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



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GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION TREASURE COAST WINGS FL2-O

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Congratulations to Jim Rich on his 3rd published article in Wing World's October issue. The article is on page 80 and cannot be missed being the last page. Jim routinely writes articles for Road Runner magazine and is regularly published in letters to the editor of the Palm Beach Post. Terry and I attended Wing Ding 41 in Nashville. This time we decided to fly to Nashville and then extend the trip to Portland, OR for the Labor Day weekend to visit family. On our Uber ride from the airport to the hotel we were pointing out a Goldwing Trike to the driver, who was unfamiliar with Gold Wings, and were excited to spot that the driver of that Trike was Jim Cuff. What are the odds of that! And then at the Gaylord Hotel registration counter, we ran into Jim again and told him that we had spotted him on our route to the hotel. Then we got our next surprise. We saw Jim on his way to put the final touches on his purchase of a 2019 Wing that would have a RoadSmith trike conversion plus all the aftermarket "goodies" that he wanted. Congratulations Jim and Sondra!!

While attending the Chapter Director's forum we met Anita Alkire, President of GWRRA, and she told us that this was going to be her final official activity as President due to the fact that she was turning the reins over to Jere and Sherry Goodman. Thank you, Anita, for your outstanding service to GWRRA and congratulations to Jere and Sherry Goodman.

Since I am a long time country music fan, Terry and I decided to take advantage of the convenient location of the 'Grand ole Opry' to the Gaylord Hotel and attend a concert. What a thrill to see Clint Black, Sawyer Brown and country legend, Ricky Skaggs and to check another box on my 'bucket list.' The annual Wing Ding, where over7000 attended, was a great experience! Upon our arrival home from the trip to Wing Ding and Portland we learned that Bud Parish was back in the hospital dealing with complications of his prior surgery. I

went to visit and found him on the road to recovery and undergoing treatment. Bud said it will take a while to fully recover. He is in good spirits and seems to be doing well.

David Morris, Chapter Director

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50/50 Bud Parish

Couple of the Year 2019 Jim & Sondra Cuff

Person of the Year 2019 Bud Parish

Spirit Team Chair Sandy Pisano

ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS



JIM and MARILYN RICH

MOTORCYCLE TRAILERS by Jim Rich

No, not the kind you put your beer and water in and tow behind your bike; the kind you put your bike on and tow behind your car. Having lost track of the number of times we've made the trek from Jupiter to the Georgia border, or vice-versa, we've come to realize that the 350 mile jaunt is the longest, and hottest, part of what have been some spectacular rides. The solution: eliminate that part of the trip and spend more time enjoying some great rides. Space dictated a stand up trailer, so when we saw a Kendon trailer for sale in PSL we jumped in the car to take a look. Over 10 years old and stored outdoors resulted in most nuts, bolts and weld joints being very rusty so we passed. Not a week later a Stinger XL 112 trailer showed up on Craig's List. Not being familiar with Stinger we did some research and found great reviews, so off we went to PSL again. Built in January of 2018 the trailer was in pristine condition and folded to a very small footprint so now future outings will involve air conditioned comfort at least to the Georgia border.







SEPTEMBER GATHERING

WRITTEN BY Terry Henderson, MEC



Chapter Director, David Morris, opened the Gathering on Wed. Sept. 11 at 7pm sharp. He welcomed all the members and asked MEC, Terry Henderson, to introduce our visitors including John Main who has relocated from Kentucky to Fort Pierce for a new job selling semi-trucks for Kenworth Corp. John said that he was Chapter Director in Kentucky and also handled many other duties for the chapter. John & his wife Sheila plan to participate in our rides and activities in the future. Our other guest was Joe Godly from Brooklyn, a very good friend of Jim & Sondra Cuff. We welcome you all to Chapter FL2-O.

David announced that he visited Bud & Barb in the Martin Memorial North Hospital and discovered that Bud is doing better as he fights a post operative infection. Joe Trotta and Jim & Marilyn Rich also visited him today. They all discovered that he plans to get out of the hospital over the weekend and return to rehab or home. We all wish him a speedy recovery!

Sandy Pisano made the announcement that the next Kick Tire dinner is on Wed. Sept 25 at the Bonefish Max in PSL. She asked David to post the next Kick Tire on Wed. Oct. 23 at Outback in Stuart. Please RSVP on GroupWorks so we know how many seats to reserve. There will be no Kick Tire in Nov. due to Thanksgiving and no Kick Tire in Dec. due to our Christmas party on Wed. Dec. 11 at the Holiday Inn in PSL. Sandy was very happy to announce that the Sprit Team has resumed meeting on the second Mon. of the month at Duffy's on US 1 in South Stuart. This month we met on Mon. Sept. 9 and welcomed all of the ladies including Laura Smutek, our newest Spirit Team member. Tammy and Myrta are working on our Chapter Scrapbook and want to remind us to gather items and photos from all our chapter events so we have a great Scrapbook entry for the March Rally. Send all event photos and other items to Sandy and she will get them to Tammy and Myrta. Tammy and Larry Pound will return from Georgia in Nov. Thank you for everyone's help!

David gave a short report about our Wing Ding experience in Nashville, TN. He said that the Florida District won the attendance award and that we met up with Jim Cuff a couple of times. David called on Jim to share the great news about purchasing a new 2019 Gold Wing Trike. Jim said that KD Cycle gave him a great deal which included 30% off installation. He's hoping they will deliver his blue and black Trike soon. David congratulated Jim and light heartedly dubbed him the 'biggest spender' at Wing Ding. David also thanked Sondra for baking the delicious home-made cookies for our Gathering tonight.

David asked ACD, Jim Rich, to take over the Gathering. Jim announced that our next breakfast ride will be posted in GroupWorks and take place on Sun. Sept. 22. We will meet at Cracker Barrel in Stuart. Kick stands up at 8:30am at which time we will drive the back roads on a great ride to KeKe's.

Metalflake gave his Tech Talk report regarding securing your 1800 Gold Wing onto a trailer. When you are attempting to tie down your Wing, don't use the rachet straps. They are too much. He recommended using soft ties around the triple tree. Jim said that the Auto Train is a great way to travel north to Lorton, VA and the guys who tie down the bike are really professional. Jim said that he and David were very impressed with the care they took to secure the bike for travel on the Auto Train.

Jim reminded everyone to submit their mileage to Barry. He called for the winning 50/50 raffle ticket to be drawn and Myrta Colussy won! Congratulations, Myrta. Jim adjourned the meeting.

NANCY AND BARRY'S TRIP TO ALASKA







During our 61 day trip via RV, we drove on the Alaska Highway, saw beautiful scenery and soaked in Hot Springs.







We saw lots of wildlife and traveled with some really large motorhomes. We also enjoyed tasting Alaskan brews!





We shared drinks with friends, drove on crappy roads and walked on a glacier and collected a gallon of glacier water! It was an awesome trip and we enjoyed every minute of it, but we are glad to be home!



WING DING 41

WRITTEN BY Terry Henderson, MEC



This year's Wing Ding was truly special because it checked off two of my 'bucket list' items. I have always wanted to see Nashville and visit the Grand Ole' Opry. As luck would have it, Wing Ding was in Nashville this year at the huge Gaylord Resort just up the street from the Grand Ole' Opry. Well, I told David, "we have to go!" So, we planned a trip to Nashville and decided to take advantage of the opportunity to fly from Nashville to Portland, OR to see my son after Wing Ding. We flew into Nashville International Airport on Tue. Aug. 27, a day before the start of Wing Ding, so that we could have some time to get organized before the fun-filled Gold Wing activities began. We took an Uber to the hotel and coincidentally passed Jim Cuff as he was driving his trike & trailer to the same destination. When we got to the amazing Gaylord Resort, we saw Jim again at the reception desk. The wait was long but David was standing right in front of 3 young servicemen who were pilots on Black Hawk helicopters so he enjoyed chatting with them about their tour of duty in the Army.

If you haven't been to the beautiful Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, I highly recommend that you put it on your 'bucket list' as I did. It was spectacular!! The 4 star Resort has over 750,000 sq. ft. of facilities that includes a massive conference center all located underneath a huge big glass dome. The lovely landscaping and meticulously groomed gardens are adjacent to all of the meandering walkways that lead to the rooms, restaurants, shops and even a boat that takes passengers on a sight-seeing river cruise throughout the interior of the massive complex. It took most of the afternoon to acclimate ourselves and determine where our room was in the midst of all the fantastic shops and fountains. Oh yes, there were dozens of gorgeous fountains that danced to the music and were dramatically lighted at night.



When Wed. arrived, we immediately went searching for the Convention Center which was located on the exact opposite end of the hotel...about a 15 minute walk from our room. We ran into FL District Director, Bill and Cheryl Smith as soon as we got there and we were excited to see one another. We stood in a very long registration line for more than an hour and got our welcome packet complete with a schedule of events and our Wing Ding 41 Pin which we proudly display on our vest. David had some specific items to pick up and I found some vendors that I had seen last year and hoped to see again. To say the least, I had a ball and spent more than I expected to spend. There goes my budget. The next day we went to the Chapter Director's meeting and listened to Anita Alkire, the President of GWRRA, who announced that she is retiring. She introduced her replacement, Jere and Sherry Goodman, who encouraged all members to make *riding* a priority in our individual chapters. As he said in Wing World, "It is important that the Chapter encourages as many as possible to attend events and enjoy the camaraderie that traveling together can bring. Some Chapters travel en masse and always seem to have an outstanding time." Following their introduction, we watched a demonstration on how to run a successful Gathering and came away with some new ideas as well as a strong sense that our Chapter FL2-0 is doing the right things. We are riding as often as possible, building strong friendships & enjoying each other's company at our monthly Gathering and Kick Tire events. We are encouraging new members and following our GWRRA slogan that encourages FUN, Friendship, Safety & Knowledge.









JOHN DUBOSE



RIDE CAPTAIN

There's a good chance that if someone has to ask you why you ride a motorcycle, they'll never really understand. For most of us, we ride because we can't **not** ride. It's who we are. It's why we are. This though, is the internet, and on the internet we make lists and explain things. So here are some reasons you should ride a <u>motorcycle</u>

.1. To be Cool

Motorcycles are cool. Period. They tell the world, "I live my life large! I laugh at fear, I am adventurous!" Everyone who sees anyone on any bike thinks that person is cool. This is very true for kids, and slightly less true for in-laws—but even they are still secretly impressed. Unless you ride in sandals or flip flops, or without a helmet – then you look silly.

2. To Find Your Zen

On a motorcycle, your thoughts are occupied by the moment, and only the moment. In that moment you feel very, very big and at the same exact moment, you are very well aware that you are also very, very small. Those two concepts collide in your mind simultaneously, and that is why we have that look in our eyes. We see the universe for what it is and transcend reality.

3. Commuting Is Easier And More Fun

Sitting in traffic sucks. But it sucks a lot less if you live in one of the states that allow lane splitting. Even if you don't, I guarantee your run through traffic will be faster, more enjoyable and more rewarding than if you were stuck in a car listening to news reports. People who arrive at work and take off their helmet are 1,000 percent more like to be smiling than people who arrive in a Dodge Journey.

4. You Learn About Perspective

Set your sights further down the road. Look where you want to go. Be aware of your surroundings. Live in the moment. The solutions to most problems we encounter on the road while riding are the same as the solutions to most of life's problems. Look further down the road when you're feeling unstable and you'll be alright in the end.

5. You're Less Of A Drain On The System

Riding a bike is better for the environment than driving a car. You use less fuel. Your transport uses less resources to build. You take up less space. You even take less of a toll on roads and infrastructure. Motorbikes as a single-person (or two-person) transport are far more efficient. Motorbikes are generally also cheaper to buy, operate, and maintain than a car.

6. A Motorcycle Can't Be Hacked (Yet)

Okay, so we're taking creative license a bit here because even cars can't be hacked really—there have been some stunts online but all of them required someone having physical access to a vehicle at some point. We know, however, that the march of autonomous technology continues to advance and invade our driving experiences. While that technology is finding its way into motorcycles, (Harley-Davidson developing group-riding cruise control for example), it is a lot harder to divorce the organic component from the equation when it comes to riding a bike. Take that Cyberdyne!



Written by Sandy Pisano



Have you noticed? Fall is in the air! In anticipation of the upcoming months, the Spirit Team is in the midst of planning the annual Christmas party as well as supporting other chapter events. Our scrapbook team (Tammy and Myrta) have been working on our entry for the March District Rally. Please remember to email chapter event pictures to Sandy. Your photos are greatly appreciated. If you have any ideas or suggestions that you would like the Spirit Team to pursue please see one of the team members. Our next meeting is October 7th at Duffy's in south Stuart. Our committee members are Sondra Cuff, Myrta Colussy Barb Parish, Percy Comstock, Terry Henderson, Marilyn Rich, Tammy Pounds, Nancy Karnell, Laura Smutek, Wanda Hackett and Sandy Pisano. All ladies of the chapter are welcome to join us!

"Think deeply, speak gently, love much, laugh aloud, work hard, give freely, and be kind."



RIDER EDUCATION Written by Rick Northrup





Yawn.....2:14am....nope, can't sleep. One would think that nearly 70 years old one would be able to shut off ones brain and be able to catch a decent nights rest but, noooo. Here I am tossing and turning for nearly 3 hours, so I decided to get up and try to do something constructive. Now if I could just remember what that would be. Well duh..... I guess that's why I'm sitting here in my PJ's at my computer typing. I'll get there. Remember, I did say I was nearly 70 so give me time to remember.

Ah yes, it's coming to me.....after coming back from Wing Ding, (and yes Pam and I had a very good time. I did develop a stomach ailment, due to a previous issue and couldn't get medicine until we got home), but overall we had fun. We both noticed a decline of attendance in many of the Rider Ed seminars we attended. This really disturbed me. I realize this is the first Wing Ding we have been able to attend since Huntsville, so maybe there is a reason for the decline in the interest that I am unaware?

The reason I mention this now: any Rider Ed seminars that are scheduled to be presented at any of our Florida chapters I will post on our FL District website as soon as I am notified of the date, time and location. This is done in order that any member wishing to attend may see what is going on in Rider Ed and the details of when and where. Same goes for any of the CPR/FA classes and the ARC/TRC classes.

Speaking of Wing Ding and ARC, did any of your FL chapter members take the ARC class at Wing Ding? If so, email me a copy of your ARC/ARC-R completion card and I'll refund your class fee. (Well, FL Rider Ed will refund your class fee that is.)

Wing Ding also brought some exciting news that is going to be coming down the pipe very soon. I'm not sure exactly sure how they are going to announce it, but I do believe it will be a breath of fresh air, especially for Rider Ed! Keep your eyes and ears open!

As the end of September rolls around, Pam and I will be a bit out of touch and not real certain for how long. We will be moving out of our Lecanto home on Sept 27 for good. We are in the process of purchasing a home in Sebring and supposedly the closing is on Oct 4. Hopefully we can move stuff in before then?? We can still be reached by email, text and via phone.

Please remember that these next couple of months are the hottest months we will face. If you are out on your bikes please make sure you are ATGATT and HYDRATE, HYDRATE, HYDRATE!!! In this heat you cannot drink enough. And I mean enough WATER! Or get those drinks that have the electrolytes that your body needs. Be responsible, be safe, take plenty of breaks, stay cool and remember to~ ~ ~

Ride Safe, Ride Aware,

Rick Northrop Sr District Educator

FL2-O ride suggestions for 2019 - 2020 Riding Season

Road Captains John DuBose and ACD Jim Rich have been thinking of adding some new rides to the FL2-O riding season. Take a minute to review this list and see if any of these interest you or let us know if you have one that you'd like to add.

1. LaBelle Brewing Company - Food by Buckingham Farms (Opens in October) http://labellebrewingco.com/ Brewery is located on the water behind Two Peas Café (great

desserts)

- 2. Edison and Ford Winter Estates https://www.edisonfordwinterestates.org/ (Fort Myers) This could be an overnight tied with La Belle stop.
- 3. Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens (Delray Beach) https://morikami.org /
- 4. Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium (Sarasota) https://mote.org/
- 5. The Ringling Museum (Sarasota) <u>https://www.ringling.org/</u> Sarasota might make another good overnight trip with an Amish meal.
- 6. Kissimmee Blueberry Festival March 26 29, 2020 https://www.experiencekissimmee.com/events/2019-florida-blueberry-festival
- 7. Florida Air Museum and Sun and Fun March 31 April 5, 2020 https://www.flysnf.org/sun-n-fun-intl-fly-expo/
- 8. Sebring Soda Festival April 3 5, 2020 https://www.sebringsodafest.com/

Looking forward to a great riding season! Road Captains John & Jim

It's Official!

Wing Ding 42

June 30- July 4, 2020

Springfield, Missouri



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

SUMMER KICK TIRES- Dinner at 5:30 Come on 2 /3/ or 4 wheels

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.

• September 25 Bonefish Mac, 662 SE Becker Rd, PSL, 34984

STATE RALLIES

Mississippi Rally, Gulfport October 17-19 Florida Rally, Altamonte Springs, March 19-21, 2020

WING DING

Wing Ding 41, Nashville, TN August 27—31, 2019

FLORIDA DISTRICT RIDE-IN (SEE DETAILS ON GROUPWORKS)

October 25-27 Sunrise to Sunset



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FL2-O CHRISTMAS PARTY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

WINGERS AND WAVES CRUISE

Mark your calendar and join the GWRRA-FL District on the "Independence of the Seas" on November 30, 2019 for 5 nights. The WINGERS-N-WAVES cruise will depart from Fort Lauderdale to Labadee, Haiti and Falmouth, Jamaica. Labadee is a private Royal Caribbean island that features pristine beaches, coral reefs and lagoon-like bays surrounded by forested mountains. The latest \$100m make-over and revamped ship focuses on new features, additional food options and new activities. The group rates offer a refundable deposit! Please book with us to ensure your included into our special events, parties & group dinners. Pricing includes ALL port taxes & double occupancy. Rates are subject to change until booked. BALCONY - \$637pp (premium location) INSIDE - \$497pp



Florida District Rally - March 19 - 21, 2020 Opens daily at 8:00am GWRRA # Riders Name Age District Directors Bill & Chervl Smith (561) 445-4270 fldd2018@gmail.com Riders or Co-Riders Name (circle one) GWRRA # Age Rally Coordinators Vendor Coordinators Rick & Madalena Buck Jeff & Lisa Duffey (813) 943-5231 (813) 748-0770 Street Address, City, State & Zip Code Rmbuck@tampabav.rr.com duffev0770@amail.com Phone # Email Address Preregistrations must be postmarked by March 1, 2020 No refunds after March 1, 2020. After March 1st Chapter Chapter Position District or Team GWRRA Position Registration is \$5.00 higher I/We agree to hold harmless GWRRA, co-sponsoring organizations and any property owners for any \$15 Day Passes will be sold onsite and are good for all loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved because of participation in this events the day of purchase except Thursday night dinner rally. I/we have read this waiver and acknowledge with signature(s) below: Submit Registration Forms to: Signature Signature Is this your first-time attending the Florida Rally? Yes No Date: Geno & Kathie Jette 114 Canis Dr E GWRRA Members \$35 Orange Park, FL 32073 Non-Members \$40 Make check or money order (US dollars only) Under 12 (Dinner on Thursday extra, See below) Free x payable to Florida GWRRA If you would like registration confirmation, please Sit Down Dinner - Thursday Night \$10 x *** Fully registered attendees only *** ensure you provide an email address Ticket Sales Gold Wing Raffle (Book of 10) \$10 50 / 25 / 25 (Strip of 10) (double than received onsite) Live Entertainment on Friday \$5 Grand Prize (Strip of 10) (double than received onsite) Guided rides on Friday & Saturday \$5 Shirt Sales (price is \$2.00 less than on site) Register by January 1st, 2020 for entry into Early Polo Shirt S M L XL \$22 Bird drawing to be awarded to 1 lucky winner at Closing Ceremonies! Polo Shirt XXXXL XXL XXXL \$25 T-Shirt M L XL s **\$18** Pre-Order Shirts for entry into a drawing for a T-Shirt XXL XXXL XXXXL \$20 prize to be awarded to 1 lucky winner at Closing S M L Long Sleeve XL Ceremonies \$20 Long Sleeve XXL XXXL XXXXL \$22 See website for latest information http://www.gwrraflorida.com/rally.html TOTAL ENCLOSED (US Dollars Only) \$

Gold Wing Raffle tickets are available to purchase and sell.

- Proceeds provide FREE training for all Florida GWRRA members.
- Did you know that our chapter earns \$1 for every book (\$10) sold!!
- 1st prize New Gold Wing/2nd prize \$1,000/3rd prize \$500
- SELLER of winning ticket, receives a cash prize, too

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Cold Wing Road Riders Association - Florida District NEW GOLD WING or \$10,000

Second Drawing: \$1000 • Third \$1.00 DONATION

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Third Drawing: \$500

Thanks~

To everyone who wrote an article for this month's newsletter: David Morris, Terry Henderson, Jim Rich, John DuBose, Nancy Karnell, Sandy Pisano, and Rick Northrop. Thanks for reading!