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2016 Florida District Chapter of the Year

Please Join Us For Our Monthly Chapter

Gathering The 4th Saturday Of The Month

Breakfast 8AM

Gathering 9AM



4690 Colonial Blvd.

Fort Myers 33966

Most Rides Leave From:

Burger King

4011 Del Prado Blvd N, North Fort Myers, FL 33917

Or

7-Eleven 1626 Meadow Rd. Lehigh Acres

Or

Pilot Travel Center 26505 Jones Loop Punta Gorda

Please Check the Monthly Calendar and Weekly Update

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Harry and Pat Jordan Senior Chapter Director 2016 District Chapter of the Year

Two months of 2023 have already gone by, and it has been busy and our FL2G riders are having a blast with the great weather we have been having. We have also had events for not only the riders but those that come by car. FL2G strong is what we say.



We had a wonderful Tec Day in February at the home of Nikki Blaha's son in Naples. Several bikes were worked on and after the work was done on the bikes, what a feast we had, the food was fantastic. A big thank you goes to Nikki's son for hosting this event for us.

March is going to be another busy month for us. Pat and I will be in New York for

family issues from February 24 through March 9. Burrrrr we say, but family comes first. Plus, we will have a chance to celebrate our granddaughter's 24th birthday which is going to be a big surprise for her.



FL2G will be having its annual luncheon and miniature golf on March 6.

This has been a fun experience in the past and we are sure it will be again this year. Unfortunately, we will be missing it this year.



March 16 through 18 is the Florida District Rally at the Altamont Springs Hilton in Altamont Springs Fl. You don't have to be a member of Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association to attend. It will be a fun event to attend and to meet a lot of our Goldwing friends from the whole Region. Come join us. The \$10,000 raffle will be drawn on Saturday during the event and hopefully someone we know will win this year.

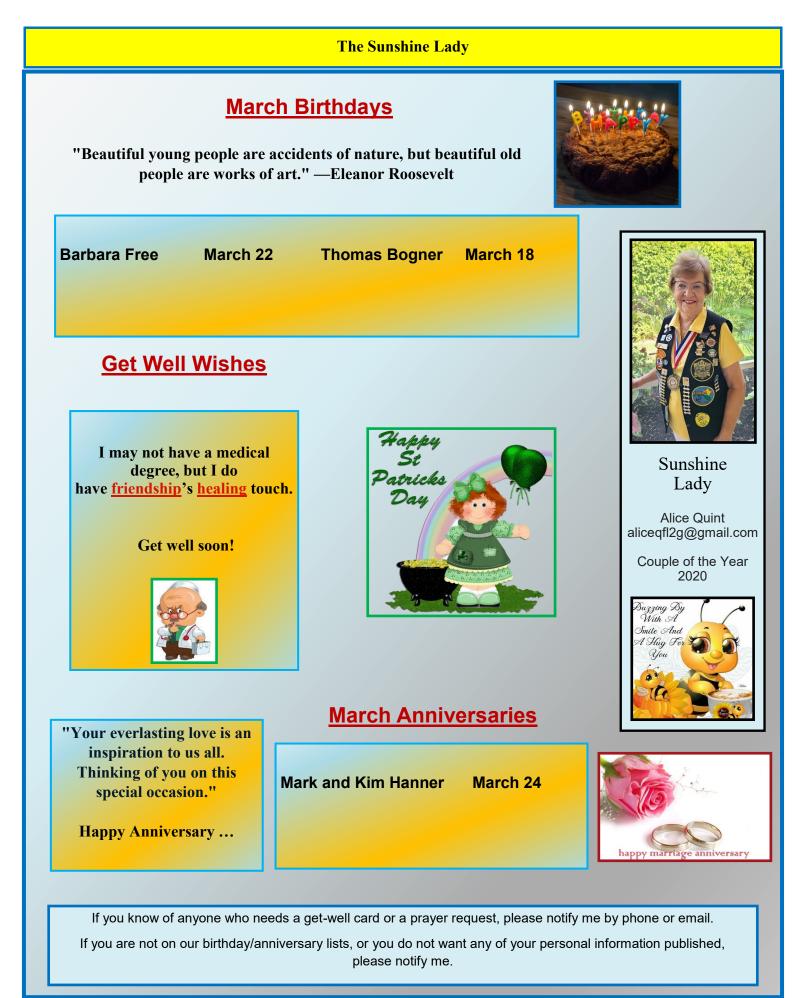
Another great event for March will be our annual say goodbye to the snowbirds picnic held at W. Franklin Locks South, Alva, Fl on Sunday, March 26, 2023 from 11am to 2pm. Everyone will bring a covered dish, and we will have games to play and lots of fun. We always have a blast at this event. Hope to see you all there.

Enjoy the beautiful weather we are having. Watch for traffic out there it is awful this year.

So Have fun and ride safely.

Harry & Pat Jordan Sr. Senior Chapter Directors – FL2G





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Florida District Safety/Ride Coordinators



Dominick & Diane DeSiato Florida District Safety/ Ride Coordinators

Greetings to All,

Whoo hoo! It's almost here. March 16th through March 18th is our Florida District Rally. We are looking forward to a great time with our EWMA friends. We have some fun on-bike games waiting for you. We will have 2-wheel and 3 -wheel motorcycle games. Solo or pairs can participate.

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We will be having our \$10,000 Grand Prize Drawing at closing ceremonies. There are still some outstanding Raffle Ticket monies due from some of our Chapters. Please send in any outstanding Chapter Raffle Ticket money now. You will still be making checks payable to: "GWRRA Florida District Rider Education". We will not be changing our name on our bank account to "EWMA" until after our District Rally.

FRONT WHEEL BEARING FAILURE

I often write my safety articles based on something I heard of that happened to another motorcyclist or something that happened to me. This article is about something that I experienced. I was on a day ride Wednesday when I began to feel some vibration in the handlebars of my 2008 GL1800 Honda Gold Wing. I immediately thought that this might be the front wheel bearings. I was going to check it out when I stopped for gas, which was close by. Before I got to the gas station I began to hear a plastic rubbing noise. The front plastic fender can telegraph the grinding noise of the worn bearing which is what I was hearing. I made it to the gas station and put the bike on the center stand so I could freely turn the front wheel. I could feel resistance in the wheel turning and when I put my ear against the plastic front fender and spun the front wheel, I could hear the vibration. Plastic front fenders will channel the vibration noise and make it easier to hear.

Front wheel bearings on most motorcycles are sealed. That means you cannot grease them at normal maintenance intervals. Every time you have a front tire replaced you should check, or have the mechanic check the condition of your front wheel bearings. If you are not ready to remove the front wheel for a new tire, checking the bearings can be done by supporting the bike with the front wheel off the ground. Spin the wheel and see if you can feel any resistance or slack. Hold on to the opposite sides of the wheel with both hands. Shake the wheel to see if you feel any free play. Look at the bearing dust covers on both sides of the wheel at the axle for metal dust shavings. You could use a mechanic's stethoscope to listen at the axel as you spin the wheel for any grinding or strange noise. If the wheel is removed you could put your finger in the center of the bearings and spin the inner race feeling for any roughness in movement.

There is no set amount of mileage when front wheel bearings will fail. It all depends on the conditions the bike is ridden in. If you travel in a lot of wet conditions or ride on muddy dirt roads, your chances of front wheel bearing failure is increased. My bike has 102,000 miles on it and has been ridden on many cross country trips in the rain. I tend to keep my motorcycles for a long time and usually change the front wheel bearings around 100,000 miles when it is time to replace the front tire. I didn't need a front tire yet which is why I had not changed this bike's front bearings as yet. Knowing the tell tale signs of front wheel bearing failure is what alerted me. Most motorcycles only have one wheel bearing on each side of the wheel. The Honda GL1800 has two wheel bearings on each side of the wheel. That means when the outer bearing fails, the inner bearing will keep you from having instant loss of control. When one bearing fails it is time to replace all 4 bearings and 2 outer seals.

It would be safer to change your front wheel bearings early rather than waiting for a dangerous mishap. The front wheel could lock up and you are going down. Preventative maintenance is the key to safe riding.

We are here to assist you with your training needs.

Florida District Riding and First Aid/CPR 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 First Aid/CPR Classes contact Claudia at: rvega19854@gmail.com

ATGATT- Not just a motto, but a way of life!

Ride Safe! Dominick & Diane





The Yellow Jacket Monthly Calendar

		FL2-G Yellow Jacket Calendar March 2023		Chapter Directors Harry & Pat Jordan Ph: 518-527-1201 email: harryfl2g@hotmail.com web: fl2g.net		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Ice Cream Night Daddy Dee's Ft Myers 6 PM Contact Nancy Givens	3	4 Ride Leave Burger King 9 AM Lunch Bonita Beach Balloon Grill Miniature Golf to follow at Golf Safari
5 Ride Leave Burger King 9 AM	6	7 Ride Leave Burger King 9 AM	8	9 Pizza Nite Ron Dao's Pizza Ft Myers 5 PM Contact Nancy Givens	10 Ladies Lunch Joe's Crab Shack Ft Myers 11:30 AM Contact Nancy Givens	11 Ride Leave Burger King 9 AM
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Chapter FL2G Activity Photos

Feb 12th

What a perfect day for our semi-annual tech day. Lots of work accomplished with everyone pitching in and great food to end the day. Big thanks to Nikki's son Carl for the great venue and for helping with a couple projects and also for his kids Samantha and Parker for keeping us all entertained.

By Denis Turcotte



February chapter rides





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Upcoming EWMA, District & Chapter Events

March 16 — 18, 2023	Florida District Rally	Altamonte Springs , FL
	43 rd Gathering of Friends for Fun	
	"Rock Around the Clock in the 50's"	
March 17 — 18, 2023	Missouri District	Osage Beach, MO
	March into Spring	
April 20 — 22, 2023	Louisiana District Rally	Morgan City, LA
	Mardi-Gras	
Apr 27— 29, 2023	Tennessee District Rally	Johnson City, TN
	Spring Fling	
June 1—3, 2023	South Carolina District Rally	Travelers Rest, SC
	Happy Trails @ TR Ranch	
June 1— 3, 2023	Missouri Rally	Branson, MO
	'The Ozarks on Wings'	
September 15—16, 2023	Georgia Fall Mountain Ride & Camp Reunion	Dillard, GA
	River Vista RV Resort	
September 28—30, 2023	Alabama District Rally	Eufaula, AL
	Western Roundup—Boots & Hats	
	Lakepoint Lodge & Convention Center	
October 26—28, 2023	Mississippi District Rally	Biloxi, MS
	St. Martin Community Center	
To Be Announced	North Carolina WOS District Rally	To Be Determined

Upcoming District Events



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.ewma-florida.org/rally.html

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Upcoming EWMA Events

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Franson, Missouri 'The Ozarks on Wings' Ken Luckenote, District Director Cell: (57): 680-582 Banit: Juli-defaulcem	Eagle Wing # Exp. Date: Email Address: Street Address: City:State: Phone numbers: (home)
	Co-Rider:
Bost Hotels: Southern Oaks Inn Angel Inn 3395 Shepherd Hills Exp. 3311 Shepherd Hills Exp. (417) 335-8108 (group code mew0523) (417) 334-2300 \$66.00/night + tax \$65.99/night + tax Pet friendly \$15/night No Pets Campers: Willow Tree RV Park, 3381 Shepherd Hills Exp. (877) 922-6766	REGISTRATION TOTAL: \$ Make checks (include registration) payable to 'Missouri <u>Eagle Wings'</u> and send to: Diane Phelps 350 West St Anthony Lane Florissant, MO 63031
All Pre-Registration forms must be received by: <u>April 30, 2023</u> <u>NO REFUNDS</u> after May 15, 2023. Each full registration (\$30 or more) will receive three \$10 vouchers (\$30 total) for various restaurants. 1st 400 registrants	Liability Release (ALL registrants must sign) I agree to hold harmless Eagle Wings, the co-sponsoring organization, and any property owners for any loss, injury to self/property by any reason by participating in this rally.
receive a free inaugural Rally Pin. Attendees will be eligible to purchase discounted tickets to various venues throughout Branson. Door prize drawings for FREE tickets at various venues and cash prizes. 50/50 drawings daily.	Rider signature: Date: Co-rider signature: Date:
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Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association

Our Vision:

A simple, fun, riding, social association of like-minded motorcycle enthusiast

Our Motto:

Friends for Fun, Safety & Riding

Our Mission:

To provide to our Membership a fun and social environment that focuses on the love of motorcycling.

To bring the world together around that passion while helping them to be safer and mindful when riding a motorcycle.

To be a family-oriented, non-religious, non-political association, respectful of each other's beliefs.

Enjoying the ride together with like-minded motorcyclists.

Our Core Values:

FAIRNESS: All issues should stand the test of "is it fair?"

COMMUNICATIONS: The more we share information and communicate about our common love of motorcycling, the more we will all learn and benefit.

TEAMWORK: Working together forward our common vision, motto and mission keeps us focused and gives us the ability to become exceptional.

QUALITY: To be the best we can, treating all the way we would want to be treated, holding each other in highest esteem and respect in all we do.

ATTITUDE: We are each responsible for our own attitude. Strive to be positive, constructive, respectful, enthusiastic and creative in all interactions with members or public to enhance the relationship and promote our motto.



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"When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading." **Paul Horning**

> "24 hours in a day and 24 beers in a case. Coincidence? I think not!" H. L. Mencken

"When we drink, we get drunk When we get drunk, we fall asleep. When we fall asleep, we commit no sin. When we commit no sin, we go to heaven So, let's all get drunk and go to heaven." George Bernard Shaw

> "Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy." **Beniamin Franklin**

"Without question, the greatest invention in the history of mankind is beer. Oh, I grant you that the wheel was also a fine invention, But the wheel does not go nearly as well with pizza." **Dave Barry**

"Beer: Helping ugly people have sex since 3000 B.C." W. C. Fields

Blonde at the Super bowl

Of all the blonde jokes, this one has to be one of the best -- because it makes football make sense!

A guy took his blonde girlfriend to the Super Bowl game. They had great seats right behind their team's bench.

After the game, he asked her how she liked it. "Oh, I really liked it," she replied, "especially the tight pants and all the big muscles, but I just couldn't understand why they were killing each other over 25 cents." Dumbfounded, her boyfriend asked, "What do you mean?" "Well, they flipped a coin, one team got it and then for the rest of the game, all they kept screaming was ... 'Get the quarterback! Get the guarterback!' I'm like ... Helloooooo? It's only 25 cents!"

My doctor asked if anyone in my family suffered from mental illness and I said, "No, we all seem to enjoy it."

When I was a kid, I wanted to be older... This is not what I expected.

One minute you're young and fun. Next, you turn down the car stereo to see better.

Being an adult is the dumbest thing I have ever done.

Common sense is not a gift. It's punishment because you have to deal with everyone who doesn't have it.

If you can't think of a word, say "I forgot the English word for it." That way people will think you're bilingual instead of an idiot.

I don't mean to brag, but I finished my 14-day diet food supply in 3 hours and 20 minutes.

Never sing in the shower! Singing leads to dancing, dancing leads to slipping, and slipping leads to paramedics seeing you naked. So, remember... don't sing!

I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart or talented. ... I forgot where I was going with this.

St Patricks Day Word Search Word Search

Celebrate this St. Paddy's Day by learning about the historical St. Patrick of Ireland.

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