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

**Greetings All,
from the Frosty North!**



North Florida, that is... On Tuesday the 21st, we were treated to 9-1/2 inches of white, fluffy, cold, SNOW! The wise meteorologists all predicted this event, but I don't think anybody expected the amount we ended up receiving. The last record high amount for snowfall in Florida was way back in 1895, when they



endured a whopping 3 inches of the white stuff and I'm sure that, other than being extremely cold and inconvenient, their main method of transportation was fully capable of navigating the roads without problem... fast forward 130 years, and all of our roads and bridges became impassable and were closed for days. Strains on the power grid caused periodic blackouts while the temperatures plummeted into the low teens. In true Florida Man style, he was last seen snow skiing down the dunes of Pensacola Beach, not far from the iconic Pensacola Beach



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Beachball. It stuck around for several days, only disappearing on the 26th, when the outdoor temperatures returned to a more normal 61°, which we are far more accustomed to. It was nice while it lasted, but I'm sure glad that this only happens once a century...



This last weekend, we conducted the annual Florida District Chapter Conference via Zoom calls. We had speakers on member benefits, information technology, upcoming events and a great question and answer period. We really appreciate the level of

participation we received and the attentiveness of those who attended. If you missed it, we'll be doing it again next year!

Speaking of upcoming events, in only about 6 weeks until the Florida District Rally, at the Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel in Gainesville. I've been urging folks to hurry up and get your room, as accommodations are limited and I'm very glad those that have, did, as we have only about 20 rooms left. If you have not yet made your reservations, time is running out! We are planning on some really **FUN** and entertaining activities and games. More guided rides and a really **FUN** Roaring 20's theme. We'd LOVE for everybody to wear their 20's garb on Thursday and visit the Speakeasy for some refreshments and goodies! While you still have on your costumes, why not join the Costume Contest after dinner? Use your imagination and have a lot of **FUN!!!** We are excited to be getting so close to the time when we will all be there together!

Yet another **FUN** event coming up is the 3rd Annual EWMA

Rendezvous, hosted this year in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, on August 28th, 29th and 30th. Karen and I have never been to, nor have we ridden in, this area and we are excited to experience all there is to see and do. We plan on making a vacation out of it and having as much **FUN** as possible.

Not to be outdone, there are 6 other Region A rallies planned, with the next one being in Johnson City, Tennessee on April, 24th, 25th and 26th at the beautiful Holiday Inn.

We already have our reservations and, in fact, have our registrations completed for all of the Region A rallies. We would love to see as many Florida folks in attendance as possible. We will all have a great time representing!

We hope to see everybody soon, and until that time arrives...

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!





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

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 long life 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!

**Have You Registered for the
Florida District Gathering of Friends
for FUN**

March 13 - 15, 2025?

Don't miss out on the FUN!!!





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

NATIONAL UMBRELLA DAY

February 10, 2025

National Umbrella Day casts a little shade on February 10th. The day honors one of the world's most useful inventions, the umbrella!

Not only does the umbrella help keep us dry from the rain, but it

also protects us from the heat of the sun. You can also use an umbrella as a fashion accessory. While the umbrella is primarily practical, they also decorate cocktails. These brightly colored paper umbrellas make **FUN** party favors, especially when visiting sunny locations.

The word umbrella comes from the Latin word umbra, meaning shade or shadow. Broly is a slang word for umbrella, often used in Britain, New Zealand, Australia, and South Africa. Bumbershoot is a fanciful Americanism for an umbrella from the late 19th century.


The basic umbrella was invented over four thousand years ago. There is evidence of umbrellas in the ancient art and

artifacts of Egypt, Assyria, Greece, and China.

We can credit the Chinese for being the first to protect us from the rain. Their paper parasols received a layer of wax followed by lacquer that made the umbrella withstand the elements.

One of the first umbrella shops opened in 1830 at 53 New Oxford Street in London, England. The shop, operated by James Smith and Sons, still operates regular hours at the same location today.








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Claudia Zuccala Vega

March 12, 1955 - January 9, 2025

Obituary

In loving memory of Claudia Zuccala Vega, born in Glen Cove, New York on March 12, 1955, and went to be with our Lord on January 9, 2025 at the age of 69.

Claudia is survived by her brother, Drew Zuccala, nieces Lindsey and Lacey, and grandkids.

Claudia was a dedicated member of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association for more than 40 years, finding joy in the camaraderie and adventures shared with fellow riders. She had an unwavering passion for photography, capturing life's most precious moments through her lens. Traveling with Ray and exploring new places brought her immense happiness, with a particular fondness for visiting lighthouses, where the beacon of light symbolized hope and guidance in her life.

Claudia's vibrant spirit and love for life will forever be cherished by all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Big Dog Ranch Rescue in Claudia's memory at <https://www.bdr.org/donation-form>

A memorial service celebrating Claudia's life will be held at a later date to honor her legacy.



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

Well, a very happy Valentine's Day to you all. Hope everyone survived January's weather. For most of us here in Florida, it felt good to be able to open the doors and windows. But then it turned COLDER, and I do mean COLDER. Still here we are. First: I would like to touch on the passing of Jim (JJ) Jackson. A complete shock and a beautiful service before his last ride. He will be missed. Second: Our yearly meet and eat at Shrimps

R Us on New Year's Day: I believe a little over one hundred twenty-nine or thirty-nine. What a great time. Gave away six - one hundred-dollar prizes. Sorry some had to wait for the first serving to be refilled, but I really don't think anyone went home hungry.

Now to the "meat" of the article: Do you have a person in your chapter or know someone that the minute you see them, you just have to smile or are so glad to see them you can't wait to give them a hug. Well, if you do, consider yourself "**Sun Shined**". These folks can make your life feel like a sunny day. They can wrap you in warmth. You look forward to spending time in their presence and being with them feels easy and good. Maybe you're extra inspired or more grateful or calmer with them. This could be someone that you laugh so hard your face

hurts. However, your time together goes when you get home; it feels like an epic summer day. You feel lighter and happier and problems seem less dire. Have you ever been in a sour mood and someone around you starts laughing? Sometimes it could even be at the next table, but the laughter reaches your soul and you can't help but laugh or smile. Someone walking toward you smiles and speaks... You can't help but smile back. So, giggles, laughter, or even smiles are contagious. So, being around these "Sunny" people not only make us feel warm and welcome; we appreciate them more. If you have a happy, smiling friend living within a mile of you or even a phone call away... time to surround yourself with sunshine.

Until next time...

EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



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

BIKE LIFE PEOPLE

PLANNING THE RIDE



1 - MONTH BEFORE RIDE



1 - WEEK BEFORE RIDE



DAY OF RIDE



**The 2025 Florida District
Gathering for Friends for FUN!**

March 13 -15, 2025

Only a few rooms remain...

Book yours TODAY!!!

FLORIDA DISTRICT HAPPENINGS FEBRUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 FL1-E2, Ft Walton Beach FL2-F, Punta Gorda
2	3	4 FL1-Y, Gainesville FL2-D, Melbourne	5 FL2-R, Ft Lauderdale	6 FL1-X, Orange Park	7	8 FL1-A, Tampa FL1-D, Pensacola
9 FL2-A, West Palm Beach	10 FL1-K, Palm Coast	11 FL2-H, Wauchula	12 FL1-D2, New Port Richey FL2-O, Stuart	13 FL1-B, Brandon FL2-P, Lake Placid	14	15 FL2-B2, Sarasota
16	17	18 FL1-F2, Ocala	19 FL1-H Daytona Beach	20 FL1-M, Clearwater	21	22 FL2-G, Ft Myers
23	24	25	26	27	28	

Please verify with an individual Chapter before visiting. Chapters occasionally alter their gathering schedule to accommodate rallies and/or other events.

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

Upcoming Florida EWMA Events

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 20 - 21	International Ride-In	Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada
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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Group Code: EWMA25

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

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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 _____
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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>



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# _____

EXP _____ CVV _____

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: _____