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HELLLLLO GANG..... THE HEAD ARTICLE IS NOT BEING WRITTEN THIS TIME BY THE GRAND PUPA BUT BY ME. SO HERE GOES... BOY WHAT A MONTH... WHERE TO START? WE HAD SOME GREAT RIDES AND PARTIES. THE MAIN RIDE WAS TO KEY WEST. SEVEN BIKES IT WAS GREAT (SEE ARTICLE); GREAT TURN OUT. THE SMUGGLERS COVE WASN'T TOO BAD; AGAIN FOOD, FUN, AND FRIENDS. GOT TO SEE DAVE'S BOAT, SHE IS A BEAUTY. IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL NIGHT RIDE HOME TOO. THEN THE LUAU (SEE ARTICLE).

BY NOW YOU ALL KNOW THIS WAS OUR BIG "KIDNAPPING" MONTH. ANDY AND I HAD "ALFREIDA" FROM GEORGIA... AND PAT AND MIKE DUQUETTE HAD "GANGSTA GATOR" FROM PALM BEACH. WHAT A BALL WE HAD WITH THEM. I MEAN THESE TWO HAD MORE FUN ON THE RIDES THAN MOST OF US. NOW IT IS DRAWING TO A CLOSE AND ALFRIEDA WILL RETURN TO GEORGIA AND GANGSTA WILL RETURN TO HIS CAVE. I'M SURE THEY BOTH WILL HAVE STORIES TO TELL IN THEIR OLD AGE.

YOU DON'T REALIZE HOW GOOD ANDY AND I FEEL WHEN THERE IS A GOOD TURNOUT FOR ANY EVENT. SOME HOW IT MAKES US FEEL THE WORK AND WORRY IS WORTH IT. I KNOW NOT EVERYONE CAN BECOME TOTALLY INVOLVED WITH THE CHAPTER, AS YOU HAVE OTHER COMMITMENTS AND FAMILY TO CONSIDER, AND WHEN YOU DO GET INVOLVED IT MAKES ALL WORTHWHILE.

NOW SUMMER IS UPON US AND AT TIMES IT MAY SEEM TOO HOT TO RIDE AND WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO PLAN FOR FUN AND COOL THINGS TO DO. HINT: THERE MAYBE EVEN SOME "PANTY " RAIDS ON SOMEONE'S POOLS.

WE HOPE THE NEWS IS GOOD FOR LINDA AND VIC CONCERNING THEIR GRANDBABY. GLAD TO SEE DEBBIE FEELING A LITTLE BETTER AT THE MEETING.

**THE POKER RUN WAS A SUCCESS AND WE WISH TO TAKE THIS TIME TO GIVE A HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS DOING THE WORK. THANK YOU SO MUCH. ALSO A BIG THANKS TO PAT DUQUETTE FOR HER WONDERFUL IDEA ON THE "QUARTER RUNS" IT HAS REALLY BEEN A FUN SUCCESS. THANKS PAT. THAT IS IT FOR NOW... RIDE FOR FUN... RIDE SAFE, RIDE WITH PRIDE.**

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## **Trailer Talk**

Re-printed from another chapter newsletter. - Mike Duquette

Just as we have TCLOCK for checking our bikes for safe traveling, some people have come up with BLT for checking the road-worthiness of our trailers.

B – is for Ball: The Ball is the part hanging out from the GoldWing on which you scrape you shins if your not careful. The ball needs to be locked tight onto the receiver plate and the receiver and the hitch assembly needs to be bolted tight to the Wing's frame. The ball should also be well greased for smooth pulling and turns. At a minimum, annually wipe all the old dirty grease off and apply a new coating. Also take time to check the locking pins for bends, cracks, and other signs of wear and tear.

L – is for Lines: There are two types of lines. First, are the SAFETY lines, (AKA, chains). Obviously they need to be long enough to reach from a securely mounted location on the trailer, to the eye loops on the hitch. The loops/chain connection must be attached to the immovable part of the receiver, not the insert with the ball. The safety chains also should be crossed under the tongue to catch the tongue in the event the ball comes off. This way, if the ball and insert should pull out of the receiver, your trailer will still tag along with you and not wander off or gouge the pavement, causing loss of control of the bike and trailer.

The other line is the lights and wiring. Check for corrosion, rust, dirt, cracks, and breaks in the wiring on both the bike and trailer. Check inside the trailer, and the outside for any sign of rubbing and shorting. There is almost nothing harder than to trace down, away from home and without tools, than a short in the trailer wiring. Check it out before you get on the road. Be sure all the lights work when you want them to and don't work when their not supposed to. Check the seals around the lenses for water tightness. The seals should not be brittle, or stiff. Replace all burned out bulbs.

T – is for Tongue & Tires: Check the tongue for rust, scrapes and repaint as necessary. Check for cracks at the stress points where the hitch is attached to the tongue. Make sure it is straight and true. Wipe the grease out of the ball receiver and apply a clean coat. Check to see if your hitch swivel [is] clean and lube it as well. Make sure the hitch clamp has just enough clearance to provide smooth turns. Too loose, and the hitch will jump off the ball, too tight and the hitch will bind when cornering and going over bumps.

Finally, where the rubber meets the road. The tire manufacturer has make recommendations for the appropriate air pressure for the three tires, (yes, three tires). One on each wheel and the spare usually carried under or in a special well inside the trailer. The heavier the load, the more pressure is needed. Since we don't always take along the trailer, it sits home. Inactivity will cause flat spots to develop on the tires and loose pressure. Check for appropriate tread depth. An annual inspection of the wheel bearings should be done. One last item to consider when pulling a trailer is how to replace a flat with that spare. Can your Co-Rider hold the trailer up while you remove the flat and replace it with the spare? Or, maybe you should bring along a small jack?!!

God Bless from, Joe and Donna Calhoun

[Editors note: In my experience, determining what pressure should be used in the trailer tires has always been a puzzle. A method by Alabama's own, Gary Province, is, assuming you have a paved driveway, spray water onto pavement. Just wide enough and long enough for the trailer tires to pick up the water on the tread. Then run your trailer (with it fully loaded for the trip ahead) through the water and onto dry pavement to see the tread imprint. Examine the tread impressions. Properly inflated tires will leave a full tread image. Too much air and only the inner tread image will be visible.]

## Key West Trip

By Ray & Diane Mercier

Eleven of us met Friday, May 14 at the 7-11 on Palm Bay Rd to ride to the keys. We left at 8 am. Leading the group was: Harry & Lynne, followed by Mike & Charlotte, Carl, Ray & Diane, Mo & Deb and Mike & Pat who brought up the rear. We were 6 Gold Wings with 4 trailers heading south on Interstate 95 to Fort Pierce. We stopped in Fort Pierce for breakfast, what a disappointment! Maybe it was better hours earlier, but after 9am it was not a good pick.

We got onto the Florida Turnpike. If you are pulling a trailer behind the Wing, its best not too use the "exact change only" lanes of the turnpike. Mike Duquette found out that if you do, you may be on the turnpikes most wanted list for setting off the alarm.

Ray lost both hubcaps on the trailer, while on the Saw Grass Express Way. Being careful of objects in the road is an understatement. While on the Saw Grass expressway, we came upon a large cooler cover in the roadway. Harry, Mike and Carl missed the cover, Ray ran over the cover with one trailer tire, and Mo missed it too. Mike D wasn't so lucky, and hit it dead center, damaging the lower cowl on the bike. Mike now has a new chrome lower cowl on his wing.

We arrived at the Travel Lodge in Florida City around 1:30PM. After everyone got their room and unpacked, we were ready for lunch. Harry, Lynn, Mike, Charlotte and Carl rode to Alabama Jack's bar and grill for lunch. The rest of us opted to walk a few feet to Dennys'.

We planned to meet Ray & Bev McDonald of FL2-E for dinner in Key Largo. Everyone enjoyed the ride to Key Largo and the Big Fish Grill. The food was great and so was the waiter!

Saturday we wanted to get started early, so we left at 7:15am to drive the 120 miles or so to Key West. We finally found an IHOP just about the time everyone was looking for anyplace to have breakfast! This one was a winner and we arrived just in time to be seated right away.

We Got back on the Wings and enjoyed the view, especially the 7 Mile Bridge. What a view!! After riding around, we found the southernmost point of Florida, only 90 miles from Cuba. We had to find places to park, which we did. We put quarters in the meters to last us a few hours, then Harry, Lynn, Mike, Charlotte, Ray and Diane went one way, and Mo, Deb, Mike, Pat, and Carl another.

At about 3pm we all got together and headed back to Florida City and the hotel. After we got back, some of us went out to dinner, and others hung around the outside of the rooms on a small patio to eat goodies we had all brought with us.

After a good nights sleep, we were met in the hotel parking lot by Ray and Bev McDonald at 7:30am, and we all headed out to the breakfast meeting held by FL-2E in Miami. A good time was had by all.

Finally, at about 10:30am we started back for home. About 1pm the group stopped at the Old Habits Restaurant on the north east side of Lake Ockeechobee to have lunch. Diane and I went on as we had another engagement with family members.

This was the first long, (and it probably doesn't seem like a long trip to other Wingers in the group) that Diane and I had taken on the bike. I have to admit our butts were sore, and my right hand suffered from almost constant numbness. But the group was great, stopping frequently so Diane and I could ease some of the soreness in our backsides. Thanks everyone for all your consideration, it was most appreciated.

Of course, two days after we got back from the Keys, my new Diamond seat and handgrips came in the mail, talk about timing. Next trip is to Biloxi, Mississippi in October. Till then ride safe and smart.



Editor's Note: No words can describe the joy deep in my heart, to be honored with the responsibility to have to include these photographs in this newsletter from the Key West trip.

## ALOHA...ALOHA... ALOHA....

BOY IF YOU WEREN'T AT THE LUAU ON SUNDAY YOU MISSED A FUN PARTY. THE WEATHER WAS VERY HOT BUT THANKS TO THE POOL AND HOT TUB WE MADE IT THRU. A BIG THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO BROUGHT FOOD TO FEED THIS HUNGRY BUNCH AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO MIKE DUQUETTE FOR SETTING IT UP AND KEEPING IT FILLED. CHICKEN, SWEET AND SOUR MEATBALLS, BAKED BEANS, SALADS AND DESSERTS. IT WAS ALL-GREAT.

WITH FULL STOMACHS ... IT WAS POOL TIME. MO WAS VERY IMPRESSIVE IN HIS PINK VISOR... LINDA DOHERTY BECAME ENTHRALLED WITH THE SWIMMING FISH; IT WAS A SPLASHING GOOD TIME. THE HOT TUB BECAME THE MEETING PLACE FOR THE GUYS; THE GIRLS THOUGHT THEY WOULD NEVER GET OUT SO WE COULD HAVE IT.

**MO AND DEB DALTON WON THE WATER BALLOON TOSS WITH CHARLIE AND JOANN COMING IN SECOND. CHARLIE SHOULD HAVE BEEN FIRST AS HE BROKE ENOUGH BALLOONS BEFORE THE TOSS EVEN STARTED. ANYWAY IT SURE PROVED TO BE GREAT PARTY. THANKS AGAIN TOO ALL INVOLVED. OH ... ALMOST FORGOT. A GIANT THANKS TO MY HUSBAND, FOR PUTTING UP WITH MY "MOVE THIS" "MOVE THAT" " NO MOVE IT BACK." SO UNTIL THE NEXT PARTY... ALOHA...**

**LYNN**

JUNE/JULY BIRTHDAYS	
6/4	BARB TOSTI
6/8	JOANNE DAVIES
6/28	DIANE MERCIRA
7/1	ED IVANS
7/7	MIKE TELESKA
7/7	JOHN WILSON
7/11	MARY JO DANE
7/16	JOHN BERNAT
7/21	LINDA DOHERTY
7/22	DON TOSTI
7/25	MIKE MERCER
7/25	BARBARA WALKER
7/29	PETER NICHOLS

JUNE/JULY ANNIVERSARIES	
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## 2004 FLORIDA GWRRR EVENTS

May 15	FL1-W Kick Off At Performance Honda, Winter Garden
May 28-29	FL1-Y Casino Poker Run, Gainesville
June 5	FL2-D Poker Run, Melbourne
Jun 17-19	Georgia District Rally, Hiawassee
July 4-8	Wing Ding, Grapevine, Texas
July 11	FL1-E2 Poker Run, Fort Walton
Aug 7	FL1-A2 Mall Show, Tallahassee
Sep 9-11	Region A Rally, Helen
Sep 25/26	FL1-T Camp Out & Bike Show, Crystal River
Oct 1-2	Panhandle Bandits Annual Getaway, Crestview
Oct 2	FL2-L Poker Run/Bike Show, Lakeland
Oct 3	FL1-H Volusia Mall Show, Daytona
Oct 9	FL2-E Honda Direct Open House, Miami
Oct 14-16	Mississippi District Rally, Biloxi
Oct 23	FL1-C Picnic In The Park, Orlando
Oct 30	FL2-Z Halloween Poker Run, Palm Beach
Nov 7	FL2-R Gourmet Goulash, Clewiston
Nov 13	FL1-H2 Poker Run, Orlando
Nov 14	FL1-D2 Angelus House, Hudson
Dec 11	FL1-S Mingle Jingle, Zephyrhills

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# June 2004

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<b>1</b> Monthly Meeting @ Dotties	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  Annv: Morris & Laurie Reid	<b>4</b>  B-Day: Barb Tosti	<b>5</b>  FL2-D Sonic Poker Run for Charity
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Annv: Tony & Fran Krzeminski  B-Day: Joanne Davies	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Triathlon Escort	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Kicktire: MeMaws on Eau Gallie	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Georgia District Rally	<b>18</b> Georgia District Rally	<b>19</b> Georgia District Rally
<b>20</b> Annv: John & Dorinda Cambell	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  Annv: Donne & Rennee Morlan	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  B=Day: Diane Mercira	<b>29</b> Kicktire	<b>30</b>			

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# July 2004

<u>SUN</u>	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 B-Day: Ed Ivans	2 St. Augustine Campout Weekend	3 St. Augustine Campout Weekend Pepsi 400 Parade
4 St. Augustine Campout Weekend Wing Ding	5 Wing Ding	6 Monthly Meeting @ Dotties Wing Ding	7 B-Day: Mike Telesca B-Day: John Wilson Wing Ding	8 Wing Ding	9	10
11 FL1-E2 Poker Run – Fort Walton B-Day: Mary Jo Dane	12	13 Kicktire	14 Anniv: Peter & Joanne Katsoulas	15	16 B-Day: John Bernat	17
18	19	20	21 B-Day: Linda Doherty	22 B-Day: Don Tosti	23	24
25 B-Day: Mike Mercer B-Day: Barbara Walker	26	27 Kicktire	28	29 B-Day: Peter Nichols	30	31

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