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REFLECTIONS

During this down time, I have had a lot of time to reminisce about life in Gold Wing Road Riders Association, the great friends we have made and what FUN we have when we are together. That surely is missed, but we do see a light at the end of the tunnel.

I remember the first zoom call we had with the chapter since the Corona Virus hit. The smiles on everyone's face when we saw each other after being away for so long. There is a special bond and love that we have. This is Chapter Life. People think when they hear of gatherings / meetings how boring they are and they don't want to participate in them. I don't need that. Well, for all of us, we do. We have learned that our gatherings and rides and anytime we can get together mean a great deal to all of us. Friendship. Family. We sometimes like our GWRRA family, much better than our own. We are there for each other if it is allowed. No matter where you go in the United States / Canada / Overseas, you will always be able to contact someone from GWRRA. It is a great organization to be a part of.

September we have moved to Phase 2 or the one step up from where we have been since March. What does that mean? Not really much. We still need to social distance and we still need to wear our masks. As far as restaurants, they still have 50% capacity, which means for our gatherings the restaurants can have full occupancy outdoors. Our gathering location does not have outdoor seating. So for the time being, I am looking for another location for outdoor gatherings. The Holiday Party, we have discussed this back and forth. We believe that this year (at least for now), we will find a park and have either Potluck party or catered. We will let you know. Please give us your thoughts or suggestions and if you have a location that will help too!

This is your chapter, your ideas count! Check out the calendar and join us for some rides and get together.

See you all soon!

Cheryl Smith
Sr. Chapter Director



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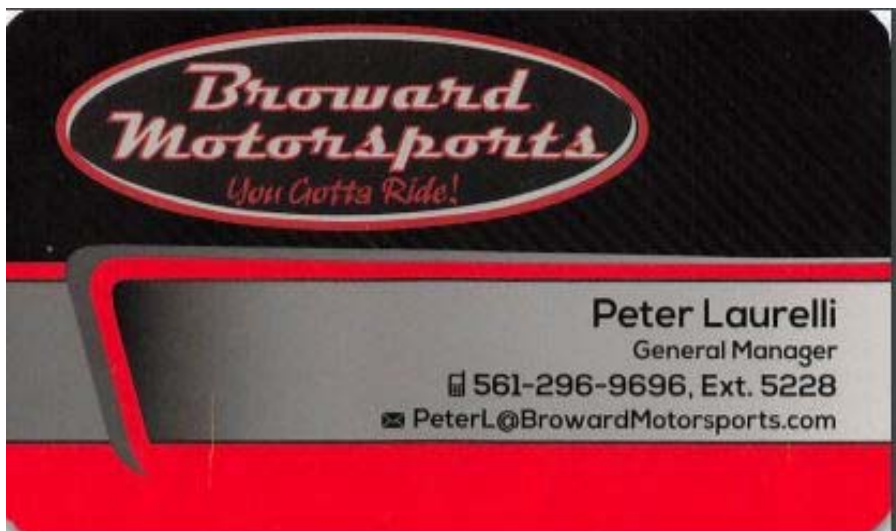
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Bill & Cheryl Smith Florida District Directors



How about those Hurricanes, and I don't mean University of Miami! As of this writing we are already up to "M" in the naming of storms and this week having two storms in the Gulf of Mexico at the same time! Remember, always be prepared and help each other out whenever possible.

Florida is all over the map when it comes to what you can do when it comes to gathering and venues. Where we live in Palm Beach County we are still in Phase 1 of the pandemic so most parks have closed their picnic pavilions so we have to go north to the next county to have a "Brown Bag Lunch Ride". Cheryl and my Chapter have been having Virtual Gatherings and Virtual Ice Cream Socials each month. Other areas of the state have been having indoor gatherings and "back to normal" meal rides. The important thing is to get together and safely have FUN as much and as often as you can. Safety has taken on more meaning this year. We have to use ATGATT, Hydrate, and Drive Defensively, Wash Our Hands and be sure to Social Distance and Wear a Mask to be as safe as possible. Some call this the "New Normal" but I hope the last two is just a bump in the road. Time will tell.

Cheryl and I have been on several Zoom Calls this past month. We started the new University Class GWRRA 101. You may think it is just the old OCP but it is NOT! Yes the goal is to inform you about how GWRRA works and why, like OCP did but so many things have changed. We are enjoying the class and have learned new things and it is also a great refresher of material we already use in running the Chapter and District. It is NOT a mandatory class for GWRRA Officers but we HIGHLY RECOMMEND all Officers take the Virtual Class and anyone else who just wants to learn more about our great Association! We also were on a Zoom Call with several District Directors from the Southeast states, Director Assistants Bob and Nan Shrader and Directors Jere and Sherry Goodman. Everyone is having the same issues we are all experiencing when it comes to gatherings and rides. North Carolina had cancelled their Rally but substituted it with 3 different Ride-Ins on 3 different weekends across the state. The western one is the same weekend as the cancelled Rally, September 26 th , and Cheryl and I will be there!

The Georgia District "Come Ride With Us" Rally is still a go on October 8th – 10th in Dillard GA and Cheryl and I will be there! Mississippi is still having their "Medieval Madness" Rally October 15 th – 17 th and Cheryl and I will be there! Let's not forget that the Virginia "Rally In The Valley" is still a go for October 29 th – 31 st but they are still waiting for more registrations to insure they can still put it on. They are very close to the minimum number so if you plan on going please send them your registration right away!

The last Zoom Call I want to tell you about is all about Florida! Chapter FL1-K, Palm Coast, is still having their "Saluting All Veterans" Rally on November 7 th in Flagler Beach. The next day, November 8 th , is the Coast to Coast District Ride -In! Check out the flyers and make your hotel reservations to join in on the FUN that weekend! Please RSVP on Group Works for these two events. We also discussed the Chapter Conference scheduled for January 9 th and 10 th , 2021. I talked to the Altamonte Springs Hilton and they assure me that the hotel is safe and clean. They have gone the extra mile to insure the safety of their staff and guests. They have already had a couple of events with no issues. We will be talking to the Chapter Directors in the near future to discuss plans and attendance before making a decision to proceed with the conference. We also are a GO for the District Rally! Get your Leprechaun on for Some Shenanigans at the Rally March 18 th – 20 th , 2021 at the Altamonte Springs Hilton! Please register early make your hotel reservations by calling (407) 830-1985 using Group Code: GWRM21 or on line at: <http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/A/ALTAHHF-GWRM21-20210315/index.jhtml> **We also discussed the Rider Ed Raffle Tickets. If you haven't already, PLEASE get yours from your Chapter to buy and sell. If they don't have any get some from your Assistant District Director or the District Educators Dominick and Diane DeSiato. Due to the inability to get out and sell the tickets as we usually do it is very important for everyone to think outside the box to sell enough to keep our Rider Ed Program going strong!**

We thank you in advance for supporting the District and the Rider Education Program. We want to thank all of you for anything and everything you do to keep your Chapter and the District going in the current climate and keep having FUN in the FUNshine State! Have a Happy Labor Day and hopefully you can join us at the events I mentioned in this article!

See you soon!



Dominick & Diane DeSiato District Ride Educators



MOTORCYCLE INSURANCE PART 1

Motorcycle Insurance is not required by Florida Law. This is not a good idea because you are still responsible for “liability” should you damage someone else’s property or person. An example of this could be that one day you are out riding your motorcycle. You pull up behind a stopped Mercedes at a traffic light but you didn’t notice a little oil on the roadway. You slide into the rear of the Mercedes and cave in that nice \$5000.00 plastic bumper. You are now responsible to pay the owner of the Mercedes \$5000.00 to repair the bumper. What if the driver also claims whiplash? How much is that claim going to be for? \$10,000.00? 20,000.00 or more?

Most of you are probably responsible and have at least the basic coverage required for your car by Florida Law which is 10/20/10. That means that you have \$10,000.00 coverage for one person should you injure them. There is \$20,000.00 total for all persons involved in a crash that you injure and \$10,000.00 for damage to the vehicle you strike. With the cost of today’s hospital and medical expenses, and the cost of vehicle repairs, is that basic coverage really enough? If you do more damage than the limits of your Motorcycle Insurance Policy, you are responsible to pay the difference. If you cannot afford to pay the difference a judge can suspend your driver’s license for both motorcycle and car until you make restitution.

The limits of a motorcycle or car insurance policy is totally up to you. Of course, the more coverage limits you want the more your yearly premium will be. One way to get twice the coverage and save a little money on your yearly premium is to get what is called “stacked” insurance. That means if you only have 10/20/10 insurance on your motorcycle and 10/20/10 insurance on your car, should you become liable for crash damage, you now stack those two coverage figures and actually have 20/40/20 dollars’ worth of coverage. “Stacking” can only be done if both your motorcycle and car is with the same company. You can’t price shop and purchase insurance for your motorcycle with one company and your car insurance with another company and then want to “stack” the coverage. The amount of monetary value for the policy I used as an example was the bare minimum Florida Law requires for your car. In today’s economy much higher limits would be more practical.

Next month in “PART 2” of my article. I will discuss with you how to protect yourself from the “Uninsured” or the “Under Insured Motorist”.

Ride Safe!!

Dominick & Diane



MOTORIST AWARENESS IS EVERYWHERE

by Claudia Vega



It is hard to believe that it is September already and we will have had our final annual Ice Cream Sunday Social of the year. As I have stated before, these ice cream socials were a great way to promote Motorist Awareness. Each summer from June to September we meet at an ice cream shop location to enjoy one of our favorite treats. Unfortunately this year, due to the covid-19 virus we were unable to meet in person, so we had to share our favorite treat virtually. September's Ice Cream Sunday Social was in person at 7:00 pm on Sunday, September 6th at the Ice Cream Club in Lantana. This was our final annual ice cream social of the year. There were nine in attendance!

Did you know that Downtown DeLand has an annual Ice Cream Walk in June along their Woodland Boulevard? It is a cool summer tradition for the local businesses and residents. Maybe next year we can join in.

Here are some fun facts about ice cream I bet you didn't know:

America's first ice cream parlor opened in 1776 in New York – ice cream was introduced to America in the 1700's as a delicacy enjoyed by high society.

The average American eats 5 ½ gallons of ice cream each year (they didn't know Ray. He could eat a gallon of ice cream in a week if I let him)

Vanilla is the most popular ice cream flavor in the United States.

In 1880 the ice cream sundae was born and in 1904 the waffle cone made its debut at the World's Fair in St. Louis, MO.

In 1929 Rocky Road became the first widely available flavor other than vanilla, chocolate and strawberry.

In 1984 July was declared National Ice Cream month.

Today, next to cookies, ice cream stands as the best selling treat in America!

Do you know the Top 5 Ice Cream Consuming Countries in the World?:

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United States
Australia
Finland
Sweden



Apparently we love our Ice Cream with chocolate syrup as it is the most popular ice cream topping.

And California produces the most ice cream in America.

I thought it was interesting that a cow gives enough milk to make 2 gallons of ice cream per day (that's 730 gallons per year) and it takes 3 gallons of milk to make 1 gallon of ice cream – 9 percent of all milk produced in the US is used to make ICE CREAM.

Hope you enjoyed these fun facts as much as I did.

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Chapter Ride Coordinator and Educator Corner

Claudia Vega

I found this article in my AAA magazine and though it is a little dated, I still thought it was an interesting and good article.

As if it is not bad enough that we have to worry about drivers that are distracted by cell phones or impaired with the use of alcohol and / or prescription medication, we also have to worry about marijuana use.

Impaired Driving: Marijuana Use

AAA's initial efforts focused on drinking and driving. Later their scope broadened to include the impact of prescription medications. Recently, with marijuana use legalized to some extent in nearly half the states, AAA's efforts have expanded to include studying its impact on drivers as well.

After alcohol and tobacco, marijuana is the most popular recreational drug in the U.S. with an estimated 14 million Americans smoking it regularly. In a roadside survey conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration showed that more than 12 percent of drivers had marijuana in their systems on weekend evenings, an increase of nearly 50 percent in recent years.

Unfortunately, research into the effects of marijuana on driving ability is trailing the passage of laws legalizing its use. There is no standardized road test for THC (the active ingredient in marijuana) comparable to a breathalyzer test for alcohol, and no nationwide legal standard exist for THC concentration in blood like the .08 percent threshold for alcohol.

AAA is working hard to close this gap by sponsoring research into the THC level at which crash risk increases significantly and also whether marijuana impaired driving has increase in Washington State since the drug was legalized there in 2014.

In addition, AAA has been hosting impaired driving summits inviting local law enforcement, judges, attorneys and elected officials to participate in forums that identify solutions and best practices. These summits focus on the big picture of impaired driving, addressing alcohol, marijuana and prescription medications as well as other illegal drugs.

The portion of drivers who consider people driving after using illegal drugs to be a very serious threat was 56 percent.

P.S. Due to the Covid-19 virus I have decided to put my plans for Ray on hold. Unfortunately Palm Beach County is only in phase 1 which still has a lot of restrictions. So what I had hoped to do to celebrate Ray in November has been changed to after the first of the year. I do not have a date as of yet, but I will let you know as soon as I have everything in place. I hope you will still join me in celebrating Ray's life and reminiscing about all the good times we had together.



Harry & The Natives



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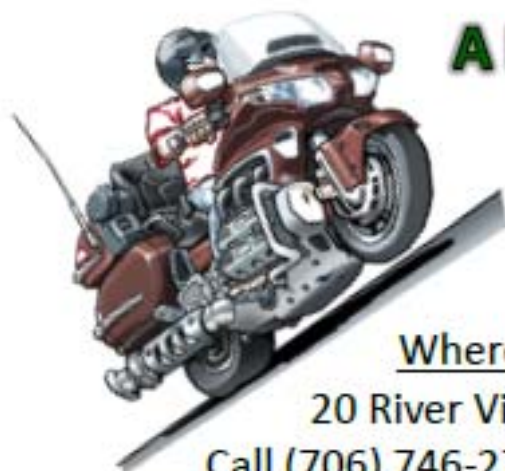


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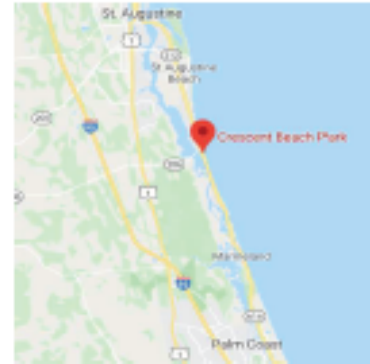


Fall District Ride-In 2020

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The route shows several gas/comfort stops and also a stop at The Landing Family Restaurant, 3445 E US Highway 90, Lake City, for those who want a lunch stop. There are also many other places to eat in MacClenny or Lake City. We will have a short ceremony at the Cedar Key City Park at 4:00 PM where we will have a 50/25/25



and a Raffle the Raffle Tickets sale & drawing. Some of us are staying in Cedar Key at the Cedar Cove Hotel, 192 2nd St and some are staying at the Beach Front Motel, 873 1st St. Some are staying two nights to enjoy the area.



On Saturday, November 7th FL1-K is having their Chapter Rally at Santa Maria del Mar Catholic Church, 925 N. Central Ave Flagler Beach from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The Rally theme is "Celebrating All Veterans". If you need help downloading the Ride-In gpx file Denis will help you at the Rally. Denis Turcotte

has a planned ride around the Daytona Beach Loop after the Rally. Some of us are staying overnight on November 6th & 7th at the Hilton Garden Inn, Palm Coast and some are staying at the Microtel Inn & Suites, Palm Coast.

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Blue Heron Chevron (West of I-95) - 4128 W Blue Heron Blvd. Riviera Beach,

Blue Heron WaWa (East of I-95) - 7289 Garden Road West Palm Beach

Mobil Station (I-95 & Congress Avenue Exit) – 8081 Congress Avenue Boca Raton

7-11 Station (NW Corner Southern Blvd & Binks Forest Drive) - 15589 Southern Blvd. Loxahatchee FL 33470

Chevron Station (Atlantic Ave & Hagen Ranch Rd) - 7533 W Atlantic Avenue Delray Beach, FL 334466



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09/06/2020 - **Ice Cream Sunday!** Ice Cream Club Manalapan 7pm If you missed it - you missed a good one!

09/14/2020 - **FL2-A Zoom Gathering:** Time: Sep 14, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81377124909> Meeting ID: 813 7712 4909

09/16/2020 - **Brown Bag Lunch:** Leave 7-11 Southern and Binks Forest at 10:30am. Riding to Paul Rardin Park 4600 State Road 715, Pahokee, FL 33476

09/18/2020 - **Celebrate National Cheeseburger Day!** RSVP Please 561-722-0632. We will be meeting at 6pm at Bru's Room located at 1333 N Congress Avenue Boynton Beach. Outdoor seating. You don't like cheeseburgers? They have an open menu, Salads, Chicken etc. Check out: <https://brusroom.com/locations/boynton-beach/> Join us!

09/24 - 09/26/2020 - **North Carolina Ride In:** See the flyer here: <http://www.gwrranc.org/pdf/events/2020/2020%20WOC/WOC%20Western%20Ride%20Sept%2026.pdf>

09/26/2020 **SE Police Motorcycle Rodeo.** Meeting at 7:45am and Leaving at 8am from the Mobil Station at I-95 & Congress Avenue (8081 Congress Avenue Boca) with a stop for breakfast at Tom Sawyer's located at 1759 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Boca. From there we will head to the Citi Centre for the SE Police Rodeo 1955 N Federal Highway Pompano Beach. Stay as long as you want! RSVP: Dan Moro 954-288-4114

10/08 - 10/10/2020 - **Georgia District Ride In:** River Vista Mountain Village Dillard Georgia http://gwrra-ga.com/2020_GA_Rally.html

10/15 - 10/17/2020 - **Mississippi District Rally** Gulfport Mississippi <http://miss-gwrra.com/rally.html>

10/29 - 10/31/2020 - **Virginia District Rally:** https://17eb7470-1fd0-4c28-ae9d-3e3eefadb443.filesusr.com/ugd/65ea8e_ac51d69a37ce40a1a001ae5a06b1b204.pdf

As always,

Social Distancing and Masks are required. Ride safe and have FUN!

Come Have FUN with Us!



More Opportunities to have **FUN!**



SAVE THE RALLY DATES

October 8th - 10th, 2020 **Georgia** District Ride In
October 15th - 17th, 2020 **Mississippi** District Rally
October 29th - 31st, 2020 **Virginia** District Rally

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