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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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At each and every Gathering, Percy Comstock arrives early to sell the 50/50 raffle tickets to all those in attendance. She has been our 50/50 lady for several years and we want to thank her for her service and contribution to the well being of Chapter FL2-O. The revenue generated from her sales efforts is the primary source of income to fund the chapter. Other sources of income are the money's gained from the outstanding fundraising efforts of the Spirit Team. Our thanks go out to Sandy Pisano and all the ladies on the Spirit Team who faithfully work together to help our chapter thrive! Our final source of income is derived from the sale of the March District Rally tickets. We extend our thanks to Treasurer Joe Trotta for selling and tracking the ticket sales. The chapter receives 10% of all ticket sales so your ticket purchases are the last way that we fund the chapter. Thanks to all of you for buying and selling books of 10 tickets for only \$10 a book.



I am sure that you all have recognized what a great job that John has been doing as our Newsletter Editor. I am happy to see that he has had support of a couple of our members, who are submitting articles. So Thanks to both Joe Pisano and Jim Rich for helping John in producing a great monthly Newsletter.

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Important September Dates

Happy Birthday!



September Birthday

Jean Maneage 9/23



September Anniversary

Tammy & Larry Pounds 9/8

Friends for FUN, Safety and Riding

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Labor Day | September 4

Labor Day is a federal holiday in the United States celebrated on the first Monday in September to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of the United States. The three-day weekend it falls on is called Labor Day Weekend

FL2-O August 9th Gathering



Thanks to Chapter Director Terry Henderson for the pictures!



'It's My Fault'

by Jim Rich



There have only been 999,999 articles written about motorcycle accidents, so you have the privilege of reading number 1M.

The other day I left for a ride and didn't get very far when a car suddenly pulled out from a side street causing a crash; it was my fault. A few days later I headed out for a ride and a driver made a sudden left turn into my path, causing a crash; it was my fault. Riding north on the turnpike I saw taillights coming on but didn't slow down so I ended up running into the car in front of me; it was my fault. If a rider begins his or her day with the attitude that whatever good or bad becomes of the day, it is in their control then the chances of an accident are greatly diminished. A driver pulling out of a side street, the rider should assume that it is exactly what is expected. Taillights coming on? Hit the four-way flashers and slow down. Constant anticipation is the key to safe riding and Marilyn, and I are proud to say that in 150,000 miles of riding we have had but one close call. Riding through Yellowstone National Park on a rented Harley we were enjoying the scenery when we realized the camper in front of us had stopped to observe a couple of bear cubs. Utilizing my own version of ABS, I locked and unlocked both front and rear brakes and stopped inches from the rear of the camper. A brief stop for a change of undershorts and we were on our way again. In addition to anticipating other drivers' actions an occasional safety course is always a good addition to a rider's skill set. Stay safe, and don't let it be your fault.

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Greg & Percy Comstock

Joe Trotta - Treasure





September 2023

Florida District Safety/Ride Coordinators

Safety Article

ARCTIC CIRCLE and/or BUST

I recently completed a motorcycle trip to the Arctic Circle in Alaska. I thought I would share my observations and experiences about the trip for those of you who might be considering such a ride. The “Alaska Highway” starts in Dawson Creek, British Columbia to Fairbanks Alaska and the “Dalton Highway” starts in Fairbanks Alaska and goes all the way to the Arctic Circle. (About 200 miles of unpaved road.)



It was on my bucket list: Ride to the Arctic Circle north of Fairbanks, Alaska, take the photo of the “Arctic Circle” sign, and return. It was a trip I was glad I took and a trip I will never do again. 6,100 miles in 14 days starting in Livingston, Montana. (We trailered the bikes from Florida to a friend’s house in Montana, unloaded the bikes, and the bike trip began.) The average day ride was 435 miles. The roads were in the worst condition I had ever ridden on. I rode my Kawasaki Versys 1000 and not my Honda Gold Wing and was glad I had done so. I was accompanied by my good friend, Jeff Brunelle, who was riding his Yamaha 1200 Super

Tenere and not his Gold Wing. There were many riders along the way on Gold Wings and touring Harley Davidsons. It was not that a larger bike like those can’t make the trip, it is just the risk of doing some real damage to those types of bikes is too great. There were some places we rode that bigger streets bike could not safely traverse. There were times we were struggling to keep the adventure bikes upright and that was the type of terrain the adventure bikes were made for. I think if I were to attempt the trip again it would be on a smaller Enduro Dirt Bike. At one of our stops on the way through Canada we met two guys who were trailering two Yamaha TW200s Enduro Bikes. We should have taken that as a clue as to what type of riding conditions we were about to experience.

There were several different types of roads we encountered: Smooth paved asphalt, asphalt rough gravel mix, soft asphalt over dirt, soft dirt that when wet was like riding on ice, hard packed dirt, rough gravel dirt mix, and loose large gravel which was very dusty. (It was like riding in a London fog. We could no longer see the road in front of us or anything else for that matter until the dust settled.) We got to hate seeing "orange signs". An orange sign meant trouble ahead. (We saw many such signs.) Sometimes the sign just meant a new patch job ahead.



Sometimes the orange sign meant miles of dirt and gravel road. Sinkholes under the blacktop were common with fissures big enough they could swallow your front wheel. There were many "follow me" construction trucks to lead us through the active construction areas. They often drove much faster than we could safely ride on across the loose terrain. I concluded that Canadians and Alaskans must have much better eyesight than we do in the lower US. All of the road signs were about 1/3 of the size we are used to reading. In order to read them I often had to slow down to do so.



We saw much of the native wildlife. Most of which were chipmunks running across the road in front of us much like squirrels do. This happened about 19 ½ times. (If you get my meaning: poor chipmunk.) We saw mountain goats, deer, caribou, moose, a grizzly bear, two black bears, antelope, porcupines, a red fox, a white eagle (extremely rare), buffalo, very large crows, and some very friendly stray dogs looking for a hand out (I

complied). There was one interesting black bear encounter. rounded a curve where there was a solid granite mountain my left and a metal guard rail to my right. A large black bear was walking right down the middle of the road in a head on path towards me. I had to come to a complete stop. I was anticipation a quick U-turn to get away from the bear but he decided to hop over the guard rail. (Another reason to learn how to do a U-turn which is not usually covered in a Basic Rider Course.) There was a bit of an adrenaline rush there.



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The Canadian Rockies from Calgary to Jasper were beautiful with good roads. On our return trip from Alaska we choose to try Route 37 instead of the Alaska Highway. It started at the Yukon border with British Columbia and went south ending in Smithers, BC. It was a much more enjoyable, curvy, and mostly paved road with little construction.

There was no phone cell service many times. Not having phone service sometimes lasted for hours and sometimes as much as 100 miles. We brought a satellite phone which we had to use a couple of times. Not having cell service also meant not having phone GPS capabilities to find a gas station or food. We carried an extra 2 gallons of gas on each bike which we had to use once. Gas up and get food at every opportunity.

So there you have it. Would I recommend taking the trip? Definitely "Yes". Would I recommend doing it on a large fancy bike you care about? Definitely "NO!"

Enjoy the ride and ride safe,
Dominick & Diane



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 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, John DuBose, Jim Rich, 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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Aug 31 - 2 Sep, 2023	EWMA Inaugural EWMA Rendezvous	Knoxville, TN
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
March 14-16, 2024	Florida District Gathering of Friends for FUN	Gainesville, FL

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EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION

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



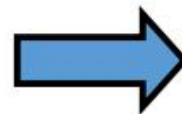
Arm extended straight down.
Palm back.

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!**

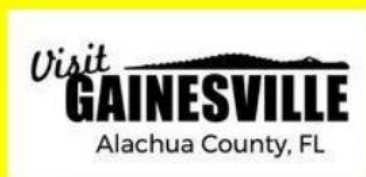


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Florida District Gathering of Friends for FUN

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
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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 \$35.00
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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:

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Orange Park, FL 32073

Make check or money order (US dollars only)
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If you would like registration confirmation, please
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Ceremonies

See website for latest information
<http://www.ewma-florida.org/rally.html>