

FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE



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Monthly Gathering
First Thursday of each
Month
At
Golden Corral
582 Blanding Blvd
6:30 pm – Eat

STAY IN TOUCH!



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Can it be March 2020 already, time sure fly when you stay busy. Seem like we just had a New Years celebration.

The Florida District GWRRA rally is coming up on 19 March, with 300 members already signed up to attend, it will be the place to meet new friends and have an awesome party. You can still get registered or just come down to Altamonte Springs Hilton Hotel for the day to see the latest and greatest accessories for your Goldwing and someone will win a new Goldwing or money on Saturday March 21st.

We hope winter is gone and everyone can get out and ride in the sunshine this month.

**Wingnutts Chapter FL1-X
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Dominick and Diane DeSiato

District Educators

Wow! What an honor to be selected to serve as Florida District Educators. We were so sorry to hear of Rick Northrop's unexpected illness. We wish him a speedy recovery and continue to keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

I guess some introduction is in order for those of you who do not know me or my wife, Diane. Diane and I are retired from the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. Diane served for 29 years with her last assignment being the Coordinator for the School Crossing Program scheduling 273 Crossing Guards. I served for 40 years with my last 22 years being a Motorcycle Officer. I was a Florida State certified Police Motorcycle Instructor and Motorcycle Crash Investigator. I also competed and still do compete in Police Motorcycle Competitions. I have been an MSF Instructor since 1996 and still continue to teach today. I am certified by the MSF to teach BRC & BRC-2 two-wheel motorcycle courses as well as Trike, Sport Bike, Can-Am Spyder and Slingshot classes. I am also certified by Evergreen Motorcycle Training to teach Side Car Classes. Diane was also an MSF Motorcycle Instructor and would assist me with classes.

While I was a Florida State Motorcycle Crash Investigator, I got to see the unfortunate side of riding. It was after investigating numerous motorcycle crashes I realized one of the major findings in the Hurt Report to be true. Most motorcycle crashes could be avoided if only the rider knew what to do to prevent the crash. It was those crash investigation experiences that motivated me to begin to teach riders. Hopefully through my teaching I could prevent some of the preventable crashes from occurring.

We joined GWRRA 5 years ago after we retired. I am in the process of becoming a certified GWRRA Rider Course Instructor. I will be attending an Instructor's Class on May 30th to become GWRRA ARC certified instructor and another Instructor's Class at Wing Ding in July to become GWRRA TRC certified. I am assisting members now on getting two new ranges certified for our use. One will be in Clearwater and one in Jacksonville. Many of our members need riding classes to maintain their current Levels status. There are also many MFA CPR classes in progress at this time. They are not just for maintaining Levels, but could save the life of a loved one. Check the District Website and Group Works for class listings information.

We are excited about our new position with the Florida District of GWRRA. We have been receiving a lot of welcomed support from Staff and Members which is greatly needed and appreciated. Riding has always been our passion and teaching safe riding our goal. We hope to meet more of you at the 41st Annual Florida District Gathering of the Wings on March 19th-21st in Altamonte Springs.

Ride safe, Dominick & Diane

“THE SAFETY CORNER”

Points to Ponder:

From Ride Apart website

Over the next few months I'll continue sharing parts of an article that was on the Ride Apart website. These are their opinions and presented here only to inspire you to think about the situations and hopefully form your own action plans.

“Riding a motorcycle is dangerous. Luckily, bikes also give you the best possible tools to avoid crashing—incredibly powerful brakes, obstruction-free vision, excellent handling, and very grippy tires. Here’s how to use those tools, and your very own brain, to avoid one of these common motorcycle accidents.”

(Note: I have changed the order which this are discussed in the article to put traffic issues first. Most of us ride around Jacksonville/Orange Park in heavy traffic most of the time. Therefore, traffic is our biggest threat.)

“BE SMART, BE SAFE

3. A Car Hits You from Behind

You come to a halt at a stop sign/crosswalk/intersection/to avoid a family of baby ducks when the driver behind you doesn’t see you or isn’t trying to and plows into you at high speed. The most common car accident is a “fender bender.” A fender bender can kill a motorcyclist.

How to Avoid it: Use cars as your very own crumple zone. A single car stopped at a multi-lane stoplight, with more cars coming from behind? Pull in front of it (wave nicely) and you’re cushioned from any subsequent impacts. Between a line of cars works just as well.” *(Not legal in Florida.)*

“No free crumple zones available? Stop to the side rather than the center of a lane, rapidly flash your brake light by tapping a brake lever, keep the bike in gear and your right hand on the throttle. Pay attention to what’s coming up behind you and be prepared to scoot away should it appear someone’s about to come plowing into you.

Be particularly aware in situations where there’s bad visibility, at times when drunk driving is prevalent (do all the bars around you let out at 01:00?) and when stops are unexpected, such as at pedestrian crosswalks on very busy streets and stuff like those cute baby ducks crossing the road.”

(I would add some things to think about when you must unexpectedly stop in a roadway other than an intersection. On a Gold Wing, turn on your emergency flashers just before coming to a stop. Leave them on until a car/truck gets stopped behind you. The flashing lights may draw more attention. (Be sure to turn them off before taking off. It’s illegal to drive with flashers on.))

Just something to think about.

Be Safe out there;



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2020 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS

**March 19-21st 41st Annual Fl. District
Gathering of the Wings Altamonte Springs Fl**

**April 16-18th South Carolina District Clemson, SC
Sweet Dreams & Nightmares**

**April 25th FL1-A Tampa-Celebrate
American Freedom-St Anthony of Padua
Parish Hall 12110 Main Street San Antonio, Fl.**

June 30th –July 4th WINGDING 42 Springfield, MO

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RUSSELL HARNEY	16TH
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BILL COUGHENOUR	25TH
RENA OAKLEY	26TH



“**HARTLEY HAPPENINGS**” – Hello Wingnutts, and welcome to the month of March. We hope everyone is doing well and had a great Super Bowl Sunday/Ground Hog Day and Valentine’s Day. As you all have noticed we’ve had some on and off again cold weather this past month. No worries, we’re in Florida and now that March is here, Spring is just around the corner. Check the events on our calendar and come out and join us in some great fun, food and fellowship.



At the February Chapter gathering the following took place: we had a visitor from Chapters FL1-J. The patch drawing was won by **Gary Hartley**. Door prizes were won by: **Gary Hartley, Dayle Manes, Gail Baker, Len Lewis, Loretta Coughenour, Geno Jette, Tenna Cox and Kathie Jettie**. The drawing for those who brought door prizes was won by **Dee Loudon**. The evening’s 50-50 drawings were won by **Bob Manes and Paul Potrok**. The ride jar was won by **Rena Inmon**. The GW tickets (32) was won by Rena Oakley. There was one Helping Hand awards, going to Geno for helping out, from Gary Hartley.

Maintaining Membership

Maintaining membership is always a question that comes up. How do we get New Members to join or we need younger members? These are the two most common questions we hear. The sad part is we don’t have answers to the questions. In 2019, our New Membership was down 15% from 2018. The good news is, contacting New Membership was up. The Prospective Memberships maintained about the same levels between the two years. As for New Memberships, we need to remind Chapter Participants to talk with people and keep membership applications with them as they travel around.

Upcoming events to remember



















March 7th, Kick off to Bike Week Breakfast – FL1-H, Daytona

March 19th-21st, 41st Annual Florida Gathering of the Wings

Congratulations to the following members on their GWRRA Anniversaries:

Fred and Gail Baker	03/2017
William & Analyn Green	03/2019

As always, ride safe and remember (ATGATT) All the Gear All the Time!
Gary & Terry Hartley, Membership Enhancement Coordinators and
2000 & 2019 Chapter FL1-X Couple of the Year

GWRRA		March 2020				FL1-X	
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	 SAT	
1 Breakfast Golden Corral 9:00am Estate sale/Garage sale day 	2	3 FL1-Y Gainesville Meeting 6:00 to eat	4 ROMEO KSU 10 am Loc #6 	5 FL1-X MTG Golden Corral Orange Park 6:30 pm eat 	6 Kick Tires Dairy Queen Kingsley Ave Orange Park 7PM Loc#4	7 Bike week Break- fast Elks lodge Loc 5 7:30am Ride to 	
8 Powell's loc #1 1:30 pm ride to Starke 	9 FL1-K MTG Palm Coast Golden Corral	10 \$1 Taco Tuesday 2:00 Margarita's Fleming Island 	11 ROMEO KSU 10 am Loc #6 	12 Stuff the envelopes 6:00 pm 	13 Kick Tires Dairy Queen Kingsley Ave Orange Park 7PM Loc#4	14 Shrimp R Us Loc # 5 11:00 am Welaka 	
15 Joey Mozza- rella's 1:30 pm 930 Blanding meet & eat 	16	17  Happy Saint Patrick's Day	18 ROMEO KSU 10 am Loc #6 	19 FL Dist Rally	20 Kick Tires Dairy Queen Kingsley Ave Orange Park 7PM Loc#4 FL Dist Rally	21 FL1-V Mtg Manda- rin 9:30 am Loc #5 11:30 am Ride to Palatka FL Dist Rally	
22 Breakfast 9:00 am Munchies 4555 St Johns Avenue	23	24 FL1-J MTG Golden Corral Merrill Rd 6:30pm	25 ROMEO KSU 10 am Loc #6 	26 Miller's Ale House 6:30 pm 1756 Wells Rd	27 Kick Tires Dairy Queen Kingsley Ave Orange Park 7PM Loc#4	28 Breakfast Ride 9:00 am loc #8 to Folkston Okfenokee Restau- rant	
29 Olive Gar- den 2:30 pm O.P.meet & eat 	30	31	1 April ROMEO KSU 10 am 	2 April FL1-X MTG Golden Corral Orange Park 6:30 pm eat 	3 April Kick Tires Dairy Queen Kingsley Ave Orange Park 7PM Loc#4	4 Steffens Loc # 8 10:30 am ride to Kingsland 	

ROMEO—Retired Old Men Eating Out

JULIET– Just Us Ladies In Enjoyable Times

#1 Flash Foods Station, 2540 Blanding Middleburg

#5 Race Trac, RT 17/CR209, Green Cove

#3 Speedway Station, 9651 Argyle Forest Blvd.

#6 Speedway, RT 17, Orange Park

#4 Dairy Queen, 610 Kingsley Avenue

#8 Race Trac, US#1 & I-295 (northside)



NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2020

Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge

The Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) is the World's largest single-marque social organization for owners and riders of the Honda Goldwing/Valkyrie motorcycles—and some say the world largest family. Dedicated to our motto, Friends for Fun, Safe and Knowledge, GWRRA members enjoy the freedom of belonging to a non-profit, non-religious, and non-political organization.

Once you join GWRRA, you can participate with as many Chapters as you

choose. You decide your own level of involvement and time. Wherever you go, whenever you travel, you are welcomed. GWRRA membership opens doors to friendship everywhere you ride! Monthly Chapter get-togethers often light-hearted changes of information at a breakfast location are pleasant, social occasions. There are no expectations, riding requirements, elections, politics, required uniforms or Chapter dues.

