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### Monthly Gathering

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. at  
Southern Pig & Cattle  
Restaurant  
2583 SE Federal  
Highway  
Stuart, FL  
Socialize 5:30  
Dinner 6:00  
Meeting 7:00

 **CHECK THIS OUT!**

### WEBSITES

FL2-O: [www.fl2o.org](http://www.fl2o.org)

Florida District:  
[www.gwrraflorida.com](http://www.gwrraflorida.com)



## GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION TREASURE COAST WINGS FL2-O

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*David Morris, Chapter Director*

We have started the transition from GWRRA to Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association (EWMA). Several of our Chapter members have already sent in their application for membership in EWMA. This new association officially starts on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023. I am expecting it to be a relatively seamless transition as the Founders were senior officers in GWRRA and have brought forward all the best part of GWRRA to this new association. Our Florida District is looking to transition with a 'business as usual' philosophy. We will be keeping our existing Chapter designation and chapter green color. We will be known as Chapter FL2-O Treasure Coast Wings, meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month and keeping the same Officers. If you need a copy of the Membership form please let me know and I will email it to you.

It is 4 months to the official beginning of EWMA and we should expect that there will be things that still need to be worked out. At this point our road side assistance insurance is not part of the new association and we are not sure if it will be offered in the future.

Make sure to sign up and send your Charter Membership application in before September 30<sup>th</sup>, so you can have a low ID number and 'bragging rights!' Let's start this new chapter in our lives with excitement and great enthusiasm.

FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY, KNOWLEDGE

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John DuBose

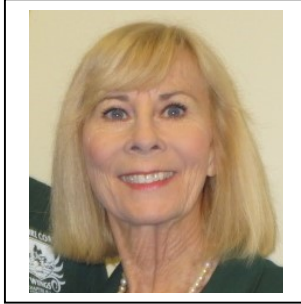
**Tech**  
Herb "Metalfake" Jebb

**50/50**  
Percy Comstock

**Couple of the Year 2022**  
Doug and Donna Goethel

**Person of the Year 2021**  
Sandy Pisano

**Spirit Team Chair**  
Sandy Pisano



## Gathering

By Terry Henderson, MEC

**Welcome:** Senior Chapter Director David Morris called the Gathering to order at 7pm at the Southern Pig and Cattle Co. Restaurant on So. US 1 in Stuart on Wed., Aug. 10, 2022. MEC Terry Henderson welcomed everyone to the Gathering and introduced our guest, John Boer, who rides a 2004 Gold Wing. Terry also welcomed back Richard and Jean Menage. Greetings also went out to District Chapter Director Bill Smith, District Rider Educator Claudia Vega and Robert as well as Phil Baxter from FL2-A. David wished a Happy Birthday to Willard Hackett and said that there were no Anniversaries this month. David also announced that Jim Rich had his right knee replaced on Mon. Aug. 8 and that he was doing well. We all wished Jim a speedy recovery.

**GWRRA News:** David proceeded to share information that he had received during a Zoom call on Tues. Aug. 9 with District Director Bill Smith and other Chapter Directors from the District. The following facts regarding the demise of GWRRA were discussed. As we all know, the Founders of GWRRA, Paul Hildebrand and Shirley Garcia, made the announcement during Wing Ding that they were retiring and that GWRRA would officially close their doors on Dec. 31, '22. David continued and said that there are two groups that have decided to continue and form new organizations: One is Wing Riders, a for-profit organization created by the owners of J&M Headsets. They will piggy back on another group that has their Rally in Illinois. The other group is Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association created by Anita Alkire, the former CEO of GWRRA.

**New Name- Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association:** David continued with an explanation of what the new group would offer and how the FL District would like to make the transition into Eagle Wings as smooth as possible for all the chapters. Due to the fact that the word 'Wing' is owned by Honda, the new association had to create a name that did not identify with Gold Wing per se. The Eagle Wing founders decided that it would be appropriate to accept all brands of bikes into the Association in order to expand membership and be successful! There will be fewer regulations and a major focus on social events and rides.

Business as usual with a few upgrades:

- Annual membership dues are \$25 for an individual or \$30 for a family membership. Everyone is called a member. There is no rider or co-rider designation.
- Chapter FL2-0/Treasure Coast Wings designation will continue.
- Eagle Wings is accepting Charter Memberships. Get your membership application in early before Sept. 30th and you'll receive a low registration number. "Bragging rights."
- Discounts on annual dues available when you purchase multiple years...1, 2 or 3 years.
- Chapter fee of \$75 is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year & helps fund the Region and District.
- Regions are back! Region A includes 7 states: MS, AL, GA, SC, NC, FL, & TN is added.

- Chapter Officers: Chapter Director, Assistant Chapter Director, Treasurer and Safety/Ride Coordinator.
- Our Website and communication tool, GroupWorks, will continue.
- Rider Ed Program with ARC and TRC training courses will continue.
- University Courses will continue.
- March District Rally will continue on March 16-18, 2023 at the Hilton in Altamonte Springs with competitions including the Diorama, Collage, Talent Show, Costume Contest, Mascot & Chapter Challenge. There will be no Shirt or Banner contests.
- March Rally tickets may be sold as usual. The winning ticket will receive \$10,000 prize.
- Sell 1500 Rally tickets and the \$75 Annual Chapter fee is paid for by the District.
- Chapter Couple of the Year is no longer a part of the new Association.
- Volunteers are needed to man the Hospitality Room at the March Rally.
- EWMA is a not-for-profit association and no one is getting a salary.
- Rescue Plus is no longer viable. EWMA will work on getting new Insurance Coverage.
- ARL-Area Run List- is now called the Roster which displays the entire membership.
- Rick Buck has the new logo ready to place on our website and new chapter shirts.
- EWMA's new motto is "FRIENDS for FUN, SAFETY & RIDING."

**FRIENDS for FUN, SAFETY & RIDING:** District Chapter Director Bill Smith reiterated the fact that the FL District is one of the top Districts in the association. It has the largest number of members, the greatest participation and largest rally, so it would be a viable option to keep things going as usual if the chapters so choose. When GWRRA CEO Anita Alkire received permission from Paul Hildebrand and Shirley Garcia to start a new organization from the ground up, she got a lot of interest from the FL District and the local chapters. The name Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association was selected in order to comply with the wishes of Honda not to use the word 'Wing' which is proprietary to Honda. EWMA encourages all different bike brands to join us as long as they are like minded bikers who want to ride safely with the proper gear and adhere to the rule of no drinking while riding! We will include people who no longer ride.

**EWMA BUILDING BLOCKS:** Bill stipulated that we will endeavor to establish a dynamic association using the following Building Blocks as a foundation:

- Fairness to all.
- Positive communication based on the common love of riding.
- Quality. Be the best we can be and respect one another.
- Attitude. Be enthusiastic!

David called for the winning raffle ticket to be drawn and District Chapter Director Bill Smith won the cash. The meeting was adjourned. ***Reminder, the next Gathering is on Wed. Sept. 21.***

## **RIDING IN THE RAIN**

By Joe Pisano

With summer here along with our rainy season sooner or later you will be riding in it. Most of us have taken Rider Ed classes and probably read articles on the subject but here are a few reminders.

For the best traction wait at least 1/2 to one hour after it starts to rain before riding. Most of the oils and other petroleum products should wash off the surface by then.

With rain come slippery roads. Even more slippery are painted surfaces like lines at crosswalks. Metal construction plates on the road covering ditches require an extra degree of caution.

Increase following distances to allow for better controlled stops and emergencies and don't let people follow you too closely.

Not only is visibility reduced but do not drive through puddles which can hide potholes and debris.

As always with railroads and uneven lanes reduce speed and try to cross at as much of an angle as possible. Perpendicular would be as good as you could get.

If the weather forecast is heavy rain, strong winds or inclement weather, stay Home!

Remember, it is better to be at home wishing you were riding than to be riding wishing you were at home.

Another month gone and oh so quickly but at the same time how quickly Anita Alkire came through and brought us our new foundation as a motorcycle family...Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association or EWMA.

As we all know GWRRA is still in place until 12/31/2022 but EWMA has been established and has provided applications for those who are interested in being part of their association of like-minded motorcycle enthusiasts out for "Fun, Safety and Riding". Donna and I are both excited about EWMA and have already sent in our application.

It may take a little time before everything is back and riding smoothly along but that goes with anything in life, it takes time. We look forward to participating and hope to see as many of you right alongside us as we take on this new adventure together. After all, it is what we make of it, and we want to make it fun and enjoyable and the best way to do that is together.

Drop us a line and let us know what your plans for future rides are, maybe we will be able to join you.

Doug & Donna Goethel  
FL2-0 Florida Treasure Coast  
Assistant Chapter Directors  
Florida District Couple of the Year  
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### **Road Captain John DuBose**

We've had some cool days for riding this August in Virginia. So, it's been nice to get out for some great rides. I've been lucky to have so many good rides this summer.

The picture is of Goshen Pass on the Maury River on 39 outside of Lexington, VA. We had stopped in Buchanan for a good lunch at the Foot of the Mountain Restaurant.

Florida Raffle Tickets have been going well in Virginia. I hope all FL2-O are having some success selling the raffle tickets. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the end of October. John



## Photos from the Gathering



**Dominick & Diane DeSiato**  
 District Educators  
 Safety/Ride Coordinator



## Rider Ed & MFA Training will continue

Gold Wing Road Riders Association will have closed its doors effective July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.. So how will that affect our Florida District Rider Ed Training Program?

Florida District will continue Rider and MFA training. It is not going away, there may be some modifications, but we will continue to offer you training. Our current Site Liability Insurance will still be in effect until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. After that we will acquire our own Liability Insurance Policy to cover training days. We will maintain the Levels Recognition Program in the same manner as it was run in the past. There is presently a supply of different Levels Patches (GWRRA) that we can obtain from Susan Huttman, as you earn them. Once the (GWRRA) supply of patches is exhausted we will have to discuss continuing the patches and pins. However, the training will continue and we strongly encourage it to keep your skills sharp.

Please continue selling raffle tickets to fund our Florida District Training Program. We are already committed to award a large amount of Grand Prize money at our upcoming Florida District Rally. The rest of our funds will pay for materials needed to run the programs. Materials include Medic First Aid breathing lungs, gloves, gauze, books, completion cards and training for our instructors. Rider training has to pay for the range rental, insurance, range cards, trailer maintenance, paint, tape measures, completion cards etc... Selling raffle tickets affords us the ability to keep having these programs without cost to our Florida members.

We ask for patience as everything is very fluid right now with the transitioning. Our District has amazing leadership and members who are very active. We truly believe we can adapt to whatever the future holds.

Florida District Riding and Medic First Aid (MFA) classes are available upon request to maintain your Levels status. For ARC (Advanced Two-Wheel Riding Courses) or for TRC (Trike Riding Courses) contact Dominick at [Dominickfide@gmail.com](mailto:Dominickfide@gmail.com). For MFA Classes contact Claudia at [rvega19854@gmail.com](mailto:rvega19854@gmail.com).

We are here to assist you with your training needs.





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Reference Gold Wing Road Riders Association 2023 Rally

#### Raffle to support Rider Education

- 1<sup>st</sup> Drawing - \$10,000 Cash
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Drawing - \$1,000 Cash
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Drawing - \$500 Cash

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## 43<sup>rd</sup> Florida District Gathering of the Wings

March 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023



**Rock Around the Clock in the 50's!**  
**Join Us for FUN and Happy Days!**

<b>Florida District Rally (March 16 -18, 2023)</b> Opens daily at 9:00am	
Riders Name _____	GWRRA # _____
Riders or Co-Riders Name (circle one) _____	GWRRA # _____
Street Address, City, State & Zip Code _____	
Phone # _____	Email Address _____
Chapter _____	Chapter Position _____
District or Team GWRRA Position _____	
I/We agree to hold harmless GWRRA, co-sponsoring organizations and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved because of participation in this rally. I/we have read this waiver and acknowledge with signature(s) below:	
Signature _____	Signature _____
Date: _____	Is this your first-time attending the Florida Rally? Yes No
GWRRA Members	\$35 x _____ = _____
Non-Members	\$40 x _____ = _____
Under 12 (Dinner on Thursday extra, See below)	Free x _____ = _____
<b>Sit Down Dinner - Thursday Night</b> *** Fully registered attendees only ***	<b>\$25</b> x _____ = _____
<b>Ticket Sales</b>	
\$10,000 Raffle (Book of 10)	\$10 x _____ = _____
Daily 50 / 50 Thursday (Strip of 10)	\$5 x _____ = _____
Daily 50 / 50 Friday (Strip of 10)	\$5 x _____ = _____
Grand 50 / 25 / 25 (Strip of 10)	\$5 x _____ = _____
Grand Prize (Strip of 10)	\$5 x _____ = _____
<b>Shirt Sales</b>	
Polo Shirt S M L XL	\$22 x _____ = _____
Polo Shirt XXL XXXL XXXXL	\$25 x _____ = _____
T-Shirt S M L XL	\$18 x _____ = _____
T-Shirt XXL XXXL XXXXL	\$20 x _____ = _____
Long Sleeve S M L XL	\$20 x _____ = _____
Long Sleeve XXL XXXL XXXXL	\$22 x _____ = _____
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED (US Dollars Only) \$ _____</b>	

**Submit Registration Forms to:**

**Geno & Kathie Jette**  
 114 Canis Dr E  
 Orange Park, FL 32073

Make check or money order (US dollars only)  
 payable to Florida GWRRA  
 If you would like registration confirmation, please  
 ensure you provide an email address

**Guided rides on Friday & Saturday**

Register by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, for entry into Early Bird drawing to be awarded to 1 lucky winner at Closing Ceremonies!

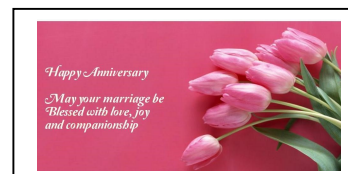
Pre-Order Shirts for entry into a drawing for a prize to be awarded to 1 lucky winner at Closing Ceremonies

See website for latest information  
<http://www.gwrraflorida.com/rally.html>



## August Birthdays

8/23 Willard Hackett



## August Anniversaries

None

**UPCOMING CHAPTER and DISTRICT EVENTS**  
**AWYCS (ALWAYS WEAR YOUR CHAPTER SHIRT)**

PLEASE RSVP VIA GROUPWORKS

*Why should you use GroupWorks? Due to vacations etc various individuals will be handling the reservations for Kick Tires- - If your RSVP is on GroupWorks, any of these individuals can see it.*

**STATE RALLIES**

**FLORIDA DISTRICT RIDE-IN (SEE DETAILS ON GROUPWORKS)**

**2022 Upcoming GWRRA Events**

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*Thanks* ~To everyone who wrote an article for this month's Newsletter:  
David Morris, Terry Henderson, John DuBose, Joe Pisano, Doug & Donna  
Goethel and Dominick DeSiato.

Thanks for reading!

Everyone is encouraged to submit relevant articles by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month!