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From Your Florida District Directors Bill and Cheryl Smith (FL2-A, FL2-O, FL2-R)

WOW... Just WOW! What a great **FUN** Rally! The vendors said they did very well, we signed up 9 new EWMA members, the Thursday night dinner was delicious, our new stuff - the Silent Dance Party was a big hit, as well as the on-bike games, 150 folks enjoyed the new Safety Presentations and we gave away a lot of money! The \$500.00 and \$1000.00 winners were in the closing ceremony; but, the \$10,000.00 winner was not. I called the winner and he was in Tennessee. When I asked him if he remembered buying the ticket, he said they were just talking about that. Needless to say, he was very happy about winning all that money! Thank you to all who attended and

helped out at the Rally. You are all appreciated! Check out the other articles for more details about the **FUN** at the rally. The Winners and some pictures will be posted on the District Website soon.

The 2024 Florida District Rally is currently being developed; but we don't have a location and date to advertise yet, so stay tuned and we will let you know ASAP about those details. We are hoping to make it very different from past District Rallies, but still totally **FUN!**

We do have a date and place for the Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association's International Rally and Ride-In! August 31st, 2023 – September 2nd, 2023 (Labor Day Weekend) at the Knoxville, Tennessee, Convention Center! A lot more details are expected to be released by the end of March and we will send them out as soon as we receive them, so mark your calendar and plan to party and ride!

The next EWMA District Rally on the calendar is in Johnson City, Tennessee. Cheryl and I plan on attending April 27th – 29th, 2023 and hope to see you there!

Hope to see y'all soon!

Bill and Cheryl Smith
Florida District Directors
The **FUN**shine State,
where **FUN** is #1!



Carl Williams
Asst. District Director
(FL2-B2, FL2-F, FL2-H & FL2-G)

What a fabulous Florida District rally **FUN, FUN, FUN** thanks for all that came old friends and new friends. I think the first timers cleaned up on a lot of the prizes. Some of the new events were a great hit the silent dance and motorcycle games. The presentation were well attended also.



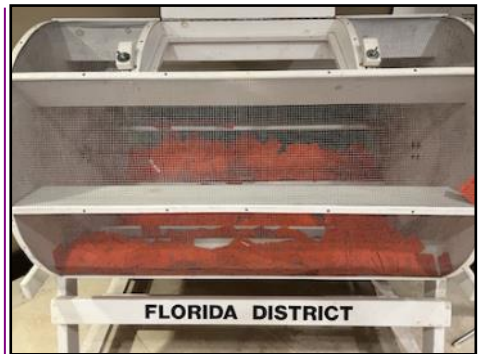
Our banquet dinner!



Some of the great sock hop costumes!



Our a great district leaders,
Bill and Cheryl Smith!



Can you find your winning ticket?



Escorted bike tours!



Region A was recruiting!

Thanks for attending the 1st
"Florida District Gathering of
Friends for FUN"

We hope you Rocked Around the Clock



Dominick & Diane DeSiato
**District Safety /
 Ride Coordinators**

Greetings to all

Well, the 2023 Florida District Rally has come and gone. We had a great time being with our EWMA members. A special thanks to Claudia Vega for answering any questions regarding future First Aid/CPR Classes and John Cain for coordinating the Classroom Safety Presentations conducted at the rally. Thank you to Ed Carr for leading the day rides and thanks to Carlos Lozano for leading one of the groups. The parking lot Bike Games were a lot of **FUN**. There were 9 winners in all, participating in the different games and different riding categories. Each winner received a beautiful certificate and a \$15 Dunkin Donuts gift card. EWMA promotes more riding and informal training situations such as short classroom safety presentations and less lengthy on bike training such as parking lot practice sessions. One day formal riding courses will still be

available upon request. There is no longer a Levels Program to dictate when you should take a training class. We believe in self assessment. Only you know best when you think you need a refresher class. Formal riding classes will be conducted through your local MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) school. The cost of those MSF classes will be paid for by your Florida District. We just ask that if you or your Chapter wants a one day formal class that you contact Dominick & Diane to approve the cost of the class before any scheduling.

Riding in the Rain, Again

Our "cold season" is about over. We will then have a period of nice weather and then the rains will start again. There are all types of rain gear. Anything from inexpensive light weight compact outfits, such as Frogg Toggs, to very expensive full protection rain suits. It's all a matter of personal preference: your budget, amount of storage area available, how hot you want to be, and how wet you want to get. Yes, how wet you want to get. Some of the breathable rain gears such as Frogg Toggs were really designed for walking around in the rain but not sitting in it. The design of your motorcycle's seat will determine what type of rain suit you should wear. If your seat is a bench type there is no area for water to build up under your butt. You could probably get away with a breathable pair

of rain pants. If your seat is hollowed out to cradle your butt it will also trap water and chances are the water will seep through a breathable material and you will get wet. Solid vinyl type materials are best if you are going to be sitting in water. The down side of solid vinyl is that it doesn't breathe and you will be hot. A vinyl suit may be a good feature in the winter, but not in the summer. Another thing to consider is visibility. How visible are you going to be with that rain suit on now in the rain? The car drivers are now having a hard time seeing because of the rain. Is your rain suit made with bright colors? It should be. If your rain jacket is not bright and your motorcycle jacket is, consider wearing your rain jacket under your motorcycle jacket if it will fit. That way you get the advantage of staying dry under your motorcycle jacket while still having the outer protection and visibility of the motorcycle jacket. An expensive motorcycle suit usually has the rain protection, crash protection and visibility built in to it, but again is usually hot in the summer. The choice is yours. I thought I would just give you a couple of possibilities to think about. The rains will be coming so get prepared ahead of time..

We are here to assist you with your training needs.

Ride Safe!



Ed & Jeanette Carr
Assistant District Safety /
Ride Coordinators

We rolled into the Hilton Altamonte Springs a little after noon on Tuesday to set up for the first Florida District Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association Gathering for **FUN** & Riding. On Wednesday while Jeanette set up the Game Room, Carlos Lozano & I set out to ride the route I designed for the Friday

& Saturday Guided Rides. The ride, as designed, was 111.6 miles and should take about 3 hours to complete. Finding no delays on the route, it was ready for the scheduled rides on Friday & Saturday mornings at 8:30 AM.

Guided Rides:

Carlos led group two, with Glenn Duncan as his tail gunner and I led group one, with John Dubose tail gunning for me. On Saturday, Georgia District Director, Tommy and Vicky Martin, brought up the rear for me and Alabama District Director, Danny Baker, tail gunned for Carlos. We each had 7 riders on Friday and nine riders total for Saturday. Thanks to all the riders, leaders, and tail gunners for wonderful ride experience on both days.

Games:

Many thanks to the chapters who helped work the games at the Florida District Rally: FL1-M, Clearwater; FL2-O, Stuart; FL1-D, Pensacola; FL1-F2, Ocala; FL1-X, Orange Park; FL1-H, Daytona; FL1-K, Palm Coast/St. Augustine; and the North Carolina District Staff. Many Thanks to Bob & Sharon McNicol and Dick & Diane Schmidt who were "on call" and helped each of the three days. Ed and I were blessed with willing and helpful people who made the games **FUN** for all. There were several new players that Jeanette talked into playing the games instead of just buying tickets. They were all glad they joined in the **FUN** because workers made it exciting. **THANK YOU!**

Where will the 2024 Florida District Gathering of Friends for FUN be held?

As soon as we secure a location and date, we'll let you know!



Geno & Kathie Jette
Assistant District Directors
 Rally Registration Coordinators
 Goodie Sales
 (FL1-F2, FL1-K, FL1-X & FL1-Y)

National Walking Day
 April 5th 2023

National Walking Day is every year on the first Wednesday in April and takes place on April 5 this year. National Walking Day is exactly as it sounds — a day to celebrate the easiest way to be the healthiest version of you.

Walking for thirty to sixty minutes per day may sound like it isn't much, but studies have shown that it can drastically improve your health and even help prevent ailments such as type II diabetes, cancer, and heart disease.

HISTORY OF NATIONAL WALKING DAY

Walking has always been a part of being human. Many archaeologists have found that even when humans were nomadic tribes, we would often walk great distances to stalk our prey (think Woolly Mammoths) and wait for them to sleep before pouncing. Walking is, essentially, what humans are physically we best at. We're the slowest runners, the worst swimmers, and we can't even fly without a big jet engine. Walking is the humans bread and butter.

Maybe that's why during the Victorian era there was a little fad called pedestrianism, where walking became one of the major spectator sports in America and Europe until baseball usurped it. But individuals would wager massive bets over whether walkers could make it marathon distances and under what time. There's a reason why racewalking is an Olympic sport, after all.

Whether it's John Muir's spiritual journeys through the woods; pilgrimages to Mecca; or just a casual stroll through your local park, walking has always held a close, dear place in the hearts of humans. It's no wonder that there are so many health benefits associated with it and also why National Move More Month and National Walking Day were created promote this fantastic and surprisingly easy pastime.



Harry & Lynn Anderson
Assistant District Directors
 District Hospitality Coordinators
 (FL1-H, FL2-D)

Well, Well, Well...

So, baby is up walking and ready to go. Started crawling in August, made it thru September and

October. A few steps began in November and December. Yes, yes, yes, bigger steps thru January and February, BUT, GUESS WHAT... Baby took the BIG LEAP and came alive March 16th, 17th, & 18th. Of course, I'm talking about EWMA. Yes sir-re-bob, EWMA is up and off to a great start. Thanks to all who attended the FIRST EWMA Rally. What a great time. For those of you who missed it... SHAME ON YOU!! You not only missed the **FUN** and excitement, you missed out on Carlos' jokes. Believe me, you haven't lived until you hear Carlos tell jokes! There was a winner for the \$10,000.00, it wasn't me or Harry. Oh well,

maybe next year. If you are reading this and didn't attend, but someone from your chapter did. Then find out from them about all the fabulous rallies and gatherings for the coming year.

At this time, I want to thank ALL the chapters for their generous donations to the hospitality room. Without you we certainly couldn't do it. THANK YOU SO VERY, VERY MUCH.

Until next month think about this:

TO BE KIND is more important than being right! What most people need is not a brilliant mind that speaks, but a SPECIAL heart that listens.



Fred & Karen Kennedy
Assistant District Directors
 (FL1-D, FL1-E2)
Motorist Awareness
Coordinators

Greetings everyone and
Happy Easter!!!

Finally, Spring and warmer riding weather is HERE!!! We were surprised by the much cooler temperatures during the rally, especially up in our end of the state, but at least it wasn't raining...

Speaking of rallies, we had a great time during the inaugural Florida District EWMA Event! While attendance was a little less than previous years, the enthusiasm of the attendees was just big as it ever was and we had a great time meeting many new members and visiting with returning friends. There were 30 First Timers; but in reality, we ALL were First Timers! Our goal this year was to bring as little materials home

as possible, which meant we had to give out a LOT of stuff. **Well**, we weren't disappointed, as most folks were very receptive to learning about Motorcycle Safety Awareness and how it can save the lives of riders everywhere. We had yard signs, pamphlets, flyers, doodads, pens, can/bottle insulating wraps, candy and lots of door prizes. We appreciate each and every one of the participants who bought tickets to support our program, without which, we would not be able to provide such a wide variety of prizes and giveaways. Remember, each and every one of us are responsible for our own riding abilities and safety, so it behooves all of us to encourage those who don't ride motorcycles to always Look Twice and to Share the Road at all times, as our lives depend on it.

There were some really **FUN** additions to this year's event, like the Silent Dance Party and On-Bike Games, which turned out to be really entertaining! We didn't have our trike, so we weren't able to participate on the On-Bike games, but I did get to watch them and I really enjoyed the participants while they competed for 1st place.



Congratulations to all who won and took part in these games, as the best way to have **FUN** is to get involved and make it **FUN**! Karen and I did get to participate in the Silent Dance Party, which consisted on us wearing a set of headphones that played different genres of music...50's, 60's, 70's, Rock and Roll and Country... and you dance to the tune you are hearing... your dance partner may or may not be hearing the same music you are... all I can say is it was really **FUN**. So much so, I didn't realize that I was actually singing out loud to my music while dancing, until I was told by my buddy that was how he knew what I was listening to... he didn't say I had a great singing voice though...

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What's next for Florida? That's the exciting part... something new, something **FUN** and something for everybody. I can't wait for next year's event! Information regarding theme, dates and location will be forthcoming in the near future, so keep an eye out for the

release! Hope to see you there!!!!

Riding in the panhandle has been really great lately and we amassed many miles and even more smiles. We enjoyed new places to eat and even some new roads to ride, but most of all, we enjoyed the social aspect of riding together as a group and each other's company. We

are so happy that we, our chapter and our district affiliated themselves with EWMA and we look forward to many years of safe and happy riding under this organization's motto of "Friends for **FUN**, Safety & Riding" and as always... until we are together again...

Ride Safe, Ride Often... but most of all... RIDE!!!



John Cain
**Assistant District Safety/
Ride Coordinator**

We had very good attendance for the 10 new EWMA **Safety** Presentations at the Rally. We filled a total of 150 seats with enthusiastic rallygoers. Many thanks to all attendees for sharing their safety tips and stimulating contributions to the

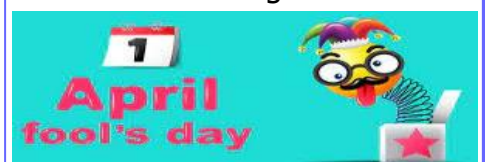
discussions. It was a great atmosphere for give-and-take learning about so many vital motorcycle safety topics.

Of course, the presenters all did an excellent job and deserve special recognition. The presenters were:


Riding in the Cold	Diane Desiato
Riding in the Heat	Carlos Lozano
Riding in a Group	John Cain
First On-the-Scene Response	Dominick Desiato
Co-rider	Claudia Vega
Helmets	John Cain
Riding At Night	Pete Siford & Lori Gavin
Riding in the Mountains	Brian Richards
Trailerling	Glenn Duncan
Riding in the Rain	Glenn Duncan

All presentation materials are now available to any EWMA member for use at official EWMA gatherings. No special training is required. The presentations are mostly self-guiding. And don't forget that we have 10-minute versions of most topics which are perfect for chapter gatherings. Contact me for access to the presentation materials. If any member wants to have a presenter from outside their chapter, I can accommodate those requests as well.

Friends for **FUN**, **Safety** & Riding.



FLORIDA DISTRICT HAPPENINGS APRIL 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p><u>Please verify with an individual Chapters before visiting. Chapters occasionally alter their gathering schedule to accommodate rallies and/or other events.</u></p>				<p>1 FL1-E2, Ft Walton Beach</p> 
2 FL2-A, West Palm Beach	3	4 FL1-Y, Gainesville FL2-D, Melbourne	5 FL2-R, Ft Lauderdale	6 FL1-X, Orange Park	7	8 FL1-D, Pensacola FL2-F, Punta Gorda
9 	10	11 FL1-K, Palm Coast FL2-H, Wauchula	12 FL1-D2, New Port Richey FL2-O, Stuart	13 FL1-B, Brandon	14	15 FL1-A, Tampa
16	17	18 FL1-F2, Ocala	19 FL1-H Daytona Beach	20 FL2-B2, Sarasota FL1-M, Clearwater	21	22 FL2-G, Ft Myers
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29
Louisiana District Rally						
Tennessee District Rally						

Check this URL to find particulars for each individual Chapter and their calendars:
<http://www.ewma-florida.org/chapters.html>

Upcoming Florida EWMA Events

Apr 20 - 22, 2023	Louisiana District Rally	Morgan City, LA
Apr 27 - 29, 2023	Tennessee District Rally	Johnson City, TN
Jun 1 - 3, 2023	South Carolina District Rally	Travelers Rest, SC
Aug 31 - Sep 2, 2023	EWMA Rendezvous	Knoxville, TN
Sep 15 - 16, 2023	Georgia District Fall Mountain Ride and Reunion	Dillard, GA
Sep 22 - 23, 2023	North Carolina District Ride	West Jefferson, NC
Sep 28 - 30, 2023	Alabama District Rally	Eufaula, AL
Oct 26 - 28, 2023	Mississippi District Rally	Biloxi, MS

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