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Hi Everyone,

Well first I want to thank Ty & Tristin Taylor, David & Susan Lovelace and Don & Cathy Scantlan all for coming to Wing Ding! What a great time. Sorry I wanted to get a group picture, but couldn't get everyone together.

Next year Wing Ding will be held in Shreveport-Bossier, Lousiana. Check out www.wing-ding.com to check out the information on hotels etc. Remember you can always secure the hotel now and cancel later. This is the first time Wing Ding is being held in Lousiana. Should be FUN and it's closer!

Our past rides, we had dinner at Hooter's, toured the Navy Seal Museum and lunch at Shrimpers and of course traveling to Wing-Ding.

Not much on the calendar this month, as our Granddaughter Jacey is flying down and we are taking her to Disney World next week. We are so excited to see her and have her to ourselves! Can you say SPOIL?

The next gathering will be held July 12th at Haos Noodles 2677 Forest Hill Blvd. West Palm Beach. Great food and service! We hope to see you there! Don't forget to RSVP on GroupWorks!

Please read the whole newsletter for more important information.

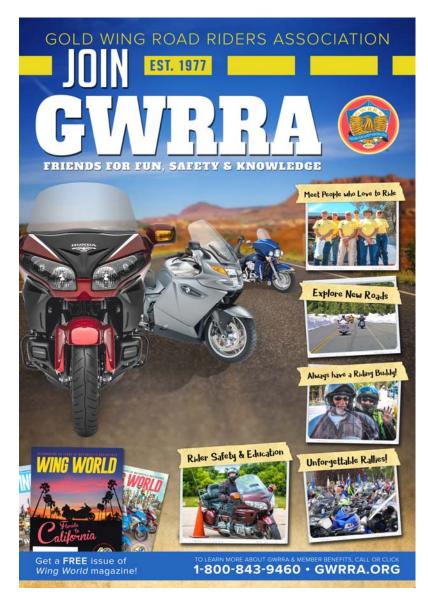
See you soon!

Stay Safe, Cheryl Smith Sr Chapter Director



July 12th Gathering is being held 6pm to eat 7pm to meet at Haos Noodles 2677 Forest Hill Blvd. West Palm Beach, FL 33406 Join Us!

Do you know someone who would like to join? Give them your membership number for a referral. Anyone can join and be a part of the Family, FUN & Benefits too!





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Bill & Cheryl Smith Florida District Directors



Sorry for the late newsletter but we wanted to wait until after Wing Ding to put out the latest and greatest Florida District Newsletter! Cheryl and I hope you had a wonderful Independence Day weather at home or on the road.

We have several things to cover this month so bear with me.

First Wing Ding in Springfield MO was a blast! Since being cancelled last year, like so many other events, it was wonderful to get to see our GWRRA friends we hadn't seen in some time. On Tuesday at the Awards Ceremony Cheryl and I received a plaque for being selected Director's of the Year class of 2020-2021. Such an honor! On Wednesday the Vendors opened up to the public. We walked around the two floors of Vendors and spent some money, of course. On Thursday we went to the District Directors meeting and later the Chapter Directors meeting. On Friday we had FUN selling tickets all day for a chance to win the 50/50 money and a new Goldwing! On Saturday morning we attended the Rider Education Award Ceremony. We accepted the Educator of the Year Award for 2020 posthumously for our own Assistant District Educator Ray Vega. We also made our final purchases and went to the Closing Ceremony hoping to be a Winner of one or more of the prizes! No such luck. The best part was having FUN with our friends and even meeting new ones! What I remember is we had folks from the following Chapters FL1-A, FL2-A, FL1-B, FL1-D, FL1-H, FL2-H, FL1-K, FL1-L2, FL1-M, FL2-O, FL2-R and FL1-T. If I missed anyone, so very sorry. Thank you to all of the Florida members who attended and especially those who volunteered and helped out selling tickets! Cheryl and I got home after a total of 2908 miles on our Goldwing!

We have a new District University Coordinator (DUC)! We have appointed John Cain from the Melbourne Chapter FL2-D. Please read all about him in his article and welcome him to the District Team! We all look forward to getting some classes going again in Florida.

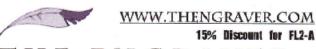
We also have two new Chapter Directors! Pensacola Chapter FL1-D's Chapter Directors, Don and Danni Schwieger, had to step aside due to the sudden death of their son. Bill and Cynde Nipple have taken the reigns and are keeping the FUN going in that Chapter. Panama City Chapter FL1-L had to get a new Director when Nate Kinion passed away and Danelle couldn't carry on in the position. James Seaboch has stepped up to keep that Chapter going. James is relatively new to GWRRA so let's give him all the support he needs to be a success!

We already had a brush with the first Atlantic Hurricane, Elsa. Luckily damage was at a minimum for Florida. It's important to be prepared for the storms so please keep up with your plans and preparations. It's supposed to be a busy storm year!

Lastly – the 43rd Wing Ding will be in Shreveport / Bossier Louisiana June 28th – July 2nd 2022! It has never been there before!

Make your plans and reservations now and let's have a BIG FLORIDA TURNOUT!





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David Lovelace 07/05
Susan Lovelace 07/10
Buddy Roesing 07/21
Phil Lobsinger 07/27
Becky Grow 07/27

July

PJ & Terry Fagley 07/31

If I have missed someone, please do let me know!









Dominick & Diane DeSiato District Ride Educators



THE THREE WHEEL ALTERNATIVE

There comes a time when all of us two-wheeled riders will have to make the decision. Do I stop riding entirely or do I switch to three wheels. There are basically 5 different categories of three wheeled vehicles to choose from. The conventional Gold Wing Trike (two wheels in the rear), A Gold Wing with a Sidecar (third wheel being on the sidecar), The Can Am Spyder (two wheels in the front), the Reverse Trike kit for the Gold Wing (two wheels in the front) and the Slingshot (side by side seating with two wheels in the front). There are many brand names in each category. I am not trying to be brand specific but concept specific. There is also a vast difference in cost between the different categories.

I would like to give you my opinion on each of the units in order to help you make a choice should you decide to move to a third wheel. I am a certified instructor for all of the listed machines so I know exactly the pros and cons of each, how they ride, handle, and cost.

The conventional Gold Wing Trike (two wheels in the rear) is the most expensive way to go (If you bought an entirely new unit). However, you can buy a pre-owned one at a reasonable price if you can find it. They are very comfortable and stable. The amount of stability is determined by the distance the two rear wheels are spaced center to center from each other. There are many manufacturers of those kits and the rear wheel center to center dimensions vary. The further apart the rear wheels are from one another the more stable the Trike is. With the newer better kits, the rear ends have a limited slip deferential which reduces the chance of lifting an inside wheel in a sharp turn.

Putting a sidecar on your Gold Wing can be about 1/5th the cost of the new conventional Gold Wing Trike (you put the sidecar on your existing Gold Wing). Your passenger can be protected from the elements in the sidecar or still ride on the back of your bike. A form of air conditioning can be added. You can transport children safely in it. The sidecar can be easily removed should the bike need to go into the shop for repairs. There are limitations on how you take a right turn, but this can easily be taught to you in one of our sidecar courses.

The Can Am Spyder is about ½ the cost of a new conventional Gold Wing Trike. There a lot of sophisticated devices built in to its system. You can't accidentally lift an inside wheel in a turn. The two wheels in the front are a more stable platform regardless of technology.

A Reverse Trike kit like the "Endeavor" added to your existing Gold Wing costs about \$10,000. It does not have the advanced technology the Spyder has, but you still have a very comfortable Gold Wing ride with this conversion.

The Slingshot is basically a three wheel sports car. About \$25,000.00. They are a lot of fun to drive but as you would enjoy a sports car, not a motorcycle. Florida has categorized them as a car so no motorcycle endorsement is needed to operate one.

I hope this article has given you some useful information should you ever decide to switch from two wheels to three wheels. If you were to switch to one of the three wheel motorcycles listed, you should take one of our riding courses for that particular unit. Each category has specific things you need to learn and experience on a safe range before you take it out on the open road. I am here to assist you should you have any questions on any of the machines.

Ride safe, Dominick & Diane

In Memory of a Great Man

As most of you have heard, we have lost another member of FL2-A. Tim Moriarty passed away peacefully on June 28th, 2021. We were lucky enough to have him with us an extra year. He loved to tell jokes. The last joke he told at the chapter gathering last month was about a place that he had never been to before "Hooter's".

We will miss you Timothy. Watch over all of us.



Memorial Service being held July 29th at Monarch Funeral Home 2950 N State Road 7 Margate, FL. Chapter Red Shirts are requested and we will be riding there. Leaving at 3:45pm from the Mobil Station at I-95 & Congress Avenue Exit, 8081 Congress Avenue Boca.

Let's give Nancy and family the support of her GWRRA Family.



Missing Ty Taylor and Tristen Taylor - never got pictures



Welcome Party sponsored by Springfield



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Don & Cathy Scantlan



Bella the Newfoundland and handler Dan



Carlos, Lynn Roberts, Bill



Some Vendors



Ticket Sales on Friday



Closing Ceremonies—David Lovelace

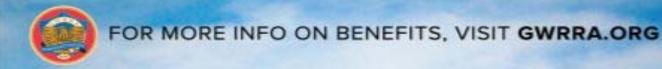


Closing Ceremonies—Florida Members including Susan Lovelace

Hope to see more FL2-A Members next year in 2022!



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CHAPTER RIDE COORDINATOR and EDUCATOR CORNER

by Claudia Vega

The following information I found in my AAA Living magazine - I was so surprised it was on motorcycling that I had to share it with everyone.

KEEPING MOTORCYCLISTS SAFE

For some travelers, the appeal of the open road is stronger when riding on two wheels. There's nothing like riding a motorcycle to immerse your senses in your surroundings. That open air experience comes with a price, however. Riders must be hyper-attentive to safety and to other vehicles on the road. And other motorists need to practice extra care as well. Here are some tips and insights to help keep motorcyclists safe on the road.

TECHNOLOGY FOR BIKERS

Just as technology has helped make cars safer, it's doing the same for motorcycles. Antilock brakes help keep the bike under control in slippery conditions or when the rider has to brake hard. Adaptive headlights improve a biker's ability to see in the dark, especially when they turn a corner or go around a bend in the road. Electronic tire pressure monitoring helps ensure proper tire inflation, which improves handling. And just as automobiles are adapting sensors that can alert drivers to dangers, collision avoidance tech is coming to motorcycles, offering alert for forward collision, safe following distance, blind spots and more.

Tech improvements aren't limited to the bike. Riders are benefiting from innovative gear that offers more protection. Airbag jeans, vests and bodysuits allow a person to ride normally, but they inflate immediately before a fall. Helmets can include cameras to help eliminate blind spots, and wireless communication to let riders talk with one another and hear navigation instructions. Augmented reality is expected to arrive soon so a motorcyclist will be able to see maps and the speedometer without having to look away from the road.

TIPS FOR BIKERS

Of course, the key to motorcycles safety is the person behind the handlebars. Bikers can help prevent (or minimize injury from) crashes by remembering the following:

- On every ride, wear a helmet that meets a high standard of protection.
- Make yourself visible to others on the road by keeping your headlights on at all times.
- Stay three to four seconds behind a vehicle you intend to pass. Before passing, check oncoming traffic from the left side of the lane, signal your intention to move over and then check one more time for oncoming traffic before you change lanes.
- When completing a pass, check your rearview mirror and quickly look back to ensure that the vehicle is a safe distance behind you before getting back over.
- Wear proper clothing; proper eyewear; and sturdy, closed-toe footwear.

NOW FOR THE NEXT PART FROM THIS AAA ARTICLE – PLEASE CONTINUE 1	ГО
READ A GOOD SECTION FOR MOTORIST AWARENESS	

MOTORIST AWARENESS IS EVERY WHERE by Claudia Vega

Here is the rest of the AAA article . . .

TIPS FOR DRIVERS OF OTHER VEHICLES

The number of motorcyclists killed in crashes dropped to 4985 in 2018 (the most recent data available), but motorcycle riders are still over-represented in traffic fatalities, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Motorist can help make the roads safe for motorcyclist with these precautions:

- Be especially alert on weekends, when more motorcyclists typically take to the road.
- If you're turning at an intersection and your view of oncoming traffic is partially obstructed, wait until you can see around the obstruction. Scan for motorcyclist pedestrians and bicyclist, too and proceed with caution.
- Provide motorcyclists plenty of room to maneuver. Stay at least five to six seconds behind them.
- Allow motorcyclists extra maneuvering room in areas with potholes, pavement transitions and railroad crossings so they can slow down, stop or adjust their lane positions.
- Never try to share a lane with a motorcycle. Motorcycles have the same rights to lanes as any other vehicle.
- Check your mirrors carefully before you change lanes. Motorcycles may be in your blind spots or difficult to see because of their smaller size.

I thought this article was pretty spot on and informative – I hope you enjoyed it.

Any questions, please give me a call or we can discuss at the gathering Monday night.

Claudia Vega 561-722-0632





RIDE LEAVE LOCATIONS:

Race Trac - Corner of Seacrest Blvd. & Hypoluxo Road 1450 Hypoluxo Road Lantana

Wawa - 1965 Hypoluxo Rd. Lantana West of I-95

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

Blue Heron WaWa (East of I-95) - 7289 Garden Road Riviera 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



Rides Subject to Change watch for Calendar Updates online www.goldwingfl2-a.com and Groupworks!

07/04/2021 - Happy Independence Day!

07/12/2021 - FL2-A Monthly Gathering Meet at the Haos Noodles at 6 PM to eat (or to order from the Red Parrot) and the Gathering starts at 7 PM. It is located in the Lakeshore Plaza between Congress Ave and Florida Mango Rd on the north side of Forest Hill Blvd with plenty of parking!

07/16/2021 - Concert in the Park "Let It Be" Beatle Tribute Band with member Doug Goethel, from FL2-O Stuart at the helm of the drums as "Ringo". Great show. Food Trucks begin at 5pm - 9pm, Concert begins at 6:30pm. You can bring your own food if you want and chairs of course. Meet there at 5:30pm Royal Palm Beach Commons Park 11600 Poinciana Blvd. Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411.

07/27/2021 - Meet & Eat 6:00pm, Lucille's Bad to the Bone BBQ 6655-A West Boynton Beach Blvd. Boynton Beach, FL 33437 RSVP Please 561-445-4270

07/29/2021 - Tim Moriarty Life Celebration Memorial Service - Red Chapter Shirts please. Leaving the Mobil Station (I-95 & Congress Ave exit) 8081 Congress Avenue Boca Raton, riding to: Monarch Funeral Home 2950 N State Road 7, Margate, FL 33063

08/01/2021 - Meet at 7pm Lily's Handmade Ice Cream 4900 Linton Blvd. Delray Beach www.lilyshandmadeicecream.com

08/02/2021 - FL2-A Monthly Gathering Meet at the Haos Noodles at 6 PM to eat (or to order from the Red Parrot) and the Gathering starts at 7 PM. It is located in the Lakeshore Plaza between Congress Ave and Florida Mango Rd on the north side of Forest Hill Blvd with plenty of parking!

08/15/2021 - Meet at 7pm Kobosko Kreamery 9108 Forest Hill Blvd. Wellington for some ice cream



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Do you have a place you want to go? A ride you may like to take? Don't keep it a secret! Please let us know because we want to go too! You can email wcsmith161@gmail.com or call 561-445-4270

Thanks! Bill Smith

July 2021

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