

## GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION



### Chapter Director comments:

Who's your Wingman or Wing person? I've heard that a lot lately! For those of you that are wondering what is she talking about? At work we have a program that we use on a daily basis. It's call Wingman. The term Wingman stems from a time-honored tradition within the Air Force flying community that essentially says a lead pilot will never lose his/her Wingman. It's a promise, a pledge, a commitment between Airmen who fly. The Air Force initiated this same culture of commitment between all Airmen and Air Force civilians in all career fields and specialties via the Wingman program in 2004. Every year our work force takes a day to pledge to support his/her wingman. I started thinking why can't we use this same concept with our Goldwing family? It could be programmed to taking care of each other during a ride or during a crisis. All it takes is to make sure your fellow goldwinger is covered.

That being said I just want to bring up the hurricane season is here and it would be a good time to make sure you are prepared. If we have a hurricane this year I would like to make up a phone tree so we can keep in touch with each other and ensure help is there if it's needed. I would like to



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**Meetings - First Tuesday of each Month**  
Currently meeting at : MeMaws on Babcock in Palm Bay.  
Eat, Chat and Mingle at 6:00pm. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm

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be able to ease the members minds that live up north during the summer that all they to do is give one of us a call and we can check their homes if need be. Just hope and pray we don't have any hurricanes this year.

Riding last month was very minimal we had our yearly appreciation picnic on the 16<sup>th</sup> at Ft. Christmas, and 21 people had their fill of hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, pasta salad and freshly churned ice cream, cake and cookies. We had fun! On the 18<sup>th</sup> we had a kick tire at Young's buffet had 7 people come out and eat. On the 19<sup>th</sup> we had 6 people ride to Cocoa's monthly gathering at Jimmy's Restaurant for a chapter visit. All in all it was a slow but enjoyable month. Hope to see everyone at Me Maw's for our June gathering.

Ride Safe and Long

Charlotte & Mike



 *harlotte*  *ercer*  
**Chapter Director**

My five year old son squealed with delight when he opened his birthday present from his grandmother. It was a water pistol. He promptly ran to the sink to fill it.

"Mom," I said. I'm surprised at you. "Don't you remember how we used to drive you crazy with water pistols?"

My mom smiled and said, "Yes, I remember."

## 2010 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS

(May 24, 10)

Jun 12-13	Officer Certification Program	Panhandle
Jun 17 – 19	Georgia District Rally	Hiawassee, GA
Jun 30 - Jul 3	Wing Ding	Des Moines, IA
Jul 24-25	Officer Certification Program	Sebring
Aug 21	FL1-A Pirate Feast Rally	Tampa
Sep 16 – 18	Region "A" Rally	Eufaula, AL
Oct. 2	FL1-H Poker Run	Daytona
Oct. 9	FL1-X Chapter Rally	Orange Park
Oct 14 – 16	Mississippi District Rally	Tupelo, MS
Oct 24	FL1-M Bowling Event	Clearwater
Oct. 30	FL1-H2 Halloween Harvest Fun Day	Orlando
Nov. 6	FL1-D Green Frog Getaway	Pensacola
Nov. 13	FL1-L2 Poker Run & Fun Day	Wesley Chapel
Dec. 11	FL1-S Mingle & Jingle	Zephyrhills

## 2011 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS

Jan 15	FL2-L Mardi Gras Rally	Lakeland
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The end

***GWRRA MOTTO: Friends For Fun, Safety and Knowledge***

An artist asked the gallery owner if there had been any recent interest in his paintings which happened to be on display.

"I have good news and bad news," the gallery owner replied. " The good news is that a gentleman inquired about your work and wondered if it would appreciate in value after your death."

"What did you say?" questioned the artist.

"When I told him it would, he bought all 15 of your paintings."

"That's wonderful!" the artist exclaimed. "What's the bad news?"

"The gentleman was your doctor."

# Safety Educator

And, now a word from Captain Safety....

Why do Florida cows always face into the wind,..... and why do those little white birds always hang around them? Seems like there is one little white bird for each cow. Sorry, sometimes my mind wanders a little bit. Ok... maybe a lot. Anyway, this month's topic for safety is road kill.

Roadkill is dangerous to cyclist whether it is already road kill or whether you assist in creating it. Having done most of my riding in Alabama, Tennessee, and North Georgia, hazards are around each and every twist and turn. One would think that in a state where you can see your destination before your departure, would make avoidance of roadkill much easier. But nooooo... I have found that Florida is alive with the dead things in the roadway.

Why is it that roadways seem to be more dangerous in Florida as it relates to roadkill? I have a few of my own theories. Field of View, Focus, Foresight.

Field of View – When roads have twists, turns, hills, and valleys, a rider's visibility of the roadway is slightly enhanced even though one cannot always see around a curve. What I am alluding to, is that when you are riding down straight roads with other traffic in front, it is harder to see around vehicles than it is when the road curves ahead and gives the rider a better view of the road beyond vehicles in front.

With straight roads, lane position has to be changed to see around the car or truck in front, and get a good view of the road. This presents two problems when trying to get a good view of the road in front. One, you don't always want to be in riding in the center lane because you are too close to oncoming traffic and (2) most debris (nails, glass, etc) are pushed to the centerline of the road as well as the center of the lane and road shoulder.

How can you protect yourself? The best method is space cushion. Always leave enough room between you and vehicles in front to be able to react in time to whatever may pop up from underneath the car in front.

Focus – Riding curvy roads tend to keep your alertness high, in general, as compared to straight roads that never turn for miles. Therefore, always remember that you have to be alert at all times. Keep your eyes scanning the road in front. Side to side, near to far, always looking for changes in road surface conditions. There have been many times where a rider, that has no other vehicles in front of him/her for miles, suddenly comes upon roadkill and runs over it before they are able to react. Additionally, when riding in a group there is a tendency on straight roads for bikes in the pack to just settle in and mindlessly follow. Do not be trapped in this situation. Ever been in a group where even though everyone has a CB radio, no one warns of roadkill and one of the bikes in the group leaves his own personal mark? Keep an active mind at all times.

Foresight – Combining Field of View, Focus, and Foresight, the rider has a strong toolbox to ride with lesser degree of risk. The most important of all three, Foresight is scanning ahead, predicting what may be up ahead, and taking appropriate action. For instance, following behind a line of cars, you notice that five or six cars ahead, the cars move left or right without real reason. You predict that they are dodging debris or roadkill. You take action by slowing down to create space cushion and are prepared to push right go right, push left



go left in order to swerve to miss the object in the road. Also, you warned your co-rider that you may be taking evasive moves, right??? We can tell by the handprints on the back of your helmet.

Again, you are riding down the interstate behind a line of cars when you notice a small shred of truck tire in your lane. Knowing that most debris gets moved to the center and outside edges of a lane, you predict that this is fairly recent, since it has not been blown or flipped off of the lane yet, and that there may be larger alligators up ahead. You slow down to create space cushion, watch cars up ahead to see if they are taking evasive action, and are prepared to take evasive action in the event that the muther gator jumps out from underneath the car in front of you.

When riding Florida highways, especially those that go on for miles without a bump or curve, remember that keeping and appropriate field of view, a mind that is focused and has the foresight to predict and act, will help to keep you and others around you safer. Be nice to roadkill and don't leave your mark...

Mo...

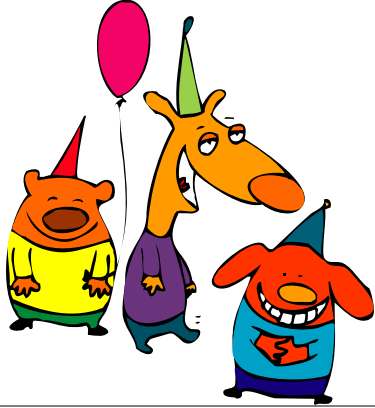
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**T-CLOCK CHECK : Tires and wheels, Controls, Lights and electrics, Oil and fluids, Chassis, Kickstand.**

## Birthday's

## Anniversaries



6/4	Barb Tosti
6/8	Joanne Davies
6/27	Bob Stankus
6/28	Diane Mercier
6/29	Cecilla Hicks
6/30	Richard Mitts

6/11	Richard & Brenda Wilson
6/15	Richard & Linda Mitts



Grandma and Grandpa were sitting in their porch rockers watching the beautiful sunset and reminiscing about "the good old days". Grandma turned to Grandpa and said, "Honey, do you remember when we first started dating and you used to just casually reach over and take my hand?"

Grandpa looked over at her, smiled and obligingly took her aged hand in his. With a wry little smile, Grandma pressed a little farther, "Honey, do you remember how after we were engaged, you'd sometimes lean over and suddenly kiss me on the cheek?"

Grandpa leaned slowly toward Grandma and gave her a lingering kiss on her wrinkled cheek. Growing bolder still, Grandma said, "Honey, do you remember how, after we were first married, you'd kind of nibble on my ear?" Grandpa slowly got up from his rocker and headed into the house. Alarmed, Grandma said, "Honey, where are you going?"

Grandpa replied, "To get my teeth!"

At a local Burger King an elderly couple came in and ordered one burger, one order of fries and one coke with two glasses. When they got to their booth, the man placed a napkin in front of himself and one in front of his wife, then proceeded to divide the fries, cut the burger in half and divided the coke equally.

A gentleman nearby noticed and offered to buy them another burger, fries and Coke.

The woman then said, "No you don't understand. We've been married over 50 years and all our life we agreed to split everything right down the middle."

Her husband then began eating, as she sat with her hands in her lap.

The gentleman nearby noticed and asked the lady why she wasn't eating.

She replied, "As I said before, we split everything right down the middle, and it's his day to use the teeth first."



# Chapter Meeting @ MeMaw's



# Chapter Picnic



So ah.. Where are the chicks?





This has 3000 calories!



Fun trip but then you have to clean up the LOVE BUGS

Special thanks to Rachel Moyer and her photo skills. She supplied our pictures.



A man from Texas, driving a Volkswagen Beetle, pulls up next to a guy in a Rolls Royce with Nevada plates at a stop sign. Their windows are open and he yells at the guy in the Rolls, "Hey, you got a telephone in that Rolls?"

The guy in the Rolls says, "Yes, of course I do."

"I got one too... see?" the Texan says.

"Uh, huh, yes, that's very nice."

"You got a fax machine?" asks the Texan.

"Why, actually, yes, I do."

"I do too! See? It's right here!" brags the Texan.

The light is just about to turn green and the guy in the Volkswagen says, "So, do you have a double bed in back there?"

The guy in the Rolls replies, "NO! Do you?"

"Yep, got my double bed right in back here, see?" the Texan replies.

The light turns and the man in the Volkswagen takes off.

Well, the guy in the Rolls is not about to be one-upped, so he immediately goes to a customizing shop and orders them to put a double bed in back of his car.

About two weeks later, the job is finally done. He picks up his car and drives all over town looking for the Volkswagen beetle with the Texas plates. Finally, he finds it parked alongside the road, so he pulls his Rolls up next to it.

The windows on the Volkswagen are all fogged up and he feels somewhat awkward about it, but he gets out of his newly modified Rolls and taps on the foggy window of the Volkswagen. The man in the Volkswagen finally opens the window a crack and peeks out.

The guy in the Rolls says, "Hey, remember me?"

"Yeah, yeah, I remember you," replies the Texan. "What's up?"

"Check this out... I got a double bed installed in my Rolls."

The Texan explains, "YOU GOT ME OUT OF THE SHOWER TO TELL ME THAT?!"

A special thanks to our members who submit articles. We love the support and the good information. Send them to Richard Mitts [rm32904@yahoo.com](mailto:rm32904@yahoo.com)



**May I have your attention please!.....**

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