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Well Hello Everyone!

What a strange turn of events the world had had these past few weeks. This too shall pass. We must keep positive and longing to get back to life as we know it. Stay home and stay healthy.

Good News amongst all this chaos. **Tim Moriarty is out of the hospital and home!** Nancy is putting him to work around the house with small chores and re-learning tasks. I have tried to keep everyone up to date via email. If I missed anyone of you I apologize. He is wanting phone calls (as is Nancy). If you need their phone number, please let me know and I will get it to you so you can give them a shout! Keep up the good work Tim & Nancy!

As you know our GWRRA events have been cancelled until further notice due to the direction of our local towns, states and National GWRRA. Everyone wants us to stay safe. With that being said, once we get the OK to be free again, I will let everyone know and we will plan an outing on our motorcycles! How many have gone out anyway for a ride? We have threatened to do just that, but we actually have not. We have worked around the house, with Bill Tolman's help, we have painted the inside living room dining room and kitchen. Those that have been to the house know it was quite dark with our red walls. We have lightened things up a bit and boy what a difference! I have been able to go through some boxes and discard "paper". With a "should I keep it just in case?" NO!

We have received notice that South Carolina, Tennessee our District Ride In have all been cancelled along with our Cruise to Alaska. As we know of this writing, Pennsylvania and Wing Ding are still a go! They are far enough away in timing, we may be good! We can't wait until things turn to normal.

Stay tuned, as I will be having a "virtual" gathering in April. Keep an eye on your emails! Stay safe, enjoy your time down, and enjoy your family.

Cheryl Smith, Sr Chapter Director





Our Gathering and rides are POSTPONED Until Further Notice



MARCH GATHERING











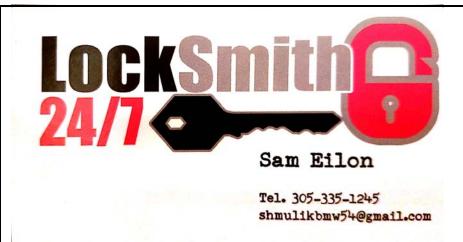






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Chapter Ride Coordinator and Educator Corner By Ray & Claudia Vega

We may not be riding right now, but spring is coming to Florida with summer close behind. This means, we will see an increase in wild life on the side of the road. Our deer may not be as big as the deer up north, but we do have them. I know you have seen them by the side of the road looking at you and hopefully running in the other direction. But when they don't you need to have a plan of action.

This month I am taking some information from

"MCN Street Strategies - A Survival Guide for Motorcyclists" by David L. Hough.

It is riding season for us so we need to be sharp at all times.

BOUNDING BAMBIS - In Deer Country, a Smart Rider is Prepared for a Quick Stop

You're out for an early ride in the country, away from the hassles of traffic. The narrow back road on which you travel passes farms and curves through a shady forest. You're aware of the hazards of back roads, such as loose gravel and wet leaves, so for this ride you're wearing your most protective riding gear: leathers, gloves and full coverage helmet. And you plan to keep the gear on even when the sun begins to warm the air.

You settle into a comfortably aggressive ride, slowing only for locations where there are narrow bridges and many hidden driveways. When you enter a deer migration area, you maintain speed, but watch carefully for wild deer alongside the road.

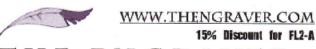
Suddenly, as you round a tight turn, you see a brown shape in the left ditch – perhaps a log or a soggy cardboard box. But a second later, the brown shape raises it's head, and you instantly recognize the tall ears of a deer. But the deer just continues to stand there munching, so you assume you can cruise by without any evasive action.

But a second or two before you pass, the deer springs into action, scrambling onto the pavement directly in front of you. You attempt to brake and swerve, but the deer darts one way and then the other and you can't avoid a collision that knocks both you and the deer to the pavement. Fortunately, neither of you is seriously hurt. The deer clatters away, leaving you to survey the damage to your bike. You silently congratulate yourself for wearing your leathers today.

The reason for deer signs is that there is a history of numerous deer strikes in that area. So when you enter a deer zone, you should expect to encounter wild deer grazing alongside or leaping across the road. Deer typically spring into action as a vehicle gets close. The best tactic for avoiding a deer strike is to be prepared for a quick stop. If you see a deer next to the road you should immediately brake, especially if the deer is facing the road and, therefore, most likely to leap in your direction.

Let's discuss this as soon as we meet again. Bring me your questions and stories when you were in this situation. In the mean time Stay Safe!





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MONSTER GOLF









Bill & Cheryl Smith Florida District Directors



I guess the Luck of the Irish couldn't stop the cancelation of our 41st Gathering of the Wings. It was the toughest decision we have had to make since becoming District Directors. We know it was the right decision for the health and safety of our members.

That luck will have to be postponed and used in 2021 at the Hilton Altamonte Springs for a second shot at the 41st Florida Rally! That's right, March 18th – 21st, 2021, same place, same theme for a chance to Get Your Leprechaun On for Shenanigans at the Florida Rally! We hope you take the time and come and join us for the FUN in 2021!

Rick and Madalena's article this month explains a lot of what will be happening in reference to the drawings that would have occurred at the rally. The plan is to have a mini Closing Ceremony where all will be invited and do those drawings and appoint the COY and POY, etc as soon as we can safely have the event. Keep an eye on your Group Works and the District Website for announcements on this event as it become available. We want to reiterate what they said and thank all of the folks who responded to the emails and understand why we did what we did and are being patient with us as we try to get all of the District business and announcements in order. All of our GWRRA members are the BEST!

Unfortunately several GWRRA events, trainings and Gatherings have had to be canceled or postponed at the Chapter, District and even National levels. As of this writing Wing Ding is still ON June 30th – July 4th in Springfield MO and we plan on being there. We were just notified today that Tennessee District Directors Dennis and Jan Peterson have had to cancel their District Rally. Cheryl and I are waiting to hear what is going to happen to the other GWRRA Rallies coming up soon. Specifically we plan on attending Pennsylvania and the Cruisetour to Alaska. I did speak to Deanna Cisson at Wingers N Waves and she said no one has canceled the Cruisetour and she is in more than regular contact with Celebrity and Royal Caribbean and will keep us informed with any changes in the cruises.

We are still planning on going to the Fall GWRRA Events and Rallies. North Carolina in September and a very busy October with Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Louisiana one week after another! WOW!!!

Not to worry – things will eventually get back to normal and we will all be getting back to having FUN in the FUNshine State!

Have a Happy and Healthy Easter and don't forget – WASH YOUR HANDS!







Dominick & Diane DeSiato District Ride Educators



Distracted Drivers

The legendary Hurt Report (1981) listed the primary causes of motorcycle crashes. The present-day MSF Courses still use the Hurt Report findings to develop the riding curriculum used in their classes today. In 1981 there were less than 5% of motorcycle being rear ended. It seems funny that back then most motorcycle had only one small tail light but getting hit from behind was not a major issue. Today most motorcycles are lit up like a Christmas Tree but are getting rear ended more often. A recent study by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation shows there has been an increase to 7% for motorcycles being struck from behind. We all know the reason for the increase in rear end collisions, motorcycle or cars, and that is the use of cell phones.

Florida recently passed a law that makes texting while driving a primary offense. Which means an Officer can stop you if he sees you using your cell phone. However, the way the law is worded there are loop holes in it. Most Police Officers are not enforcing the new law. It was a "feel good" law without any teeth, so don't relax your guard at all thinking the new law is helping your safety.

When you are coming to a stop look behind you to make sure the car behind you is also slowing down to stop. Leave plenty of space between you and the car you are stopping behind. Position yourself offset left or offset right so you have enough room to escape to either side of the care in front of you should you notice that the car approaching you from behind is not stopping. Don't be in a hurry to pop your bike into neutral as you normally would at a long red light waiting for the light to turn green. If the car behind you does stop don't relax yet. Wait until at least one more car stops behind the car behind you, giving you an extra buffer should a third car strike the second car. You're not done relaxing yet. When the light turns green quickly look behind you to make sure the driver of the car isn't looking down at their phone. I know firsthand of crashes where the driver who was texting at the red light, looks up just long enough to see the light had turned green and immediately put their foot on the gas, striking the stopped motorcycle in front of them.

Technology for cars is getting better with warning collision sensors that will automatically brake for the inattentive driver. Don't rely on that technology just yet. It will take many years before every car behind you has that type of system. Unfortunately, we must be more on guard today than ever before for distracted drivers.

Ride safe,

Dominick & Diane





MOTORIST AWARENESS IS EVERYWHERE

by Claudia Vega

We Are All Connected

For most of us "family" is a big word. It's not just relatives, but friends, neighbors, and community members who help each other in good times and bad. And for me the Gold Wing Road Riders Association fits the word "family" to a T. As we all struggle, worry and battle through the threat of the Coronavirus, remember your GWRRA family is still here and we are all looking forward to getting back together very soon.

Since we are staying home more, I have had the time and opportunity to catch up on some of my magazine reading. I came across a couple of articles in my AARP magazine that I would like to share with you.

Here is one that could be handy when we are traveling again:

Tap for Driver Assistance by Samantha Brown, AARP Travel Expert

On long road trips, I like to plan my stops, which is why my latest go-to app for interstate driving is **iExit**. It pegs a location, and then lists the off-ramps for the next 100 exits. Have your co-pilot tap on exits for a roster of restaurants and gas stations within 1.5 miles.

Other useful apps:

Roadtrippers – Plan from home or while you roam, it finds hotels, estimated fuel prices and more. **Waze** – Avoid traffic tie-ups and plot alternative routes, thanks to real-time reports from users. **GasBuddy** – Locate cheap gas. Search service stations and their prices by city, state or zip code, across the U.S. and Canada.

Let me know if you have tried any of these apps and let's discuss which ones you think are good.

One other thing I found in my AARP magazine and I think is important at this time of crisis are the scams that are out there.

Follow The Latest Scams In Your Area:

No matter where you live, fraud is never far away. But you can protect yourself by knowing what to watch out for – and by telling others when you have spotted a scam. The AARP Fraud Watch Network scam-tracking map provides real-time alerts from law enforcement in your state and warnings from people who have spotted scams. Check out the map at aarp.org/fraudmap.

As we wait out this virus crisis, know that your GWRRA "family" will still be here.

Hope to see you soon!

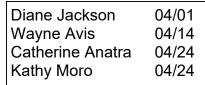
















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All Ride and Events have been postponed for the Month of April

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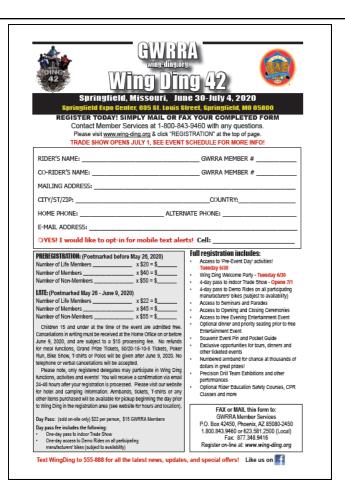
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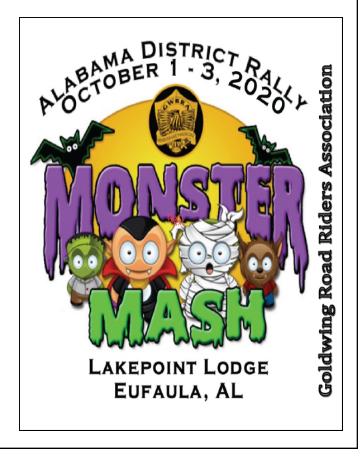
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