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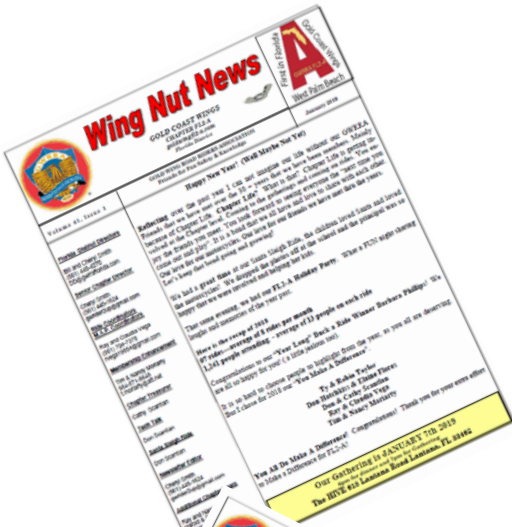


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We had a strange January here in Palm Beach County. It was a very busy month. We started the month with our gathering. Welcome back Buddy & Marie! Welcome our new members Gabe & Shane Sardi! Now hopefully the weather will cooperate so we can ride!

We had our chapter conference. Thank you to Tim & Nancy, Don & Cathy, Ray & Claudia and Cardell for attending. Hopefully everyone came back with new ideas for the new year and learned somethings too!

A small group of us went to St Augustine. If you missed it you missed a great time. What history that town has. We got our steps in too - we took the trolley around and just a beautiful town. The hotel we stayed at was perfect! We will do this again, maybe we can get some more attendees.

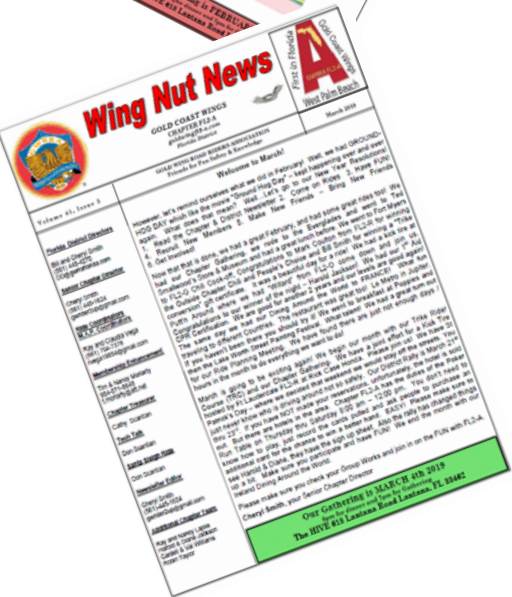
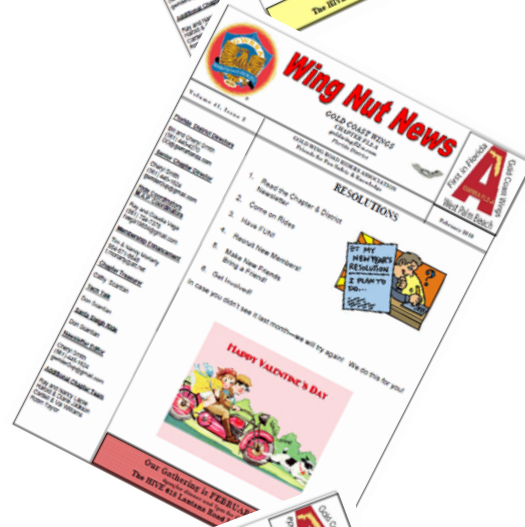
A group of us went to the Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show. It was a beautiful day for a ride down and we went to a new place afterwards for a bite to eat called LeTub - very unique - very good.

We tried one more time February 1st to have our Ride For Pie but once again - Mother Nature Said No Way!

Please keep any eye on GroupWorks updates and the Newsletter Calendar and of course the phone reminders. Plan ahead and join us for FUN!

Happy Valentines Day and Ride Safe

Cheryl Smith
Sr. Chapter Director



Our Gathering is FEBRUARY 3, 2020
6pm for dinner and 7pm for Gathering The HIVE 618 Lantana Road Lantana, FL 33462



Nancy Moriarty Assistant Chapter Director



Hi all it is hard to believe that we are already in February.

A lot of us make New Year's resolutions and we all have good intentions of sticking to them. Anybody that knows me well knows that I do not like a lot of clutter. I know a lot of you think I'm a little bit crazy or maybe a lot crazy or know that I am crazy. Here is one of the things I do to declutter my closet. On January 1st. I start decluttering. I go into my whole closet and hang all the hangers backwards, then throughout the year after I wear each item, I then hang it back the correct way so that on January 1 of 2021 anything that i did not wear all year long I do not need and I donate. Anyone else have a decluttering trick?



When I think February, I think of Valentine's and Love. This month let's try to be kinder and nicer to everyone you meet. It's not hard. Hold doors open, say thank you more often, stop and let people cross just be nice. Treat people how you would like to be treated.



Now when I think of March, I think of the Florida District Rally. It is coming up sooner than you think. Make your hotel reservations and send in your registration. The District Team has a lot of great things planned for this year. Come get your Leprechaun on for Shenanigans at the Florida District Rally!!!!



PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE bring all your raffle ticket money to the gathering on February 3rd. Thank you!

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Tim & Nancy Moriarty Membership Enhancement



So now we are one month into the roaring 20's, what has happened? We have had some cool weather that caused iguanas to fall from trees, so that is probably the most notable news so far.

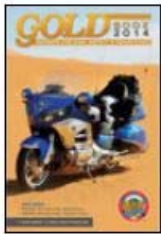


Now on to February, the most miss spelled and pronounced month, also the shortest in days, 28. This year is Leap Year so one day longer. Other trivial stuff celebrated by dates; 3rd Feed The Birds Day; 4th Stuffed Mushroom Day; 6th national Chopsticks Day; 8th Kite Flying Day (in the winter?); National Pizza Day; 16th Do a Grouch a Favor Day; 18th National Drink Wine Day, followed on the 22nd by National Margarita Day. Those last 2 days should be celebrated by some all year. Let's not forget Valentine's Day so get your cards and candy.

Again do not forget to renew your GWRRA membership, there are too many benefits to ignore. Please let us know if you have any ideas concerning rides or other events we can do to HAVE FUN!!!

Ride and ride safe!

Tim



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Chapter Ride Coordinator and Educator Corner **By Ray & Claudia Vega**

It is hard to believe we are into February already. Chapter FL2-A has lots of rides on the calendar for the month starting with a ride on Saturday, February 1st for the “best pie ever” (cancelled due to weather) and ending the month with a unique Ride Around the State. So make sure you check out the calendar and plan on riding with us for lots of FUN!

We still have a couple of spaces available in the **TRC – Trike Riding Course**. It is being offered on Sunday, **February 9, 2020** beginning at **8:00 am**. Classroom portion will be held at the Safety Council of PBC followed by the range portion in Wellington.

For more information and to sign up, **please see me at the February 3rd Chapter gathering**. A **\$30.00 deposit** is needed to **reserve your spot**.

Whether you are riding locally or on the road traveling on vacation – this article will fit the situation when ever you are on a multi-lane interstate.

This information is from David L. Hough’s “MCN Street Strategies – A Survival Guide for Motorcyclists.”

CENTER STRIKES **Remember That Loose Debris Gets Pushed to the Center of the Lane**

You’re riding in heavy traffic with your defenses on full alert. All three lanes are **crowded with cars**, and you’re especially **attentive to vehicles** around you that might suddenly change lanes or stop. You maximize your road space by riding in the **center of your lane**. To discourage another driver from suddenly changing lanes right in front of you, you close up the gap, but you compensate for the too-close following distance by looking over and around the vehicles ahead to spot hazards, and **cover the clutch and front brake lever**.

Suddenly, a **large brick appears** from under the car ahead, exactly in the center of the lane. **Before you can even think about swerving**, the bike’s **front wheel is vaulted** upward, then the **rear end is thrown sideways as the rear tire also ricochets off the spinning brick**. You barely manage to avoid a spill, but the **bike is now wobbling**. Working your way to the side of the road, you discover that **both rims are severely dented and the tires are going flat**.

Sometimes you can’t avoid getting boxed into traffic situations that don’t allow an adequate view of the road surface. While it is wise to scrutinize traffic ahead and prepare for a quick stop, riding in the center of the lane exposes you to surface hazards such as wooden blocks, potholes, pavement breaks, grease strips or bricks, and I am going to add what we encounter often here in Florida - “rubber gators” which four wheeled vehicles can straddle. When the close proximity of traffic prevents you from having an adequate view of the street surface ahead, you might consider riding in one of the wheel tracks rather than the center of the lane.

Let’s discuss this at the next Chapter gathering – bring me your questions and stories when you were in this situation. In the mean time let’s ride and have some FUN!

Ray & Claudia

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Bill Introducing the Military Branches at Chapter Conference



Nancy Moriarty receiving her Official Assistant Chapter Director Certificate



Don Scantlan won LOT'S of Motorcycle Raffle Tickets!



After Conference Dinner & FUN!



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Bill & Cheryl Smith Florida District Directors



The **Chapter Conference** last month was a big success and we think everyone had FUN and went away with some helpful information as well as being recharged for the coming year! We welcomed some new Officers into our Association and we thank them for stepping up to keep their Chapters FUN and vibrant!

We also had some folks down who were not able to attend the Conference. **Rick and Pam Northrop** couldn't make it because his gall bladder sent him to the hospital. He is currently in rehab getting his strength back and the infection cleared so they can operate to remove the gall bladder. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. **Scotty Kelly** couldn't make it to the Conference because he got home from work on Friday night, opened his garage door and the water came flowing out! The water heater sprung a big leak and he spent the weekend cleaning and getting the water heater back to operating properly. Also the same weekend, **Jim & Sue Jackson**, (Former Region A Directors), **Sue** suffered a major heart attack but she is now on the mends as well.

Some information given out at the Conference that you should know is that **Rider Ed and University Training** will be offering classes you need as well as responding to requests for specific training. The **Recruiter Of the Year (ROY)** Program will continue in 2020! It's easy to participate, just recruit folks to GWRRA! They don't have to be members in Florida. In fact they don't even have to be New Members – if a former member has let their membership expire for more than a year and you get them to rejoin – that counts! The award system for 2020 to be given in March of 2021 will change a bit. Anyone with at least 10 new memberships will be put into a drawing to win a FREE One Year Family Membership! (Life Members who win will get One Year of Hard Copy Wing World and Gold Book). The Top Recruiter (10 and over get the FREE One Year Family Membership if not already won in the drawing) and the ROY Award! We have redesigned the Florida District Patch. Contact ADD Geno Jette to purchase the new ones or see him at the Rally!

If you or your Chapter needs more Goldwing Raffle Tickets to buy or sell please send your requests to me, fidd2018@gmail.com, so I can coordinate with Pam Northrop.

The 41st Annual Florida Gathering of the Wings is right around the corner. If you haven't made your hotel reservations at the Hilton yet **NOW** is the time to do that! If you haven't sent in your Rally Registration yet **NOW** is the time to do that as well! Go to www.gwrraflorida.com to do both! Here is a rundown of some of the **FUN** you can expect this year!

Thursday night after dinner will be the Talent show (Emcee Carlos Lozano). The Costume Contest is not on the schedule.

Friday Night Entertainment by Scott Ringersen – The Elvis Experience.

Guided Rides by Denis Turcotte and Rick Buck – Friday and Saturday mornings (2 groups each day).

Riders will be first come first served with pre-registered Rally attendees given first opportunity.

Registration/Ticket Sales moved to a new location in the Indoor Vendor area.

2-day Team Challenge, same format as last year. We need you to have FUN with us and you can have as many teams of 4 you want and you can substitute team players from one day to another. Please participate!

MEC static display manned on occasion for recruitment/retention.

Encourage your **Couple Of the Year** and **Person Of the Year** to participate in the District Selection Process.

Couple Of the Year Baskets will be done again at the Rally. We thank you for your help and participation.

Please send any **2021 Rally Theme Suggestions** to my email – FLDD2018@gmail.com before 02/15/2020.

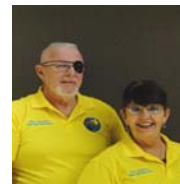
Look for these and other FUN times at the Rally! If you know of **any vendors** that you think will do well at the Rally we have some spots left. Have them get in touch with **Jeff and Lisa Duffey** or give them the vendor application you can get on the District Website. Let's all help out!

If you are a **Chapter Couple Of the Year** or **Person Of the Year** you can contact **Jeff and Lisa** so we can put your name on the District Website. Maybe you want to talk to them about going up for **District Chapter Couple Of the Year** or **Chapter Person Of the Year**!

We want you all to have a FUN Valentine's Day and pleasant / safe riding in February!



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



Due to Health Reasons, Rick and Pam & Chelsea too have stepped aside as being our District Ride Educators. They will still be around but need time for healing. Get Well Soon Rick!



**Our New District Ride Educators are:
Dominick & Diane DeSiato from Chapter FL1-A.
Welcome Aboard!**

We will tell you more about them next month.

A recent motorcycle crash in Sarasota involving five motorcycles was what inspired me to write this article. The way the news report read was that there was a group of motorcycles riding on the interstate. The lead rider lost control of his motorcycle while passing a tractor trailer truck, fell off his motorcycle and struck the wheel of a truck and was killed. The next four motorcyclists then lost control of their motorcycles and fell off of their bikes. Three of them went to the hospital.

So my question to you is this: Ignorance or Arrogance? Ignorance as defined by the dictionary is simply "the lack of knowledge." This would include not knowing "how to ride, where to ride, and what to do should something go wrong." The 1981 Hurt Report, whose findings are still true today, stated that in 80% of motorcycle crashes the rider did not do anything to avoid the crash.

The news story did not state the exact cause the first rider went down but it could have been something as simple as being too close to the tractor trailer truck he was passing and getting startled by the sudden wind blast that often occurs. That cause could fall under the "Ignorance" category for being too close to the truck and not anticipating the wind blast. How about now seeing how the cause might fit in the "Arrogance" category. We have all seen it. The riders with the bold attitude of: "This is my road, I have a right to be here, and I am going to intimidate everyone to get out of my way" (usually by excessive exhaust noise and purposely riding too close to other vehicles they are passing).

We really don't know the reason of the first rider going down at this point but it was probably one of the examples I have just described. How about the next four riders who went down? Obviously they were all following too close to the lead bike to properly react. Again, why were they following too close: "Ignorance or Arrogance"?

We can all make mistakes through "Ignorance" but let's not contribute to the possibility of crashing by adding "Arrogance."

Ride safe!
Dominick & Diane



MOTORIST AWARENESS IS EVERYWHERE

by Claudia Vega

At the Chapter Conference Ray and I attended the breakout session for Motorist Awareness. It is very obvious that Nate and Danelle Kinion, our District Motorist Awareness Coordinators, are very passionate about Motorist Awareness. Once again they handed out goodie bags containing pamphlets and other materials. While checking out the goodie bag I came across a pamphlet, that I am sure has been around for awhile, but one that I had not noticed before. What was different about this Motorist Awareness pamphlet it was written for the motorcycle rider / co-rider. It's called "Self Defense for Riders – Riders are Dying to be Seen".

Here are some of the highlights from this Motorist Awareness pamphlet:

SELF DEFENSE FOR RIDERS – RIDERS ARE DYING TO BE SEEN

Here are some of the ways to increase your safety & visibility while on the road.

Be Visible – Be Colorful! Help Motorists See You

Studies show that silver, white, yellow and high visibility colors are the most visible colors on the road. Black is the most difficult to see, especially at night. Brightly colored jackets, helmets and riding pants increase your visibility and safety

Light It Up

HEADLIGHTS – turn your headlights on high beam during the day. Modulating headlights also increases visibility and are legal in all 50 states.

BRAKE LIGHTS – flash your brake lights several times before you stop. Brake light deceleration devices are available and they warn motorist that you are preparing to slow down or stop.

TURN SIGNALS – we all know how to use turn signals, but make sure you turn them off after a turn is complete. Motorists don't always know that many motorcycles do NOT have self-cancelling turn signals.

Be Noticed! Lane Positioning is Critical in Traffic. Make Sure You Are Not in a Driver's Blind Spot!

HORN – use it to get attention, but don't rely on it. Some motorcycle horns can't be heard over traffic or stereo systems.

LANE POSITIONING – position yourself for maximum safety and visibility and make sure other drivers can see you in their mirrors!

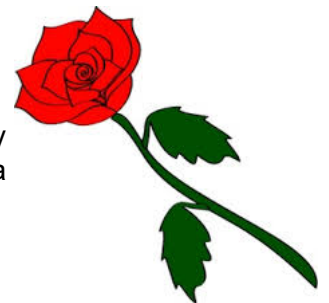
GROUPS – riding with a group can be safer than riding alone if done correctly. Small groups of 5 to 7 riders are the safest. Impatient motorists may want to pass a group of riders if the group is too large, merging can become dangerous!

Ride Safe!

EDUCATION – there are classes available for both new and advanced riders. Many insurance companies reward riders for taking classes by discounting the cost of insurance. Gold Wing Road Riders Association provides their members with riding classes, practice sessions and seminars.

THE MORE LIGHTS ON YOUR MOTORCYCLE, THE MORE VISIBLE YOU ARE – ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT

With the Florida District Rally right around the corner what better time for you to buy the more colorful shirts, jackets and helmets. And don't forget to add all those extra lights!





Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show



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We're changing up our ride around the state this year. After 2 years of **connect the dots** on our ride, this year we are doing a **Sunrise to Sunset ride South Florida Style** and visit the City of Murals and Caladiums and even a famous Clown School!

Since the days are shorter in February, the sunrise to sunset ride will not be such a long day as when we did the ride last year. We will begin at 6:30am Boynton Beach (6415 N. Ocean Boulevard, Ocean Ridge) and after watching the sunrise we will go to Cracker Barrel for Breakfast.

Then we will take a wandering ride across the state to Ft Myers. We will check into the Motel 6, 3350 Marinatown Lane in North Fort Myers (239.217.5120) around 5:00pm. Then we will go to Sanibel Island to watch the sunset at 6:20pm. After that, we will go back to hotel and walk to dinner.

Then we will have Breakfast at 8:00am Saturday morning, then meander around the state and land at the Ramada, 2165 US Hwy 27, South Lake Placid, 33852 (863.840.9907). We will have a relaxing dinner and reminisce about the ride or even others.

Then we will get up for breakfast Sunday morning around 8:00 after which we will tour the murals of Lake Placid. That should keep us busy until about lunch when we will enjoy a lunch then head back home.

You should make your hotel reservations through the GWRRA Member Benefits web page as soon as you can. They do have a good cancellation plan, if something happens and you can't make it. Short of snow or hurricane, I expect we will be going.

Hope you will join us and make some more GWRRA friends and memories!



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02/02/2020 - Ground Hog Day

02/03/2020 - FL2-A Gathering 6pm for dinner / 7pm for gathering The Hive 618 W Lantana Road, Lantana

02/05/2020 - FL2-R Ft Lauderdale Gathering Leave 5pm Chevron Station Atlantic & Hagan Ranch Delray riding to DiSalvo Restaurant 5945 S University Drive Davie (Bring SunPass)

02/08/2020 - 02/09/2002 Garlic Fest John Prince Park Lake Worth (Something to do not a planned ride)

02/11/2020 - Bike Night at Cycle Gear 6pm - 8pm 846 N Military Trail West Palm Beach

02/12/2020 - FL2-O Stuart Visitation Leave 5pm Wawa (East of I-95) - 7289 Garden Road West Palm Beach

02/14/2020 Overnight to Lakeland Rally More info to come

02/15/2020 FL2-L Lakeland Rally "Tropical Vacation" 10am-2pm The Hamptons Community Club House 900 South Hampton Blvd. Auburndale, FL Bring your Tropical Attire! \$12.00 per person

02/16/2020 - FL2-E Miami Visitation NEW TIME: Leave 9:30am Mobil Station I-95 & Congress riding to Homestead for Brunch/Lunch Gathering begins at 11am - lunch afterwards at Golden Corral exit 1 on Turnpike

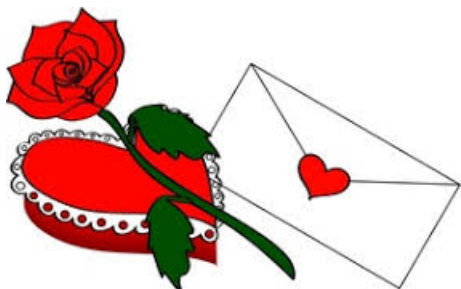
02/16/20 FL2-A After Valentine's Dinner - Leave 5pm Mobile Station I-95 & Congress riding to **Mana Greek Bistro** 1880 N Congress Avenue #190 Boynton Beach Dinner after Valentines, Come & Enjoy authentic Greek Recipies with the ones that you love and loves you. **RSVP a must 561-445-1624**

02/19/2020 Kick Tire Meet at Cod & Capers Seafood Marketplace and Café' 1201 US-1 North Palm Beach, FL 33408.

02/20/2020 - Newsletter Articles Due

02/21/20—02/23/20 - Ride Around the State Meet at 6:30am Boynton Beach Park 6415 N Ocean Blvd. Ocean Ridge for Sunrise, then Breakfast at Cracker Barrel. We will ride to Ft Myers for Sunset - See Article in Newsletter.

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



February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Ground Hog Day	3 FL2-A Gathering	4	5 FL2-R Gathering	6	7	8 Garlic Fest
9 Garlic Fest	10	11 Bike Night Cycle Gear	12 FL2-0 Stuart	13	14 Leave for Lakeland	15 Lakeland Rally 10-2 Tropical Vacation
16 FL2-E Miami & Valentine Dinner Ride	17	18	19 Kick Tire Cod & Capers Seafood	20 Newsletter Articles Due	21 Ride Around the State	22 Ride Around The State
23 Ride Around the State	24	25	26	27	28	29

Lakeland FireBalls FL2-L

TROPICAL VACATION
RALLY
FEBRUARY 15, 2020
10AM-2PM

****Costumes Encouraged****

REGISTRATION \$12
INCLUDES LUNCH

GRAND PRIZE
\$250
50/25/25

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 The Hamptons
 Community Club House
 900 Southampton Blvd
 (off US Hwy 92 E)
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WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020
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WHERE: ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH HALL
12110 MAIN STREET, SAN ANTONIO, FL
COST: \$12.00 INCLUDES GREAT FOOD!
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DAY 1 • Monday • Anchorage Upon arrival in Anchorage, you'll transfer to your Anchorage hotel and meet your Adventure Specialist. Enjoy a relaxing stay at the Anchorage Downtown Marriott. Informal Wingers meet and greet in the evening.

DAY 2 • Tuesday • Anchorage/Denali In the morning relax and enjoy a cup of cappuccino as you depart on the Wilderness Express®, our glass-domed train to the famed Denali. Enjoy the amazing views and many photo opportunities along the way. Indulge in the onboard dining with breakfast and lunch available. The remainder of the afternoon and evening is free for you to explore Denali on your own or book an optional activity, such as the Husky Homestead Tour or Denali Helicopter flightseeing. Overnight in Denali.

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SAVE THE RALLY DATES

March 19th - 21st 2020 **Florida** District Rally
April 16th - 18th 2020 **South Carolina** District Rally
April 30th - May 2nd 2020, **Tennessee** District Rally
May 9th 2020 - **Florida** District Ride In
May 14th - 16th 2020, **Pennsylvania** District Rally
May 25th - June 5th 2020 **FL District** Alaska Cruise
June 30th - July 4th 2020 **Wing Ding Missouri**
September 24th - 26th 2020 **North Carolina** Wings over the Smokies
October 1st, 2020 **Alabama** District Rally
September 8th -10th 2020 **Georgia** District Ride In

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