





## 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



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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

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### by Chapter Directors David Morris and Terry Henderson



## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Our Holiday Gathering was the highlight of the year with a record turnout! Thank you to the Spirit Team for all that they did to make it a success and provide a lasting impression! I wish I could have been there to enjoy all the festivities but I was told that I had pneumonia, so I stayed home to rest. After 6 weeks of fighting a bad virus, not pneumonia as I later discovered, I am finally well just in time for Christmas.

I'm delighted that Terry felt fine and was able to represent me at the party. She said that it was an absolutely wonderful event. All of our faithful members were dressed in their finest red and green Holiday attire and everyone was glowing with the joy of Christmas! Our new venue, the Florida Club, rose to the occasion and decked the Club House halls with a beautifully decorated Christmas tree and added a special touch of whimsy by burning the Yule tide logs on the TV sets. The ambiance was warm, cozy and bright which added to the friendly conversation and delicious food and drink. Plus, Sandy led us in several rounds of Holiday games that were sometimes challenging, but always lively and fun-loving. Our raffle gave us an opportunity to win one of two beautiful gift baskets provided by the Spirit Team ladies. Thank you to Sandy, Myrta, Sondra, Lena, Carma, Percy and Donna for your talent and creativity.

Christmas is the perfect time to find connection, enjoy peace and express gratitude. Well, we certainly have a connection! Let's all acknowledge that our EWMA Chapter FL2-0 has weathered the challenges of change over the past couple of years and has, not only survived, but thrived. The Christmas Party is a testament to our connection as friends with a mutual interest in riding motorcycles. We are also at peace with one another and pray together for peace in the world. Finally, we are grateful and we thank God for all of our gifts of health, happiness, joy, hope and most of all LOVE. Remember the true meaning of Christmas that a baby was born, so that we may be forgiven and have eternal life. Thank you for the gift of Christmas and the opportunity to share that gift with our Chapter FL2-0 friends. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

#### **Important November Dates**



#### **January Birthday**

Peggy DuBose 1/12

Joan Salzburg 1/17

Tom Chaffin 1/29



#### **January Anniversaries**

Bob & Carma Steigmeier 1/11

Al & Myrta Colussy 1/19

## SPIRIT TEAM SENDS THANKS

On behalf of FI2-0 Spirit Team, I would like to thank the many chapter members who donated to our Gathering jingle jar. As you know, these funds are used to support chapter "fun" activities throughout the year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those who participated in our Christmas party/dinner that was held at the Florida Club. Thanks goes out to Doug who helped in facilitating our use of the clubhouse for our event. The hard work and hours Sondra, Myrta and Lena spent in the creation of our beautiful centerpieces added to the evening's holiday setting. Myrta always comes through with creating our raffle baskets. Thanks to our members, guests and ladies of the Spirit Team who made the

evening a success.

Our chapter has a strong membership and together with the spirit team, ride coordinators and input from all of you, we can continue to provide everyone with activities, rides and friendships that bring us joy. laughter, and good times.

Any ideas for the Spirit Team? Let us know!

Looking forward to 2025!!

Sandy Pisano



## FL2-O Christmas Party - Holly Jolly Christmas - Florida Club

Spirit Team – December 4



CD Terry Henderson – Prayer



Spirit Team Sandy Pisano



Leo – Doug – Lena – Terry

## FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND RIDING

## FL2-O Christmas Party - Holly Jolly Christmas - Florida Club



Santa Joe

Peggy - Donna - Claudia



Joe – Jim – Al



Percy & Greg – Carma & Bob

## FL2-O Christmas Party – Holly Jolly Christmas - Florida Club



Robert - Paul



Sandy – Larry – Bob



Terry - Barb - Suzzane - Marilyn

## FL2-O Christmas Party - Holly Jolly Christmas - Florida Club



Peggy - Claudia - Cheryl - Bill - Robert



Beth & Ted



Suzanne with Loot



**What Beautiful** 

**Table Settings** 

## Chapter Directors Dave Morris and Terry Henderson at Trinity United Methodist with Dave's granddaughter and husband with great grandson.



Terry > Dave



Pictures submitted by Jim Rich

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 KSU (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 28 <sup>th</sup>	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

## 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 & Marilyn Rich, Sandy Pisano, John DuBose and Dominick & Diane

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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.

## 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 <a href="https://fl2o.org/">https://fl2o.org/</a>



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 <a href="mailto:richtrader3@gmail.com">richtrader3@gmail.com</a> Please make sure you're on his mailing list!

Ride Report: Marsh Landing, Fellsmere – Sunday, December 1, 2024 FL2-D Melbourne & FL2-O Stuart met for breakfast

FL2-O Treasure Coast Riders had five bikes and six riders meet-up with FL2-D Space Coast Riders which had 3 bikes and 4 riders out with a total of ten for a nice morning breakfast. Prefect weather with a cool early morning and low 70" s for the ride home. We rode a westerly route to Marsh Landing and easterly route US 1 & Old Dixie back to Fort Pierce for a Wendy's ice-cream break before we all headed home. My Big Red went 156 miles. John DuBose

FL2-O Riders: Lead John DuBose, Joe & Sandy Pisano, John Autorino, Willard Hackett and Don Valdois. FL2-D Riders: Harry & Lynn, John Cain & Tom. Enjoy the pictures.





Ride Report: Marsh Landing, Fellsmere - Sunday, December 1, 2024



Don Valdois with his Road Smith Trike - Willard Hackett recruited him - new member

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3804 South U.S. #1 · Fort Pierce, FL 34982 Kawasaki

Dan GW Tech - Don Service Manager - Mike Owner

Check out *Treasure Coast Honda – Kawasaki* in Fort Pierce.

Don Gehring Service Manager will do his best to meet your needs.

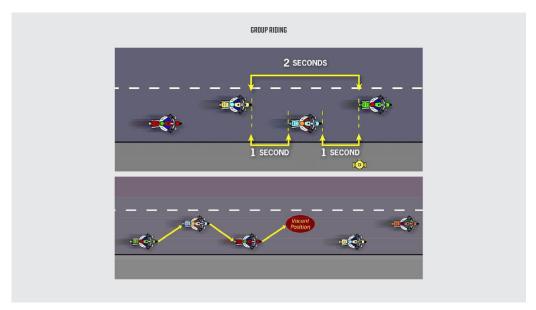


#### **GROUP RIDING**

#### By Jim Rich

The Treasure Coat Wings has added a record number of new members over the past couple of years (undoubtedly due to the CD Dave Morris's excellent leadership and the efforts of Membership Enhancement Coordinator Terry Henderson) so I thought it timely to mention a few reminders about group riding. The formation should be staggered,

leader in the left part of the lane, second person to the right, and so forth back to the tail gunner. Intervals should be approximately two seconds or slightly more at highway speeds. Groups of eight or more should consider dividing into two groups. The reason for the close interval and divided groups is to allow overtaking drivers to pass in a safe and efficient manner. One mistake that riders new to group riding tend to make, yours truly included, is to fixate on the rider directly in front of them. The safer way to ride is the same as in solo riding, look as far down the road as possible. Focusing far ahead prevents a rude awakening when the rider ahead you suddenly puts on their brakes. One advantage most Goldwing riders have is the CB radio, allowing the leader to keep the group abreast of what's going on, but it does not negate the need for each rider to focus down the road just in case the leader should become distracted. Scanning is also a good practice; look to your left, your right, and your rear (rearview mirror that is), but always return promptly to the front. Have fun and ride safe.



MSF's Guide to Group



# January, 2025 Florida District Safety/Ride Coordinators Safety Article

Greetings to all!

#### **COLD WEATHER RIDING**

Thankfully for Florida motorcyclist the weather is finally cooling down. It is time to start thinking about if you have the proper riding gear for winter riding. I know we do not get the same degree of extreme cold as they do further up north but this is a good time to check your winter riding gear and replace anything needed.

Everyone has their own temperature tolerance. Some stop riding if the outside temperature is under a certain degree. When you are deciding to ride due to outside temperature there are a couple of things to consider. "Wind Chill Factor" should be on the top of your list. The wind passing by your body on a moving motorcycle lowers the temperature your body is actually experiencing. The differences between the outside temperature and the temperature your body is experiencing can as much as a 20-degree difference. That means if the outside temperature is 50 degrees and you are traveling at 70 mph on the interstate, your body can be experiencing 30 degrees of wind chill.

There are several factors to consider when determining how much wind chill you will be experiencing. One question is: "How much wind deflection protection does my motorcycle provide?" If it is a naked bike you have no wind protection. A windshield would be better. A fairing with a windshield is even better. Full upper and lower fairing protection would be the best. The less wind deflection protection you bike has, the more wind insulation and warmth clothing you will have to wear to compensate for the wind chill.

The best way to compensate for the ever-adjusting wind chill would be to have an underlining of electric gear. Once again, the extent of what pieces of electric gear you need is determined by what parts of your body are protected or not, from the wind by your motorcycle's parts. Electric gear

comes in individual pieces: a jacket liner or vest, gloves, pant's liner and socks. You will be able to determine rather quickly on a cold weather ride what pieces you need. I remember I had one bike that had plenty of upper body wind protection but no foot protection. On a cold weather ride one day my feet got so cold they hurt unbearably. It wasn't long after that I bought the electric socks. They really work well. The other nice thing about electric gear is that it doesn't take up as much room as wearing or packing layers of warm gear. You do not have to look like the Michelin Man all bundled up. As the outside temperature warms up you simple turn down the thermostat knob to adjust for the change in outside temperature. If you have upper and lower electric gear you get a duel thermostat. The top of your body and your lower body get cold at different levels. With a duel thermostat you can regulate your upper and lower body temperature separately. Don't forget your passenger on the back. They get more wind chill and require their own set of electric gear.

If you do not want to go the electric gear route consider what type of gear you are wearing. Some motorcycle jackets have zip-in thermal liners. Some motorcycle jackets have zip-in rain proof liners. What works the best is to buy a motorcycle jacket that has both. When it is really cold you can zip in both liners for extra warmth. The rain liner does not let any wind through to your body. This is just a bonus of using the rain liner for warmth. The rain liner doesn't let the wind through because it is actually designed not to let the water through. Riding pants also come with zip-in thermal and rain liners. Don't forget to pack a separate pair of cold weather rain gloves. The worse thing to have is cold wet gloves. The electric gloves are made to get wet and the electric heating elements quickly dry them out after the rain stops while even keeping your hands warm when they are wet while riding in the rain.

Cold weather riding is can actually be enjoyable if you are dressed properly. An added bonus to having on all the proper gear is that you are actually fully covered in case you go down.

Keep warm and ride safe,

Dominick & Diane

## FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND RIDING







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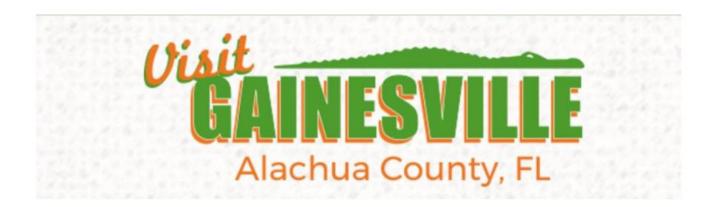
Bruce Beeman
Founder/COO of EWMA
Fred & Karen Kennedy
Florida Director

Easiest way to join - Go to the EWMA Website and Click on JOIN: http://www.ewm-world.org

## **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



## 2025 Florida District Raffle Tickets

District Raffle Tickets are in. Get your tickets now!

Drawing at the Florida District Gathering

March 15, 2025





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

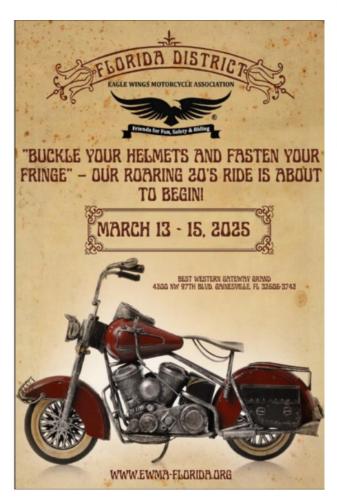
#### Same GREAT Venue as in 2024

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 <a href="https://www.travelerscampground.com/booking/">https://www.travelerscampground.com/booking/</a>
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	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:						
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Member Registration	1	\$35.00 X	=			
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**Fully Registered attendees only** Dinner choices—Circle One for each attendee: Pineapple Seared Chicken, Seared Mahi Mahi, Manicotti w/ red sauce or spinach cream sauce (pick one)						
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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







