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**From Your
Florida District Directors
Fred and Karen Kennedy
(FL1-D, FL1-E2)**

Greetings All!

We had a very special Thanksgiving this year, as several couples from our chapter's Camping Circle went camping and shared in creating a traditional Thanksgiving feast that was fit for a king. We really had a great time being together on such a wonderful holiday. Our camping circle is just one of the many activities that chapter life presents. If you haven't found yourself a chapter that suits you, consider getting with some of your fellow members and starting a chapter for yourselves. The requirements for chapter leadership (Chapter Director) are for less time consuming and regulated as they were in the previous organization. All you need is for one person to step up to schedule and volunteer to send out emails for chapter events and any other pertinent information from EWMA. Socials,

newsletters and web pages are strictly optional and here in Florida, FUN is the #1 priority.

Rally update... Rooms are going fast and less than 50 rooms are available, so don't get caught without a room at the host hotel! Typically, there is a run on rooms beginning in January, so get ahead of the rush. We are working on some great vendors and some new and fun games. Let's get into the spirit of the theme (Roaring 20's) and wear period costumes and we'll all have a great time that this era was known for.

Only one month until the Shrimps R Us ride in, located in Welaka, FL. We'll be served lots of fresh and hot seafood as well as selections for us non-seafood eaters. There will be a 50/25/25 drawing, as well as a "Raffle the Raffle" Rally ticket drawing. Time is running short to get your registration submitted. You can find the registration on the Florida District website page under the EVENTS tab.

Karen and I would like to wish all for you a Merry Christmas, as well as a safe and prosperous New Year!

So, until we are together again...

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

Fred and Karen Kennedy
Your Florida District Directors
The **FUN**shine State,
where **FUN** is #1!



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

WELL, Hello, hello, and MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY hAPPY (and healthy) NEW YEAR!!!

First and foremost, a HUGE thank you to all Chapters and people that attended the luncheon at Dixie Crossroads. What a great time, 84 attending. Oh, by the way... don't forget Shrimps-R-Us New Year's Day held in Welaka, Florida. Boy, you talk about a kick off for the

year... well all I can say is DON'T MISS THIS ONE. Then we have the biggie of Florida, March 13, 14, 15, 2025. Hate to say it, but get your rooms. ONLY LIMITED NUMBER LEFT!!!

NOW LET'S GET TO CHRISTMAS... Can you read the drunken recipe? Good luck!

MY VODKA CHRISTMAS CAKE (KEEP IT IN YOUR FILES) 1c. Sugar, half lb. butter, 1tsp baking powder, 1c. Water, 1 tsp. salt, 1 c. brown sugar, lemon juice, 4 eggs, nuts, 2C. Dried fruit, 4 C self-rising flour, 1 full bottle of vodka. Sample cup of vodka to check quality. Take a large bowl... check vodka again to check quality. Get out measuring cups... Check vodka again to be sure of HIGHEST quality, (then repeat). Beat 1 cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add 1 tsp. Sugar, beat again. Now make sure the

vodka is still o.k. Try another cup, to be sure. Turn off the mixer thingy. Beat 2 eggs, add to the bowl, chuck in the dried fruit. OOPS!! Pick the fruit off the floor, wash it, place in bowl, a piece at a time. If the fried fruit gets stuck in the beaterers, just pry them out with drowscriver.

Sample the vodka for tonsisicity. Next, sift 2 cups of salt or something. Check the vodka... Shift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add one table. Add spoon of s7ugar or sink. Whatever you can find. Grease the oven & turn the cake to 360 degrees Try not to fall over. Don't forget to beat off the turner Throw the bowl thru the freakin window, wipe the counter with the cat... FINISH THE VODKA!!!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS...
 HAPPY NEW YEAR**

1st Ride of the Year
Shrimp-R-Us
January 1, 2025
Welaka, Florida



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

Enough Said About Noise

I am speaking about motorcycle exhaust noise, “Loud Pipes”, “Rolling Thunder”, or any of several other ways to describe loud motorcycles. I do not really want to get into a debate as to the legal aspects of loud pipes as it pertains to Florida Law. But, it is my responsibility just to give you accurate legal safety information. What you do with it is up to you. So just as a reminder, or something new to some, FSS 316.293(5)(b) states that the exhaust system of any motor vehicle (which includes motorcycles) is not to be modified to be any louder than how it was originally manufactured. As you can see, that would include most of the modifications a lot of motorcyclists do to their bikes. A decibel meter is not required for proof under that statute.

So why do I bring up this subject? It isn't the noise I question. It is the reasoning some have behind the noise.

“Loud Pipes Saves Lives” is a statement often heard to justify the noise. This statement is totally untrue and that attitude might actually contribute to a crash. If you are properly trained for riding a motorcycle, you must learn to ride as if you are invisible to survive. You are taught to look ahead (and behind), plan ahead, formulate a strategy in case some car violates your right-of-way. Have possible escape paths in mind should a car move into you space. Choose a lane position to make sure you are being seen the best by approaching cars.

The problem with the “Loud Pipes Saves Lives Mentality” is that those riders think because they are making all that noise, approaching cars will part for them like Moses parting the Red Sea. Therefore, they do none of the defensive strategies I had previously described. As a retired Motorcycle Crash Investigator, I can testify to the fact that I probably saw more motorcycle with loud pipes go down than quiet motorcycles. The riders of the quiet motorcycle are using safe riding practices for protection. Extra lights up front, bright clothing, and a set of loud horns would be of more benefit. All that noise from a loud exhaust system is pointing behind you. The cars that we are most likely to collide are approaching from the opposite

direction which usually turn left in front of you at an intersection. Their windows are up, the A/C is on, there stereo is playing or they are talking on the phone. They do not hear all your glorious noise. Some riders often say “Yea, but when I am making all that noise no one will change lanes into me”. That sounds good, but can you back it with statistics? The answer is there no statistics to support that statement. Very few motorcycles get hit by cars changing lanes into them. Maybe the rest of the guys with the quiet pipes learned how to anticipate a possible improper lane change and learned how to swerve to avoid getting hit. Maybe a set of extra loud horns would serve you much better than a set of loud pipes. Most stock motorcycle horns are inadequate. After market horns are easily available. I recommend at least a pair of 110 decibel horns. I have a set of 130 decibel horns on my motorcycle.

Let me give you an example of what I am talking about as to the effect of loud exhaust. I often go to the MacDill Air Force Base Air Fest. During the Blue Angels air show one of the tricks they like to play on you is for you to focus on 5 jets flying in front of you. The 6th jet had peeled off and circled around behind the crowd. The

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approaching single jet flies low and suddenly passes over the crowd's heads startling all of them. No one heard it coming.

I think that F18 is a little louder than a motorcycle, yet no one heard it until it passed. I think you get the point.

So, in conclusion: Make all the noise you want. That is

obviously your choice. Just don't think the noise is making your ride any safer.

Ride Safe!

You make EWMA FUN!



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

National Cupcake Day

Each year, December 15th also recognizes National Cupcake Day. The cupcake was originally known as the 1-2-3-4 cake because the recipe called for 1 cup of butter, 2 cups of sugar, 3 cups of flour, 4 eggs, and also 1 cup of milk, and 1 spoonful of baking soda.

Even the word cupcake sounds like a miniature celebration. They've been known by other phrases that make us put our hands together in glee, too!

Someone must have wanted to surprise a loved one with a sweet, single-serving treat when they invented the cupcake. One of the first recipes for a cupcake can be traced back to 1796. A recipe notation for a cake to be baked in small cups was written in American Cookery (by Amelia Simmons). Don't you wonder if she made them for her children or grandchildren?

The earliest known documentation of the term cupcake shows up in 1828 in Seventy-five Receipts for Pastry, Cakes, and Sweetmeats. The cookbook was

by Eliza Leslie. Maybe she just liked individual servings.

Bakers originally baked cupcakes in heavy pottery cups. Today, some bakers still use individual ramekins, small coffee mugs, larger teacups, or other small ovenproof pottery-type dishes for baking their cupcakes. They do make a beautiful presentation for these miniature cakes.

Enjoy the Day, have a cupcake!



MERRY
Christmas



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

Merry Christmas!

Go ahead, it's Christmas season. Splurge for that important safety "upgrade" (read toy?) for your (or your co-rider's) bike/trike or riding gear! How about:

New helmet? Helmet effectiveness decreases over time. Helmet manufacturers

generally recommend a maximum full-strength life span of around 5-6 years assuming the helmet has not been dropped/damaged and the inside padding is still intact.

Modulating headlight, taillight, brake light or helmet mounted brake light? Studies have shown that modulating head/tail/brake light is the number one method to increase a bike's conspicuity.

Low-mounted, fog/riding lights (and keep them on)? Studies have shown that low-mounted lights are more conspicuous than other mounting locations.

New tires? Not very Christmassy (is that a word?), but very important.

Tire pressure monitoring system? If you don't have one

built in, it is a very convenient and safety-improving gadget.

New armored shirt or jacket?

If heat is an issue for you, then very lightweight and cool mesh armored shirts are available.

Also consider one of the new, lightweight, airbag vests or jackets. Airbag vests deployment systems are available with electronic G-sensors or the good ole fashion rip cord that must be hooked/unhooked to the bike with each mount/dismount.

If anyone needs more information or help locating these or other such gifts on the Internet, I can help.

Jcain16@gmail.com.

It's only money!

Ride Safe.

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

The 2025 Florida District Gathering for Friends for FUN!

March 13 -15, 2025

Rooms are going fast...

Book yours TODAY!!!





1st Ride of the Year
January 1, 2025
SHRIMP "R" US & More
765 3rd Avenue Welaka, FL



Are you ready to feast and frolic with your friends?

EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



**Our 2025 Eagle Wings Rendezvous will be located at
Convention Center, in Fort Smith, AR
August 28th - 30th**

**Register Today for the
Florida District
Gathering of Friends
for FUN**

March 13 - 15, 2025

Don't miss out on the FUN!!!

FLORIDA DISTRICT HAPPENINGS DECEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 FL1-Y, Gainesville FL2-D, Melbourne	4 FL2-R, Ft Lauderdale	5 FL1-X, Orange Park	6	7 FL1-E2, Ft Walton Beach FL2-F, Punta Gorda
8 FL2-A, West Palm Beach	9 FL1-K, Palm Coast	10 FL2-H, Wauchula	11 FL1-D2, New Port Richey FL2-O, Stuart	12 FL1-B, Brandon FL2-P, Lake Placid	13	14 FL1-A, Tampa FL1-D, Pensacola
15	16	17 FL1-F2, Ocala	18 FL1-H Daytona Beach	19 FL1-M, Clearwater	20	21 FL2-B2, Sarasota
22	23	24	25 	26	27	28 FL2-G, Ft Myers
29	30	31	<p><u>Please verify with an individual Chapter before visiting.</u></p> <p><u>Chapters occasionally alter their gathering schedule to accommodate rallies and/or other events.</u></p>			

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

Upcoming Florida EWMA Events

January 1, 2025	1st Ride of the Year <i>"Shrimp "R" Us & More"</i>	Welaka, FL
March 13 - 15, 2025	Florida District Gathering of Friends for FUN <i>"Roaring 20's"</i>	Gainesville, FL
April 24 - 26, 2025	Tennessee District Rally <i>"America the Beautiful"</i>	Johnson City, TN
May 15 - 17, 2025	South Carolina District Rally <i>"Salute to the Troops"</i>	Newberry, SC
June 5 - 7, 2025	Georgia District Rally <i>"Beach Bash"</i>	Helen, GA
June 26 - 28, 2025	Alabama District Rally <i>"Roaring 20's"</i>	Sheffield, AL
August 28 - 30, 2025	EWMA <i>"2025 Eagle Wing Rendezvous"</i>	Fort Smith, AR
October 16 - 18, 2025	Mississippi District Rally <i>"The New Frontier"</i>	Biloxi, MS

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Reservation call 352-331-3336
Group Code: EWMA25

Raffle to support EWMA Florida District Safety Program &
EWMA Florida District
1st Drawing - \$5,000 Cash
2nd Drawing - \$ 500 Cash
3rd Drawing - \$ 250 Cash

Need Not be present to win!

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"BUCKLE YOUR HELMETS AND FASTEN YOUR FRINGE" – OUR ROARING 20'S RIDE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!

MARCH 13 - 15, 2025

BEST WESTERN GATEWAY GRAND
4200 NW 97TH BLVD. GAINESVILLE, FL 32606-3742



WWW.EWMA-FLORIDA.ORG

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:

Signature _____	Signature _____
Date: _____	Is this your first-time attending the Florida Rally? Yes No

Member Registration	\$35.00	X	_____	=	_____
Non-Member Registration	\$40.00	X	_____	=	_____
Under 12 (Dinner on Thursday extra, See below)	FREE	X	_____	=	_____
Sit Down Dinner - Thursday Night **Fully Registered attendees only**	\$30.00	X	_____	=	_____

Dinner choices—Circle One for each attendee:
Pineapple Seared Chicken, Seared Mahi Mahi, Manicotti w/ red sauce or spinach cream sauce (pick one)

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)	\$ 5.00	x	_____	=	_____
Grand 50 / 25 / 25 (Strip of 10)	\$ 5.00	x	_____	=	_____
Grand Prize (Strip of 10)	\$ 5.00	x	_____	=	_____

PRE-ORDER ONLY SHIRT SALES

Polo Shirt	S M L XL	\$22.00	X	_____	=	_____
Polo Shirt	XXL XXXL XXXXL	\$25.00	X	_____	=	_____
T-Shirt	S M L XL	\$18.00	X	_____	=	_____
T-Shirt	XXL XXXL XXXXL	\$20.00	X	_____	=	_____
Long Sleeve	S M L XL	\$20.00	X	_____	=	_____
Long Sleeve	XXL XXXL XXXXL	\$22.00	X	_____	=	_____

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 FLORIDA 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!

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>



1st Ride of the Year
 January 1, 2025
 SHRIMP "R" US & More
 765 3rd Avenue Welaka, FL



Are you ready to feast and frolic with your friends?

The Annual 1st Ride of the Year is just around the corner and we want YOU to be there!

We're ordering a spread that'll make your taste buds dance, so we need to know if you're in!

RSVP and prepay now to secure your spot at the table. Get your registration in by December 21st, 2024!
 Your Armband will be waiting for you!

Trust us; you won't want to miss out on this scrumptious soirée!

Price: \$30.00 per person ALL You Can Eat Buffet

Time: Lunch begins at 12:00pm

What are we eating? Shrimp: fried, grilled, steamed, garlic baked chicken, red potatoes, fritters, coleslaw, salad with dressing, 1 drink and 1 dessert

*Check Payable to: EWMA Florida District
 Mail Check to: Pat VanLengen
 1654 White Arrow Drive
 Dover, FL 33527*

Any Questions call ADD Harry Anderson 321-693-8703

 Please Print

Name: _____ # _____ x \$30.00

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Total Due: _____



Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association

3rd Annual Rally

Eagle Wings Rendezvous

Aug 28th – Aug 30th 2025



WE'RE GOING TO
FORT SMITH, AR!

3 Nights of FUN, FUN, FUN!!!!

3 Days of Rides, Presentations and FUN!

Thursday GRAND OPENING PARTY FUN
Light Dinner and entertainment

Saturday Night is Closing
Ceremonies, Dinner and Entertainment

Friday Night Bike and Light Show Vote for your favorite and enjoy some ice cream!

Let's make this the biggest Rendezvous yet!
We can't wait to see you there!

Registration Fees (onsite \$10 more)	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Total</u>
EWMA Members	\$45	_____	\$ _____
Non Members	\$55	_____	\$ _____
Day Passes-available for purchase on site			
Dinner Thursday Night (Max seating-360)	\$30	_____	\$ _____
Dinner Saturday Night (Max seating-360)	\$45	_____	\$ _____
Chicken _____ Pork _____			
First Aid/CPR _____	\$25	_____	\$ _____
Pre-Registration Tickets	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Total</u>
Grand Prize & Mystery Cash—Books of 5	\$10 X	_____	\$ _____
Grand 50/25/15/10— Books of 5	\$20 X	_____	\$ _____

GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

All pre-registrations must be
received
BY 8/9/2025

Make Checks payable to EWMA

Mail completed forms to:

EWMA

Patti ONeill
2125 Meander

Prescott AZ 86305

Email: ewmacfo@gmail.com

Phone 408-639-0415

\$15.00 fee on all cancellations

No refunds after Aug 1st 2025

CC# _____

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Billing Zip Code _____

For more information go to
www.ewma.world.org/rendezvous

Name: _____ EWMA #: _____

Name: _____ EWMA #: _____

Address: _____ Reg/District/Chapter: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

The undersigned, agree to comply with the ideals governing this event and to hold harmless the EWMA, co-sponsoring organizations and property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved, and I/we agree to assume responsibility for any property which I/we knowingly damage. **EWMA reserves the right to refuse entrance to anyone at any time.**

Rider Signature: _____ Co-Rider Signature: _____