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

Greetings All!!!

I am writing this article fresh off the 2nd annual EWMA Rendezvous and boy was it a great one!!! Anita, Bruce and the entire EWMA National Team put on an excellent rally that had all the **FUN** we've enjoyed in years past. Karen and I had a ton of **FUN**, especially since she won \$500 in a daily 50-25-25 drawing! There were lots of quality vendors and **FUN** activities and we made many new friends and visited with old ones, some of which, we haven't seen in many years... it was awesome! The Lighted Bike Show was great and they played a corn hole type game of Baseball, which was a lot of **FUN** to watch and was very engaging. The Guided Bike Rides were very well attended and everybody who went on one commented on how much

they enjoyed it. Green Bay is a beautiful city that has made it a priority to be walkable and tourist friendly. We went to a cheese maker and left with \$90 worth of Wisconsin's finest cheeses. YUM! Lots of folks visited Lambeau Field, which is the home of the Green Bay Packers and were all amazed by its size. Many folks came back sporting Cheese head hats! There were endless things to do in the surrounding area and the best part, it was in the mid 70's almost every day! Nice!

Next year, the 3rd annual Rendezvous will be held August 28th - August 30th, in Ft. Smith, Arkansas. We had so much **FUN** this year that we didn't hesitate to pre-register for next year's event! We also booked our rooms at the Wyndham. If you are thinking about attending next year's festivities, we've included a discounted registration form in this very newsletter, however, you'll have to fill it out fast, as this discount will expire at the end of September. So to save a few bucks, fill it out and send it in, along with your check, postmarked no later than 9/30/2024! There are 2 very nice host hotels for this event, the Wyndham and Courtyard. The Wyndham is

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attached to the Ft. Smith Event Center and the Courtyard is located directly across the parking lot. Room rates are \$119 and that includes breakfast.

Back down here in Florida, Assistant District Director Harry Anderson has sent out the flier for the 1st ride of the year to Shrimps-R-Us on New Year's Day in Welaka. Last year's event was very well attended and I assure you, nobody left hungry! **FUN, FOOD & FRIENDS...** does it get any better??? Please register early so we can let them know how much seafood and accompaniments to prepare.

Preparations for the 2025 Florida District Rally are well under way and I hope everybody gets their room reserved soon. We'd also ask you to not delay your registration. Please don't wait until the last minute!

In 2 weeks, Karen and I will be traveling to Brown's Summit, to attend the North Carolina District's "Wings Over the Smokies Rally", September 20th and 21st. District Director, Libby Jennings, has a great time planned and we can't wait to get up in the mountains again. We look forward to the beauty of the area. Let us not forget the Mississippi District Rally in October. We ALWAYS have a great time there and if you like wagering a bet or two, this is the

place for you!

With the end of the Region A Rally season in sight, we are looking forward to a few months of down time to get caught up on our list of projects we can't seem to find time to complete. I personally am looking forward to a lot of relaxing time!

As you see, there is lots going on and we would truly love to share that **FUN** with all of you.

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!



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

Greetings to all!

TIME=DISTANCE

You can't change the laws of physics. It takes a certain amount of distance to stop your motorcycle in an emergency.

The size of the motorcycle doesn't really change the stopping distance, because the manufactures take stopping distance into account when they are determining the size of the bike's brakes and tires. The heavier the motorcycle the larger the brake rotors, brake pads, and tires will be. Therefore, all motorcycles regardless of size should stop in about the same distance at any given speed.

One thing that adds to stopping distance is reaction time. If you delay in identifying a problem, you will delay in applying the brakes. Therefore, you will travel further than you should

have in an emergency stop. This can mean the difference between hitting the car that just turned left in front of you or not.

I will give you an example of this with a motorcycle that is traveling 45mph, which is a common speed. If the motorcyclist does not delay his/her reaction time, a motorcycle should stop in 90 feet at 45mph. If the rider delays in applying the brakes by one second, the stopping distance increases to 156 feet. If the rider delays in applying the brakes by two seconds, the braking distance increases to 222 feet. I think

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you get the idea. That can mean the difference between being able to stop before you broadside the car that just turned left in front of you, or hitting it. If you skid one or both tires during the stop, you are also adding more distance to your stop. That is why an ABS Braking System is such a great thing to have. It stops the tires from skidding, but the ABS System can't help you if you are delayed in applying the brakes.

The time to be at your best alert status is when you are going through an intersection. An intersection is where motorcycles and cars crash together the most. Setting up a good lane position can also be very helpful to prevent a crash. Position your motorcycle in your lane to where the approaching left turn vehicle driver can see you best and early enough to hopefully stop them from making the turn in front of you. Watch the turning wheels of the approaching vehicle rather than

making eye contact with the driver. You might think the driver is looking at you, but he/she might just be looking through you. The wheels are either turning or not. Watching the wheels is a much better identifying clue to follow. Always be prepared to swerve if the car does make the turn. Have more than one escape path predetermined in your mind should the car turn. Your escape path options are fluid based on the circumstances at that exact moment. You might escape hitting the car by swerving behind the vehicle or even possibly swerving in front of the vehicle, should it finally stop. Remember it would be only natural to go for the brakes first to avoid hitting the car. But, if you realize you are running out of room, and you now decide to swerve, you must get completely off the brakes before you initiate a swerve. The tires can't handle the traction stress of being loaded with maximum braking and adding a swerve at the same time. You must separate

braking from swerving, should you decide you need to swerve. If you don't separate braking from swerving, the tires are likely to lose traction and you are going down. It's not a perfect world, so you must be as ready as possible.

Now you know what the stopping distance should be at 45mph which is 90 feet. Find a place out of traffic you can practice. Mark off where you will apply the brakes and mark 90 feet from there as to where you should be able to stop. Get moving and level off your speed at 45mph. Apply your brakes as hard as possible, just short of skidding, at the braking start point. See if you can come to a complete stop at or before the 90ft stop point. It is better to find out whether or not you can properly stop under controlled safe conditions rather than when the car turns left in front of you at an intersection.

Riding skills perish if you do not regularly practice.

Ride Safe!

HAPPY
Labor Day



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

What if I said to you “they are very intimate”? What would you think???

Some people think that intimacy is about sleeping together. But true intimacy is far beyond the physical. It’s about sharing your deepest fears, insecurities, and vulnerabilities. Someone who holds your heart gently in their hands.

Real intimacy is when you can open up your innermost thoughts and your trauma to another person, knowing that they will listen with empathy and understanding.

It’s when you can reveal the broken pieces of your soul, and they respond with kindness and love. Intimacy is when you find a safe haven in someone’s presence. A space where you can be your authentic self without fear of rejection.

It’s when you can stand in front of them, stripped of pretenses and they reassure you with those magic words, “You’re safe with me.”

So, cherish those who offer you real intimacy, for they are the ones who will stand by your side throughout life's highs and lows, reminding you that you are NEVER alone, on this beautiful

and sometimes challenging journey.

So, it might not hurt to let your special person know by saying “just in case you forget, you do make me happy, and I appreciate you for everything you do for me, and I love you for it”.

This wonderful article written by Agnes Morely

Leaving you with this thought:

“I shall take you to bed and have my way with you.

I will make you ache, shake, and sweat until you moan and groan.

I will make you beg me to stop!

When I’m finished, you will be weak for days.”

Sincerely... THE FLU

**Announcing the 3rd Annual
 Eagle Wings Rendezvous
 To be held in Fort Smith, AR
 August 28 - 30, 2025!!!**

Register before 9/30/2024 to SAVE!



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

Is National Grandparents Day a Public Holiday?

National Grandparents Day is not a public holiday. It falls on Sunday, September 8, 2024 and most businesses follow regular Sunday opening hours in United States.

What Do People Do?

Many people honor their grandparents through a range of activities such as gift-giving, card-giving, and for children to invite their grandparents to school for a day where they participate in special lessons or special assembly programs. Many school students take part in story-telling activities that relate to their grandparents, as well as art or poster competitions where children

often use a story about their grandparents in their artwork.

About four million greeting cards are sent within the United States each year on National Grandparents Day. This day is also an opportunity for people to appreciate and express their love to their grandparents through kind actions such as making a phone call or inviting their grandparents for dinner.

People living in retirement villages or nursing homes may receive a visit from their grandchildren or loved ones on this day.

National Grandparents Day has more than one origin. Some people consider it to have been first proposed by Michael Goldgar in the 1970s after he visited his aunt in an Atlanta nursing home. Spending \$11,000 of his own money in lobbying efforts to have the day officially recognized, he made 17 trips to Washington DC over a seven-year span to meet with legislators.

Others consider Marian Lucille Herndon McQuade, a housewife in West Virginia, to have been the main driver for the day of observance. Throughout the 1970s McQuade worked hard to

educate the people about the important contributions senior citizens made and the contributions that they would be willing to make if asked. She also urged people to adopt a grandparent, not for one day a year and not for material giving, but for a lifetime of experience.

In any event, National Grandparents Day was finally signed into law by President Jimmy Carter in 1978. Marian McQuade received a phone call from the White House to advise her of this event. Many people believe that National Grandparents Day was inspired by her efforts. A presidential proclamation on September 6, 1979, made this day official – it designated Sunday, September 9, 1979, (being the “first Sunday of September following Labor Day”) as National Grandparents Day.

Each year the President is requested to issue a proclamation to: designate the first Sunday in September after Labor Day as National Grandparents Day; and to call on people, groups and organizations to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

You make
EWVMA FUN!



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

Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) Riding Tips

I have used and enjoyed the MSF free online publications since I earned my driver's license motorcycle endorsement and began riding "big" motorcycles a few years back. These publications are well-written, simple, and entertaining. As a believer in the utility of "back to basics" reviews from time-to-time, I recommend to you (and your co-riders, kids,

and grandkids) a short MSF publication, one for bikes and one for trikes, you can access online on your smart phone. Assuming you are reading this on a computer or smart phone and that the original hyperlink formatting below has been retained, left-clicking these links below should open the publications you chose. If not, then please copy the http addresses and paste into your browser's (Edge, Chrome, Safari, etc.) address line and enter.

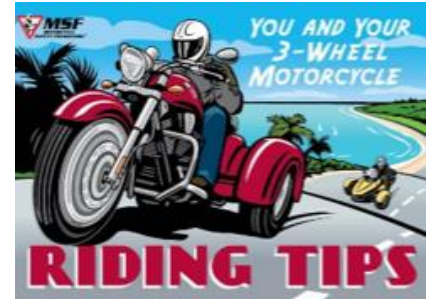
For bike riders and co-riders:
*You and Your Motorcycle:
 Riding Tips*

<https://msf-usa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/MSF-You-and-Your-Motorcycle-Riding-Tips-2023.pdf>



For trike riders and co-riders:
*You and Your 3-Wheel
 Motorcycle: Riding Tips*

<https://msf-usa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/3-Wheel-Motorcycle-Riding-Tips.pdf>



And please don't forget, the Florida District Team is so fortunate to have at least one certified MSF on-bike instructor and his highly knowledgeable assistant to present MSF on-bike courses, namely Dominick & Diane DeSiato, District Safety / Ride Coordinators. Plan your on-bike training now for the approaching cooler weather.



Ride Smart. Ride Safe.

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

**Register and book your rooms today for the
 2024 Florida District Gathering for Friends for FUN!**



FLORIDA DISTRICT HAPPENINGS SEPTEMBER 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 U.S. AIR FORCE BIRTHDAY <small>SEPTEMBER 18</small>	19 FL1-M, Clearwater	20	21 FL2-B2, Sarasota
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 FL2-G, Ft Myers
29	30	31	<u>Please verify with an individual Chapter before visiting.</u> <u>Chapters occasionally alter their gathering schedule to accommodate rallies and/or other events.</u>			

Wings Over the Smokies

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

Upcoming Florida EWMA Events

September 20 - 21, 2024	North Carolina District Rally <i>"Wings Over the Smokies"</i>	Browns Summit, NC
October 24 - 26, 2024	Mississippi District Rally <i>"Born To Be Wild"</i>	Biloxi, MS
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 26 - 28, 2025	Alabama District Rally <i>"Roaring 20's"</i>	Sheffield, AL

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Group Code: EWMA25

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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 Rendezvous
Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association
3rd Annual Rally
Aug 28th – Aug 30th 2025
Fort Smith, AR



PRICE ONLY GOOD IF TURNED IN AT 2024 RENDEZVOUS OR POSTMARKED BY 9/30/2024

3 Nights of FUN, FUN, FUN!!!!
Thursday GRAND OPENING PARTY FUN,
Light Dinner and entertainment

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

Saturday Night is Closing
Ceremonies, Dinner and Entertainment

***For up to Date Schedule & more info,**
go to [www. EWMA-World.org/Rendezvous](http://www.EWMA-World.org/Rendezvous)

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Total</u>
Special Registration for 2025 Must be in by 9/30/2024			
EWMA Members	\$35	_____	\$ _____
Light Dinner on Thursday Night	\$30	_____	\$ _____
Dinner on Saturday Night	\$45	_____	\$ _____
<i>First Aid/CPR—Friday</i>	\$25	_____	\$ _____
Tickets—addition to comped	<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 IN US DOLLARS ENCLOSED: \$ _____

See and purchase our Rally shirt on our website in our store.
Pick them up at rally. Some may be available on-site.

For further information Contact: Patti ONeill
Email: ewmacfo@gmail.com
Phone 408-639-0415

All pre-registrations must be received
ON
9/30/2024

Make Checks payable to EWMA
Mail completed forms to:

EWMA
Patti ONeill
2125 Meander
Prescott AZ 86305

\$15.00 fee on all cancellations
No refunds after Aug 1st 2025

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EXP _____ CVV _____

Billing Zip Code _____

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: _____