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Monthly Gathering

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

Dinner 5:00

Meet 6:00



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Ride Safely,

It is really important to ride safely when you are alone or in a group. The safe riding course was offered several years ago and hosted by Jim and Sondra Cuff. Today we were getting our ride instructions from John DuBose and it was apparent to me and John that not everyone was listening until John called everyone's attention to the instructions he was giving. Yes, there were a lot of us there and we were busy chatting. It is very important that everyone listens carefully to Road Captain John. There were 13 bikes in the group so John broke us up into two groups and commented on the importance of keeping the formation tight.

As your default tail gunner, I was able to observe that there were vehicles moving into our group on numerous occasions. They were able to find a large hole in the formations due to not keeping our motorcycles in a tight pack. Remember, having a vehicle or truck in the midst of our motorcycle group is not safe. It may cause us to miss getting thru the traffic lights as a group and running a red light in order to stay together.

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Newsletter

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We are an experienced group of riders in general and have the benefit of having a great lead rider who is on the CB radio letting us know the details of what we can expect along the route in real time. I agree with the comment I heard today that we all could benefit from a refresher *Group Riding Course* and so I plan to ask Dominick what Rider Education offerings are available.

Lastly, I want to acknowledge the sad fact that it was only a week or so ago that we learned that an experienced rider had lost her life in a motorcycle accident. Laura had ridden with us on several occasions over the years. She was on a group ride and her bike left the road and crashed in a ditch along the edge of the road. No one in the group saw her leave the road. Frank is heartbroken and indicated that the group had made some mistakes. We want to send our deepest sympathy and condolences to Frank and his family and encourage all of our members to ride SAFELY!



Laura Imbordino - April 11, 1953 - February 9, 2023

Chapter News



March Birthday

Larry Pounds 3/21

Terry Henderson 3/24



March Anniversary

Doug and Donna Goethel 3/7

Friends for FUN, Safety and Riding

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Southern Pig & Cattle Restaurant
2585 SE Federal Highway, Stuart, FL
Dinner 5:00 - Meet 6:00

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. **However, if you order your shirt(s) by this Friday, Feb. 24, they will bring them to the District Rally at no shipping charge.** If you want to pick them up at the rally add "Bring my shirts to the rally" in the Notes section of the order!

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

Thanks

Dave



Daylight Saving Time Starts - March 12th

Florida District Rally - March 16th - 18th

FL2-O February 8, 2023 Gathering Pictures



Chapter Directors Terry
Henderson & Dave Morris



22 EWMA Members
with FL2-A visiting
Claudia & Robert



Assistant Chapter Directors
Donna & Doug Goethel
FL District Couple of Year



Herb "Metalflake" Jebb
Door Prize Winner



John DuBose
Ride Coordinator



Joe Trotta
Treasure



Phil Baxter
Past Chapter Director



Lena & Leo Valcourt



Percy & Greg Comstock
Percy does 50/50



John & Allison
Meisenbacher



Claudia & Robert
FL2-A



Jim Cuff - Larry Pounds
& Al Colussy



Sondra Cuff - Tammy
Pounds & Myrta Colussy



Joe & Sandy Pisano



Robert FL2-A Winner

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

The "FUN" continues with more Winners!



CD Dave presents
Sondra \$30. 50/50



Lucky Leo
Winner
Door Prize



Joe won raffle
Three Little Birds



Terry winner



Herb Door Prize
Winner

John & Paul took a Scouting Ride on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 - 167 miles to Labelle and around Lake Okeechobee. Beautiful day for a ride!



Paul & John at Two Peas
Scouting Ride



Paul at Two Peas in Labelle



John & Paul in Clewiston
Tiki Hut at Roland Martin's



FL2-A West Palm Beach met up with

FL2-O CD's Dave & Terry

Breakfast at Harry and the Natives

Hobe Sound

Thursday, February 9, 2023 Having "FUN"

FL2-O Ride to Homer's in Sebring

Saturday, February 18, 2023



Barney, CD Dave, ACD Donna,
Paul, Leo, Lena & ACD Doug



Homer's in Sebring



FL2-O at Wawa Okeechobee
John

FL2-O had eight members out for a ride to Sebring. Leo and Lena led the group from Stuart to meet-up with John and Paul in Okeechobee. Riders: Lead John, Paul, Doug and Donna, Leo and Lena, Barney and tail was CD Dave. We had a nice ride over but the wind was a blowing on the return trip... Always nice to be out riding. John

FL2-O Ride to Squid Lips in Sebastian

Monday, February 20, 2023



Ride meeting at Love's



Squid Lips - 17 out for lunch



New parking lot at Squid Lips

This nice weather had many members out riding along with a couple new faces. Greg & Percy got the group from Stuart Cracker Barrel to Love's Travel Center in Fort Pierce. We had 13 bikes and 17 riders out today. We took an easterly ride to Squid Lips and westerly ride home. My Big Red went 160 miles.

Riders: Lead John, Russel, Barney Laura, Michael, Joe/Sandy and Greg/Percy tail. Group 2 Lead Paul, Metalflake, Mark, John/Allison, Jim and Dave/Terry tail.

Squid Lips out over the Indian River is always a nice choice for a ride and eats. John



FL2-O Enjoying Lunch



Chapter Director Dave



Table 2 Enjoying Lunch

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Squid Lips the Walk
By Chapter Director Dave



Laura Smutek



The Bikes



CD Dave & Michael/Laura

SPIRIT TEAM NEWS!



SUBMITTED BY SANDY PISANO

Times are a Changin'!

Eagle Wings, Treasure Coast Riders, t-shirts and more to come! What's next?

Our chapter Spirit Team can enthusiastically answer that question. We provide activities that lend themselves to the "social" side of our organization. Coming up in March we will have our second annual Game Night. Join us on the 4th for a fun filled evening of games, great food and lots of laughs with good friends. Put March 26th on your calendar for our second monthly "Meet to Eat". Come by car, bike or trike to Fresh Catch in Stuart. Lots of lively conversation and an all-around good time. Don't miss out on contributing to our yearly Food for Families drive to support the House of Hope. We will be collecting non-perishable items at our March, April and May gatherings. Details of Spirit Team events will be listed in Group Works. It is very important to our planning that we know the number of attendees. Thank you for your timely responses.

Hope to see you during the very busy month of March. Check out the many planned rides, events and the District Rally! Lots of fun!!

Thanks to all FL2-O chapter members for supporting YOUR Spirit Team.



FL2-O Treasure Coast Wings Suggested Rides 2022 - 2023

Ride Coordinator John DuBose - FL2oRoadCaptain@comcast.net

John 772.971.8389 Text or Call

FL2-O Planned Rides/Events

Please Check **"Group Works"** for Details & RSVP

FL2-O March 8 Gathering	Wednesday, March 8	Dinner 5 Meet 6
Sunday, February 26 th	Dune Dog Jupiter	Group Works
Wednesday, March 1 st	Hotel Jacaranda Avon Park	Group Works
Saturday, March 4 th	Game Night - Spirit Team	Group Works
Friday, March 10 th	Archie's - Fort Pierce	Group Works
Thursday, March 16 th	FL District Rally - Ride up	Group Works
Saturday, March 18 th	FL District Rally - Ride home	Group Works

FL2-O Suggested Rides

Dune Dog Cafe - Jupiter (2/26)	Two Peas Cafe - LaBelle (Feb 7)
CJ Cannon - Vero Beach Airport (Jan 25)	Marsh Landing - Fellsmere (Nov 19)
Cowpokes Watering Hole - Sebring	Squid Lips - Sebastian (2/20)
The Mansion at Melbourne	Bok Tower - Lake Wales
The Ocean Grill - Vero Beach	Cherry Pocket on Lake Pierce - Lake Wales
Tiki Hut Roland Martins - Clewiston	OK Corral - Okeechobee (Jan 21)
Hotel Jacaranda - Avon Park (3/1)	Archie s - Fort Pierce (Mar 10)
Tabby's - Lake Placid	Olympic Diner - Avon Park
Lightsey's Seafood - Okeechobee (Nov 15)	Homer's Smorgasbord - Sebring (2/18)
Catfish Place - St. Cloud (March 16)	2022 Cracker Christmas - (Dec 3)
Harry and the Natives (Feb. 9)	

Always looking forward to hearing from you on ride locations you would like to add to our list or one on the list your ready to get going, John Look for **"POP UP Rides"** on Group Works





Florida District Safety/Ride Coordinators

March, 2023

Greetings to All,

March 16th is getting closer by the day. March 16th thru March 18th, is our Florida District Rally. We are looking forward to a great time with fun friends. We will be having on-bike riding games in the parking lot for both 2-wheel and 3-wheel motorcycles. Solo or pairs riders can participate.

We will be having our \$10,000 Grand Prize Drawing at closing ceremonies. There are still some outstanding Raffle Ticket monies due from some of our Chapters. February 14th, Valentine's Day is an easy date to remember. Please send in any outstanding Chapter Raffle Ticket money by February 14th. You will still be making checks out to "GWRRA Florida District Rider Education". We will not be changing our name on our bank account to "EWMA" until after our District Rally.

YOU AND YOUR MOTORCYCLE SKILL LEVEL

It is an unfortunate fact that many motorcyclists are involved in crashes. In almost a third of them, the rider took no evasive action to avoid the crash or did so too late to avoid them. This statistic comes from a recent National Transportation Safety Board report on the causes of motorcycle crashes.

Rider education and on-road experiences stress the need for motorcyclists to pay strict attention to the road ahead and do their best to avoid dangerous situations before they occur. But motorcyclists are human, and distractions and/or a lack of riding skills can and do rear their ugly heads on occasion.

So what can be done to help a motorcyclist reduce the chances of being involved in a crash? Let's start with "The Basic Riders Course." There are many things in that course to learn other than knowing how to physically maneuver a motorcycle. Knowing how you as a human react to different situation as well as how your motorcycle will react is very helpful in saving you some grief. Many riders like me were self taught on how to ride which may have included being taught by an untrained rider. How do you know the information you are being given by that untrained person is correct? I was self taught to ride a motorcycle 28 years before I became a Motorcycle Instructor. When I went to Instructor's School I found out there were things I had been doing wrong and things I didn't know. I had a few mishaps on my bikes during my first 28 years of riding that could have been avoided had I first been given the proper instruction. I have been a MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) Instructor now for 26 years which has been very beneficial to me as well as the riders I have trained.

Another thing that can help a seasoned rider is to take a one-day motorcycle refresher course. Physical skills perish with time. You might say "I ride all the time so I don't need any refresher course." The physical skills that perish over time are not the casual everyday riding skills. It is the emergency maneuvers that you don't usually get a chance to practice. It is too late to find out during an emergency that you cannot react properly. The riding skills you must stay proficient in are: Emergency Braking, Swerving and Cornering. These are the type of exercises you will practice in a one-day riding course. What better place to practice these skills than on an empty safe parking lot. It is better

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to see how well you react in a simulated situation with nothing to hit, rather than to improperly react in real traffic and slam into a car.

For the older riders the benefit of taking a refresher course is self assessment. See if you can still properly handle the machine you are riding. You might find you do not still possess the physical strength to control the bike you are on. You might realize that your current bike is now too heavy to hold up during stops. You might decide to go to a lighter bike or even to a three-wheel motorcycle so you can continue to safely ride.

Two-wheel and Trike Riding Classes are available. We teach the Two-wheel and Trike one-day refresher courses. These classes will be approximately 6 hours in length depending on the amount of participants. You could also schedule a PLP (Parking Lot Practice) session. PLP's are usually only a couple of hours. You do not need a certified riding instructor to conduct a PLP. We have diagrams for the PLP exercises we would be glad to send you upon request. We could also travel to your location for a PLP to assist you. You can utilize a parking lot of your choice as long as you have permission from the owner of the parking lot to do so. Your group could also meet us at one of our approved MSF sites for a PLP session. So consider taking a one-day refresher Riding Course or a PLP for your safety as well as the safety of the loved one riding with you.

We are here to assist you with your training needs.

Ride Safe!!

Dominick & Diane

Doug Goethel will be happy to help you with your training needs!

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

Dave Morris, Terry Henderson, John DuBose, Sandy Pisano and Dominick DeSiato.

Everyone is encouraged to submit relevant articles by the 20th of the month!

To John DuBose, Newsletter Editor - 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.*

FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND RIDING!



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

March 16 - 18	43 rd FL District Gathering of Wings Rock Around the Clock in the 50's	Altamonte Springs, FL
April 27 - 29	Pirates of Tennessee - 40 th Spring Fling	Johnson City, TN
June 1 - 3	Happy Trails @ TR Ranch	Travelers Rest, SC
September 15 - 16	Fall Mountain Ride and Camp Reunion	Dillard, GA
September 28 - 30	Western Round-up	Eufaula, AL
October 26 - 28	Let's Soar	Gulf Port, MS

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Florida District Gathering of Friends for FUN March 16th - 18th , 2023 - Meet me at the Hop**Thursday March 16, 2023**

9:00am-4:00pm	Registration / Ticket Sales	Royal Palm Ballroom
9:00am-4:00pm	Safety / Motorist Awareness	Conference Foyer
9:00am-4:00pm	Vendors	Conference Foyer
9:00am-4:00pm	Indoor Games	Capital Ballroom
9:00am-4:00pm	Competition Display	Crystal Ballroom Foyer
9:00am-3:00pm	Hospitality Room / Chapter Baskets	Capital Ballroom
1:00-1:40pm	Seminar - Riding in the Cold	Amphitheater
2:00-3:30pm	Bingo	Crystal Ballroom
2:00-2:30pm	Seminar - Riding in the Heat	Amphitheater
3:00-4:00pm	Seminar - Team Riding	Amphitheater
4:15pm	Daily 50/50 Drawing	Conference Foyer
4:30pm	Game Prize Pick up	Capital Ballroom
5:30-6:30pm	Dinner	Crystal Ballroom
7:00-9:30pm	Costume Contest / Silent Dance Party	Crystal Ballroom

Friday, March 17, 2023

8:30-11:30am	*** KSU 8:30am - Guided Ride ***	Hotel Entrance
9:00am-4:00pm	Registration / Ticket Sales	Royal Palm
9:00am-4:00pm	Safety / Motorist Awareness	Conference Foyer
9:00am-4:00pm	Vendors	Parking Lot / Royal Palm
9:00am-12:00pm	Poker Run	Conference Foyer
9:00-10:00am	Seminar - First On-the-Scene Response	Amphitheater
9:00am-4:00pm	Indoor Games	Capital Ballroom
9:00am-4:30pm	Competition Display	Crystal Ballroom Foyer
9:00am-3:00pm	Hospitality Room / Chapter Baskets	Capital Ballroom
10:30-11:30am	Seminar - Co-Rider	Amphitheater
12:00-2:00pm	Talent Show Practice	Crystal Ballroom
1:00-1:30pm	Seminar - Helmets	Amphitheater
2:00-2:30pm	Seminar - Riding at Night	Amphitheater
2:00-3:30pm	Bingo	Crystal Ballroom
2:00-3:00pm	Bike Games	Parking Lot
3:00-4:00pm	Seminar - Riding in the Mountains	Amphitheater
4:15pm	Daily 50/50 Drawing	Conference Foyer
4:30pm	Game Prize Pick up	Capital Ballroom
6:30-7:00pm	Ice Cream Social	Crystal Ballroom
7:00-8:30pm	Talent Show	Crystal Ballroom
8:30-9:30pm	Lighted Bike Show (After the Talent Show)	Motorcycle Parking Area

Saturday, March 18, 2023

8:30-11:00am	*** KSU 8:30am - Guided Ride ***	Hotel Entrance
9:00am-2:00pm	Registration / Ticket Sales	Royal Palm
9:00am-1:30pm	Safety / Motorist Awareness	Conference Foyer
9:00am-3:00pm	Vendors	Parking Lot / Royal Palm
9:00-9:30am	Seminar - Trailering	Amphitheater
9:00am-12:00pm	Poker Run	Conference Foyer
9:30-10:30am	Competition Judging - Mascot / Collage	Crystal Ballroom Foyer
9:00am-12:30pm	Indoor Games	Capital Ballroom
9:00am-1:00pm	Hospitality Room / Chapter Baskets	Capital Ballroom
10:00-10:30am	Seminar - Riding in the Rain	Amphitheater
11:00am-12:00pm	Team Challenge	Crystal Ballroom
12:45-1:00pm	Game Prize Pick up	Capital Ballroom
1:00-2:00pm	Bingo	Crystal Ballroom
1:00-2:00pm	Bike Games - Alternate	Parking Lot
2:00-3:00pm	Motorist Awareness / Chapter Basket giveaways	Crystal Ballroom
4:00pm	Ice Cream Social	Crystal Ballroom
4:30pm	Closing Ceremonies	Crystal Ballroom

Schedule subject to change

On behalf of the Florida District Team, we would like to thank you for attending and participating at the Florida District Gathering of Friends for FUN! Bill & Cheryl Smith Florida District Directors