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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope you had a Happy Holiday and Merry Christmas!

The great thing about the New Year is EWMA is off to a fantastic start! After 39 years belonging to and volunteering for GWRRA, we are very excited to be a part of starting on this next journey with YOU, our long time friends and family.

The Florida District First Ride of the Year will again be at Shrimp R Us in Welaka on January 1st, 2023! We hope to see you there!

The Florida District 2023 Chapter Conference will be on Saturday

January 7th. Check your email for the list of times you can sign up to attend on Zoom!

More great news: Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association extended the recruitment incentive until March 31st, 2023! For every household you sign up, and they put your name and Member number on their application, you get a Membership extension of one month, up to 6 months! There will also be an International 2023 EWMA Rally! It will be in September, but will not interfere with already established dates of District Rallies.

The Florida District Rally is on March 16th – 18th, 2023 at the Hilton in Altamonte Springs! It is open to everyone and we need you to sign up ASAP. It helps us out a lot on the planning and execution of a memorable rally. We are still having the amazing Safety Education Raffle, so please buy and sell those tickets! You can get some from your CD or the District Safety / Ride Coordinators, Dominick and Diane DeSiato. We want to continue to offer FREE on and off bike Safety Courses in Florida and selling those tickets is how we all can do it!

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2023 can be a banner year for your Chapter, your District, your Region and EWMA! It takes all of us to make that happen. Thanks for all you do and if we at the Florida District Team can help, please ask!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Bill and Cheryl Smith

Florida District Directors
The **FUN**shine State,
where **FUN** is #1!

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“Shrimps R Us”
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Hope to see you
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Dominick & Diane DeSiato
**District Safety /
Ride Coordinators**

WATCH OUT FOR THE BLIND-SIDED

Often times, I write my Safety Articles based on an incident that may have recently occurred where I see there is a valuable safety issue to discuss. Such is the subject of this month's Safety Article.

On Thursday, December 1st, at approximately 11:00 am, an on-

duty Tampa Police Motor Officer was Eastbound on Adamo Dr. approaching 26th St. A woman, driving a 4-door Honda Accord, turned left in front of him. His motorcycle struck the right front and side of her vehicle. The Officer went to the hospital with some broken bones, but not life-threatening injuries, thank God.

When the woman was interviewed, she stated that she didn't see the motorcycle. She stated traffic was backed up and she was waved through a gap in the cars by one of the car drivers. This type of scenario often happens in backed up traffic, where a driver is just trying to be helpful and let you proceed through the stopped cars. This is also one of the most dangerous situations you can put yourself in. You don't know if the waving driver is telling you they

are letting you through the opening, but you must still see if the way is clear, or are they telling you they are letting you through the opening and the way is clear to proceed. As in the case with this crash, the women driver involved in the crash assumed the waving driver was telling her the way was clear. Obviously, it was not. If you choose to take advantage of the polite driver waving you through, always stop first in the opening and look to see if the way is really clear.

When you are riding your motorcycle in heavy stopped traffic, always look for possible openings in stopped traffic where a vehicle might suddenly appear cutting through. Your path of travel must be fluid. If you see a gap in traffic, you

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should go wide in your lane away from the opening. If you are on a multi-lane roadway, you should change lanes away from the opening. You can also

stay next to another larger vehicle going in the same direction on a multi-lane road as you pass the opening. The driver cutting through might not see you, but hopes are they would see the larger vehicle you

are driving next to and not pull out in front of both of you.

We are here to assist you with your training needs.

Ride Safe!

"Florida District Gathering of Friends for FUN"

Rock Around the Clock in the 50's March 16-18, 2023 - Altamonte Springs, FL



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(FL1-F2, FL1-K, FL1-X & FL1-Y)

Make Your Dreams Come True Day

January 13th

Most of us make New Year's resolutions, but it can be hard to jump right into them after the holidays. This is the day to really get down to business and focus on goals that can help you achieve your dreams! You're never too old to make dreams come true, but dreams that stay

in your head never get you anywhere. Take this day to make an actual plan for how you can work towards achieving yours.

When we're kids, we're told we can be anything we want. But as we leave high school, we're told we need to have our lives figured out. How can we pick one life path when our frontal lobes haven't even developed yet? This holiday should remind you that it is never too late to go after what you want. You'll never get a second back of your life, so act now to fulfill your goals. "The best time for new beginnings, is now."

Also - dreams aren't always careers Maybe your dream has been a trip, a state of health, a bank statement. Either way, this day is to remind you not to give up. Once the first 2 weeks of the New Year and resolution

hype has calmed down, make concrete steps to fulfill your dreams. Unless, of course, your dream is to stop planning.

Tips to make your dreams seem closer:

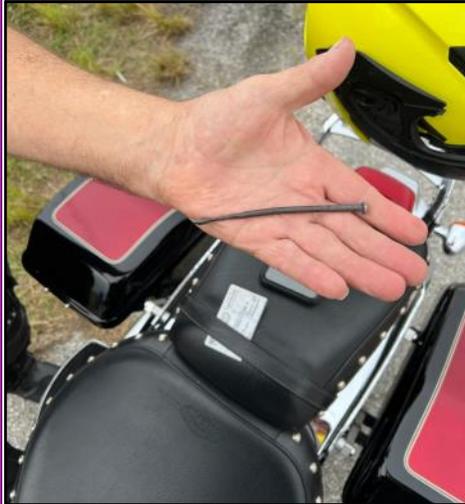
- Acknowledge your dreams
- Recognize if you don't have any
- Try to pinpoint why this is
- Brainstorm what could make you happier, or how to maintain current happiness
- Set a timeline
- Estimate time commitment
- Plan milestones
- Pick an end date
- Adjust your habits
- Ask yourself the hard questions
- Don't be afraid of change
- Acting even when you're scared, is a good thing
- Challenges help you learn and grow



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

My Season Adventures!

With the hurricane passing through these are some of the objects that we are pulling out of the tires; So drive safe and have **FUN!**



FL2-F Christmas Party!



FL2-G sponsoring an elementary school and wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



What a GREAT Country We Live In!



FL2-B2 Christmas Party!



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

Happy new year! As EWMA continues to progress, I think it important to review the EWMA Safety Mission Statement provided in the December 2022, On the Fly, email blast (emphasis added):

*To promote an atmosphere and space to encourage the sharing of safety tips, **education** and on bike skill exercises for the riders and co-riders. We will do this through EWMA developed*

seminars, on bike games, skill exercises and promotion of safety talks and tips.

I view this as a clear commitment to the seminar program. I look forward to working with both new and experienced seminar instructors as we advance the EWMA Florida District's safety seminar program.

Details are still being worked out, but we are planning to present multiple seminars at the EWMA Florida District Rally, March 16-18, 2023. Materials for the first nine EWMA Seminars listed below are in the final completion process and there may be a few more for selection before the Rally.

- Riding in the Heat
- Riding in the Rain
- Riding in the Mountains
- Riding in the Cold

- Helmets
- Trailing
- Co-Rider
- Team Riding
- First on the Scene Response

These seminars are EWMA proprietary material and are not tied to any other organization, past or present. As of now, the only requirement for instructors is that they be EWMA members. I will work with volunteer instructors to prepare content and delivery techniques as necessary.

As soon as the seminar presentation materials are in my hands, I will be requesting instructor volunteers for the Rally. Please consult GroupWorks, EWMA Florida District, at <https://app.groupworks.com/#/groups/3307> for up-to-date information.





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

So sorry about not having a December article, but the computer decided to take a couple of days off. By the time it was working again, it was too late to submit. Anyway, I sure hope you all had a very Merry Christmas. Now, let's get to now... HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! And, believe me, it should be a great one. We have a new organization (Eagle Wings) and a NEW and clear path with all of our OLD friends. I found this little article and find it to be

SOOO true, and therefore, want to share it with you... so climb aboard.

At birth we boarded the train of life and met our parents; and we believe they will always travel by our side. As time goes by, other people will board our train and they will be significant; i.e. our siblings, friends, children, strangers and even the love of our life.

However, at some station our parents will step down from the train leaving us on this journey alone. Others will step down over time and leave a permanent vacuum. Some, however, will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats. This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, good-byes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers, requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is: We do not know which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live the best way, love, forgive and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because, when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty, we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to ride on the train of life.

I wish you all joy for the coming years on your train of life. Reap success, give lots of love and be very happy. More importantly, Thank God for the journey!

Lastly... I want to thank you ALL for being passengers on MY TRAIN!

Think about this:

The tongue has no bones, but it is strong enough to break a heart. Be careful with your words.

Have You Joined the
 “Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association”
 Yet?

If not, Scan the QR Code with your cell phone camera to be taken to an online application form!





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

Greetings All!!!
Welcome to 2023!!!

As I write this, it's a whopping 22° outside... BRRRRRR!!! We haven't seen these kinds of temperatures in many years... and, while it is certainly bone chilling cold outside, at least we aren't dodging falling Iguanas! Soon, we'll be on our annual New Year's Day ride and dining on a good old pot of Black-eyed peas to start out the year with luck. Karen and I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a healthy and prosperous New Year!!!

January marks a new year and the first year in decades without

GWRRRA in existence. While things have changed under the EWMA label, the mission we serve has not. Incidents between motorcycles and larger vehicles have remained at, or above, previous levels. Motorist Awareness is still our main goal and spreading this knowledge is just as important today as it was in the past. There are only a limited number of ways and opportunities we can reach out to others. So many people have their attention diverted from their driving responsibilities by gadgets and gizmos, only glancing up at random intervals to look into their direction of travel, so we must make every effort to take advantage of every opportunity to speak to folks, whenever that opportunity presents itself. One of the easiest ways is to greet people while on a ride. People naturally are attracted to our bikes and nearly always ask a bunch of questions when they get close. Always remind them to "Share the Road" and to Keep an Eye out for Motorcycles. If you have any GWRRRA pamphlets regarding Motorist Awareness left over, the message is still valid, even if the organization

that produced them is no longer around, so pass them out. We are diligently looking for more sources for informational items for you to distribute, likely available at the March Rally.

We had a very relaxing camping trip a couple of weeks ago. We were so far out in the boonies, our cell phones had no service. A solid week without phone calls, texts or internet. At first it was frightening, then as the days went by, it became more and more relaxing. I really began to enjoy my time unconnected from electronics and just relax in the beautiful wilderness we were in. I haven't been so at ease in years. We are eagerly looking forward to disconnecting from electronics later this month!

Don't forget to sell those tickets! Keeping our education free depends on it AND somebody will win the Grand Prize!!!! Will it be you?

Keep your head on a swivel and enjoy every mile you ride and always remember...

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

New Year's Resolution: To, at a minimum, attend the Florida District Rally in March and one additional EWMA Rally in 2023!

FLORIDA DISTRICT HAPPENINGS JANUARY 2023

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

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

Upcoming Florida EWMA Events

Jan 1, 2023	1st Ride of the Year Shrimp "R" Us	Welaka, FL
Mar 16 - 18, 2023	Gathering of Friends for FUN! "Rock Around the Clock in the 50's"	Altamonte Springs, FL
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
Sep 15 - 16, 2023	Georgia District Fall Mountain Ride and Reunion	Dillard, GA
Sep 28 - 30, 2023	Alabama District Rally	Eufaula, AL
Oct 26 - 28, 2023	Mississippi District Rally	Biloxi, MS

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1st Ride of the Year
January 1, 2023

SHRIMP "R" US

765 3rd Avenue Welaka, Florida



Price: \$17.00 per person All You Can Eat Buffet

Time: Lunch begins at 12:00pm

What: Shrimp: fried, grilled, steamed, garlic baked chicken, red potatoes, fritters, coleslaw, salad w/dressing, cocktail sauce, sodas, iced tea, bottled water, cheese cake for dessert.

For more information, please contact your ADD

ADD Northeast Geno Jette
904-276-7488

ADD East Central Harry Anderson
321-952-1448

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Please RSVP Head Count to Geno by December 21st, 2022

**RSVP Early—Save Your Space in Line!
Your Armband will be waiting for you!**

You can Pre-Pay and miss the Pay Line!

**Make Check payable to: FLORIDA DISTRICT
MAIL TO: Geno Jette: 114 Canis Drive East, Orange Park, FL 32073**

Please Print

Your Name: _____ # _____ x \$17.00

Your Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Total Due \$ _____




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or

\$145.00 (with buffet breakfast for 2)
 Reservation call (407) 830-1985

Group Code: GWRR23

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/gwrr23-03162023-03192023/>

Raffle to support Rider Education

- 1st Drawing - \$10,000 Cash
- 2nd Drawing - \$1,000 Cash
- 3rd Drawing - \$500 Cash

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Florida District

Need not be present to win
 Proceeds support Florida Rider Education



EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



Florida District Gathering of Friends for FUN

March 16th - 18th, 2023



SOCK HOP

**Rock Around the Clock in the 50's!
 Join Us for FUN and Happy Days!**

Florida District Rally (March 16 -18, 2023)

Opens daily at 9:00am

District Directors

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Rally / Vendor Coordinators

Rick & Madalena Buck
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Rmbuck@tampabay.rr.com

Preregistrations must be postmarked by March 1, 2023

No refunds after March 1, 2023. After March 1st Registration is \$5.00 higher

\$15 Day Passes will be sold onsite and are good for all events the day of purchase **except Thursday night dinner**

Submit Registration Forms to:

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

Make check or money order (US dollars only)
payable to Florida District
If you would like registration confirmation, please
ensure you provide an email address

Guided rides on Friday & Saturday

Register by January 1st, 2023, 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>

Riders Name

Riders or Co-Riders Name (circle one)

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

Attendee	\$35	x	_____	=	_____
Under 12 (Dinner on Thursday extra, See below)	Free	x	_____	=	_____
Sit Down Dinner - Thursday Night *** Fully registered attendees only ***	\$25	x	_____	=	_____

Ticket Sales

\$10,000 Raffle (Book of 10)	\$10	x	_____	=	_____
Daily 50 / 50 Thursday (Strip of 10)	\$5	x	_____	=	_____
Daily 50 / 50 Friday (Strip of 10)	\$5	x	_____	=	_____
Grand 50 / 25 / 25 (Strip of 10)	\$5	x	_____	=	_____
Grand Prize (Strip of 10)	\$5	x	_____	=	_____

Shirt Sales

Polo Shirt	S	M	L	XL	\$22	x	_____	=	_____
Polo Shirt	XXL	XXXL		XXXXL	\$25	x	_____	=	_____
T-Shirt	S	M	L	XL	\$18	x	_____	=	_____
T-Shirt	XXL	XXXL		XXXXL	\$20	x	_____	=	_____
Long Sleeve	S	M	L	XL	\$20	x	_____	=	_____
Long Sleeve	XXL	XXXL		XXXXL	\$22	x	_____	=	_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED (US Dollars Only) \$ _____