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Monthly Gathering

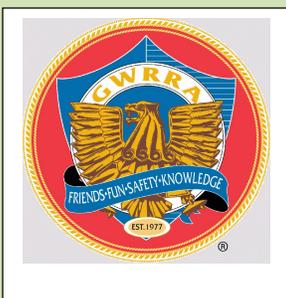
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Dinner 6:00
Meeting 7:00

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David Morris, Chapter Director

Breaking News.... John DuBose has stepped down from his role as Chapter Ride Coordinator. Thank you, John, for serving as our first CRC. You did a fantastic job in this position by planning and leading many great rides to fun destinations. Plus, you helped our road captains, Jim Rich, Paul Dreyfus and Frank Pellegrino, plan and lead rides. This past season was filled with lots of back road journeys to interesting places and restaurants where we enjoyed delicious food and fellowship with our Chapter friends.

I'm happy to say that John will continue to serve as a Road Captain when he returns from Virginia in October. However, we cannot just assume that rides will happen this summer without someone taking the initiative. Therefore, I encourage each one of us to assist in our ride program by actively planning and leading a ride this summer. When each one of us steps up and plans and leads at least one ride during the next few months, we will all benefit and enjoy the opportunity to ride more often.



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Percy Comstock

Couple of the Year 2022
Doug and Donna Goethel

Person of the Year 2021
Sandy Pisano

Spirit Team Chair
Sandy Pisano



Gathering

By Terry Henderson, MEC

Welcome: Chapter Director David Morris called the Gathering to order at 7pm on Wed. April 13 at the Southern Pig and Cattle Restaurant on US 1 in So. Stuart. He welcomed all the members in attendance and asked MEC Terry Henderson to introduce our guests. She introduced GWRRA members, Dani and Tommy Whalen, from New Jersey who have joined us on several rides with John DuBose this season. Terry also introduced Bob and Ann Burgess from Boynton Beach, here with their FL2-A friends Buddy and Marie Roesing. Also from FL2-A are Paul Cobb, District Director Bill Smith, District Rider Educator Claudia Vega and Robert Vega. Both David and Terry welcomed our own FL2-0 members, Larry and Tammy Pounds, who are joining us after a long hiatus in Georgia and David asked us to keep George and Nancy Sholes in our thoughts and prayers while George recovers from surgery.

Motorist Awareness Report: David invited Lena and Leo Valcourt to give a Motorist Awareness Report and Lena said that the next event will be at 4:30-6:30pm on April 19 at the Elliott Museum during the Antique Car Show. David thanked Lena for the report and for bringing the dessert this evening.

Road Captain Report: John DuBose said that there were two rides coming up in April. They plan to meet Chapter FL2-D at CJ Cannon's in Vero Beach on April 16th and will also ride to the Sebring Airport on Wed. April 20th for lunch. These are two great destinations so sign up on GroupWorks. John also shared with us his intention to retire as Chapter FL2-0 Ride Coordinator and Assistant District Ride Coordinator. He appreciated the opportunity to serve but wants to step down from those Officer positions and focus on doing what he loves best which is leading rides for Chapter FL2-0. Therefore, he will remain our Rode Captain and will continue to lead us on many great rides in the future.

Tech Talk: Metalflake shared a story about "Ride Like A Pro." He talked about seeing them show how to touch foot pegs/floor boards down to the ground in 3rd gear using no gas only idle. They dragged the foot pegs around the circle and successfully brought the motorcycle up again. The demonstration showed that when your bike gets that low to the ground and you don't panic, you can recover.

Rider Educator: Donna Goethel said that Doug couldn't be here tonight so she gave the report. First, she wanted to thank Chapter Director David Morris for nominating them for Chapter FL2-0 Couple of the Year. They were thrilled with the honor and totally surprised when they were also selected as District Couple of the Year at the March Rally. As District Couple of the Year they are planning to go to as many District Rallies as they possibly can including the Rally in Texas where her mother lives. She also shared some information about the 'Smart Strap.' It is a great device that you can wear on your wrist that will display your medical information in case of an emergency. It's only \$30 but it could save your life! Also, Donna talked about one of the classes at the March Rally that brought attention to distractions while riding a motorcycle or a car. There are *Visual Distractions* like looking down at your GPS or texting. There are *Auditory Distractions* like listening to the radio or Bluetooth and there are *Manual Distractions*. As we all

know, it's great to get the newest technology for our bikes but we should get used to them in the garage not while we are driving. Finally, there are *Cognitive Distractions*. Don't drive if you don't feel well. You must leave all the worries of the day behind you and use your ride as a stress relief. Bill Smith added that being extremely tired is also a distraction. Many years ago while working as a police officer at 3am in the morning, he stopped for a red light and woke up in the same place several minutes later only to wonder, "What happened, where am I? Was I abducted by aliens? No, I was too tired to be driving." Remember, if you are extremely tired, your brain can just go to sleep in the most inopportune places. So, do away with distractions and stay alert!!

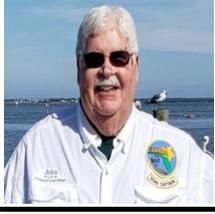
Spirit Team: David congratulated Sandy Pisano and her team for winning the Diorama contest at the March Rally and invited her to give a Spirit Team report. She announced that the Spirit Team is starting to plan Kick Tire events. She said that the Gathering is the second Wed. of the month, Motorist Awareness is the 3rd Tuesday of the month and we would like to initiate a Kick Tire event on the 4th Wed. of the month. So, the next Kick Tire will be on April 27 at Giuseppe's Lil' Bit A Brooklyn just north of the Roosevelt Bridge at 6pm. Check GroupWorks for more details and don't forget our picnic on Sat. May 14th at the Jonathan Dickinson Park. Ride your bikes to the park, bring your own lunch and we'll play Bingo and enjoy a great afternoon under the Pavilion. May is Motorist Awareness month so Lena and Leo Valcourt will bring all the Motorist Awareness promotional material and we can encourage people at the park to "Look Twice for Motorcycles." We'll take lots of pictures and submit a Motorist Awareness article to Wing World magazine for publication. The Spirit Team also put on their first Game Night at Jim and Sondra's house and it was lots of FUN! Teams were selected and each team had a puzzle to solve. The first team to complete the puzzle won Lottery tickets and the winning team was Doug, Donna and Sandy. Donna and Sandy each won a small Scratch off prize but Doug was the big winner with a \$20 Scratch-Off. A good time was had by all.

District Director Report: District Director Bill Smith reminded everyone that the theme for next year's March District Rally will be **Happy Days in the '50's and '60's**. The dates are March 16-18, 2023. Congratulations to Doug and Donna Goethel as District Couple of the Year. Their enthusiasm at the March Rally was contagious and everyone wishes them well. Doug also is a drummer and plays Ringo in his 'Let It Be' band which will be performing at the Old School Square in Delray on April 16 at 7pm. Bill and Cheryl plan to go and all are invited. Make your plans for Wing Ding in Shreveport, Louisiana at the end of June. Plus, there are lots of opportunities to visit other District Rallies so check them out. The Tennessee Rally is at the end of April, and there are Rallies in North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and in November there's a Rally at the Community Center in Beloxi, Mississippi. There's also a GWRRA Cruise in Nov. Bill also thanked John DuBose for stepping up and leading a ride at the March Rally.

Winners: David thanked Myrta and the Spirit Team for making such a beautiful Spring Basket as a special prize for the Gathering and asked for the winning Raffle tickets to be drawn. Tammy won the gorgeous Spring Basket, Paul Cobb won the first brown bag prize, Terry Henderson won the second brown bag prize and Buddy Roesing won the 50/50 cash. Congratulations! David thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the Gathering.

April Photos:





JOHN DUBOSE

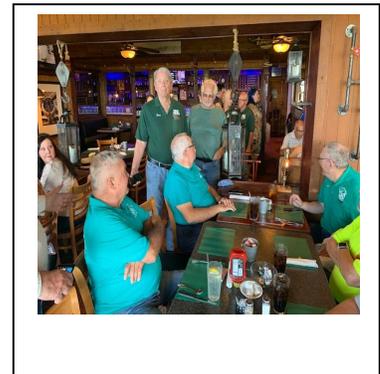
Road Captain

I have stepped down as Chapter Ride Coordinator and Florida District Assistant Ride Coordinator. GWRRA always says, if it's not FUN don't do it. I found both jobs stressful for me. I am fine with being a Road Captain and leading a few rides a year. I will have to say the Chapter and District took it well. If you're interested in the Chapter Ride Coordinator officer position let Senior Chapter Director Dave Morris know. The position is mostly organizing chapter rides.

I have heard from Frank and Laura. Frank has hurt his leg and hasn't been able to ride. They head to the mountains later this month and will check us out when they return in the fall, wishing them both the best.

Road Captain Paul Dreyfus has led a couple rides which are always good because he takes on roads we usually don't ride. Paul and Carol head to Athens, AL this week and will return in the fall.

CD Dave is back as FL2-O official tail gunner. His and Terry's remodeling project hopefully is coming to an end. Herb (Metalflake) Jebb has been our number one rider this year. Tommy Whalen from NJ was able to join us on a few rides this season and we look forward to him riding with us again. John and Allison have been out riding more this year and it's nice to have them out. Leo and Lena have made several rides this season. Thanks to all of the riders that made a few rides this season; Greg and Percy, Joe and Sandy, Jim and Sondra, Jeff and Roxanne, Willard, Bob and Carma and Doug and Donna. I leave for Roanoke, Va around May 15 for some mountain riding. Till next season. John



Ride/Event Outline for Planning and Group Works

1. Select Audience (Members)
2. Event Title - (FL2-O Ride - Spirit Team Picnic)
3. Date - Start Time - End Time
4. Name of Location: (Where are we going - CJ Cannon Vero Beach Airport)
5. Address with Zip Code
6. Describe the Event (Let Members know Important Information)
 - Heading and address again where we are going.
 - Start Location: (Cracker Barrel - Kanner Hwy & I-95 Stuart)Secondary Location (Wawa Okeechobee) - Time
7. Meet/KSU: TIME (Full tank of gas, empty bladder and Pre-ride meeting)
8. Notes about ride or event that might help everyone know what's happening.
9. Ride or Event Lead: Name, phone text/call for questions
10. RSVP: Group Works
11. Extra's: Website about location, Picture of location where we'll be

Event Notes:

- Take pictures, numbers/names and anything that made the ride or event special.
- Do a follow-up write-up of ride or event to promote FL2-O on Group Works or newsletter.
- Ride Meeting: Go over Ride Lead and Tail Gunner, How to line-up (trikes are usually best on even number or left lane), Note if planning a break, who has CB and Channel 1, if hand signals will be used and ask for questions be lining up to leave.

Remember to keep it SAFE and have FUN!

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MOTORIST AWARENESS INSIGHT article for APRIL 2022

by Gary Ballou, Assistant Director, GWRRA Motorist Awareness Programs

These early days of Spring can be especially hazardous for motorcyclists. We need to refresh our own riding skills, while at the same time dodging sections of roads filled with rough patches, potholes, and the road crews that are out trying to fix them.

While you're out there dodging obstacles, be mindful that the motoring public is dodging the same hazards at the same time. As if they weren't distracted enough, in much of the country they have also had several months to forget that they are sharing the roads with motorcycles. Never forget that part of making yourselves more obvious to other vehicles is up to you! Please don't cover yourselves in Black from head to toe! If Orange is not your preference, how about Hi-Viz Green, Red, Yellow, Silver or White? My jackets are bright Red and Hi-Viz Green. My helmets are Silver & White. I also have more lights than the average Christmas tree and air-horns that push 135db. Accidents still can happen, but nobody is going to claim that they didn't see or hear me!

In the month of May, the US Department of Transportation, as well as most state & provincial governments, promote some type of "Motorcycle Awareness" program. With that in mind, I (again) remind you that the second Saturday of May (this year on May 14, 2022) is GWRRA National Motorcycle/Motorist Awareness Day. Every Chapter & District is encouraged to have something planned for that day, or at least some Motorist Awareness activity in May. There are lots of ideas & tools on the GWRRA Motorist Awareness website at <https://www.map-gwrra.org/> While you're at it, you may still have time to contact your local governments about declaring an "official" day of observance. There are also sample "proclamations" on that website. Try to get yourselves on the agenda at an April or May meeting of your local state, city, township or other local government bodies. Make it a photo-op! Post your photos and a short story about Motorcycle Awareness in your Chapter and District newsletters and on social media.

Whatever activity you choose, the most important thing is to HAVE FUN WITH IT!

Some helpful additional web resources are at:

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/motorcycles#the-topic-motorist-awareness>

<https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/Api/Public/ViewPublication/812936>

<https://www.nsc.org/road-safety/safety-topics/motorcycle-safety>

How to Purchase a New Chapter FL2-0 Shirt

Stuart FL2-O Chapter Shirts			
Polo short sleeve	Size small - XL	Size 2XL - 3XL	Pocket
Cotton (Forest Green)	\$24.00	\$26.00	Add \$2
50/50 (Forest Green)	\$24.00	\$26.00	Add \$2
Wick-Away (Green/White)	\$28.00	\$30.00	not available

This price includes shirt and tax plus the GWRRA Griffin on back,

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Shipping is not included. Estimated shipping cost \$8.00 for one shirt or \$15.00 for 10-14 shirts.

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MEET VOLUNTEER JOE PISANO

Volunteer Joe Pisano Monitors the River He Loves

Neither rain nor heat nor bugs have kept Florida Oceanographic Society volunteer Joe Pisano from his weekly mission these last 13 years. He's given more than 650 hours as a Water Tester on the St. Lucie River – South Fork. "I'm on my dock three or four times a day looking at the water and what's living in it," says Joe, who has lived on the Treasure Coast for 40 years. "I'm an observant person and thought I could provide a benefit so I decided to volunteer." Joe grew up in Ft. Lauderdale, spending a lot of time outdoors building bridges and forts in nearby swampy areas. In the Air Force, after high school, he worked on jet fighters in Texas. He eagerly returned to Florida, and worked as an electronics technician for 10 years. Joe eventually became an industrial electrician and worked at the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District in Jupiter and the Palm Beach International Airport (PBI).

Joe retired in 2006. His wife Sandy is a retired teacher who still likes to substitute teach. They have a son and a daughter, and with their kids out of the nest, plenty of time to ride the open road on their 2021 Honda Gold Wing trike. They belong to the Gold Wing Road Riders Association, and love to head out for trips big and small. Their longest ride took them 9,000 miles over six weeks up the East Coast to the island of Newfoundland, then continuing west through Canada and into Michigan before the return trip south. They've ridden famous roads like the Great River Road along the Mississippi River and the Natchez Trace Parkway, and over to Bear Tooth Pass in Montana. On weekends, they like to ride all over Florida, discovering antique shops and the best local restaurants. Their favorites include C.J. Cannon's in Vero Beach, Dixie Crossroads in Titusville, Marsh Landing in Fellsmere, and Lakeside Grill in Okeechobee.



Joe also likes to keep hands-on and up to speed with electronic repair. "We find all kinds of stuff in these antique shops, a lot of things that are modern but made to look old," he notes. "There are always a lot of good repair projects to be found."

Born in: New York

Military service: Air Force, Jet Fighter Crew Chief

Free time: Boating, caring for his yard, home repair

2022 Travel: March - Altamonte Springs, FL;

April - Pigeon Forge, TN July - Shreveport, LA

and autumn - Eufaula, AL; **ALL ON THE GOLD WING**

Dominick & Diane DeSiato

District Educators

RIDER EDUCATION



Hi everyone, what a wonderful time we had at the 2022 Florida District Rally. It was a great success! Many members visited us at the Rider Education table and were able to find out their Level's status as well as the Level's status of their Chapter. Three members were advanced to Level IV in the Levels Master Recognition Program and six members were advanced to Senior Master. Remember, any Chapter Director or Chapter Skills Enhancement Advisor can request a Chapter Level's Report from me via email. Florida District Riding and Medic First Aid (MFA) 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 MFA Classes contact Claudia at rvega19854@gmail.com.

The procedures for requesting a class will be conducted in the following manner: A Chapter Director or CSEA can survey their group to see which of their members want to take either the ARC or TRC. They should also decide on a tentative date for the class. This information is to be forwarded to me so I can check on the availability of a riding site. If all is agreed upon, I would then want the CD or CSEA to collect and hold a \$30.00 deposit which is refundable upon completion of the course. If a Chapter does not have enough members to fill a class I will advertise the class on Group Works to get enough members to fill the class. I also take individual member requests which I keep in a file and use to fill in any openings in a class.

Courtesy of the Motorist Awareness Team, one of the outside displays at the Rally was a Semi Tractor-Trailer surrounded by motorcycles. The driver allows you to climb up and sit in the truck's cab to see what the driver sees or in many cases what the driver does not see. The trucker's safety slogan is: "If you can't see me in my mirror, I can't see you". That means that when you are driving behind a Semi Tractor-Trailer rig in your car you should be following far enough back so you can see the truck driver's face in his side view mirror. This procedure also applies when you are following behind the truck rig on your motorcycle. This can easily be done when you are riding a two-wheel motorcycle because you can position your bike on the left track of your lane thus making it easy to see the left side mirror of the truck cab. How about a

traditional trike or a reverse trike? Are you able to ride in the left track of your lane so you can see the truck driver? I don't think so. A trike rider sits in the middle of their motorcycle and to ride in the left track would cause your outside wheel to get dangerously close to the lane division line or even possibly crossing over into the next lane. So how can you safely deal with this type of situation? You would have to drop back even further than the riders on two wheels. At 70mph a two wheel motorcycle might follow at a safe distance of 200ft whereas at that same speed a trike rider might have to be 300-400ft back from the truck in order to see the truck driver in his side mirror. This observation was brought to my attention at the District Rally by Madalena Buck, Senior Chapter Director of FL1-L2 who had visited the Semi-Tractor-Truck display. I appreciated that she had shared this observation with me so I thought I would share it with you.



HAVE YOU HEARD??

Spirit Team News submitted by Sandy Pisano

HAPPY SPRING, EVERYONE!

Our chapter Spirit Team has been busy planning “fun” activities for us to enjoy during the coming months. We just celebrated our first ever “game night”. Thirteen-chapter members gathered at the home of Sondra and Jim Cuff. We divided into four groups. Each group had the task of completing a 300-piece puzzle. The competition was fierce. The winning group included Doug, Donna, and yours truly. All of us had a great time and another game night will be coming soon. We are looking forward to our second annual picnic at Jonathan Dickinson State Park on May 14. Check out Groupworks for the details. Hope to see you there.

The Spirit Team is planning to bring back our Kick Tire nights once a month. This will be a work in progress, but we hope to provide an opportunity for all of us to share trips or rides we have taken, motorcycle issues, or maybe just a good joke. Again, watch Groupworks for event details.

As we head into summer many of us will be travelling. Joe and I will be heading to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee at the end of this month. We are looking forward to their rally and a little sightseeing in the area. We also plan to go to Wing Ding in Shreveport, Louisiana. That is always a great event to attend. In the fall we will be attending the Alabama Rally in Eufaula. This is my favorite trip. I love Lakepoint Lodge and the surrounding State Park. The atmosphere is so relaxing and the rally is always a lot of fun. If you have not made it to a state district rally, try to make time to attend. Your attendance is greatly appreciated by the chapter members who put on the event.

The next Spirit Team meeting is May 7th at Applebee’s in Jensen Beach at noon. Chapter ladies are welcome to join us.

Stay cool, ride safe and have a wonderful summer.

UPCOMING CHAPTER and DISTRICT EVENTS
AWYCS (ALWAYS WEAR YOUR CHAPTER SHIRT)

PLEASE RSVP VIA GROUPWORKS

Why should you use GroupWorks? Due to vacations etc various individuals will be handling the reservations for Kick Tires- - If your RSVP is on GroupWorks, any of these individuals can see it.

STATE RALLIES

FLORIDA DISTRICT RIDE-IN (SEE DETAILS ON GROUPWORKS)

2022 Upcoming GWRRA Events

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Thanks ~To everyone who wrote an article for this month's Newsletter:
 David Morris, Terry Henderson, John DuBose, Sandy Pisano and Dominick
 DeSiato.

Thanks for reading!

Everyone is encouraged to submit relevant articles by the 20th of the month!