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EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



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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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We just returned from a wonderful vacation on Cape Cod in MA. While we were away, it was comforting to know that the September Gathering went on as scheduled and that Donna had done an excellent job leading the meeting. It was also great to see that the Chapter Holiday Party invitation was finalized and that it is now posted on Group Works. You can also see it in the October Newsletter.

Our thanks go out to Donna for leading the Gathering and to Sandy and the Spirit Team for all the work you are doing to insure we have a festive Christmas Party. We value all of our members and truly appreciate your enthusiasm and willingness to utilize your gifts, talents and skills to help Chapter FL2-O thrive.



FL2-O Christmas Party - December 6th

Anita Alkire

Founder/CEO of EWMA

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50/50

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Important October Dates

 <p>October Birthday</p> <p>Donna Goethel 10/1 John DuBose 10/5 Sondra Cuff 10/21</p>	 <p>October Anniversary</p> <p>None</p>
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Friends for FUN, Safety and Riding

FL2-O Monthly Gatherings Every 2nd Wednesday
Southern Pig & Cattle Restaurant
2585 SE Federal Highway, Stuart, FL
Dinner 5:00 - Meet 6:00

FI 2-O CHRISTMAS PARTY

When: December 6, 2023 (Wednesday)

Where: Port St. Lucie Holiday Inn
 10120 S. Federal Highway, Port St. Lucie

Time: *Cocktail hour* (cash bar) at 5; *Dinner* at 6

Sit Down Dinner: choice of turkey or roast beef (both meals will be served with stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, roll and butter, and salad. Beverages include tea and coffee. Desserts will be provided by chapter members.

Price per person: \$21.00 (checks payable to Treasure Coast Wings)

Note: We will have a gift exchange as part of our evening festivities. We are asking that each guest bring a unique creatively wrapped "gift card" in the amount of \$10.00.

Reservations and dinner checks will be accepted at the October and November gatherings. Checks can also be mailed to Sandy Pisano, 200 SW Willow Lake Trail, Stuart, FL. 34997. Please indicate dinner choices with your check/reservation.

The Spirit Team hopes that all of you will join us for an evening of fun and friendship.

RSVP no later than November 8th.



CAN YOU GUESS THE THEME
OF THIS YEAR'S PARTY?

**A couple old riding tips some motorcyclist may still be able to use.**

For those of you that are still using hardwired headsets with a plug-in connector like I used to do, care must be taken before plugging in the cable from the headset into the connector on the motorcycle. The pins in the plug must match the holes in the connector. If they are not lined up it is possible to bend one which means the headset will not work. They are usually lined up by aligning the key-way and groove in the connectors, this means you have to go slow and make sure it is right before pushing the two together. It sounds easy enough but when you are in a rush or in dim light conditions sometimes this can take some time. One remedy I used to help speed this up was cheap finger nail polish, usually red or white in color. Some headset connectors have arrows on them to match the connector on the bike but not all manufacturers do this. Also with age and discoloration the arrow may be hard to see. If you take the fingernail polish and paint a straight line on the outside of the connector and plug when they are together, connecting them will be easy whether it's daylight or night time by simply lining up the fingernail polish lines on both connector and plug.

Experienced riders know that if you travel by motorcycle you often need two or three of the same item to be comfortable, that could be gloves, boots, shoes etc. and I was no exception. Besides having to carry sunglasses, reading glasses, night glasses and so on, I often had problems with the screws coming out of the temples, the long arms that rest on your ears to create a snug fit. Anyone who wears glasses knows how much of a pain it can be to replace one of these screws especially if you lose it. Cheap fingernail polish to the rescue again! I have this listed on my motorcycle travel packing list. While packing I lay out each pair of glasses I will be taking on the trip and with some cheap clear fingernail polish put a drop over the top of every screw on each pair of glasses which will lock them in place and not be easily detected. I usually put it on the screws where the temples mount to the eyeglasses because it is a pivot point and any other screws I think might vibrate out while traveling. Letting them dry overnight is sufficient and I never lost an eyeglass screw or had one loosen since I started doing this.

Joe Pisano. Chapter FL2-O

FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND RIDING!



October 2023

Florida District Safety/Ride Coordinators

Safety Article

Greetings to all! The first annual Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association Rendezvous is in the history books now.

With much regret we missed the event. Hurricane Idalia had other plans for us here in Tampa. We live next to the bay and there was a predicted 12-14ft storm surge possibility. Our house is only 9 ft above sea level so we had no choice but to stay home and hope for the best. We experienced no damage from the storm. There are many events coming up for us and anyone else that was affected by Idalia. We will be attending the upcoming rallies in North Carolina, Alabama, and Mississippi. Hope to see you there.

IDLE THREAT

Sitting idle waiting for the traffic light to change green may be revving up your risk of being struck from behind. The legendary Hurt Report (1981) covered motorcycle accident cause factors and identified if any countermeasures could have been used by the motorcyclist to avoid the accidents. The report listed by category the type of accidents the motorcycles were involved in along with the percentage of each separate category. Rear end accidents only accounted for about 3% of all accidents where motorcyclists were struck from behind. A recent study conducted of Florida crashes showed motorcyclists are now being struck from the rear 29% of the time. The Hurt Report also showed that 80% of the time the motorcyclists did not do anything to avoid the accidents.

What has changed? Motorcycle and car technology has gotten better hasn't it? Mechanical technology has gotten better but people have gotten worse. What has gotten worse is cell phone use including texting. The new-normal drivers simply aren't paying enough attention. They aren't recognizing traffic slowing ahead until it's too late. Bad news for you on your motorcycle when you are the next vehicle in front of the distracted driver. In addition to increasing your conspicuity with hi-viz clothing and products like brake light flashers, here are some recommendations on how to deal with distracted drivers.

Slow gradually. When you anticipate a changing traffic light or see a stop sign ahead, take your time getting to the stop. Slow gradually instead of carrying speed right up to the intersection. You'll have a better chance of getting that distracted driver to slow down with you rather than relying on them to suddenly react to you. That way you will spend less time actually stopped and vulnerable to being hit. When you are actually stopping position your motorcycle either offset left (preferably) or offset right of the car in front of you, far enough back so you could use either side of the car in front of you as an escape path should the car behind you fail to stop. Once you come to a standstill maintain a "tactical ready position", keeping your bike in first gear, your hands on the controls and an eye on the mirror. Keep an eye on the car behind you that it isn't creeping forward because the driver is looking down on the phone. When the light turns green, check the mirror to make sure that the car behind doesn't begin to move forward before the traffic in front of you and you have begun to move.

We are not going to be able to get the car drivers off of their cell phones. The only thing we can do is to be aware that this potential danger is real to us, the motorcyclists, and take proper counter measures to deal with this danger.

Ride safe, and keep one eye behind you,
Dominick

Sign-up now if you want First Aid / CPR class offered on Wednesday, March 13th for pre-registered attendees and that you have to send in a separate check to hold your spot. The class is capped at 20 folks and some spots are already taken so get YOUR spot in Right Away!

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

Ride Coordinator John DuBose

FL2oRoadCaptain@comcast.net

John 772.971.8389 Text or Call



Florida Riding Season is almost here... keep an eye out for FL2-O Rides on Group Works. John

Florida District Gathering of Friends for FUN

March 14-16,2024 - Gainesville,FL

I plan on riding up **Wednesday, March 13th and returning home on **Sunday, March 17th.****

Plan that when booking your Best Western Reservation.

John DuBose FL2-O Ride Coordinator. Looking forward to new guided rides.

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

Thanks ~ To everyone who wrote an article for this month's Newsletter:
Dave Morris, Terry Henderson, Joe Pisano, John DuBose, 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

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Check out the Hand Signals on Pages 9 - 11... ready for the riding season!



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October 26 - 28	Mississippi District Rally - Let's Soar	Gulf Port, MS
March 14-16, 2024	Florida District Gathering of Friends for FUN	Gainesville, FL
May 17 & 18, 2024	South Carolina District Rally	Newberry, SC

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1st Drawing - \$5,000 Cash

2nd Drawing - \$ 500 Cash

3rd Drawing - \$ 250 Cash

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

Nine Members from FL2-O "Treasure Coast Riders" at EWMA 1st Rendezvous Knoxville - August 31 - September 2, 2023



Knoxville Market Square - Dinner at Tupeo Honey Southern Kitchen (Sondra at Work)



EW Rendezvous at Knoxville Convention Center - Peggy & John visit Bush Museum
Next Years 2nd Eagle Wings Rendezvous will be in Green Bay, WI



Joe & Sandy Pisano along with John DuBose volunteered to work registration desk Friday
Phil Baxter had his 2022 Blue Road Smith Trike Polished to the Top for the Bike Show

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Hand Signals

Handout

Single file

Arm and index finger extended straight up.

Team needs to know this one**Staggered Formation**Arm extended straight up.
First and fourth fingers form
"ram's horn" sign.Team needs to know this one

Slow and/or Stop



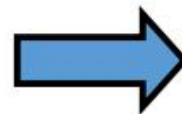
Arm extended straight down.
Palm back.

Team needs to know this one.

Road Hazard

Point immediately with emphasis. Sometimes done with right arm or a foot.

Team needs to know this one



Indicates Lead Change

Motion someone to come forward



- Arm extended down.
- Palm forward.
- Swing forward from hip in arc.



Turn signal is on



Repeatedly open and close hand with thumb and fingers extended.

Need fuel or pit stop



Thanks to [Dominick & Diane Desiato](#) for providing us the EWMA Hand Signal Worksheet.

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**SAVE THE DATES!****MARCH 14TH- 16TH 2024**

Florida District is pleased to announce we have
Rally Dates and a New Location!

Join us for our Florida District Gathering of Friends for
FUN celebrating the 50's 60's and 70's TV Shows!



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EASY BOOKING

Best Western Gateway Grand

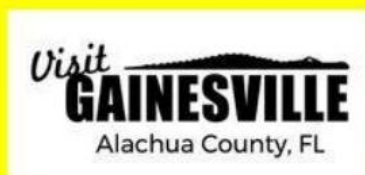
4200 NW 97th Blvd. Gainesville, FL 32606

Please help us fill our rooms!

Make your reservations here

352-331-3336 GROUP CODE: EWMA2023**Eagle Wings Motorcycle Assoc. FL District Rally 2024**

\$139.00 per night with a full hot breakfast included

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BW | Best Western
Hotels & Resorts
4200 NW 97th Boulevard
Gainesville, FL 32606-5742

Rate \$139.00 (including buffet breakfast for 2)
Reservation call 352-331-3336
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Need not be present to win
Proceeds support EWMA Florida District Safety Program



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**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	

I/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.

Date:	Signature	Signature	Is this your first-time attending the Florida Rally?	Yes	No
Member Registration	\$35	x			
Non-Member Registration	\$40	x			
Under 12 (Dinner on Thursday extra, See below)	Free	x			
Sit Down Dinner - Thursday Night *** Fully registered attendees only *** Dinner choices - Circle One for each attendee: Pineapple Seared Chicken, Seared Mahi Mahi, Manacotti w/ red sauce or spinach cream sauce (pick one)	\$30	x			

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	\$22	x		
Polo Shirt	XXL	XXXL	XXXXL		\$25	x		
T-Shirt	S	M	L	XL	\$18	x		
T-Shirt	XXL	XXXL	XXXXL		\$20	x		
Long Sleeve	S	M	L	XL	\$20	x		
Long Sleeve	XXL	XXXL	XXXXL		\$22	x		
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
fidd2018@gmail.com

FIRST AID/CPR CLASS OFFERED

Wednesday 03-13-2024 - 11am - 5pm
Limit 20 people Must Be Fully Registered
FL EWMA MEMBERS \$25 (returned upon completion)
NON-FLORIDA EWMA MEMBERS \$36.00
SEPARATE CHECKS NEEDED PAYABLE TO
EWMA FL DISTRICT
Contact Claudia Vega for availability
561-722-0632 rvega19854@gmail.com

Preregistrations must be postmarked by March 1, 2024

No refunds after February 25, 2024.
After March 1st Registration is \$5.00 higher

\$15 Day Passes will be sold onsite and are good for all events the day of purchase **except Thursday night dinner**

Submit Registration Forms to:

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

Make check or money order (US dollars only)
payable to **EWMA Florida District**
If you would like registration confirmation, please
ensure you provide an email address

Guided rides on Friday & Saturday

Register by **December 1st, 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.html>