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# From Your Florida District Directors Fred and Karen Kennedy

(FL1-D, FL1-E2)

## **Greetings All!**

This month, we wrapped up the Region A Rally season with another great Mississippi District Rally! We've always enjoyed attending this one, as it's the closest rally to our home, including ours! Karen and I rode the trike and, while the route was mostly interstate, we had a wonderful ride, as fall temperatures made the conditions very pleasant. As always, KZ and Terry Kleinnheitz put on a shindig that was both FUN and entertaining. Of course, without a fabulous team of assistants, none of this would have been possible. Even though we were in the land of casinos, Lady Luck didn't shine her light on us, as we failed to win a thing. However, Geno and Kathie Jette both did, so at least some of our group were lucky! Closing

ceremonies were brief and ended with the installation of a brand-new Mississippi District Director. KZ and Terry were District Directors under the previous organization for many years and remained at the helm under the EWMA banner. They have done a fantastic job over the years and both deserve being "Just Another Member" as KZ put it. Stepping up to the position is Connie Fero and Randy Kelly. Both are FUN and outgoing and will do a great job representing Mississippi. We've already sent in our registration for next year and are looking forward to another great time!

Remember, the Florida District Rally kicks off the 2025 Region A Rally Season and preparations are moving right along. We are beginning to get excited because it's only 5 months away! We've been planning some FUN games and rides and all the other things that make the rally enjoyable. We think you will be pleased. Don't forget to get your room. As the closer we get to the rally dates, more people will be vying for what few rooms that may be left. Don't be left out traveling to the next hote!

**Now** that rally season has ended, Karen and I are planning on visiting some chapters in Florida, in between

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doctor's visits!!! We may not be able to visit everybody, but our Team members will be visiting your gatherings ever so often to offer any assistance we can to make your chapter's EWMA experience better. Some areas of our beautifully diverse state are underserved, as no chapter exists within a reasonable distance. If you live within one of these areas, please consider forming a chapter, so you too can enjoy the benefits of group riding and socializing with fellow members. Forming a chapter is easy. All you need is the desire to do so and the willingness to

do it. The requirements are nowhere near as stringent as with our previous organization and only requires a person to act as Chapter Director and be able to send out ride notices and information to fellow members as needed. Organized socials, newsletters or webpages are encouraged, but in no way required. You don't even need to have a treasurer if you decide not to have a bank account. The only funds required are those needed to pay your annual charter fees. That's it. It's so much easier than before. If you are interested, contact me and we can work together to contact

fellow members in your area to see if they are interested in coming together.

We are hoping that everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and hope to see lots of folks at our next event, Shrimps-R-Us on New Year's Day in Welaka, Fl.

Until that time arrives...

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

Fred and Karen Kennedy

Your Florida District Directors

The FUNshine State,

where FUN is #1!



Harry & Lynn Anderson **Assistant District Directors**District Hospitality Coordinators

(FL1-H, FL2-D)

Fall, Fall, wonderful fall. Happy Thanksgiving to you all. Hope it is a great one. You know being a northern transplant, I believe the fall is the one season I miss most of all. You know, the changing leaves with their brilliant colors, that take your

breath away. The crisp air and the smell of fall all around. My next favorite is the FIRST snowfall. The whiteness of it. The soft look as the flakes fall gently to the ground and it seems to tell us "Christmas is near". So goes the last three to four months of a year.

But September, October, and part of November is when Mother nature does her best. Sometimes, if luck prevails, there is Indian summer. Kinda like an extra helping of fall. What joy!!! Then there are the fall rains and wind that moves in and most of the beautiful leaves tumble to the ground. But a sunny day dries them and oh what FUN trick or treating.

Shuffling through the dry leaves and hearing the children's laughter as they race from house to house on this last day of October. Also, the feeling that fall is on the way out with the last breath of a fall wind.

But not one to give up so easily... There is Thanksgiving. Ah, the food, the family, the FUN, but most of all, the memories. Memories that will sustain us throughout the coming years. At this time, let's not even bring up Christmas. That is a bright memory for another time. For now, enjoy These last months of the year to make new memories, but hold close the past memories.



Dominick & Diane DeSiato

District Safety /

Ride Coordinators

Greetings to all!

### SEARCH, SETUP, & SMOOTH

I recently read an article where a Slingshot 3-Wheel vehicle crashed in a curve on the Dragon's Tail and the driver died. Whether you are on a two -wheeled motorcycle, a trike, or any of the other kind of threewheeled vehicles available today, the way you negotiate a curve is of critical importance.

Search, Setup, & Smooth is the procedure to use when approaching a curve:

SEARCH - Look for clues that tell you how sharp the curve ahead is. Road warning sign are the first thing to look for. If the recommended speed on the sign is very low that means the curve is very sharp. Some roads do not have any warning signs. So how do you approach a curve with no warning sign? Look ahead around the curve as far as you can. If you cannot see very far around the curve that means it is pretty sharp.

Slow down as you approach. No one gets in trouble for slowing down too much before entering a curve. They only get in trouble if they do not slow down enough. Once you are already in a lean and centrifugal force is pushing you out of the curve, is not the time to try to make a slowing down speed adjustments. Your tires can only handle a certain amount of traction force. Your tires are using a certain amount of traction to hold you in the curve. They might not be able to handle any additional traction stress you might put on them by down shifting and/or braking. If realize you showed down too much you can always safely increase speed in a curve. Acceleration puts extra down force on your tires which is a good thing.

SETUP - Position your motorcycle to the outside of the curve so you can see the furthest around the curve. Look for debris or broken pavement sometimes found on the outside edge of the roadway and adjust your position accordingly.

SMOOTH - You should have adjusted your entry speed so you can either maintain a steady throttle or what is even better is to gradually roll on the throttle. This puts a downward force on your tires giving you maximum available traction.

The next thing to evaluate is what type of radius the curve has you are about to enter. Is it a Constant Radius curve (the apex is in the middle)? An Increasing Radius curve (the apex is early)? Or a Decreasing Radius curve (the apex is late)? So, the next thing to understand is the meaning of the word "apex". The meaning of the word "apex" as associated with a curve is the point in the curve when you are no longer entering the curve, but you are now exiting the curve. This all sounds good with words but how do you identify where the apex is when you are on the move. Here is the simple solution: Enter all curves on the outside edge and stay there. Look ahead for the straightaway. As soon as you can see the straightaway you are at the apex. Immediately cut to the inside of the curve and continue to the straightaway. You should be exiting on the outside of the curve onto the straightaway. (An Outside, Inside, Outside path of travel) You often don't know if the curve ahead is a Constant Radius, Increasing Radius, or Decreasing Radius curve. If you use the method of negotiating the curve the way I have described you should not have any problem. You won't actually be able to identify what type of curve it was until you are leaving the curve based on

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where in the curve you were when you were able to cut back to the inside of the curve when you saw the straightaway.

A motorcyclist crashing in a curve is the second biggest reason we crash. Not properly

setting up and negotiating the curve properly is usually the reason.

We are here to assist you with any type of safety presentations: Rider training, Parking Lot Practices, and First Aid/CPR Classes. We have short Classroom Presentations on many different subjects which could be given at one of your monthly gatherings. We would be happy to travel. Just contact us and tell us what you would like and we will make it happen.

Ride Safe!







Geno & Kathie Jette **Assistant District Directors**Rally Registration Coordinators

Goodie Sales

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

### How will you observe American Diabetes Month?

November is American
Diabetes Month, but this isn't a
time to celebrate. It's a time to
rally against the diabetes
epidemic. The ADA is leading
the charge through research,
education, and advocacy. Join
us to uplift your loved ones
living with diabetes and help all
those in need across America.

**Diabetes** hurts too many people and too many families. But the ADA is fighting back and we're not stopping until there's a cure. In our toolkit, find social graphics and more you can use to show your support this month and stand with us in the fight to end this deadly disease.

You are more likely to develop type 2 diabetes if you have overweight or obesity; are age 35 or older; have a family history of diabetes; are African American, American Indian, Asian American, Hispanic or Latino, or Pacific Islander; are not physically active; or have pre-diabetes.

Lifestyle habits such as planning healthy meals, being physically active, getting enough sleep, and not smoking may help you prevent diabetes or manage your diabetes ABCs. You don't have to do it all at once. Start slow and build healthier habits from there.

Remember to take your medicines even if you feel healthy. Talk with your doctor or pharmacist if you have trouble

taking your medicines on time or at the correct dose.

If you have overweight or obesity, ask your primary care provider if healthy eating, physical activity, or other weight -loss treatments may help you manage your weight.

You may be able to prevent or delay diabetes by losing 5 to 7 percent of your starting weight. Use the Diabetes Risk Management Calculator to determine how much weight you can lose to help reduce your risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

Managing diabetes takes a team. Your health care team may include a primary care provider, diabetes specialist, registered dietitian, or certified diabetes educator. Ask your primary care provider if you should talk with other health care professionals about preventing or managing diabetes. You may be able to prevent or delay diabetes by losing 5 to 7 percent of your starting weight.



Claudia Vega

Assistant District Safety /
Ride Coordinator /
First Aid/CPR

## AT LEAST HURRICANE SEASON HAS COME TO AN END!

It is hard to believe that November is already here; but you know what that means – the end of hurricane season, the holidays are on their way, the New Year is just around the corner and the FLORIDA DISTRICT RALLY IS ALMOST HERE.

Just as a reminder, I will be presenting the HSI First Aid / CPR course on Wednesday, March 12, 2025. Check out the Rally Flyer and sign up for my course.

Since our eyes are so important to riding our motorcycles, I hope this information will help you. I know we all are on our devices way too much; maybe you can follow some of this advice from my eye doctors at Florida Eye Institute-Boynton.

# ARE DIGITAL DEVICES AFFECTING YOUR EYE HEALTH?

Have you ever considered how we manage our daily lives before having tablets or smartphones? These electronic devices, including laptops, command our attention during work, relaxation and play. A study released by Deloitte found that Americans collectively check their smartphones upwards of 8 billion times per day. According to Deloitte, Americans across all age groups check their phones 46 times per day. Also, Americans spend about five hours daily browsing the web and social media and using apps. Adding all the screen time, including accomplishing daily work tasks at the computer, does take a toll on our eye health.

As our usage of digital devices increases exposure to blue light and more people develop digital eye strain, it is helpful to know what science tells us about safe digital screen exposure.

Here is valuable guidance from the esteemed American Academy of Ophthalmology, a trusted source about the effects of blue light and its potential harm to your eyes.

### WHAT IS BLUE LIGHT?

Color doesn't typically come to mind when thinking of light, but you see the visible light spectrum when you see a rainbow. The colors visible to the human eye include red, blue and green "wavelengths". All light we see combines these wavelengths, including light from the sun and computer screens.

### BLUE LIGHT AND SLEEP

Exposure to blue light from the sun and our digital screens boosts mood and alertness like sunrise signals to our brain that it's time to wake up. Still, too much exposure to blue light from screens in the evening can disrupt our body's natural sleepwake cycle, known as the circadian rhythm. Light slows the production of melatonin, the sleep hormone in our body. Here are a few tips for more restful sleep:

- In the evening, set your digital devices to a night or dark mode. This setting lowers screen brightness and its warm colors are less likely to confuse your body into thinking it's daytime.
- Avoid using screens one to two hours before going to sleep.

# TOO MUCH SCREEN TIME? MAY CAUSE DIGITAL EYE STRAIN

**Staring** at digital devices for a long time can cause temporary discomfort. Every person experiences eye strain in various ways, but symptoms can include:

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- Dry eyes
- Blurry vision
- Watery eyes
- Headache

Many suffer from digital eye strain because they blink less when they stare at their digital devices. Humans' blink rate is 15-20 times per minute, but this range is cut in half when staring at screens. To reduce digital

eye strain, follow these simple tips:

- Take frequent breaks by using the "20-20-20" rule. Every 20 minutes, look away from your screen and look at an object 20 feet away for at least 20 seconds. Breaks from your screen allow your eyes to reset and replenish themselves.
- Use artificial tears to lubricate your eyes when they feel dry.

- Keep your distance. Sit about arm's length from your screen and adjust its height so you look slightly downward at it.
- Reduce glare and brightness. To reduce glare, consider a matte screen filter for your device. Adjusting the brightness and contrast of your screen and dimming the lighting near your screen can also help reduce eye strain.



John Cain

Assistant District Safety/
Ride Coordinator / Safety

Presentations

When are riders most "at risk" for a mishap?

 50% of motorcycle accidents occur within the first 6 minutes of the ride!

- Most happen within 5 miles of home.
- 90% happen within the first hour of riding.

# When are many riders most likely to shortcut ATGATT?

- Short rides near your home?
- "It's a short ride. I don't need to "suit up."

### What's ATGATT again?

- Helmet DOT (FMVSS 218)/ Snell (M2010) /ECE 22.05
- Eye protection
- Long sleeved jacket/shirt
- Long legged sturdy pants
- Full fingered gloves

Over the ankle footwear

### **Bottom line:**

Shortcut ATGATT at your peril!



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The 2025 Florida District
Gathering for Friends for FUN!
March 13 -15, 2025







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



1<sup>st</sup> Ride of the Year
January 1, 2025
SHRIMP "R" US & More
765 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Welaka, FL
Are you ready to feast and frolic with your friends?



# Register Today for the Florida District

Gathering of Friends for FUN

March 13 - 15, 2025

# HAPPENINGS 2024 FLORIDA DISTRICT NOVEMBER

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

Upcoming Florida EWMA Events					
January 1, 2025	1st Ride of the Year "Shrimp "R" Us & More"	Welaka, FL			
March 13 - 15, 2025	Florida District Gathering of Friends for FUN  "Roaring 20's"	Gainesville, FL			
April 24 - 26, 2025	Tennessee District Rally "America the Beautiful"	Johnson City, TN			
May 15 - 17, 2025	South Carolina District Rally "Salute to the Troops"	Newberry, SC			
June 5 - 7, 2025	Georgia District Rally "Beach Bash"	Helen, GA			
June 26 - 28, 2025	Alabama District Rally "Roaring 20's"	Sheffield, AL			
August 28 - 30, 2025	EWMA "2025 Eagle Wing Rendezvous"	Fort Smith, AR			

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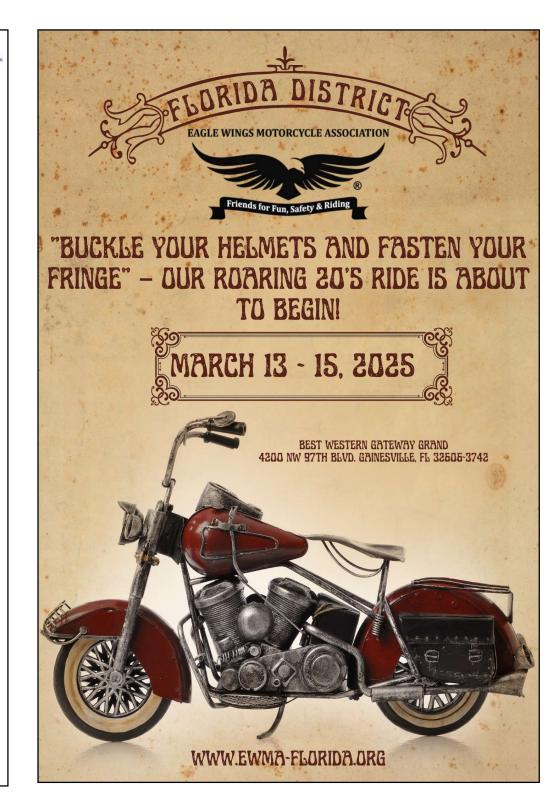
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RALLY SHIRTS NOT AVAILABLE ON SITE—PRE-ORDER ONLY

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!

<u>Pre-Order Shirts</u> 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



# 1<sup>st</sup> Ride of the Year January 1, 2025 SHRIMP "R" US & More



765 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Welaka, FL Are you ready to feast and frolic with your friends?

The Annual 1<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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

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# 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

Registration Fees (onsite \$10 more)

**EWMA Members** 

Saturday Night is Closing Ceremonies, Dinner and Entertainment

All pre-registrations must be

received

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!

**Total** 

<u>Qty</u>

<u>Cost</u>

\$45

Non Members Day Passes-available for purchase on site	\$55		\$	BY 8/9/2025  Make Checks payable to EWMA  Mail completed forms to:	
Dinner Thursday Night (Max seating-360)	\$30		\$	<u>EWMA</u>	
Dinner Saturday Night (Max seating-360) Chicken Pork	\$45		\$	Patti ONeill 2125 Meander Prescott AZ 86305	
First Aid/CPR	\$25		\$	Email: ewmacfo@gmail.com Phone 408-639-0415	
Pre-Registration Tickets Grand Prize & Mystery Cash—Books of 5		Qty	<u>Total</u> \$	\$15.00 fee on all cancellations No refunds after Aug 1 <sup>st</sup> 2025	
<b>Grand 50/25/15/10</b> — Books of 5	\$20 X	<del></del>	\$	CC#	
GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ EXP CVV					
For more information go to www.ewma.world.org/rendezvous  Billing Zip Code					
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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. <b>EWMA reserves the right to refuse entrance to anyone at any time.</b>					
Rider Signature:		Co-	Rider Signature	9:	