



GOLDEN EAGLES M C TAMPA, FLORIDA



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WELCOME NEW MEMBER / November 13



JANICE SNOW

Hello, I'm Janice or Jan – I go by either – and married to last month's new member, Steve Snow.

I've been Steve's riding passenger and navigator for most of our 38-year marriage. Our riding days in the UK were limited, but since we've been here in the US (since 1994), riding has become a huge part of our weekend lives. We had never thought joining a club would be an option for us, but with recent changes to our lifestyle, I nudged Steve into considering finding a club for us. I figured club riding would broaden our riding opportunities. After a great deal of research, we came upon the Golden Eagles.

We knew it was a good decision from the first meeting. We were a little late, the room was full, but Louis welcomed us to join in, and the room good-heartedly ribbed Steve when he told everyone he proudly rode a BMW and not a Harley.

We are looking to get involved, ride many miles, and make new friends and memories.

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AMA AWARDS



The 2020 Service Award was given to **Kailey Medlock**. She has been a vital part of getting the club into the 21st century. She goes above and beyond to keep everything running smoothly and to keep everything organized. I appreciate you putting up with me and all the hard work.

The 2020 Safety Award was given to **Tom Wirkus**. I took a little different thought process to this award and thought of our club's financial safety. Tom works very hard to keep all our pennies accounted for and to keep the club on track for the future. Many hours and trips back and forth to the bank and PO box along with tallying and putting together monthly register reports. Thank you for all the hard work you do for the club.

SERVICE & SAFETY



Be sure to check GEMC website and meetup.com for current info.

YOUR BOARD MEMBERS & OFFICERS FOR 2021

BOARD MEMBERS: Grant Hile, Jay Klamer, Louis Ledee, John Maglott, Mike Matthews,
Bruce Schuman & Tom Wirkus

OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: John Maglott

VICE PRESIDENT: Bruce Schuman

TREASURER: Tom Wirkus

SECRETARY: Kailey Medlock

CLUB ROAD NAMES

Club road names have been around since people have been riding together and if you do not know, you do not get to pick your own. It typically stems from you doing something memorable (most of the time embarrassing) that gets you the coveted club road name. Here is how a couple of our members have gotten their club road name.

Let's start with "**La T da**" formally known as Louis. We were camping at the Daytona 200 MC during Biketoberfest. Adult beverages were involved and somehow, we got on the subject of how to pronounce each other's names. When it was Louis turn, he informed us it was actually Louie Pierre Ledee (Pronounced La- Day). We all pause and think oooo fancy when out of nowhere Michelle bursts out with "Well La T Da." After gathering ourselves from laughing, we dubbed him as "La-T-da" from then on.

The next member, previously known as David Smetzer, just recently received his road name while on the ride to Mamou, LA. His road name is "**Hansel**" from the fairy tale Hansel and Gretel. He earned this by leaving clothing and pieces of his motorcycle all along the trip. Stop #1: in Biloxi, MS was a jacket, Stop #2: L'Acadie Inn Eunice, LA was a motorcycle speaker cover and Bluetooth for his helmet. Stop #3: was Tallahassee, FL when he left a pile of clothes behind. IDK if he was making sure he could find his way back but if you wanted to know where we had gone on that trip you could just follow the trail of parts and clothes David left behind.

Who will be the next member to receive a Club Road Name?

John Maglott, GEMC President

2020 High Mileage Winners

CATEGORY		NAME	MILES
MALE:	FIRST PLACE	Mike Matthews	24,498
	SECOND PLACE	Paul Knipe	24,321
	THIRD PLACE	Frank Brown	20,894
FEMALE:	FIRST PLACE	Jessica Maglott	5,786
	SECOND PLACE	Teri Hile	919
	THIRD PLACE	Teresa Ledee	230
TOTAL CLUB MILES			186,508
TOTAL BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MILES			58,716
AVERAGE MILES FOR GEMC MEMBERS			8,478



Throughout the club's history, there have probably been many memorable and notable years, but perhaps none quite as oddly unique as 2020 in the year of Covid. But that didn't seem to stop the club from celebrating its 70th Anniversary. The delay from April to November may have been a blessing in disguise. The weather was perfect, and the winery not as busy as it might otherwise have been.



About 40 members with families attended the afternoon's festivities. The winery greeted us and set us up under their covered pavilion. The bar was open with a selection of their white, red, and fruit wines and ice-cold beer. Conveniently, their bartenders couldn't keep count of how many tickets were used, so there was plenty to drink for everyone. The lunch buffet of salads, chicken and beef, plus all the sides and trimmings, and desserts were delicious.



70TH CELEBRATION (continued)

Jesse and John put together a couple of fun games. Although, the trivia tie-breaker, "What is John's middle name?" was a little tough. Other than John or Jessie, does anyone know? The newbie Snows did well, cleaning up the door prizes – but we need Grant and Beth to give the cooler back to us!! We will need it for next year's pontoon boat trip. All members received the anniversary coffee mug. (Contact John if you haven't received yours.)

For those that joined the club's morning ride, Bruce led us through approximately 80 miles of scenic Pasco, Hernando, Sumter, and Citrus counties to the winery. The ride resulted in only 1 court fine – Tom and Olivia paid for the unexpected wandering front fender!

Kudos to everyone involved in organizing the day. It was a fabulous day all around.

Submitted by *Janice Snow*



SEA-TO-SEA

Our annual Sea-to-Sea trip finally happened after we had to postpone it due to the corona virus. We set off Friday morning on a route planned by Jay and executed by Grant. We switched it up this year and instead of St Augustine we decided to head north to Fernandina Beach, FL. Seventeen total members came including Al who road down from North Carolina. We were blessed with some mild weather even though Al said it was much colder when he left his house.



At the hotel we took up residence around the pool as our unofficial gathering/drinking area.



Saturday a group of us went to explore Fort Clinch. While exploring the Fort they had volunteers who were dressed in the old attire around that you could interact with and who gave information about the Fort and what it was like to be stationed there. We were also able to get some good photo opportunities.



Now that's a Bloody Mary



A pretzel bigger than Christian

After that we grabbed lunch and then Charlie of course made sure we visited the Oldest Bar in Florida where we had a few adult beverages.

That night we again met at the pool to swap stories and do some more drinking. Sunday we all split up in separate groups and headed home. All in all, it was a great trip and can't wait for the next one.

John Maglott, GEMC President