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May Flowers

Who went to the Caladium Festival last year and purchased bulbs and actually planted them? I did and guess what? They sprouted again! I was so excited!

As you are reading this Bill & I are traveling to different District Rallies having a blast! I sure wish you guys would join us! More the Merrier!

Please support Don Scantlan on the Dot to Dot Ride, he has put a lot of effort planning this ride for us to go on. It is FUN!

Congratulations to Carl & Cathy Williams the new Southeast Territory International Couple of the Year! What an honor and they worked really hard to get there. Next time you see them, make sure you congratulate them. Watch for pictures posted on Facebook of the FUN we are having on our trip and we hope to be back by May 21st.

Remember the gathering is May 6th at the Hive!

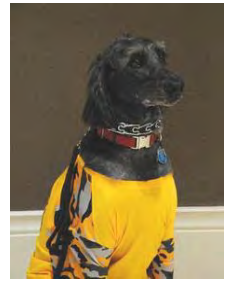
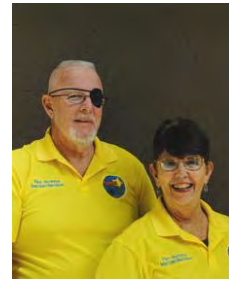
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Our Gathering is MAY 6, 2019
6pm for dinner and 7pm for Gathering
The HIVE 618 Lantana Road Lantana, FL 33462



Rick & Pam Northrop
Senior District Ride Educators
& Chelsea too!



Over the past several weeks Pam and I have had the opportunity to witness several things we never thought we would see in our lifetime. One of which was to attend a full blown Harley Rally. Such an awesome experience! Did you know those folks that ride those "other" motorcycles are some of the sweetest, caring, courteous and just plain awesome people you might want to meet. We were driving our car and couldn't find a place to park when we got there and one of them said "just get out and join in on the fun and I'll park it for you and when you are ready to go I'll bring it around for you." Pam even won the grand prize in their 50/50. They even put me on one of those "other" bikes to ride for a few hours and it took a little getting use to, (very little I must say). I gotta admit it has been awhile since I have been on a two wheeler. But lots of fun!

Saying all that to come to this. These folks were probably not quite in my age group but most were getting there. Many were retired, many nearing retirement age, many on a disability of some sort. All facing the same thing we Gold Wing riders are facing, "Father Time". No way any of us can beat the clock. I got up this morning and went to the bathroom sink and looked in the mirror and my father was staring at me. Scared me to death. I preached his funeral. So you can imagine. Why all this dialog you might ask. Well, you know the other day I was sitting in my bar-ca-lounger and had to get up to go in to my bedroom for.....??? Never done that you say? Sure you have. As we age we tend to get a bit forgetful. It happens to all of us no matter who we are or what we ride.

Thus the reason for Rider Education! GWRRA Rider Education has never been to blame or ridicule. It has always been to reaffirm forgotten and/or unused riding skills. To bring things back to memory, practice to help the Rider and Co-Rider have a safer ride that they may have more FUN.

GWRRA offers many great Rider Ed seminars focusing on numerous aspects of motorcycling. A couple I highly recommend for every Rider and Co-Rider are the RCC, (Road Captains Course) and the TRS, (Team Riding Seminar). No, this doesn't mean that every Rider has to lead or tail a ride but, at least all would be on the same page.

Chapter Directors, there are many other Rider Ed Seminars available for your members as well as TRC, (Trike Rider Course) and MFA, (Medic First Aid) classes. For the Seminars please contact Norm Van Dame or myself to schedule one. For a TRC or a MFA class please contact me for scheduling.

So, remember to... Ride Safe, Ride Aware!

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Bill & Cheryl Smith Florida District Directors



Greetings and Salutations! Welcome to May 2019! It's Motorcycle Awareness Month! Summer is not officially here yet, but judging by the temperatures and humidity – it is here! Several of our "Snow Birds" have flown the coop and gone back to their northern digs, in search of cooler weather and friends and family in the frigid north! That's right; there is still snow in a lot of places!

We received the 2020 District Rally Hilton Room Reservation Code, as well as the link to reserve online! You can find it on the Rally Page of the District Website at www.gwrraflorida.com along with the 2020 Rally Flyer! It's the Luck of the Irish, so get your Leprechaun On for some Shenanigans at the Florida 2020 District Rally! You can pre-register early and get entered into the Early Registration prize drawing! Early Registration helps us and you!

The end of April and into May, Cheryl and I, on our trusty Wing, will be heading to the South Carolina Rally in Newberry. After a FUN time participating and visiting with friends there we go off to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, for the District Rally there. We have so much to do there, including the Saturday night Dinner Show at Hatfield's and McCoy's. Lots of great riding in the area, plus we have good friends who retired from where I worked and moved to Dandridge, so we get to visit with them as well! After that Rally, we will go to Richmond, Virginia, to visit with Cheryl's sister and, then, up to York, Pennsylvania, for another FUN GWRRA Rally! We will then head back home, until Alabama's District Rally in June!

We surely hope you, too, are going to get involved with your GWRRA family during the summer! We have a few more Rallies we plan to attend and, if anyone would like to ride with us, give me a call or email and we'll see if we can coordinate a ride!

Speaking of "rides", we had a fantastic District Ride-In to the Panhandle on April 6th! District Ride Coordinator, Denis Turcotte, with help from others, planned out and executed an excellent event! A group from my home Chapter, FL2-A, rode to Perry, FL, on Thursday, April 4th and missed all the rain. On Friday, we rode in to Crestview, FL, hitting a few light rains, not enough to suit up though. As soon as we pulled into the portico of the hotel, the rain came down in buckets! On Saturday, the day of the Ride-In, the weather was clear and we had a large group join us at the starting point. We broke into groups and had a beautiful and relaxing ride through the back roads of the Panhandle and even into Alabama! We arrived at Blackwater River State Park and as soon as everyone got into the pavilion we rented, the rain came down in buckets again! That lasted about 10 minutes. Everyone ate their lunch and we sold some 50/50 tickets, gave away some door prizes and I presented District Motorist Awareness Coordinators Nate and Danelle Kinion their Senior Award! After all the drawings, everyone went their separate ways with memories of a FUN Ride-In! Congratulations to all the winners! Even with the threat of rain the whole weekend, we had 45 attendees from 6 Chapters and 2 Districts! We were very happy with the turnout and the events of the weekend!

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Our next District Ride In is scheduled on October 26th for a Sunrise Sunset Ride. Denis is still working out the details and it will be announced as soon as we have conformation of routes, stops, starting and ending points.

On August 27-31, GWRRA is having a little thing called Wing Ding in Nashville, Tennessee, at a place called the Opryland Gaylord! If you have been to that Gaylord before, you know. If you haven't been there, you need to go! At the price we are getting rooms for, it's worth going just for the hotel. It's 15 acres under air, everything is inside including restaurants and bars and there is even a river inside you can schedule a boat ride on! The Opryland Gaylord is an experience in itself. After you make your room reservations don't forget to register for Wing Ding ASAP, so you can get in on the two dinners and entertainment before they sell out! GWRRA also has a competition/challenge going on between the Districts seeing who can get to 10% of our membership pre-registered for Wing Ding! Florida has the largest number to achieve, 311 registrations! So, if you are going – get those pre-registrations in ASAP!

Remember – you can still sign up to go on the Florida District Sponsored Wingers N Waves Cruise to Cuba departing Ft. Lauderdale on November 30th returning on December 4th! Also, you can sign up to go on the Florida District Sponsored Wingers N Waves Cruise 12 Day Land and Sea Cruise to Alaska beginning May 25th, 2020! Just contact Deanna at deanna@wingersnwaves.com.

Cheryl and I wish you all a Happy Memorial Day, May 27th, honoring our country's heroes!

Bill & Cheryl Smith
Your Florida District Directors



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Tim & Nancy Moriarty Membership Enhancement



I don't usually do an article on trips we have taken but the ride-in to the Panhandle was a little different.

We camped at Rivers Edge Campground. The "roads" in the campground were packed sand, riddled with potholes. Due to the heavy rain we encountered our site was flooded so in hopes of it draining we dropped off the Bunkhouse and went to lunch. The site did drain but had to set up in the rain. The ride the next day was rain free and took us through some great roads in Florida and Alabama. Many thanks to all who planned the route. Gathered at Blackstone River State Park for a bring your own lunch. After lunch we went back to camp.

We had intended to stay on until Monday. However the weather was forecast to be quite nasty so packed up and left Sunday morning.

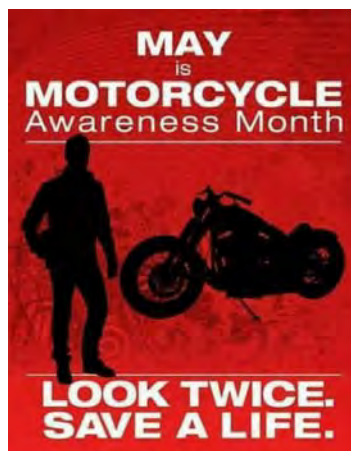
Now the best part. We gassed up in Holt which appeared to consist of two restaurants and a gas station. We headed east on US 90. If you have never traveled this route here is what you are missing. You will ride through 9 counties in the Panhandle and towns like Caryville, population 218, Cottondale 933, and the large metropolis of Crestview 23,000. My point is that the part of the state we live in has more people living in condo communities than these small towns. There is life outside South Florida. We also saw damage from Hurricane Michael, many downed trees and damaged homes. Sad to see. Also, not counting the 100 miles or so in Alabama we traveled 1300 miles, through 24 counties, not leaving the state!

Ok, so that you all can find out about these great road trips with wonderful friends remember to renew your membership in GWRRA and read the newsletter, not only ours but other Chapters and the District's.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month so let's make sure your family, friends, and neighbors know we are out there.

Remember to check your membership card for your renewal date.

Please ride and drive safe.
Tim and Nancy



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Ralph Meadows	05 - 2000
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Chapter Ride Coordinator and Educator Corner

By Ray & Claudia Vega

The saying goes – April showers bring May flowers – but we know May really brings in the HEAT early. And that heat just builds up to Hurricane season beginning June 1st - Claudia's favorite season (NOT).

At the April Gathering we talked about tires and checking them for wear and tear. I would like to reiterate this. Several of our members will be heading out on vacation on their bikes and the last thing you want on vacation is a tire blow out. With this heat tire wear can be rapid without you even realizing it. If your tire looks "iffy" or on the border of needing to be replaced, please do not wait to change it, just get it done.

I would also like to remind you of our old saying for summer – HYDRATE, HYDRATE, HYDRATE! It's time to pull out all of the tricks talked about last year regarding carrying water. Do you remember them?

I have gotten the approval to teach a Road Captain Course. It is scheduled for Saturday, June 1st beginning at 9:00 am. The classroom portion will be held at the Safety Council of Palm Beach located on Blue Heron Blvd west of I-95. This course consists of 1.5 hours of class room and approximately 2 hours riding. There is limited space in this course and will be first come / first served. We need more Road Captains in our Chapter, so please sign up for this course at the May Gathering.

There are many of our Chapter members including Claudia and me, heading to Pennsylvania for the Pennsylvania District Rally to have FUN with Harold and Diane Jackson. Bill and Cheryl are already up there. But that does not mean we won't be riding in May – check out the calendar for all the rides that will be happening including Don Scantlan's "CONNECT THE DOTS" 3 day ride beginning Friday, May 10th.

Enjoy the good riding weather and as always,
RIDE SAFE!

As always, Ride Safe and have FUN!

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MOTORIST AWARENESS IS EVERYWHERE

by Claudia Vega

I know I keep saying this, but it is true! As you might know, May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Here are a couple of quotes issued in a news release from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA):

"As the weather warms this spring, hundreds of thousands of motorcyclists will hit the streets, ready to shake off the winter blues and cruise. With thousands of deaths each year, motorcyclists are significantly over represented in traffic crashes and fatalities. In fact, per vehicle mile traveled, motorcyclists are about 27 times more likely than passenger vehicle occupants to die in a motor vehicle crash and 5 times more likely to be injured. It is essential that vehicle drivers pay complete attention on the roads: Even the smallest momentary lapse in a vehicle driver's awareness can result in the death of an unseen motorcyclist.

A key way we can reduce traffic fatalities and keep our roads safe is for drivers to understand motorcycle safety challenges such as size and visibility and riding practices like downshifting and weaving to be able to anticipate and respond to motorcyclists' behavior. Motorcycles are among the smallest and most vulnerable vehicles on the road, putting riders at greater risk of death and serious injury in a crash. In fact, research and state-level data consistently identifies a motorist as being at-fault in more than half of all multi-vehicle motorcycle involved collisions"

The NHTSA is not telling us anything new or that we don't already know. It is all well and good to quote all these stats, but what can we do to help prevent these accidents. The news release continues on listing some tips for motorists and tips for motorcyclists. To paraphrase here are the Tips for Motorists:

- Motorcyclist still has the same rights of the road as any other motorist
- Always use a turn signal when changing lanes or merging with traffic
- Check all mirrors and blind spots for motorcycles before changing lanes
- Always allow more following distance when behind a motorcycle
- Never drive distracted or impaired

Now if we can just get motorists to heed these tips and basic rules of the road, it would make it safer for all.

As I stated there were also some tips for motorcyclists:

- Wear a DOT – compliant helmet and other protective gear
- Obey all traffic laws and be properly licensed
- Use hand and turn signals at every lane change and turn
- Wear brightly colored clothes and reflective tape to increase visibility
- Ride in the middle of the lane where you will be more visible to drivers
- Never ride distracted or impaired

As you read this list of tips you will see it is nothing new – Ray has been preaching this information for years. Now, as a motorcyclist, we need to heed these tips and basic rules of the road. Remember it is not if you will be in an accident, but when.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE BE SAFE OUT THERE – WE WANT YOU TO COME HOME!

I truly hope you will participate in this FUN project and **REMEMBER MOTORIST AWARENESS IS EVERYWHERE!**

Claudia Vega

“Who Are You?” by Claudia Vega

This month we are going to get to know our Chapter Member Don & Cathy Scantlan

Cathy started right out of the box with an interesting little tidbit about her middle name. It seems the hospital spelt her middle name wrong on her birth certificate – they spelled it Janette when it should be Jeanette. She also stated that her birthday is on the “day that James died in a car wreck”. Do you know what date that was? Don’s middle name is Lee and when I say his name “Donald Lee” it sounds like a good ole southern name, but is (Fort Smith), Arkansas where he was born, considered a southern state? It also seems that Don married a “cougar” – well maybe not quite, but he is a little younger than Cathy. Cathy was born in Houston Texas and they both consider that to be their home town. Don currently works as a teacher for Palm Beach County and Cathy is in the nursing field at the VA hospital in West Palm Beach.

They moved to Florida in 1998 when Don retired from the Army and got a job in Boca Raton. Cathy was happy to move to Florida as she hates being cold! They both agree on how long they have been married though the way Cathy stated it – 11798 days – it sounds like a lot longer than 32 years and 4 months. Nothing like “counting the days”. Don has 2 children – Mandy and Tim from a previous marriage and says he has too many grandchildren to count. Cathy does not have children, but is the guardian to her sister Rebecca. We all know Becky – she has joined us on many a Chapter event and is a GWRRA member.

Don started riding bikes in 1969 and his first bike was a Bridgestone 90. While Cathy started riding when she was 12 on her sisters’ dirt bikes in the mountains and on the logging trails in Washington State. Don and Cathy currently ride a 2012 Gold Wing. Don also has a 1996 Sportster and Cathy has a 1986 Honda Rebel 450. They joined GWRRA in December of 2013, about a year after buying their Wing. When I asked why they joined GWRRA Cathy stated that the motorcycle was sitting in the garage most of the time and she really wanted to RIDE. So, as the computer person that she is, she started searching for people to ride with and found the Chapter’s Shutterfly account and all the photos of the rides we (the Chapter) were doing and noticed that none of the photos had alcohol in them. That sold her as us being a fun and safe group. Don joined because Cathy told him to. When asked what they like about GWRRA they said it was making friends and stressing safety. They also would like to help the Chapter as much as they can and get in more riding and maybe some more camping.

Don and Cathy are also very involved in the Lantana Civil Air Patrol. I believe Don is a Commander at the local unit and Cathy is the Florida State Health Services Officer, Group 6 Assistant Public Affairs Officer. She is training for the Safety Officer and Public Information Officer positions. If you would like to know more about the Civil Air Patrol check out their website: www.gocivilairpatrol.com

I asked them what other hobbies or sports they like to do and Cathy said that she is a “Pokémon Trainer” Team Instinct Level 37- someone is really going to have to explain this one to me – but I have to say it sounds like fun. Don is into drone flying and is in fact pretty passionate about it. As far as having an interesting life story, Don says he has a couple, but we will have to ask him about them. As for Cathy, she shared with us that she took a job at the car dealership Chick Smith Ford who always advertised as being the dealership “right next door to the Goodyear Blimp Base”. So she took the job just to get a chance to get a ride on the blimp and it worked!



Who Are You?" by Claudia Vega

I have enjoyed writing these articles and getting to know our Chapter members better. I hope you have too.

BUT I NEED YOUR HELP!

This month's story is the last that I have information for. I have requested at several Chapter gatherings for you to send me your answers to the 21 questions that I use to get to know you. It is simple enough and will only take a few minutes. I am including the questionnaire in this newsletter and ask that you complete it and email it back to me at rvega19854@gmail.com.

All you have to do is jot down numbers 1 – 21 and put your answer next to the number, I will match your answer to the questionnaire; it is as simple as that.

If you enjoy this article each month and want me to continue then please send me your answers!

Thank you

21 QUESTIONS TO GET TO KNOW YOU

1. FULL NAME
2. DATE OF BIRTH
3. CURRENT CITY WHERE YOU LIVE
4. WHERE WERE YOU BORN
5. WHERE WAS YOUR HOME TOWN
6. WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO FLORIDA
7. WHY DID YOU MOVE TO FLORIDA / WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO THIS AREA
8. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN MARRIED TO CURRENT SPOUSE
9. WHAT ARE YOUR CHILDREN NAMES
10. WHAT ARE YOUR GRANDCHILDREN NAMES AND AGES
11. WHAT DID YOU DO FOR A LIVING (WHAT KIND OF JOB DID YOU HAVE)
12. WHEN DID YOU JOIN GWRRA
13. WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO JOIN GWRRA / HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT GWRRA
14. WHAT BIKE ARE YOU CURRENTLY RIDING
15. WHAT TYPE OF BIKE GOT YOU STARTED INTO RIDING
16. WHEN DID YOU START RIDING
17. WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT GWRRA
18. WHAT OTHER HOBBIES / SPORTS DO YOU LIKE TO DO
19. WHAT OTHER ORGANIZATIONS ARE YOU INVOLVED IN
20. DO YOU HAVE AN INTERESTING LIFE STORY TO SHARE
21. WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO THIS YEAR WITH THE CHAPTER / GWRRA

Please send response to Claudia as we all want to learn about each other!

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05-05-19 Happy Cinco de Mayo

**05-06-19 FL2-A Monthly Gathering Dinner at 6pm The Hive 618 Lantana Road
Lantana Gathering at 7pm**

**05-10-19—05-12-19 Connect the Dots Ride Leaving 8am Tom Sawyer Restaurant
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05-12-19 Happy Mother's Day

05-14-19 Bike Night at Cycle Gear 846 N Military Trail West Palm Beach

05-16-19—05-18-19 Pennsylvania District Rally York, PA

**05-22-19 Kick Tire 6pm Meet There Silverball Museum 19 NE 3rd Avenue Delray
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time games (there is food there or plenty of restaurants in the area)**

**05-25-19 Dining Around the World to Mexico Leaving 4:30 Race Trac Hypoluxo &
Seacrest (arriving approx 5:30) Casa Tequila 8228 Glades Road Boca Raton RSVP
Please 561-704-7378**

05-27-19 Memorial Day

**05-29-19 Mid Week Ride Leaving 10:15 am 7-11 Station 15589 Southern Blvd.
Loxahatchee (corner of Southern & Binks Forest) riding to Café 27
498 US 27 Moore Haven FL**

**06/01/19 Road Captains Course 9am Safety Council of Palm Beach County 4152 W
Blue Heron Blvd. West Palm Beach - bring your bikes!**

**06/02/19 Ice Cream Sunday! Leave 6pm Race Trac Hypoluxo & Seacrest riding to
Mimi's Creamery & Coffee 103-A South 3rd Street Lantana**

**06/03/19 FL2-A Monthly Gathering Dinner at 6pm The Hive 618 Lantana Road
Lantana Gathering at 7pm**

**06/05/19 FL2-R Ft Lauderdale Dinner & Gathering Leave 5pm Chevron at Atlantic &
Hagen Ranch.**

Watch your emails for update! Listen to your voice messages!

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6 FL2-A Dinner & Gathering The Hive	7	8	9	10 Connect the Dots Ride 7am breakfast Tom Sawyer Leave at 8	11 Connect the Dots Ride
12 Connect the Dots Ride	13	14 Bike Night Cycle Gear	15	16 PA District Rally	17 PA District Rally	18 PA District Rally
Happy Mother's Day!						
19	20	21	22 Kick Tire 6pm Silverball Museum	23	24	25 Dining Around World to Mexico
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29 Mid-Week Ride 10:15am Café 27	30	31	

Come Have FUN with Us!



More Opportunities to have FUN!



SAVE THE RALLY DATES

May 16th - 18th Pennsylvania District Rally

June 20th - 22nd Alabama District Rally

August 27th - 31st Wing Ding

September 19th - 21st Georgia District Ride In

**September 26th - 28th North Carolina District
Rally**

October 17th - 19th Mississippi District Rally

**October 25th—27th Florida District
Sunrise - Sunset Ride**

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