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June 2021

Hi Everyone! Well it is time to get this chapter going again! We have been separated way too long! With that being said, we are having our first in person gathering at Haos Noodles. Don Hotchkiss and Elaine Flores were kind enough to find this location for us. The owner, Alyssa is a sweet heart and is looking forward to serving us. We hope we will see a lot of you! Restaurant seats 50+. Let's do this!

We have had a couple of rides here and there. Some people came out and enjoyed the Affair of the Arts in the beginning of April. Thank you! We had a District Ride In to the Panhandle, Thanks to Bill, Ty, Tristan, Samantha, Claudia, Robert, David & Susan for a great weekend. This too was great to see everyone. Stay tuned for the next one! Bill & I went to the Tennessee District Rally. Weather was perfect, rally was awesome. Again, it is great to see everyone again. We went to FL2-O Stuart Gathering on May 12th. Great turnout! Always welcoming to us. We had a ride to the Galaxy Diner in Stuart. Small group but we had a great time together. We had a mystery lunch ride May 26th. We took backroads for 1 1/2 hours and ate at Dune Dog Café in Jupiter.

This Sunday May 30th we have an Ice Cream ride scheduled. Life is too short, eat dessert first! Then we will take a stroll along Atlantic Avenue for a bite of dinner. Wednesday June 2nd is FL2-R Ft Lauderdale's 1st in person gathering at DiSalvo Pizza. We are looking forward to seeing them again. We put together a couple of more rides before we leave at the end of the month for Springfield Missouri for Wing Ding! If are you going, please let Bill know, as you know Florida has Ticket Sales on Friday.

As the summer months approach, so do the afternoon storms (3 o'clock) is usually on the calendar daily. With that, we will be having early morning rides and evening rides to avoid the mid hot afternoon sun and heat. We just need you! If you have a location you would like to go to, please let us know where and we will schedule it! It is hard always coming up with ideas.

I want to take this time to Thank Carolyn Brown for stepping up and taking over our "Sunshine" Duties. It does take a lot to remember everyone's special days. She has done a fantastic job! Thank you again Carolyn. With that being said, unfortunately, Carolyn is moving away back to Texas the middle of June. So....if anyone would like that duty for the chapter, please let me know.

We hope to see you all on Sunday night for Ice Cream / Yogurt and also on June 7th for the gathering.

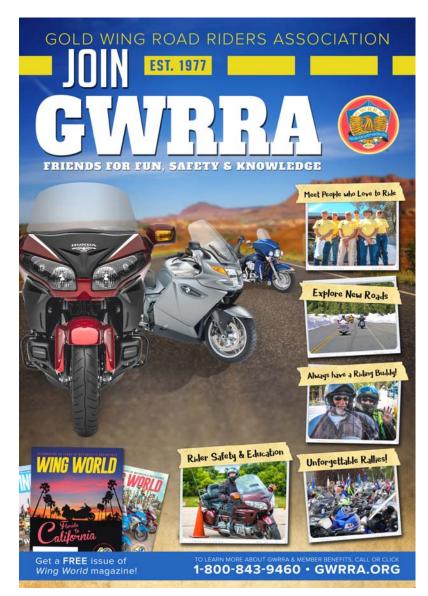
See you soon!

Stay Safe, Cheryl Smith Sr Chapter Director



June 7th 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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CHAPTER RIDE COORDINATOR and EDUCATOR CORNER by

Claudia Vega

It may only be the end of May, but soon we will be battling the heat. So here is your first reminder to everyone to hydrate – that's right with this heat we have to really start watching that we don't get dehydrated. So please start packing extra water on your bike. At the very least at every stop you make, make sure you drink a bottle of water.

This month I am taking some information again from "MCN Street Strategies – A Survival Guide for Motorcyclists" by David L. Hough. It is riding season and we all like taking off during the weekends – but this article can be used any time you ride.

BUMPER BIKES

It Pays to Cover That Front Brake in Traffic

You're headed home from a Sunday ride. Traffic's heavy and moving fast. You're overheated and tired from a long day, but you have to maintain a fast pace on the super slab to keep from getting pushed aside by aggressive drivers.

When you finally get to your turnoff, you breathe a sigh of relief for having survived the insane rush of Sunday afternoon freeway traffic and continue homeward on the busy four-lane arterial. You try to maintain at least a two-second following distance, but other drivers zoom into your space, and you react by closing up the distance and covering the brake lever. You can only hope no one does anything stupid.

You know you'll be getting home later than planned, and you glance down at the clock for a second. When you look up again, the car ahead of you has its brake lights on. You brake as quickly as you can, but there just isn't space to get the bike stopped, short of a collision. Your front wheel bangs into the vehicle ahead, and the car behind you squeals to a stop with its bumper crunching your saddlebags. You aren't hurt, but your bike will need some repairs, and you now have an accident to deal with.

Even if you're almost home, it is more important to maintain your guard on surface streets than it is on aggressive freeways. Thinking about your late arrival and glancing at the clock can distract you from what is happening ahead. Covering the brake lever is a good tactic, but it takes more than hope to avoid collisions in bumper - on - bumper traffic.

In heavy traffic, you should look ahead several vehicles to monitor traffic flow and signal lights to predict a traffic slowdown well before the brake lights of the next vehicle come on. You also could favor the left wheel track of the car ahead of you to make it easier to see and be seen. When you notice a slowdown ahead, apply your brakes to signal drivers behind you, which might prevent a chain of accidents.



MOTORIST AWARENESS IS EVERY WHERE by Claudia Vega

It is hard to believe that May is already over. With any luck the weather will hold out and we can have some great rides. We all know the heat is coming. I would like to take a moment for a shout out and a very big thank you to Cheryl and Bill for keeping Chapter A alive and well and active over this past difficult year. Bill has leaded multiple rides throughout the year and without any planning meetings, they have done this on their own. From the bottom of my heart THANK YOU.

As for me, I am still on the mend but plan (and hope) to get back into things. I have some rides and restaurant ideas to share with Cheryl and with any luck I want to join in the FUN that Chapter A is having.

On the Motorist Awareness front – thanks to Cheryl and Bill and other volunteers, the Chapter participated in Wellington's green market over the months of January through March. This was great exposure for the Chapter. We were able to sell bike tickets, show off our bikes and let the general public know a little about us as motorcyclist.

Also, for all of you that joined in on the Chapter rides, every time you showed off your bike or interacted with someone, you participated in Motorist Awareness and for that I thank you.

As more of us get vaccinated and the State of Florida continues to lift restrictions, hopefully more of us will get out and ride. Even Ray's cousin is getting Ray's bike ready – he starts it every week and is getting ready to detail it. He checked the tires and they don't seem to have any flat spots. Now I just have to get better in order to ride it.

Let's get out and about and have FUN with Chapter FL2-A.









Bill & Cheryl Smith Florida District Directors



It is June! What comes along in June in Florida – let's see – Rainy Season, getting warmer waiting for summer to start and Hurricane Season Starts! Get prepared and watch the weather before you go on rides. Safety First!

Most of our Snowbirds have returned to their northern homes. We hope more of them, including our Canadian friends, can come down again in the Fall.

Cheryl and I went to the Tennessee District Rally, Spring Fling, in May. We had a great time riding up there joining Rick and Madalena Buck in Warner Robins GA for the final leg of the ride to Pigeon Forge TN. The Rally had a good turn out and plenty of vendors. We had a great time riding the mountains and the weather was outstanding! Congratulations to Dennis and Jan Peterson for providing a FUN and safe time at the Spring Fling! The Florida Chapters I remember being represented there were FL1-A, FL1-L2, FL2-A, FL1-D, FL2-G and FL2-O. Denis Turcotte and Nikki Blaha won Longest Distance 2up. FL1-D won awards for Mascot and Banner! Congratulations to all! After the rally Cheryl and I stayed with some friends who live nearby for a few days and enjoyed the area even more. It rained a bit while we were there but that was ok because we got chauffeured around in their vehicles. The ride home was FUN on the back roads. We traveled a total of 2009 miles on that trip. Chapter FL1-A's ACD, Vikki Cummings, crashed on her way home from the rally. She was brought to a hospital in North Carolina. She then was flown, with a nurse and a friend, to Tampa where she was admitted to a hospital there where she had surgery on her back. She is recovering at home. Luckily she had SkyMed who paid for the transportation costs of her, the nurse and Vikki's friend. They also packed up her trike and trailer and got that home to Florida. Keep Vikki in your thoughts and prayers for a complete recovery.

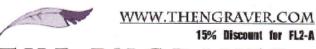
Unfortunately South Carolina had to cancel their Rally due to the venue cancelling them. The hotel had Clemson University occupying the whole facility through May. The rally was set for June 3-5 but Clemson University decided it needed the facility through June as well which knocked out the venue for the South Carolina Rally. We look forward to going next year.

The end of June and the beginning of July is the BIG one! That's right – Wing Ding in Springfield MO! Cheryl and I will be riding up there. We hope to see you there! Several of you have volunteered to work Friday helping Florida sell tickets. If you want to help out and haven't signed up with me yet just send me an email or give me a call and I'll put you on the schedule. A few hours of your time is all I need and you too can have FUN helping out the District, meeting new people and helping out Wing Ding!

Sunday, June 21st is Father's Day! I have seen on Group Works that some are planning a Father's Day Ride / Luncheon / Dinner. We wish a Happy Father's Day to all of you and all of the different types of Fathers.

Bill & Cheryl Smith





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June

Don Hotchkiss 06/10 Terry Fagley 06/20

May 2021

Bill & Cheryl Smith 05/10
Jon & Michelle Pace 05/16
Terry & Becky Grow 05/19
Cardell & Valetta Williams 05/22
Buddy & Marie Roesing 05/26

June 2021

Dan & Kathy Moro 06/12

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









Dominick & Diane DeSiato District Ride Educators



Raffle Tickets and Rear Tires

Hello everyone! Holy Mackerel it's June! We recently returned from the Tennessee Rally and boy did we have fun riding those mountains. As soon as we got back we taught a TRC in Ocala that was enormously successful. We have also rolled out MFA (yea!) and 4 classes were taught in May with more on the way. That being said, a few chapters have not yet requested Raffle tickets. You wanted more classes when we took this position and we are giving you more classes. But that comes with a price. Please do your part and sell Raffle Tickets so we can continue to teach our Members for free. Not only is it fun to get a chance to win \$10,000.00, but it gives you a chance to talk up GWRRA. Free training also motivates you to continue to take classes, which in turn keeps your skill level up and gives you a chance at self evaluation. We are all getting older, is it time for three wheels? Only YOU can answer that. So if you have not yet requested tickets, please send me an email requesting them. For those already selling, KUDOS to you!

REAR TIRE SELECTION

Many Gold Wing (and other brands) riders choose to put a car tire on the rear of their two-wheel bikes. Their reason usually is that they get more miles out of a car tire and it costs less. There is an old English expression: "Penny wise pound foolish. "This means while you think you are saving a little money the consequences of doing so might be more expensive in the long run. What will the cost be if you crash your motorcycle and injure yourself? The design features and rubber composition of car tires as compared to motorcycle tires greatly differ. A car tire has a flat profile and rigid sidewalls because a car tire is not meant to lean. Motorcycle tires have a softer rubber compound for better grip given the limited amount of rubber that is actually touching the road at any given time. The sidewalls are softer so the motorcycle tire will roll with the lean angle of the bike so the amount of tire contacting the road is the same throughout the lean in curves. A car tire has about six inches of rubber making contact with the road when you are driving in a straight line. When you lean a twowheel motorcycle with a car tire into a curve you put the rear tire on its edge with now only about 1-1/2" of rubber making contact with the road. Centrifugal force is working against your rear tire trying to push the rear of your bike out of the curve. Only just a little bit of sand or water could cause you to lose traction and down you go. The rear stock motorcycle tire for a Gold Wing has about 3" of rubber making contact with the road when you are traveling in a straight line. When you lean into a curve, because of the softer sidewalls and wrap -around tread pattern, there is about the same amount of rubber in contact with the road throughout the curve. Centrifugal force is still trying to push the rear tire out from under you but you have softer composition rubber gripping the road. With the car tire rubber being a harder compound, and riding on the narrow edge of the tire in a lean, there is a much greater chance of losing traction and good-by motorcycle and you. You may say: "I've been using car tires on the rear of my motorcycle for years and nothing bad has happened." Maybe the reason for that is you are not a very aggressive rider. If that is your riding style, then that is great for you alone. Some riders choose to ride more aggressively. Circumstances can constantly change when you ride a motorcycle. At any given moment you might have to brake or swerve to avoid a crash harder than you have ever have done before in the middle of a lean in a curve. Combine that with the limited amount of available traction you might have with that car tire at the wrong moment, and down you could go.

I hope with the information I have just given you might rethink using a car tire on the rear of your bike. If you still choose to use a car tire at least now you are fully aware of the dangers of doing so. Don't pass on the suggestion to others to use a car tire unless you tell them about the potential dangers of doing so. No motorcycle manufacturer, reputable dealer or tire store will recommend putting a car tire on the rear of a two-wheel motorcycle.

ATGATT- Not just a motto, but a way of life! Ride Safe!!

Dominick& Diane





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Please note, only registered delegates may participate in Wing Ding functions, activities and events! You will receive a confirmation via email 24-48 hours after your registration is processed. Please visit our website for hotel and camping information. Armbands, tickets, T-shirts or any other items purchased will be available for pickup beginning the day prior to Wing Ding in the registration area (see website for hours and location).

Day Pass: (sold on-site only) \$22 per person, \$15 GWRRA Members Day pass fee includes the following:

- One-day pass to indoor Trade Show
- One-day access to Demo Rides on all participating manufacturers' bikes (subject to availability)

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- Access to 'Pre-Event Day' activities! Tuesday 6/29
- Wing Ding Welcome Party Tuesday 6/29
- 4-day pass to indoor Trade Show Opens 6/30
- 4-day pass to Demo Rides on all participating manufacturers' bikes (subject to availability)
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FL District Ride In FL2-A, Claudia, Robert, Ty, Tristan, Samantha, Bill, David & Susan and a member from Ft Walton Beach







Phil Baxter's new bike!



Debra Law & Bill Smith



Sorry, no pictures from Breakfast ride to Galaxy Diner, but this one!





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

05/30/2021 Brendy's Ice Cream & Yogurt ride. Leaving 4:30pm from Race Trac at 1450 Hypoluxo Road, Lantana and we will be riding to Brendy's Ice Cream & Yogurt 9 NE 2nd Avenue Delray. We will park in the Old School Square Parking Garage (which is free on Sunday) and it's a short walk to the Ice Cream Shop!

After dessert if you want you can walk the Avenue and get some dinner! Lot's of options in Downtown Delray Beach.

05/31/2021 Memorial Day—Honor Our Fallen Veterans

06/02/2021 FL2-R Monthly Gathering: Meeting at DiSalvo Pizzeria 5945 S University Drive Davie, eat at 6pm gathering at 7pm

06/07/2021 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!

06/09/2021 FL2-0 Stuart Gathering Meet at 2583 SE Federal Highway Stuart 6pm for dinner at Southern Pig & Cattle - Gathering afterwards

06/15/2021 Meet at 6pm & Eat at Hooters 2240 NW 19th Avenue, Suite 1101-A *Boca Raton*, FL, 33431 RSVP please 561-445-1624 or on GroupWorks

06/19/2021 Navy Seal Museum Leave Wawa on Blue Heron Blvd 9:00am. We will be riding to the Navy Seal Museum 3300 N Highway A1A Ft Pierce 334949 \$12-\$15 pp. Lunch afterwards at Shrimper's Grill 4903 SE Dixie Highway Stuart

06/20/2021 Happy Father's Day

06/29/2021 - 07-03-2021 Wing Ding Springfield Missouri

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!

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!

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June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 FL2-R Gathering	8	4	5
	7 FL2-A Gathering	∞	9 FL2-0 Stuart Gathering	10	11	12
	14	15 Meet & Eat Hooters Boca	16	17	18	19 Navy Seal Museum & Lunch
0 Happy Father's Day!	21	22	23	24	25	56
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