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Monthly Gathering

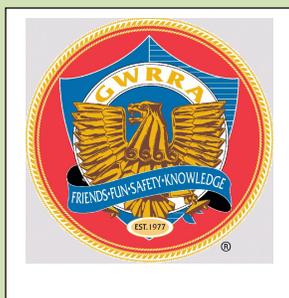
Every 2nd Wed. at
Southern Pig & Cattle
Restaurant
2583 SE Federal
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Stuart, FL
Socialize 5:30
Dinner 6:00
Meeting 7:00

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WEBSITES

FL2-O: www.fl2o.org

Florida District:
www.gwrraflorida.com



GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION TREASURE COAST WINGS FL2-O

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David Morris, Chapter Director

Club Med in Port St. Lucie announced that it was closing their doors – Sound familiar? Then a few days later the new owners announced that they would continue the operations, presumably under a new name.

About the same time that Club Med made that announcement, the founders of GWRRA, after 45 years, announced that they were closing the doors. Not to be outdone by Club Med, Anita Alkire, former GWRRA CEO, announced that she was going to continue operations under a new name...Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association. Few official details are available at the moment but I have been informed that as the details emerge, I will be given the opportunity to share them with the Chapter. I have been notified that the March District Rally will go on as scheduled and we should continue to sell the raffle tickets. Plus, all GWRRA activities through the remainder of the calendar year will also continue. Stay tuned!

I received my final issue of Wing World and was excited to see the article featuring our Motorist Awareness event at the Chapter picnic. A BIG thank you goes out to Lena and Leo Valcourt, who have been championing our Motorist Awareness activities at numerous events. It was fitting that our Chapter would again have an article published in Wing World's final publication.



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Couple of the Year 2022
Doug and Donna Goethel

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Sandy Pisano

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Gathering

By Terry Henderson, MEC

Welcome: Chapter Director David Morris called the Gathering to order on Wed. July 13 at the Southern Pig and Cattle Co. Restaurant on US 1 in Stuart and MEC Terry Henderson welcomed everyone including our guest member, Phil Baxter from FL2-A. David announced the July Birthdays including Marilyn Rich, Paul Dreyfus, Tammy Pounds, George Scholes and Lena Valcourt. Happy Anniversary wishes went out to Jim and Sondra Cuff and John and Allyson Meisenbacher. We wish you all the very best! Thank you to Percy for the delicious dessert of giant homemade chocolate chip cookies!

GWRRR NEWS: David shared the fact that after 45 years in business, the founders of GWRRR had announced at Wing Ding in Shreveport, Louisiana that they had decided to close the doors to GWRRR as of Dec. 31, 2022. David took this opportunity to communicate how he feels about this sudden news and how it will impact Chapter FL2-0. He said that he had joined GWRRR over 20 years ago in MA and always enjoyed riding his Gold Wing on group rides. SAFETY was always of paramount importance. After retirement, he moved to Florida where he could ride in every season rather than only 3 or 4 months out of the year. He didn't know anyone in Florida except his daughter in Palm Beach so he immediately looked up the closest GWRRR Chapter which was FL2-A in Boynton Beach at the time. When he went to the FL2-A Gathering in Boynton, he met Jim Cuff who told him about the Stuart chapter. Eventually, David moved to Hobe Sound and joined FL2-0 where he has served as Chapter Director for over 9 years. David said that, as a new resident, it was so comforting to know that he could join a GWRRR chapter and make FRIENDS with like-minded people who love to ride Gold Wings. He believes that one of the most valuable benefits of this association is the opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie, mutual trust and close FRIENDSHIPS that GWRRR encourages. He then enumerated how we will move forward in the future.

Future Gatherings: David said that there will be 5 more GWRRR Gatherings before Dec. 31, 2022. The next Gathering will be on Aug. 10. David and Terry will not be in town for the usual Gathering in Sept. so the Sept. Gathering will be on Wed. Sept. 21. Please mark your calendars with this revision and the following Gathering dates...Oct. 12, Nov. 9. The Dec. Christmas Party Gathering date will be announced soon.

Membership News according to GWRRR:

GWRRR will disband as of Dec. 31, 2022.

All memberships will be dissolved as of July 31, 2022 and if members have paid their dues in advance, refunds will be prorated and distributed in August.

Rescue Plus will no longer be available after July 31, 2022. All members will need to find their own towing service. We looked into AAA and they are offering insurance for your car and bike for about \$180. Progressive Insurance may include towing for up to 5 miles.

GroupWorks will remain but GWRRR will no longer exist after Dec. 31, 2022.

Chapter FL2-0 Website is ours and will continue.

The Newsletter will continue through Dec. 31, 2022.

The Spirit Team will continue through Dec. 31, 2022.

Gatherings will continue to be held at the Southern Pig and Cattle on the second Wed. each month except in Sept. when we will meet on the third Wed. Sept. 21.

News from Virginia: David said that John DuBose sent some information from VA.

GWRRA will continue through Dec. 31 but there will be no organization per se at the AZ home office.

Voice Mail only will be available at the GWRRA home office in AZ after July 31, 2022. You may call & leave a message and someone will get back to you.

Helmet Logo is no longer available and should not be used.

Wing Ding will not be on the calendar next year.

Patches.....members may continue to wear patches.

Gatherings...members may continue to get together for Gatherings.

Rides.....members may continue to ride together.

Wing Ding: David called on Assistant District Director and District COY, Doug and Donna Goethel, to give a report on their trip to Wing Ding. Donna said that she and Doug arrived in Shreveport, Louisiana and were anticipating seeing a lot of friends and having a ball! There were 2830 people in attendance and the hotel was beautiful. Jim and Sondra Cuff and Joe and Sandy Pisano rode their bikes to the event. Donna said that at the very first Thurs. night dinner, they learned the sad news from the founders that after 45 years, they were closing GWRRA. Why? Because at their peak there were 82,000 GWRRA members and now there are only 10,000 members. Everyone was totally shocked and in disbelief, but Doug and Donna continued to participate in all the activities and made the best of a difficult situation. One day Donna, Sandy and Sondra went on a tour of the city and enjoyed seeing a 19 ft. Dalmatian with white spots that lighted up at night. She said that the city treated GWRRA members to a dinner and show at the Shreveport Louisiana Municipal Auditorium. The show called 'Louisiana Hayride' promoted and featured up and coming artists like Elvis Presley. They also visited a great restaurant called Shababys' Cajun Cooking and enjoyed delicious southern fried food.

Future Plans: So, what's next? ACD Doug Goethel said that there are plans in the works to establish and continue the motorcycle organization under new management. It is all very much "up in the air" right now. He cautioned us not to listen to rumors but to wait and see what develops. The prospects are very good!! The District will keep us posted so stay tuned for more exciting new information about our future as a motorcycle group! Continue business as usual and keep on keeping on until further notice!

Adjourn: David called for the 50/50 Raffle drawing and Terry won the cash. The prize bag winners were Marilyn and Jim Rich, Sandy Pisano, and Leo and Lena Valcourt. The Gathering was adjourned!



HOW TO REMOVE OVERFILLED OIL FROM A 2021 GOLDWING TRIKE WITHOUT JACKING IT UP

I can't believe I put too much oil in my 2021 GL1800 trike. For an accurate oil check I have always let my bike sit overnight and then with a cold engine and all the oil drained down checked the oil with the dipstick. One time I checked the oil and it was a quarter of a quart low so I added oil. A few days later the same thing happened. Two weeks later when I checked it was a quart low, again I added what was needed. This is the fifth new Goldwing I've owned, none of them have ever burned or leaked oil so I was getting very concerned. I started the engine let it run for a few minutes and shut it down. A short time later I checked the oil and found it was way over full. Now what? The first thing I did was go to the owner's manual to make sure I was using the right oil, I was. In the manual I happened to notice that for my year wing there was an oil check procedure, which I was not aware of. It states: with a cold engine, start the engine and let it idle for 3 to 5 minutes; turn the engine off for 2 to 3 minutes then check the oil which I did. YIKES! It was almost 2 quarts over full. Again, now what, how do I drain the excess oil? It is Saturday, I am leaving on a 2K mile trip in three days and I don't want to jack up the trike to drain the excess possibly draining too much and burning my hands with hot oil. Next, I thought, I will have to pump it out somehow. The smallest hose I could find in my garage had an O.D. (outside diameter) of 1/4 inch. Well, it would not go down into the oil in the dip stick port. The oil fill port is bigger but a 1/4-inch hose will not go in far enough to reach the oil either. Now I was racking my brain trying to come up with a way to pump the excess oil out. I decided to have lunch and think about it. The thought occurred to me that maybe the thin tube in a spray bottle might work. I had a new one in the cabinet which I quickly retrieved. To my surprise, the plastic tube which was 3/16-inch O.D. not only fit but went well into the oil through the dip stick port. Now, how to pump the oil out? I thought, the oil is warm and will flow easily being 10W, why not try the spray bottle pump. After pulling the trigger many times on the spray bottle pump with the plastic tube attached and pushed well into the engine oil, the oil was about halfway up the tube. Next, I pulled the pump out of the engine case with the tube attached. turned it upside down and repeatedly pulled the pump trigger and was able to prime the pump. This time with the plastic tube placed back below the surface of the oil and after a few pumps I couldn't believe it, it actually worked! The results were not immediate and it is messy but I pumped out about one and three-quarter quarts in about 15 to 20 minutes and I didn't have to jack up the trike, crawl under it etc. you know the drill. One picture I sent shows the spray bottle used. Try to get one with a plastic tube no bigger than 3/16 inch in diameter and at least 9 1/2 to 10 inches long, you don't want to drop a short one down into the crank case. When you pump be sure to open the spray nozzle. Also in the picture is an empty 1-quart oil, container with a sight window on the side which was handy for measuring how much oil I pumped out.

The other picture shows how I used the pump. It is a little messy so use a lot of rags, drip pan and a piece of plastic or something so the oil that comes out the bottom of the pump will drain into the drip pan. This procedure pulled me out of a jam and maybe it will help someone else.

SUBMITTED BY JOE PISANO



Wing Ding 43

As newly selected District Couple of the Year for Florida, we were told to have fun so that was our plan. What more fun could one have than exploring restaurants as a true Gold Winger would do!

Upon arriving in Shreveport, LA, a Louisianan dinner was to be the first order of business, we mean FUN, so off to Orlandeaux's Café, and they have been around since 1921. There we had our first taste of Louisianan food with stuffed shrimp, catfish, and dirty rice. It was delicious. As we were leaving, we ran into Bill & Cheryl Smith, Florida District Directors. We did not want them to eat alone, they may have wanted to, but we hung around and watched them eat and chatted. Please let us know if you hear they really wanted to swat us like flies at a picnic! Let me tell you the Louisianan's do not serve small portions which led to an after dinner walk which this is where we ran into Jayne Van Tol and Alan of FL1-2. We had a nice chat and walk with them. Opening ceremonies were an eye opener. That is where we learned that we were the last District Couple of the Year for Florida as GWRRA will be closing their doors at the end of 2022; not due to bankruptcy thank goodness. There was a gasp and then silence after this announcement as I am sure you can imagine. Yes, after the ceremonies everyone talked amongst themselves trying to figure out what just happened. But was we all talked to each other one could hear that no one, I mean no one was ready for this ride to end after all it had only been 45 years in the making and there are still many roads to travel as well as friends to make!

Day two brought still more conversations but still the consensus of "Let's ride on" and from what we know this ride will go on and go on strong with at least ten thousand Wingers along for the ride whether the road is rough, smooth, wet, or dry, we are all in this together as a family. As with anything when one door closes another usually opens!

There were approximately 2,800 Wingers in attendance to the 43rd Wing Ding. It was great meeting up with all our new friends, as well as old, from Texas, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Georgia, North Carolina, Mississippi, Wyoming, Colorado, and Wisconsin. There had to be over 30 vendors in attendance and yes everyone went home with something, whether it was swag, bike accessories or jewelry. We had another great dinner and Louisianan entertainment at the Welcoming Dinner put on by the City of Shreveport. Elvis was even in the house!

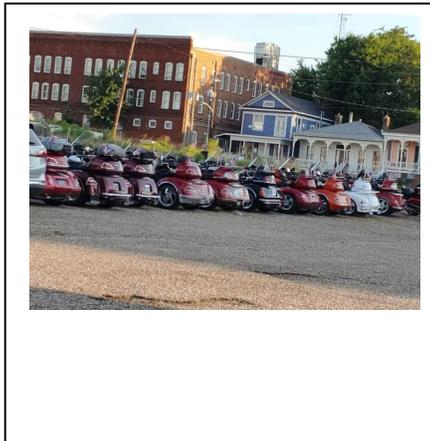
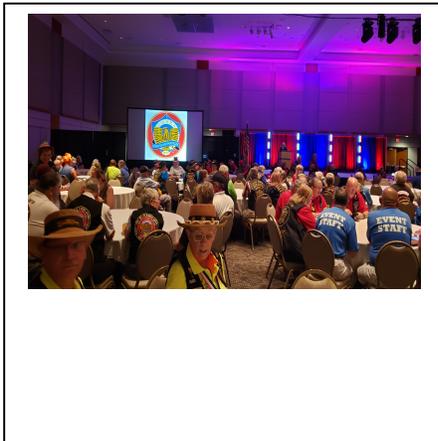
We met up with Joe and Sandy, Jim and Sondra and had a fantastic Welcoming dinner sponsored by the City of Shreveport where we had even more great Louisianan food along with Louisianan music and a visit by Elvis. Yes, there was even an ice cream truck oh and a donut truck!

Doug and I searched out several local restaurants, Joe and Sandy even tagged along to a delicatessen, Ferititta's, where we had their famous "Muffy" sandwich. The original Muffeletta is a sandwich with salami, ham, cheese and an olive mixture. There are others "Muffys" with different meats and cheeses. It was a quaint place and is currently owned by the granddaughter, now in her 70's, and still in the same location. Another place we tried for their beignets was Ralph's Place. I must say that was good as well and another place with generous portions...sharing there is necessary next time! Another place was Sha Baby's, it had fantastic Louisianan food. Grandma was cooking with her granddaughter as our server, she had to be in her twenties, she was great! I will say that we cannot speak ill of any of the places we ate at, they all were tremendous! In the evenings the six of us visited until past bedtime (LOL 9pm) and even went for a walk one night to see the 19-foot Dalmatian at a renovated fire station, now an artist association. His spots change colors in the evenings. It was only a half mile walk but Joe thinks I took him on a cross country journey! Hey after all we had been eating, we needed to walk a journey! There were beautiful murals thorough out the city as well.

Thursday, Sandy, Sondra, and I went on a tour of the city which included a little shopping at the Enchanted Garden where we were treated with peach daiquiris and some amazing crackers. Yes, we each found a treasure to purchase. Then off to more sites and then another stop at a local art gallery which featured local artists, one of which specializes in Voo Doo dolls. Now these were not the scary type of but the good type, if there is such a thing. The artist used old textile materials, including buttons, beads and other notions, from her working days. They were beautiful! We had a nice lunch at the Norton Museum in a picnic area and then off to tour the incredible museum. Last stop was C&C Mercantile. Imagine Chip and Joanna Gains of HGT opening a store. It was incredible and fun. The owner told us of his hat making which was their original draw to encourage people to visit their store. This was a lot of fun, thank you Sandy for setting this up for us. I really enjoyed my time with the girls!

Each day of Wing Ding held classes, or tours of the vendors, local rides, or just visiting with new and old friends and all culminating to another Louisianan dinner. The weather cooperated with sunny and hot days with one exception; it rained on our parade, literally! If one did get a little hot all you had to do was walk back into the hotel or convention center where the weather was arctic to say the least.

Overall, we had a fantastic time and are extremely pleased to have been a part of GWRRA and look forward to the next chapter with our Winger Family!



Dominick & Diane DeSiato

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Where is your First Aid Kit?

If I were to ask you where your First Aid Kit is located on your bike, trike, or trailer you could probably answer me without hesitation, exactly where it is located. What would happen if you were the one who is incapacitated and is in need of your First Aid Kit? Would other members on the ride be able to quickly find it without your assistance? Any GWRRA Member who is a Level 3 or higher is required to carry their own First Aid Kit, but this is not a perfect world and it could be possible they do not have one with them. In an emergency, it is possible for people to go into panic mode and they might not be thinking clearly as they frantically search for a First Aid Kit.

What could we do to make it easier to locate a First Aid Kit in an emergency? You could place "First Aid Kit" vinyl stickers on the exterior of your bike, trike, or trailer to indicate the location of a First Aid Kit. Attached are photos of what the stickers look like and where you could mount them. They can be purchased on Amazon or other places on line for a couple of



dollars.

You or someone in your Chapter may also carry an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) with them. It would also be necessary to quickly locate this device in an emergency. Vinyl

stickers for that device can also be purchased and placed on the outside of the location on your bike, trike, or trailer where it can be found.

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 Dominickflde@gmail.com. For MFA Classes contact Claudia at rvega19854@gmail.com.

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Signature _____	Signature _____	
Date: _____	Is this your first-time attending the Florida Rally? Yes No	
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If you would like registration confirmation, please
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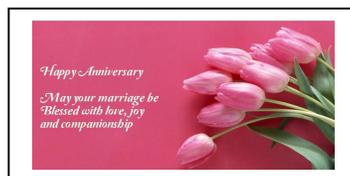
Pre-Order Shirts for entry into a drawing for a prize to be awarded to 1 lucky winner at Closing Ceremonies

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



July Birthdays

7/12 Marilyn Rich
7/21 George Scholes
7/24 Paul Dreyfus
7/23 Lena Valcourt
7/28 Tammy Pounds



July Anniversaries

7/16 Jim & Sondra Cuff
7/24 John & Allison Meisenbacher

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

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 Dominick DeSiato.

Thanks for reading!

Everyone is encouraged to submit relevant articles by the 20th of the month!