





FL2-O Monthly Gatherings Every 2nd 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

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Assistant Chapter Directors Chapter Safety/Webmaster Doug and Donna Goethel



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We Remember Claudia Vega

We were so very sad to hear of Claudia Vega's passing on Jan. 9, 2025. Claudia was a frequent guest at our monthly gatherings when we were associated with GWRRA and when we became a chapter of EWMA. Claudia and her friend, Robert, were at our annual Christmas Holiday party every year, including this past December, where she graciously accepted the invitation to play Mrs. Claus in one of our fun-loving, mental

acuity games. As a long time, member of Chapter FL2-A, Claudia was always ready and willing to take an active role and participate in any activity that would elevate our motorcycle association and promote our mission statement of Friends, for Fun, Safety and Knowledge.

Over the past 15 years that I have been a member of Chapter FL2-O, Claudia has faithfully served the Florida District by teaching Rider Education and assisting her husband, Ray Vega, with ERC classes. After Ray passed away, she continued to

teach CPR and first aid certification courses to all the chapters in the southern Florida District, including Chapter FL2-O. Our hearts go out to her family and friends and to all those chapter members whose lives she touched within the motorcycle community. We mourn her passing and pray that she will rest in peace.

Chapter Directors David Morris and Terry Henderson



FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND RIDING

Important February 2025 Dates



February Birthdays

Percy Comstock 2/5
Al Colussy 2/8
John Meisenbacher 2/18
Joe Trotta 2/23
Connie Chaffin 2/25
Jim Cuff 2/28



February Anniversaries

Dick and Jean Manage 2/11



News from the EWMA – Florida District
We have two new Chapter Directors
FL2-A West Palm Beach & FL2-R Ft. Lauderdale.
We'll have to support our neighbors to the south.

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Chapter Directors
Lanie & Bill Garrison
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Gathering 2nd Sunday at 11:00am

Hive Waterfront Restaurant 2412 Floral Rd Lantana, FL 33462

FL2-A Chapter Directors Lanie & Bill Garrison

FL2-R (Ft Lauderdale)



Chapter Directors

Marc Scavuzzo
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Gathering 1st Wednesday at 7:00pm

Garibaldi's Mexican Restaurant 3333 N University Drive Davie, FL 33024

FL2-R Chapter Director Marc Scavuzzo

EWMA Florida District 1st Ride of the Year - Shrimp "R" Us & More - Welaka, FL

FL2-O Treasure Coast Riders had five out for the event: Joe & Sandy Pisano, Phil Baxter, John & Peggy DuBose. Florida Assistant District Directors Harry & Lynn Anderson was the lead on the event. When Florida District Director Fred Kennedy was talking to us said they had 129. A good turn-out for "FRIENDS FOR FUN". Our own Phil Baxter was one of the 50/50 winners of \$100. Phil, Peggy and John took pictures.



Harry Anderson with opening with Fred & Karen

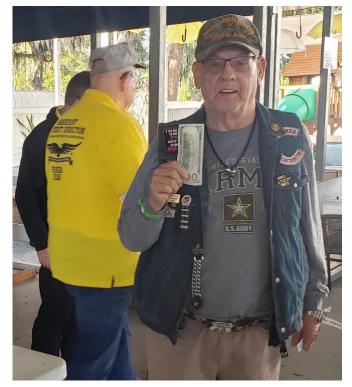


EWMA President Bob Schrader



Sandy & Joe with Peggy

EWMA Florida District 1st Ride of the Year - Shrimp "R" Us & More - Welaka, FL



Phil won \$100.00 from 50/50





Bill Garrison FL2-A new Chapter Director & John



Claudia & Robert with New Chapter Director FL2-R Ft. Lauderdale Marc Scavuzzo

EWMA Florida District 1st Ride of the Year - Shrimp "R" Us & More - Welaka, FL





FL2-A Palm Beach





John & Peggy at Corky Bells On the St. Johns River Palaka

New Years Eve on the St. Johns River Palaka



JANUARY 8, 2025 GATHERING/SOCIAL Notes: by Jim Rich

Another great turnout (24 members) and another great job by ACD Doug Goethel while our CDs were off cruising the Caribbean. Al Myrta Colussy's son Mark attended a previous meeting as a guest but arrived at the January Gathering as a full-fledged EWMA member; welcome aboard Mark Colussy.



Road Captain John DuBose reviewed some of the recent rides as well as scheduled rides and asked for suggestions, which came after the meeting and included the American Icon Brewery in Vero Beach and the New England Eatery (upon checking out the Eatery, they're no longer open for lunch). If you think of a good lunch spot or happen to eat in a spot you think everyone would enjoy, please email it to me ASAP (if you're like me you can remember something for up to 5 minutes on a good day). ACD/Webmaster Donna Goethel reported on the good count of hits on the FL2-O Webpage.

The question came up as to the day and time of the Gathering. If the start time were moved to 6:00 pm or to a weekend could the chapter attract some new members? Also, if the time and or day were to be changed how would potential members be made aware of the change.

Yours truly won a door prize while Joe Trotta's friend Lynn, who is now a member under Joe, won the 50-50 with big bucks, \$35.00.









Dan GW Tech - Don Service Manager - Mike Owner.

Don Gehring Service Manager will do his best to meet your need

FL2-O Stuart "Treasure Coast Riders" Ride Report – Friday 10, 2025

Captains Gallery – Fort Pierce: FL2-O Stuart met-up with FL2-D Melbourne for brunch at the Captains Callery, where some had breakfast and others lunch. We had good service and the food was good. It was a chilly morning to start the day off but it turn-out prefect day for riding. My Big Red went 125 miles today, John DuBose

FL2-O Stuart Riders: John, Jim and Joe

FL2-D Melbourne Riders: Harry & Lynn, Loraine, Paul and Tom



FL2-O Jim Rich and Joe Pisano



FL2-O Stuart: Jim- John - Joe with FL2-D Melbourne: Paul - Harry & Lynn - Loraine - Tom

SHOP TIP, cheap and easy

If you're like me, you probably have empty 5-gallon plastic pails in your garage, shop or utility room. I use them for projects and to store things in. After a few years the handles seem to break but the pail itself is very durable and seems to last a very long time. When the plastic handles crack and splinter there is no way to replace them, at least not to my knowledge. Carrying a full pail like with water the weight is concentrated in a small area the diameter of the wire handle and that hurts your hands

especially if you have to go any distance. I needed to replace the handles and since replacements were not available, an idea came to mind. With some thick leftover 1/4" rubber fuel line in the garage from a past lawnmower tune-up, I cut off a piece about 3 1/2 inches long and then took a razor knife and cut it on one side lengthwise. Next, I slipped it over the wire handle on the pail then wrapped it with black electrical tape. If you don't have any fuel line you can go to a hardware or auto parts store and buy one foot of it, then you've got enough for three pails. I did this over two years ago and the new handle looks about the same as the first day it was installed. Not only does it look and work pretty good, it may outlast the pail.



Joe Pisano Chapter FL2-O



If you have a helpful tip, please e-mail it to me by the 25th of the month so I use it in the FL2-O Newsletter. Pictures are always helpful. John DuBose

FL2oRoadCaptain@comcast.net

FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND RIDING

WHEN IN DOUBT, DOWNSHIFT

by Jim Rich

Honda motorcycles have had a reputation for being bulletproof, unlike some brands that have a reputation for having parts fall off along the way. Because Honda has that reputation the Honda engineers were amazed when they started receiving reports of engine failures. The engineers embarked on an in-depth study of the engine failures and found, almost without exception, that lugging the engine, causing extreme stress, had been the cause of the failures. Various excuses arise, such as "I save gas by staying in a higher gear," or "I save effort by not bothering to shift," but when the engine drops below a certain RPM (2,500) and you need to accelerate, it is time to downshift. Of course, a computer solves that issue with the new automatic transmissions being installed on a lot of the newer models. Long live your Honda engine.



Evel Knevel doing a wheelie! Jim Rich keeps both wheels on the ground, how about you?

FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND RIDING

Note from Chapter Ride Coordinator John DuBose: Jim Rich Assistant Ride Coordinator and I will be planning FL2-O Treasure Coast Riders rides for the season. Please look for Jim's emails listing times and location. It's always nice if you RSVP so we have a head count for restaurants. We're looking forward to riding with you. A couple of notes: we always plan a pre-ride meeting before <u>KSU</u> (Kick-Stands-UP), full tank of gas and empty blander.



FL2-O Treasure Coast Riders

Ride Coordinator – John DuBose

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Assistant Ride Coordinator - Jim Rich

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FL2-O Riding Season is here...



keep an eye out for Rides with Jim's emails

Tuesday, October 22nd	Luch Ride - Boonies in Loxahatchee (9 Riders)	Leads Jim & John
Monday, October 28th	Lunch Ride – Cowpokes in Sebring (4 Riders)	Leads John & Jim
Saturday, Nov 9, 2024	FL District Ride-in Dixie Crossroads in Titusville	Joe/Sandy & Johe/Peggy
Thursday, November 21	Crabby Dockside at Fort Pierce Marina (6 Riders)	Leads John & Jim
Monday, November 25	Lake Placid – Jaxson's Restaurant (7 Riders)	Leads John & Jim
Wed, January 1, 2025	FL EWMA First Ride – Shrimp-R-Us in Welaka	Joe/Sandy & John/Peggy
Friday, January 10, 2025	Lunch Ride – Captains Gallery in Ft. Pierce (3/5)	Leads John & Jim

FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND RIDING

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

Everyone is encouraged to submit relevant articles by the 25th 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.

FLORIDA DISTRICT GATHERING OF FRIENDS FOR FUN MARCH 13 - 15, 2025

I plan on riding to Gainesville for the rally on Wednesday, March 12, 2025.

John DuBose FL2-O Ride Coordinator



FL2-O Stuart – Treasure Coast Riders https://fl2o.org/



Assistant Chapter Director and Webmaster

Donna Goethel

has added to the FL2-O

Webpage.



- Ride Reports (New)
- More Tab: Pictures, Newsletters, Contact Us, Become a Member of EWMA, Store (Shirts), Ride Information/Planning

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO CHECK-OUT AND USE THE WEBPAGE.



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
 https://www.ewma-world.org/
 Pictures are under Members Resources Photo Albums
- 3. Email communication will be done by Jim Rich Assistant Ride Coordinator richtrader3@gmail.com Please make sure you're on his mailing list.



February, 2025 Florida District Safety/Ride Coordinators Safety Article

Greetings to all,

One of EWMA greatest asset members has left us. Claudia Vega passed away on January 9th, 2025. She was the Florida District First Aid/CPR HSI Coordinator. A position she loved and excelled at. Claudia was a life-long member of GWRRA and then EWMA. She will be sorely missed. We ask that any members that have already signed up for the First Aid/CPR Class on March 12th at the Florida District Rally to please send me an email so we are sure no one gets left off the roster. You can notify us if you are attending the Class at: Dominickflde@gmail.com.

SEARCH, SETUP & SMOOTH

Many riders across our great country are putting their motorcycles away for the winter. Here in Florida we get to take our bikes out, for some great riding weather. We get to wear all our protective gear without feeling too hot and have some fun riding.

Having some fun usually involves some nice curvy roads. Here is a review on how to safely negotiate a curve:

SEARCH: Look ahead to determine the sharpness of the upcoming curve. Look first for any warning signs that give you an idea of how sharp the curve is. If there aren't any warnings signs look to see if you can see the exit of the curve. If you can't see the exit of the curve, slow down your entry speed before you enter. Braking and choosing a lower gear should always be done while the motorcycle is still straight up before you start to lean. You can always safely accelerate once you are in a curve and realize you can go faster.

SETUP: Enter to the outside of the curve so you can see the furthest around the curve searching for the exit. This will allow you to see potential hazards sooner and give you a smoother path of travel. You should always knock off enough entry speed so you can gradually accelerate as you go around the curve. This pushes the contact patch of your tired down onto the pavement giving you maximum traction.

SMOOTH: A minimum of a steady throttle is recommended. A gradual acceleration of the throttle is better. Stay to the outside edge of the curve until you can see the exit. At that point is where you can make your cut to the inside of the curve and accelerate out. That would be the apex of that particular curve. You are using the Outside-Inside-Outside method of negotiating that particular curve. Every curve should be evaluated by using that same method.

Enjoy the cool weather and enjoy the ride.

Ride safe, Dominick & Diane

2025 Florida District Raffle Tickets

District Raffle Tickets are in. Get your tickets now!

Drawing at the Florida District Gathering

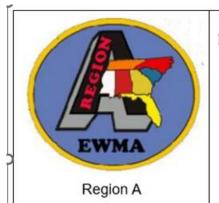
March 15, 2025



FLORIDA DISTRICT GATHERING OF FRIENDS FOR FUN

MARCH 13 - 15, 2025









Danny Baker – Region A Director

Anita Alkire CEO EWMA Bruce Beeman COO EWMA Fred & Karen Kennedy Florida District Directors

Upcoming Florida EWMA Events

April 24 - 26, 2025	Tennessee District Rally "America the Beautiful"	Johnson City, TN
May 15 - 17, 2025	South Carolina District Rally "Salute to the Troops"	Newberry, SC
June 5 - 7, 2025	Georgia District Rally "Beach Bash"	Helen, GA
June 26 - 28, 2025	Alabama District Rally "Roaring 20's"	Sheffield, AL
August 28 - 30, 2025	EWMA "2025 Eagle Wing Rendezvous"	Fort Smith, AR
October 16 - 18, 2025	Mississippi District Rally "The New Frontier"	Biloxi, MS

FLORIDA DISTRICT GATHERING OF FRIENDS FOR FUN MARCH 13 - 15, 2025

Same GREAT Venue as in 2024

The Florida District Team is happy and pleased to announce that we are going back to the Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel in Gainesville, FL for our 2025 Gathering of Friends for FUN. The dates for 2025 is March 13 - 15, 2025.

Over the coming weeks, much more information will be available on this webpage regarding schedule, contests, rides and much more! In the meantime, please consider submitting your registration as soon as possible. Having a good idea of the number of attendees we will have helps us immensely. A copy of the registration flyer is available below. Additionally, please book your room at the Best Western. For your convenience, a link to the hotel booking is also available below.

More information will be available over the coming weeks!

Click on the image below to download a Rally Flyer





If you call the hotel to book your reservation, be sure and use this Group Code: EWMA25

Attention Campers!

Camping is available at three nearby locations!

Travelers Campground - 11 miles away
17701 April Blvd, Alachua
10% off of the standard rate
Use link https://www.travelerscampground.com/booking/

Enter the name Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association

High Springs RV Resort - 15 miles away 24004 Old Bellamy Rd, High Springs \$5.00 off the regular nightly rate Use name Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association

Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park - 16 miles away
Tent sites only available
50% discount for Florida Residents over 65

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	n 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:						
Signature	<u> </u>	Signatur	e			
Date:	Is this	your first-time attending	g the Florida Rally? Yes No			
Member Registrati	on	\$35.00 X	=			
Non-Member Registration			=			
Under 12 (Dinner on Thursday extra, See below		elow) FREE X	=			
Pineapple Seared C		lee: hi, Manicotti w/	==			
	Ticket Sales					
\$5,000 Raffle (Book of 10)		\$10.00 X	=			
Daily 50 / 50 Thursday (Strip of 10)		\$ 5.00 X	=			
Daily 50 / 50 Friday (Strip of 10)			=			
Grand 50 / 25 / 25 (Strip of 10)		\$ 5.00 x	=			
Grand Prize (Strip o	of 10)	\$ 5.00 x	=			
	PRE-ORDER ONLY SHIRT	T SALES				
Polo Shirt	S M L XL	\$22.00 X	=			
Polo Shirt X	XL XXXL XXXXL	\$25.00 X	=			
T-Shirt	S M L XL	\$18.00 X	=			
T-Shirt X	XL XXXL XXXXL	\$20.00 X	=			
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TOTAL ENCLOSED (US Dollars Only) \$						
RALLY SHIRTS NOT AVAILABLE ON SITE—PRE-ORDER ONLY						

Florida District Rally March 13—15, 2025 Opens daily at 9:00am

Florida District Directors

Fred & Karen Kennedy (850)-232-0365

FIRST AID/CPR CLASS OFFERED

Wednesday 03-12-2025—11am - 5pm Limit 20 people Must be Fully Registered FL EWMA MEMBERS \$25.00 (returned upon completion) NON-FLORIDA EWMA MEMBERS \$35.00 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, 2025

NO refunds after February 23, 2025 After March 1st Registration is \$5.00 higher

\$15.00 Day Passes will be sold onsite and are good for all events of the day of purchase except Thursday Night dinner

Submit Registration Forms to:

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

addgeno@yahoo.com

Make check or money order (US Dollar 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 1, 2024 for entry into Early Bird drawing to be awarded to 1 lucky winner at Closing Ceremonies!

<u>Pre-Order Shirts f</u>or 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







