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

Are you ready to RALLY?

Greetings everybody! In just a few days, we'll be having loads of **FUN** at the 3rd Annual EWMA, Florida District Rally! Our TEAM has been working hard to get everything ready and preparations are almost complete! We've added more rides, more activities, more presentations and some really great vendors. The hotel still has a couple of rooms, so there's still time to get in on the festivities if you act fast! We look forward to the Costume and Talent contests and hope there are many entries, as they are always such a hoot. Chapter Collage, Chapter Mascot and Chapter Banner competitions are yet another avenue to spotlight your pride in chapter life. Bingo, Baseball and TEAM Challenge are some of the **FUN**

games we have in store, as well as our traditional game room with prizes to boot! Plus, an Easter Craft activity!!! All in all, we hope to make this rally one for the history books, and your participation will be the difference... Thursday, we're encouraging everybody to wear their costumes in the afternoon and to dinner and maybe even in the costume contest... C'mon, it'll be **FUN!!!**

What's next for us? Our rally kicks off EWMA's, Region A rally season, so our next great adventure will be in April, when we will be attending the Tennessee District Rally in Johnson City, April 24th through the 26th. The hotel there is fabulous and the riding opportunities abound. We are currently planning on riding our trike up and would love to see Florida well represented there.

How is your chapter doing? Hopefully, your group is riding often and enjoying each other's company as a regular thing. If you feel your chapter should be doing more, it might be time to get more involved! All the Chapter Directors I know would appreciate members stepping up and volunteering to lead a ride or just coming up with new destinations to ride to. One of our chapter's biggest issues is choosing new

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places to visit (we ride to eat and eat to ride) and getting different folks to lead rides. I have to confess that I have been less than diligent in getting out and leading rides lately, but between my official duties and some rather unusual weather (snow and rain), there really hasn't been that many opportunities available to me. With the rally behind me, my goal is to lead at least one ride a month, especially since the weather is getting warmer and more pleasant to ride in. If several other members make the same goal, we will put many more miles on the odometers and lots of delicious culinary experiences.

On a different subject, we have recently started using an email system to distribute important notifications to every Florida member that has an email address in their profile. Everybody should now be receiving emails regarding events, news or other pertinent information. If you have not yet received one, please notify Mike Melton at eaglewings.web@gmail.com and he will look into what the problem may be. To accomplish this, we are piggybacking on the same program that distributes the On the Fly Magazine to every member. A couple of members have requested to be removed from the On the Fly email list, however, in doing so, you will also be removed from this very important notification

system that we've been needing for so long. It is absolutely your right to be unsubscribed, however, I just wanted to inform you that you may miss out on district wide notifications after you have done so.

Don't forget, the clock Springs Forward this month, so don't be late for those important appointments and events! Hopefully one of those will be the rally, so we will see you there!

So, until the time when 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!



**Daylight
Savings
Time Starts
March 9**



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

NATIONAL AWKWARD MOMENTS DAY

On March 18th, we recognize National Awkward Moments Day.

This is an annual day that every person can relate to. We have all had our awkward moments from time to time. They are a part of life; they just happen.

Awkwardness or embarrassment is defined as an emotional state of intense discomfort with oneself.

Have you ever called someone by the wrong name, tripped over nothing, walked into a door, had the completely wrong words come out of your mouth, or just forgotten what you were doing? The list could go on and on. Sometimes, things just do not seem to go right and something happens that may make you feel like you want to run

and hide. No matter the day, today, or any other day, everyone has them.

Find the ability to laugh at yourself, see the humor in awkward moments and have **FUN** with them.

- Relive old awkward moments by telling stories about them. Laugh over them and enjoy the memory.
- Help someone else recover from an awkward moment. They may be embarrassing at first. However, the humor in these moments shows just how human we can be.
- Keep in mind that no one is perfect, ever.



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

It's Rally time again! Yahoo!

The annual Florida District Rally is the yearly high point of my job on the District Team as Assistant Safety/Ride Coordinator for Safety Presentations. According to my unscientific data collection and analysis, more Florida members attend the three-day rally presentations than attend

presentations at all other venues throughout the rest of the year.

The current set of published EWMA safety presentations have been around in one form or another for many years. While the current presentations are certainly relevant, repetition seems to have dulled the presentations' impact over the years. Accordingly, Florida District subject matter experts are preparing a new set of presentations for this year's Florida rally. The new presentations are still under construction, but hopefully a peak at the preliminary topics and presenters will capture your interest and attendance at the presentations:

Presentation Title, Presenter's Name, and Chapter.

1. What if ...? - Escape Path Planning. Tim Poppell, FL1-D, Pensacola.
2. Uncommon Common Sense: Motorcycling Applications. Jim Rich, FL2-O, Stuart.

3. 2 vs. 3: Bikes vs. Trikes. Brian Richards, Region A Safety/Ride Coordinator.
4. Group Riding: Adapting to Reality. Dominick DeSiato, Florida District Safety/Ride Coordinator.
5. Safety Improvements. John Cain, Florida District Assistant Safety/Ride Coordinator

In addition to the motorcycle safety presentations, Mike Melton, EWMA Vice President for Technology and Communications, will provide an update on the EWMA World website. One-on-one tutoring sessions will also be available throughout the rally for anyone wanting to learn how to log on and use their individual computers or cell phones to access and use the EWMA World website.

Attend the Safety Presentations. Ride Safe. Have FUN!



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

Greetings to All!

Well, our Florida District Rally is just around the corner. We are looking forward to a great time and have some nice day rides planned. On Thursday we will be having a lunch ride. On Friday we will be having a morning ride and an afternoon ride. On Saturday we will be having a morning ride. There will be a rest stop somewhere in the middle of the rides. When you check-in at Registration check the Ride Sign-Up Sheets for the times and sign up. EWMA is all about riding, so LET'S RIDE!

RIDING IN THE RAIN

It's going to happen. You are going to get caught riding in the rain. But when it rains and you are riding your motorcycle, all bets are off. Suddenly, the world becomes more dangerous and a much scarier place. Suddenly, traction becomes sketchy; your safety feels more tenuous; it's often cooler; and

fear becomes a dominating factor.

It's not so bad if you are riding out in the country or on less-traveled roads. There you can move at a speed that matches the more limited grip you know your tires now have. You can choose where you want to ride in your lane, and not be pushed by traffic behind you.

But in the city, it is often ugly. There you're dealing with cars and trucks in close proximity (few of their drivers feel the need to slow down for the wet conditions) who have better traction than you do. Slippery painted lines; a layer of oil and grease on the tarmac; often-limited visibility; and all sorts of slippery little surprises are now affecting you on your motorcycle but not other vehicle drivers. All this coupled with the fact that the four-wheel drivers are often distracted and not paying attention. (Cell Phones.)

Having the proper rain gear matters. Wear highly conspicuous color-wise to other drivers in the rain and gear that is also bad-weather friendly. There are some expensive rain suits you can buy that have built-in amour that takes place of your regular protective motorcycle gear. These suits are nice but take up a lot of storage space in your motorcycle when you are not using them. An economical

solution which also does not take up a lot of storage space on you motorcycle, is to purchase thin water proof gear. The thinner stuff does not usually hold up well to the pounding winds as you are riding. They also do not have any protective components should you go down. What you can do is put the thinner rain gear under the protective gear you are already wearing. Therefore, your outer protective gear is still there should you go down and the thinner rain gear underneath stops you from getting wet. As soon as it stops raining the wind will blow dry your outer protective gear.

Getting caught by a surprise downpour is one thing, but heading out into rain from home without the right gear is quite another. Being wet and cold while trying to stay on top of things on the bike can be a big distraction, and one you don't need when you're dealing with the variables of a wet ride. Your helmet is key to all this, and primarily the face shield. Do you even have a face shield? Pounding rain hitting you in the eyes is a dangerous distraction and limits distance visibility. You'll want an anti-fog face shield if possible, or a face shield you can easily crack open to allow outside air to clear off the fog from within.

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What is the condition of your tires? Knowing what kind and how much tread you have on your tires should dictate how you will be riding in the rain. Touring, sport-touring, adventure-bike and most retro-bike tires are designed to deal with water dispersal, and if they are in good shape you're ahead of the game when it comes to wet-weather traction. Many sport bike tires however, trade grooving for maximum slick-like surface area, which improves traction on a dry roadway-a good thing-but does nothing for water dispersal, and can lead to hydroplaning on a wet roadway-a bad thing.

Operating your motorcycle smoothly and without any jerky inputs on the handlebar controls and foot pegs are of supreme importance when riding on wet

surfaces. Some of the newer motorcycles have a "Rain Mode" selection setting. This reduces the possibility of you giving your bike too much throttle when you take off. It is usually tied into the ABS braking system which lessens the chance of you braking too abruptly. If your bike has such a mode setting make sure you select it when you are about to ride in the rain. The limited traction your tires' contact patches is lessened in wet conditions, as abrupt movements can easily overwhelm that less-than-dry pavement traction quotient and cause hydroplaning and an often-abrupt loss of traction. Be aware of now slippery surfaces such as any painted lines like crosswalk lines, manhole covers, leaves, puddles, asphalt ridges, and potholes, etc. Intersections are extra ugly due to automobile oil droppings at stop bars.

Increase your following distance even though the vehicle behind you will probably be tailgating you. Apply your brakes more gently and do not use engine braking combined with the use of your brakes when stopping. Engine braking puts extra stress on your rear tire when combined with using your rear brake. This increases the chances of sliding your rear tire on a wet road surface. Take off from a stop smoothly to prevent slipping your rear tire. All control input should be gradual. This again is the reason for the extra following distance you should give yourself. Practice makes perfect. Pretend the road is wet and practice taking off and stopping smoothly so you are ready for the rain.

Stay relaxed. Keep your cool. And survive riding in the rain.

Ride Safe!



**Looking
Forward to
seeing you
there!!!**



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

Well hello, all you youngsters. Welcome to March Madness and St. Patrick's Day. You know, we used to say "March comes in like a Lion and goes out like a Lamb". I'm sure our northern friends, are hoping for the same.

As we all know, our Florida District Gathering (Rally) is also coming up March 13th, 14th, & 15th. Well surprise... something new is being added

and, OH BOY, guess what??? It is for the ladies. That's right!!! On Friday, March 14th, from 1pm until 2pm, there will be Easter Crafts. There will be a sign up sheet, as we can ONLY take 25. There will be TWO crafts made and the fee of \$6.00 will be required to cover the expense of ALL items used. So sign up early and bring your drinks and your **FUN** face. These crafts are S-O-O-O-O-O easy, even a caveman can do it. So, boys and girls alike, grab your lollipops, hop on your tricycles and head for a **FUN, FUN, FUN** three days Gainesville, Florida, March 13th, 14th, and 15th. Oh, I almost forgot... the theme this year is ROARING 20'S! Put on all your "razzle dazzle" and do the Lindy straight to Gainesville, Florida.

Have you ever, ever noticed:

Time flies when you're having a great time with friends or family... but sitting in a Doctor's waiting room three minutes seems like three hours.

When you're running late for work or an appointment: traffic is bumper to bumper. You never have to go to the bathroom until you're 50 miles from nowhere.

The same with the gas gauge on empty... no gas stations at ANY EXIT.

When paying for something, you never have the three pennies needed.

Planning a day off and RAIN, RAIN, RAIN, but day of work... sunshine!

Well kiddies, time to go. Until next time, Watch out for the guy, behind the guy in front of you. THAT GUY IS YOU, and we want to keep you safe and around.

EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



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

FLORIDA DISTRICT HAPPENINGS MARCH 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	Florida District Rally		22 FL2-G, Ft Myers
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29

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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EWMA Florida District Gathering of Friends for FUN

March 13th – 15th, 2025

Wednesday March 12th

11:00am – 5:00pm First Aid / CPR Springhills Ballroom

Thursday March 13th

9:00am – 5:00pm	Registration / Ticket Sales	Hotel Foyer
9:00am – 4:00pm	Vendors	Parking Lot / Cross Creek
9:00am – 12:00pm	Poker Run	Outside of Magnolia Boardroom
9:00am – 4:30pm	Indoor Games / Chapter Baskets	San Felasco
9:00am – 4:00pm	Competition Display	Indoor Games Foyer
9:00am – 4:00pm	Hospitality	Santa Fe
10:00am – 11:45	BINGO	“B” Springhills Ballroom
10:30am – 2:00pm	KSU 10:30am – Guided LUNCH	Ride Hotel Entrance
12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safety / Ride Coordinator	Prefunction
2:00pm – 2:50pm	Presentation – New Safety Related Accessories	“A” Springhills Ballroom
2:00pm – 3:20pm	BINGO	“B” Springhills Ballroom
3:00pm – 3:50pm	Presentation – Group Riding	“A” Springhills Ballroom
4:20pm	Daily 50/50 Drawing	Prefunction
4:45pm	Game Prize Pick up	San Felasco
5:30pm – 6:30pm	DINNER	Springhills Ballroom
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Costume Contest	Springhills Ballroom

Friday March 14th, 2025

8:30am – 11:30am	KSU 8:30am – Guided Ride	Hotel Entrance
9:00am – 5:00pm	Registration / Ticket Sales	Hotel Foyer
9:00am – 4:00pm	Vendors	Parking Lot / Cross Creek BR
9:00am – 12:00pm	Poker Run	Outside of Magnolia Boardroom
9:00am – 4:30pm	Indoor Games / Chapter Baskets	San Felasco
9:00am – 4:00pm	Competition Display	Indoor Games Foyer
9:00am – 4:00pm	Hospitality	Santa Fe
10:00am – 10:50am	EWMA Website	“A” Springhills Ballroom
10:00am – 11:45am	Talent Show Practice	“B” Springhills Ballroom
12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safety / Ride Coordinator	Prefunction
1:00PM - 3:00PM	KSU 1:00PM – Guided Ride	Hotel Entrance
1:00pm – 1:50pm	Presentation – What if -----?	“A” Springhills Ballroom
1:00pm – 2:00pm	***Craft ***	“B” Springhills Ballroom
2:00pm – 2:50pm	Presentation – Uncommon Common Sense	”A”Springhills Ballroom
2:00pm – 3:20pm	BINGO	“B” Springhills Ballroom
3:00pm – 3:50pm	Presentation – 2 vs 3 Bikes vs Trikes	“A” Springhills Ballroom
4:20pm	Daily 50/50 Drawing	Prefunction
4:45pm	Game Prize Pick up	San Felasco
6:30pm – 7:00pm	Ice Cream Social	Springhills Ballroom
7:00pm – 8:30pm	Talent Show	Springhills Ballroom
8:30pm – 9:30pm	Lighted Bike Show (After Talent)	Motorcycle Parking

*** Additional cost for the craft of \$6.00 per person.

Limited to 24 people. See sign up sheet***

Saturday March 15th, 2025

8:30–11:30am	KSU 8:30am – Guided Ride	Hotel Entrance
9:00–10:50am	** Individual Tutoring – How to Use EWMA Website ** **Bring your laptop**	“A” Springhills Ballroom
9:00– 2:00pm	Registration / Ticket Sales	Hotel Foyer
9:00– 3:00pm	Vendors	Parking Lot / Cross Creek BR
9:00– 12:00pm	Poker Run	Outside of Magnolia Boardroom
9:00– 1:00pm	Hospitality	Santa Fe
9:00– 2:00pm	Indoor Games / Chapter Baskets	San Felasco
9:30– 10:30am	Baseball	South Side of Hotel
9:30– 10:30am	Competition Judging	Outside San Felasco & Hotel Foyer
9:00– 11:30am	Safety / Ride Coordinator	Prefunction
11:30 -12:30pm	Team (4) Challenge	“B” Springhills Ballroom
1:00– 2:15pm	BINGO	“B” Springhills Ballroom
1:00– 2:50pm	** Individual Tutoring – How to Use EWMA Website ** **Bring your laptop**	“A” Springhills Ballroom
2:25– 2:45pm	Chapter Basket Drawings	San Felasco
2:45- 3:00pm	Game Prize Pick Up	San Felasco
4:00pm	Closing Ceremonies	Springhills Ballroom

Grand Prize Tickets will be used for drawings each day of the Rally

Schedule subject to change

On behalf of the Florida District Team, we would like to thank you for attending and participating at the EWMA Florida District Gathering of Friends for FUN!

Roaring 20's
Fred and Karen Kennedy
Florida District Directors



Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association

3rd Annual Rally

Eagle Wings Rendezvous

Aug 28th – Aug 30th 2025



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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

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Prescott AZ 86305

Email: ewmacfo@gmail.com

Phone 408-639-0415

\$15.00 fee on all cancellations

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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: _____