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Easiest way to join - Go to the EWMA Website and Click on JOIN: http://www.ewm-world.org