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

Greetings All!!!

January has come and gone and February is now upon us. Ushering in the New Year with my EWMA friends and family was a total blast. I haven't stayed up for the festivities of the evening in a very long time, but this time it was so worth it! I learned a new and **FUN** card game and joined in the countdown to 2024. We also attended our very first Shrimps-R-Us ride-in and had an equally great time with many new friends. The day was warm, the food was delicious and plentiful and 6 lucky members won \$100 each and 1 member also won 128 grand prize tickets in the

"Raffle the Raffle" ticket game. All in all, everyone had a great time and Karen and I really enjoyed meeting so many fellow members. We are happy to announce that we have already started the plans for next year's ride-in at the same location. We hope to see even more folks there next year!!!

As most of you have heard, our room block at the Gateway Grand Hotel has all been spoken for and the rest of the hotel is completely booked. We are asking members who decide NOT to attend and already have a room reserved, to please contact Bill or Cheryl Smith to let them know so that we can insure that room gets assigned to a fellow EWMA member. If you don't have a room and still want one, call Bill or Cheryl or the Hotel to get on a waiting list. We are working with the hotel to insure any vacated reservations goes to the next member on the list. We have also distributed a list of alternate accommodations located at the next exit and have made arrangements with

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the TownePlace Suites to honor our Rally Room Rate of \$139.00 per night. There are several other hotels at that exit, one of which is the LaQuinta, which is a Wyndham Rewards property where EWMA members get a 20% discount as part of your Membership Benefits (please see the EWMA website regarding this benefit and how to book it).

Final plans for the Rally are in full swing and there are going to be some really **FUN** new offerings. One will be a Movie Night / Pajama Popcorn Party. It's a throwback to the days when we were kids going to the Drive-in theaters wearing our PJ's, so join us in your favorite Pajamas and enjoy one of the funniest movies of the 50's comedy era! Another possible new

offering we are working on will be a van ride to local attractions for sight-seeing, antiquing, shopping and eating if we can firm up the vehicle rental. The historic town of Micanopy (pronounced "MIK-i-NOH-pee") where one of my favorite movies (Doc Hollywood) was filmed, is but one of the destinations. There is also going to be horseshoe competitions! So, c'mon out and share in the **FUN** and FRIENDSHIP and maybe even go on one of the awesome guided RIDES!!!! Please get your registrations in ASAP, especially if you are ordering rally shirts and don't forget to circle your entree choice for the dinner!

You won't want to miss this month's "South Florida, District Ride-In" at John Stretch Park on February 17th, from 11:00am to

2:00pm. Come on 2, 3 or 4 wheels and join us for the **FUN** and Fellowship! There will be prizes, a 50/50 as well as the ever-popular Raffle the Raffle Ticket Drawing! Bring your own bag lunch and drinks to eat. You can see the flyer for this event in this very edition of the **FUN**shine Times or on the Florida District web site.

In closing, Karen and I would like to wish everybody a Happy Valentine's Day and look forward to seeing all of you soon at the Florida Rally!

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!

**Our 2nd District Event of 2024 is our
Ride-In to South Florida
February 17, 2024
at John Stretch Park in Lake Harbor
Bring a sack lunch and join the FUN!**



Bill & Cheryl Smith
Rally & Vendor Coordinators
 (FL1-A, FL1-B, FL1-M, FL2-A, FL2-O,
 FL2-R)

WOW! It's that time of year, February, the month before the Greatest Rally on Earth! Well close anyway. That's right, the EWMA Florida District Gathering of Friends for **FUN!** The Rally is March 14th – 16th, 2024 at the Best Western gateway Grand in the beautiful riding area of Gainesville! If you haven't done so already, get those Rally registrations in NOW! Go to the EWMA Florida website Rally 2024 page for all the information you will need to join in on the **FUN!** The Rally theme is **FUN** with 50's, 60's and 70's TV Shows!

ROOMS ROOMS ROOMS

In case you hadn't heard, the Host Hotel has sold out of rooms. Oh no, but yay

because it means we will have lots of folks having a good time! There is a short waiting list for any rooms that come up. If you want to get on the list just let me know by email, fidd2018@gmail.com, and include your name and the nights you want to reserve. If any rooms become available we will get you in on a first come first served basis.

If you want to cancel a room you have reserved and it's **before** February 10th, please call me, 561-445-4270, or email me and let me know. A reminder, in order to cancel a room without penalty it must be done with the hotel before February 11th at 4:00 PM!

You can also get a room at the next exit south on I-75, about 12 miles. We suggest the La Quinta (a Wyndham property) - 908 NW 69th Terrace, Gainesville, FL 32605 (352) 204-4960 and TownePlace Suites (a Marriott property) - 7451 W Newberry Rd, Gainesville, FL 32605 (352) 415-1111. The Director of Sales at the Best Western, Scott

McAbee, said the TownePlace Suites has agreed to honor the \$139.00 per night we secured at the Best Western.

Don't delay, get a room and turn in your Rally Registration Right Away!

Also, in February is the South Florida District Ride-In! Come One; Come All on February 17th from 11:00am to 2:00pm at John Stretch Park! Bring your own bag lunch and a drink or two for your lunch. Come on your Bike, Trike or your 4-wheeler! Join us for the **FUN, FUN, FUN** and the Fellowship while we enjoy some food, prizes and a 50/50 as well as a Raffle the Raffle Ticket Drawing! John Stretch Park is located at 47225 US HWY 27 Lake Harbor (Just east of Clewiston). Any questions please contact me. This is a Rain or Shine Event. We have secured the large pavilion.

We hope to see you at both of these events! They are Friends for **FUN**, Safety and Riding!

Don't Delay! Register Today! We hope you'll join us at the...
2024 Florida District Gathering of Friends for FUN



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

Greetings to All

The Florida District Rally is almost here! Great new location, great rides, Bike Games, and our beautiful Florida riding winter weather, what more could you want. No reason not to bring your bike. EWMA is all about the ride.

We will be having two different "On the Bike" Games in which everyone can participate. Two-Wheels or Three-Wheels, with or without a passenger, all are welcome. Gift cards will be awarded to the winners in each category. We will be playing two Bike Games that have been popular and **FUN** at past Rallies. The "Bean Bag Shuffle Board Toss Game" and the "Critter Pick Up Game". If you would like to preview and practice these games ahead of the Rally just send us an email and we can send you the details.

This would be a good time to check your bike to make sure it is ready and safe to attend

our Rally. Below is a review of what you should be checking on your bike.

NINE TIPS TO MAKE YOUR BIKE LIVE LONGER

- 1.** If it is a new bike, follow the recommendations in your owner's manual. Pay close attention to the maintenance schedule section.
- 2.** If the bike is new, break in the engine properly. The first few hundred miles are the most critical. Do not over rev the recommended engine rpms.
- 3.** Change the oil as per the owner's manual schedule. The original oil usually has no synthetic properties. You may want to use a synthetic blend on your first oil change and thereafter use full synthetic oil. Full synthetic oil has more lubricating factors, does not break down as fast and can be changed at longer intervals. Most motorcycle manufacturers will recommend standard oil be changed every 4,000 miles. Full synthetic oil can easily last 6,000 miles without breaking down. This can be especially helpful on long touring trips. Full synthetic oil also helps your engine run cooler, especially in hot Florida weather conditions. Synthetic oil helps your engine parts experience less friction and wear. You will seldom get a recommendation from your dealer or the motorcycle

company to use synthetic blend or full synthetic oil in your motorcycle. After all they are in the business of selling you a "new" motorcycle every couple of years.

- 4.** Clean your air filter as recommended.
- 5.** Check your tire pressure regularly. Low tire pressure can affect your safe handling, gas mileage and early tire wear.
- 6.** Grease the wheel bearings if it applies. Even sealed bearings should probably be replaced every 100,000 miles for peace of mind and safety.
- 7.** Check your drive train, whether chain, belt or drive shaft, for wear. Bikes with drive shafts have U-joints that can wear out and get sloppy until they finally break.
- 8.** Charge the battery. If your bike sits for long periods of time, connect a battery tender charging system to the battery. This will extend the life of your battery and the bike will start up when you finally want to ride it.
- 9.** Do a pre-ride check. Establish a routine for checking your bike before each ride. Check the motor oil level, tire pressure, fuel, brake fluid levels and lines, electrical system & switches, lights, turn signals, controls, and look for any loose bolts.

Ride Safe!

We are here to assist you!



John Cain

Assistant District Safety/ Ride Coordinator / Safety Presentations

First Aid Kits

Have you checked your motorcycle's first aid kit

recently? You do have a first aid kit on your bike, don't you? Most kits contain perishable items that should be periodically checked for serviceability and expiration dates.

First aid kits come in all shapes and sizes. The kits that include large bandages are probably the most useful for the injury types expected in motorcycle mishaps. Band-Aids don't cut it on road rash!

I recommend each of you look over the EWMA 10-minute Safety Presentation entitled First Aid Kit

Recommendations (https://www.ewma-world.org/content.aspx?page_id=86&club_id=719997) and evaluate your own situation prior to participating in the rides at the 2024 Florida District Rally in Gainesville, Mar 14-16, 2024. Spoiler Alert! The number of items in a kit is rarely a measure of merit. You have to consider the actual content. Having one hundred band aids is probably not necessary!

Ride Safe!



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

First thing... for those who missed Shrimps-R-Us on New Year's Day, you missed out BIG TIME. All new remodeling, no picnic tables, regular tables with chairs, and the food; well once again, YOU REALLY MISSED OUT.

Second: HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!! That's right, it's February; love month. So, hope you have a wonderful

chocolates and roses month filled with love. Love, my how we have really tried to capture it and understand it.

From the moment we're born, we learn to love. Love the world around us, love our Mother, Dad, sister and brother (well that depends on which is the more annoying).

It seems girls feel infatuation sooner than the males. Third or fourth grade, we think "he's sooo cute", usually the giggles and side smiles, tend to bring on a red-faced young man. Jr. high to high school; by then the heart flutters (on both sides) have begun. Looking back, I remember wearing his ring and football jacket. To me that was love. I thought "We are going to be so happy". What the hell did I know, or anyone else at that age? Spin ahead seventy

years... I now know what love is. It isn't wearing a ring or football jacket. Nor is it wrestling in the back seat of a car. Love is sharing a life, feeling, and being able to talk to each other about ANYTHING. Love is not the rings etc., or heart flutters. Love is living side by side through the years. Taking the ups and down in stride and moving on. Now it's "in sickness and health". For some of us, it is more sickness than health. It is through this faze that I've learned the true love Harry has for me. It isn't a big home, money, fancy cars. It is his very tiring care he gives.

So, for those of you who have the same marriage, be glad you are among the ones that truly know LOVE.



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

Presidents' Day

February 20, 2024

Presidents' Day is a federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February; Presidents' Day 2024 will

occur on February 20. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, the holiday became popularly known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents, past and present.

What Is Closed On Presidents' Day?

As a federal holiday, many banks and schools are closed in observance of Presidents' Day. The New York Stock Exchange and NASDAQ are closed for trading on Presidents' Day. The post office is not open and non-essential federal workers have the day off.



Ed & Jeanette Carr
Assistant District Safety /
Ride Coordinators /
District Rides

In mid-November, Jennette and I went to Gainesville and met up with the **EWMA Chapter Director, Kenny Kellam; Ride Coordinator, Mike Ewing; and Web Master, Ralph Brigham;** at the Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel & Conference Center. Mike & Ralph each

drafted a route of different rides that might be used for the rally in March. We all met at the Host hotel and left early that morning. It was about 50 degrees and windy. Mike drafted a ride to the south of Gainesville and Ralph designed a ride to the north. After riding the routes, I found them to be just what we were looking for and the ones we will use for the rally. One route will be used on Friday, KSU 8:30am, and the other on Saturday, KSU 8:30am.

With the excellent help of **Carlos Lozano**, who put both maps to paper and then onto a GPX file, all that was left was for me to do was ride the rides. I am going

over to the hotel again on January 25 & 26th, accompanied by **Chapter FL1-K Assistant Chapter Director, Bob A'Hearn**, for an overnigher, at which time we will meet up again with Mike & Ralph, to ride the GPX routes for a final check before we post them on the District Website. I think you will enjoy these rides as much as I do. Each route is about 100 miles with a planned 15-20-minute stop and will take about 3 hours to complete. Both rides leave from and return to the Host Hotel. If you are fully registered for the rally, you will have an opportunity to sign up for the rides before the rally begins.

FLORIDA DISTRICT HAPPENINGS FEBRUARY 2024

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

February 17, 2024	<p>“Ride-In to South Florida” John Stretch Park Link to Flyer</p>	Lake Harbor, FL
March 14 - 16, 2024	<p>Florida District Gathering of Friends for FUN “FUN with 50’s, 60’s and 70’s TV Shows” Link to Rally Flyer</p>	Gainesville, FL
April 25 - 27, 2024	<p>Tennessee District Rally - Spring Fling “Banjos & Barbecue” Link to Rally Flyer</p>	Johnson City, TN
May, 17 - 18, 2024	<p>South Carolina District Rally “Home Town USA - Red, White & Blue” Link to Rally Flyer</p>	Newberry, SC
June 13 - 15, 2024	<p>Georgia / Region “A” Ride-In “A Riding Rally” Link to Rally Flyer</p>	Dillard, GA
June 27 - 29, 2024	<p>Alabama District Rally “A 50s Sock Hop” Link to Rally Flyer</p>	Sheffield, AL
August, 29 - 31, 2024	<p>2024 Eagle Wings Rendezvous Link to Rally Flyer</p>	Green Bay, WI
September 20 - 21, 2024	<p>North Carolina District Rally “Wings Over the Smokies”</p>	Location TBD
October 24 - 26, 2024	<p>Mississippi District Rally “Born To Be Wild” Link to Rally Flyer</p>	Biloxi, MS

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South Florida District February Ride-In February 17th, 2024

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(Just east of Clewiston on US Hwy 27)

Any questions please contact Bill Smith 561-445-4270

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4200 NW 97th Boulevard
Gainesville, FL 32606-3742

Rate \$139.00 (including buffet breakfast for 2)
Reservation call 352-331-3336
Group Code: EWMA2023



Raffle to support Safety

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2nd Drawing - \$ 500 Cash

3rd Drawing - \$ 250 Cash

Need not be present to win

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Florida District Gathering of Friends for FUN

March 14th - 16th, 2024

FUN WITH 50'S 60'S 70'S TV SHOWS



Florida District Rally (March 14 -16, 2024)

Opens daily at 9:00am

Florida District Directors
 Karen dy (850) 232-0365
 Fredan dKarendk@cox

FIRST AID/CPR CLASS OFFERED

Wednesday 03-13-2024 – 11am – 5pm
 Limit 20 people Must Be Fully Registered
 FL EWMA MEMBERS \$25. (returned upon completion)
 NON-FLORIDA EWMA MEMBERS \$35.00
 SEPARATE CHECKS NEEDED PAYABLE TO
 EWMA FL DISTRICT
 Contact Claudia Vega for availability
 561-722-0632 rvega19854@gmail.com

Preregistrations must be postmarked by March 1, 2024

No refunds after February 25, 2024.
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 **EWMA Florida District**
 If you would like registration confirmation, please ensure you provide an email address

Guided rides on Friday & Saturday

Register by **December 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		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	x _____ = _____	
Non-Member Registration	\$40	x _____ = _____	
Under 12 (Dinner on Thursday extra, See below)	Free	x _____ = _____	
Sit Down Dinner - Thursday Night	\$30	x _____ = _____	
*** Fully registered attendees only ***			
Dinner choices - Circle One for each attendee:			
Pineapple Seared Chicken, Seared Mahi Mahi, Manacotti w/ red sauce or spinach cream sauce (pick one)			
Ticket Sales			
\$5,000 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 _____ = _____	
PRE-ORDER ONLY 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)			\$ _____
RALLY SHIRTS NOT AVAILABLE ON-SITE. PRE-ORDER ONLY			