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Monthly Gathering Every 2nd Weds at Southern Pig & Cattle Restaurant 2583 SE Federal Highway Stuart, FL Socialize 5:30 Dinner 6:00 Meeting 7:00



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The GWRRA logo includes not only the Griffin but the words Friends, Fun, Knowledge and Safety. These are the things we value as GWRRA members and there is an important reason why Friends is the first word in that slogan. The friends we make & the fellowship we enjoy as members of Chapter FL2-O help us feel connected through the encouragement and support that we offer one another. We attended a Roadrunner Tour event in Snowshoe, West Virginia at the beginning of the month. Snowshoe is a very remote place on the top of Snowshoe Mountain where there is very little internet and phone service. Each time we were able to get a Wi-Fi connection there were lots of text messages and emails from our GW friends back in Florida. They were all commenting about the daily updates on how Bud Parish was doing after his surgery. Yes, our friend Bud was hearing from all his GW friends and we were all interacting thru text and email or a visit to the rehab facility. We are all very happy that Bud is doing so well and expect to see him at a Chapter event as soon as he is able to join US.

There were approximately 300 attendees at the Roadrunner event. This was not a GW event but there were a number of Gold Wings participating. We spotted a familiar face at dinner the first night and reconnected with a Florida GW member from Ocala who remembered us from the Florida District Rally. It seems that no matter where we ride there is someone who we have met because of GWRRA. Another GW friend and chapter member, Bob Feehrer, sent an email that he was selling his Trike. When I returned home, I called Bob to find out what was happening. Well, he has decided to sell his Trike due to the fact that he and Alice have taken on the care giver responsibility for his father and, therefore, they have no time to ride. Bob expects to continue his membership, however, and with any luck we might just see them in their role of Santa and Mrs. Claus at our annual Xmas party again this year. We are going to Wing Ding at the end of the month and are expecting to meet up with friends and have the usual GW fun.

David Morris, Chapter Director

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50/50 Bud Parish

Couple of the Year 2019 Jim & Sondra Cuff

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JIM and MARILYN RICH

ROADRUNNER TOURING WEEKEND

by Jim Rich

Every year since 2006 RoadRunner Magazine has been holding a "Touring Weekend" in a scenic location with great riding roads. Marilyn and I have had it on our bucket list for years and finally decided this was the year.

This year the "Weekend" was at the Snowshoe Mountain Resort in Snowshoe, West Virginia. The "Weekend" kicked off Thursday evening with a welcoming banquet to introduce Christa Neuhauser, publisher and editor in chief, and her staff and to give the 300 attendees a chance to mingle and share stories. In the pre-meeting handouts, there were five ride routes with maps and mileages. In the banquet room there were white boards to sign up for the rides in three categories; sport, where the riding would be faster and more aggressive; touring, where the riding would be at a steadier pace; and leisure, where the riding would be relaxed. Maximum 12 riders per group with a leader provided by RoadRunner and each rider would be responsible for the rider behind him or her, with a volunteer "sweeper," or tail-gunner.

Friday a breakfast tent was set up in the parking lot and the first rides departed at 7:30 am, with the last rides leaving at 9:00 am. The routes and ride leaders were well chosen with great roads and plenty of mountain scenery. That evening brought another reception and dinner with comedian Alonzo Bodden as entertainment. Alonzo obviously knew both bikes and riding and engaged the crowd in an hour of hilarious amusement.

Saturday was a repeat of Friday, but at the suggestion of one of the experienced participants Marilyn and I and Dave and Terry chose an interesting ride route and rode it in reverse of the group rides, giving us a chance to do it at our own pace and stop when and where we chose. The buzz at the dinner and reception that night proved that all the routes and riding were exceptional. Following dinner there were numerous drawings giving away a myriad of rider paraphernalia.







AUGUST GATHERING

WRITTEN BY Terry Henderson, MEC



CD David Morris called the Gathering to order at 7pm on Wed. Aug. 14, '19 at the Southern Pig & Cattle Co. in Stuart. He welcomed 14 Chapter FL2-O members including Laura and Michael Smutek and their Grandson Mathew. David recognized the fact that attendance was a bit low due to the number of people out of town on vacation and severe weather concerns. We have all experienced a season of torrential afternoon storms that might have discouraged some members from joining us this evening.

David said that he visited Bud and Barb Parish on Sat. afternoon in the rehab center and was happy to see that Bud is doing very well after his double by-pass surgery. His appetite is back and he is in very good spirits. We all wish him well. David also mentioned that Metalflake had an accident and hurt his foot and will be absent for a while until he mends. Also, David welcomed Al Colussy to the Gathering who has just had cataract surgery. We wish all our members good health!

According to David, Bob and Alice Feehrer, plan to maintain their GWRRA membership and attend our Gatherings, but as full-time caregivers to his Father, they no longer have the time to ride with us. So, they are selling their Gold Wing and motorcycle trailer. If anyone is interested in purchasing his Gold Wing & trailer, please call Bob Feehrer.

Regarding the Spirit Team committee, Sandy Pisano said that the next meeting of the Spirit Team will be Monday, Sept. 9 at 11:30am at Duffy's on U.S. 1 in So. Stuart. She encouraged all the ladies to participate and help with the Christmas party planning. Sandy also said that Barb and Bud wanted to thank everyone for the get-well cards, phone calls and visits to the hospital and rehab center. Bud is up, walking and regaining his appetite. We hope to see them again at one of our Gatherings soon. In Barb's absence, Sandy distributed the new chapter t-shirts and they are terrific. Thank you, Barb, for a job well done! Finally, Sandy said that the August Kick Tire event is on Aug. 28 at 5:30pm at Duffy's in So. Stuart. If interested, please RSVP on Group Works.

David called on ACD Jim Rich to take over the meeting. Jim reported on the great experience he, Marilyn, David and I enjoyed when we took our 2000-mile motorcycle trip to the Road Runner Touring Weekend at Snowshoe Mountain Resort in West Virginia.

He talked about taking the Auto Train with our Gold Wings and arriving in Lorton, VA after riding the train overnight from Sanford, FL. It was a great time and a safe journey home through the Blue Ridge Mountains, Cherokee Trail and more. Be sure to see the articles regarding this exciting motorcycle ride in this Aug. Newsletter.

Jim called for the Raffle ticket drawing and Terry Henderson won the 50/50. The meeting was adjourned.



SCENIC BYWAYS OF SOUTH CAROLINA By Marilyn Rich

Both Jim and I pour over maps when we plan a trip on our Gold Wing. In planning this last trip, I discovered two scenic highways that we had never traveled on before. After winding our way through the mountains of West Virginia, Virginia, and North Carolina we opted to follow a more relaxing route home. Outside of Spartanburg/Greenville we headed west on the Cherokee Foothills Scenic Highway (RT.11). The byway is named for the gentle foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains and the ancestral Cherokee Indians. The highway is mostly straight with soft curves and a view of the beautiful Blue Ridge on the horizon.



After a calm ride through forest, farms, and lakes we turned south at the town of Oakway, SC and followed The Savannah River Scenic Byway. It is also called the South Carolina Heritage Corridor because of the many historic sites along the way. The byway connects five routes running parallel to the Savannah River. Once again, we traveled soft curving roads through small towns, horse farms, and the picturesque lake country. By the time we crossed the river into Georgia at Augusta we were relaxed but ready for a unique dinner along the river walk. Boll Weevil Café and Sweet Shop filled the bill with a delicious dinner and very decadent dessert menu. The restaurant sits at the base of the river walk in the old warehouse district. For Jim, Dave, Terry, and me this was a highlight before getting back on the road





Gold Wing Adventure on the Auto Train by Terry Henderson

Each year Road Runner Magazine sponsors a Motorcycle Event in memory of the founder, Christa Neuhauser. This year the destination was Snowshoe, a gorgeous resort located on a very remote mountaintop in W. VA. Jim & Marilyn Rich, David Morris and I made plans to go but we also wanted to enhance the experience by taking the Amtrak Auto Train on the initial leg of the journey. With Jim & Marilyn in the lead and David and I as tail gunner, our kick stands were up at 8:30am on Tue. July 30 & we were on our way to the train station located in Sanford, FL. I was especially excited about taking my very first overnight train-ride so when we arrived at the Auto Train, I took lots of photos including David driving his Gold Wing onto the customized trailer built especially for motorcycles. There were five motorcycles going on this trip including David & Jim's, so Marilyn and I entertained ourselves by watching each driver ride their bike onto the trailer where a crew tied the bikes securely in place, connected each individual trailer together and finally pulled all five trailers into the train car. The crew was efficient and very careful with our valuable cargo. We were allowed to enter the train at 3:30pm. Lisa, our Porter, was very friendly and helpful. As we entered our car, she introduced herself and encouraged us to find our compartment and make ourselves at home. The private compartments were small but comfortable. We sat across from Jim and Marilyn and kept our doors open so we could chat as we looked out the windows at the passing scenery. The afternoon was lovely and as 5pm approached, we were invited to come to the Dining car for our evening meal. We proceeded to follow the narrow corridors toward the back of the train. It was like maneuvering on one of those moving, unsteady walkways at a 'Fun Zone' at the County Fair. We were buffeted about but managed to make it through two train cars to the Dining car. We sat together at a 4 top and were happily surprised to be served a delicious entrée of tasty salmon and veggies. We really enjoyed it and especially liked the scrumptious & warm home-made chocolate bunt cake with caramel sauce topped with whipped cream. What a nice way to start our vacation!

After dinner we proceeded to the observation car and watched the beautiful sunset. Finally, we returned to our compartments at bedtime to discover that Lisa, our Porter, had pulled our bunks down and prepared our beds. Wow, we were certainly being pampered! I quickly volunteered to sleep on the top bunk & David didn't object. Little did I know how awkward and precarious the climb to the top would be. I had to clamber up two very steep steps, throw my right leg over the bunk and then catapult the rest of my body up and onto the very firm mattress without hitting my head on the ceiling. A graceful ascent was not an option! However, I eventually settled in and as the movement of the train wheels rolled along, I was lulled into a deep & restful sleep.





The next morning we expected to arrive at Lorton, VA by 9am so we were up early, showered, dressed and ready for our breakfast by 8am. Breakfast in the Dining car was also quite good even though it was more of a continental breakfast with a bagel, cream cheese, various cereals, fruit and Danish. The juice and coffee were good and we were all set to debark from the train at 9am on Wed. Unfortunately, the train arrived two hours late and we did not arrive at Lorton until 11am which set us back about 2 or 3 hours on our journey to the Snowshoe Resort.

The train ride was a fun beginning to our trip but the best was yet to come as we got back onto our Gold Wings and proceeded through VA to Skyline Dr. on our way to WV. Stormy skies were on the horizon as we approached a burger stand that had been recommended to us. We enjoyed an especially tasty chicken salad sandwich and burgers just before the skies opened up and we were in a terrible rain storm. We ran for our rain gear and were able to get our suits on before tackling the next leg on our journey which would take us to Snowshoe Mountain Resort.

Skyline Drive was resplendent with scenic mountain views but also challenging with lots of twisty roads and 180 degree curves. Riding our Gold Wing on this historic drive could have been a total joy were it not for the cold, torrential rain storm that soaked us to the bone. At one point I saw a lightning bolt strike right ahead of us. We stopped at an 'overlook area' to reconnoiter but recognized the fact that we had to keep going because there was literally no place to stop and take cover. We had to make Snowshoe Mountain before dark. Finally, we came to the road sign that directed us to Snowshoe Resort and discovered that we had another 15 miles to go up a very steep mountain. Plus, the sun had set and it was getting darker and darker by the minute. Jim and David knew no fear and persevered through the dark, unlit roads, up and up until we finally made it to the resort by 9pm. We had been on the bike for 9 hours and we were tired and wet. We got into our room and immediately turned on the gas fire and settled in for a great touring weekend with hundreds of motorcyclists from across the country and Canada. It was a wonderful extended weekend of riding, great food and camaraderie. Thank you to Jim, Marilyn and Dave for getting us here safely!





BARB PARISH

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

You've heard the saying: "Man plans and God Laughs". Despite our most careful planning, the Road of Life is unpredictable. I thought I'd be writing a much different article for the August newsletter. I expected to be writing about three trips that Bud and I planned to take!

Can you believe that Bud and I planned a motorcycle trip to the Blue Ridge Mountains! We also planned a trip to Ohio for a Parish family reunion and finally, we had planned a trip to Gatlinburg. Well, not to be!

Bud noticed he was having trouble and talked to his cardiologist about having a heart catherization. Although we expected another stent, I can't say that we were totally surprised when a double bypass was recommended instead of a stent.

Luckily Martin hospital is now affiliated with Cleveland Clinic Florida and we have a top notch cardiovascular surgeon. The surgery was successful. However, in ICU Bud became confused and disoriented, which happens more often than you think. Those days were filled with anxiety, but thankfully, he recovered. Thanks for your prayers!

After 10 days in the hospital he was transferred to nearby Encompass Rehab Hospital for another 10 days. By the time he got home he had been gone three weeks and lost 9 pounds. He's slowly gaining some weight back!

I am grateful to all our friends and family who visited, sent cards and prayed for his recovery. The medical professionals and my fellow volunteers at the hospital were very caring and knowledgeable.

A special thank you to Sandy Pisano and Sondra Cuff who sat with me during the seven hour surgery. Sandy also sat with me the day before during the catherization. I am also deeply grateful to Joe and Mary Parish who came from Ohio to spend five days with me during the time he was in ICU.

Bud has a few weeks of recovery and some cardiac rehab and then he's looking forward to riding again with all of you in the Treasure Coast Wings.

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SPIRIT TEAM



Written by Sandy Pisano

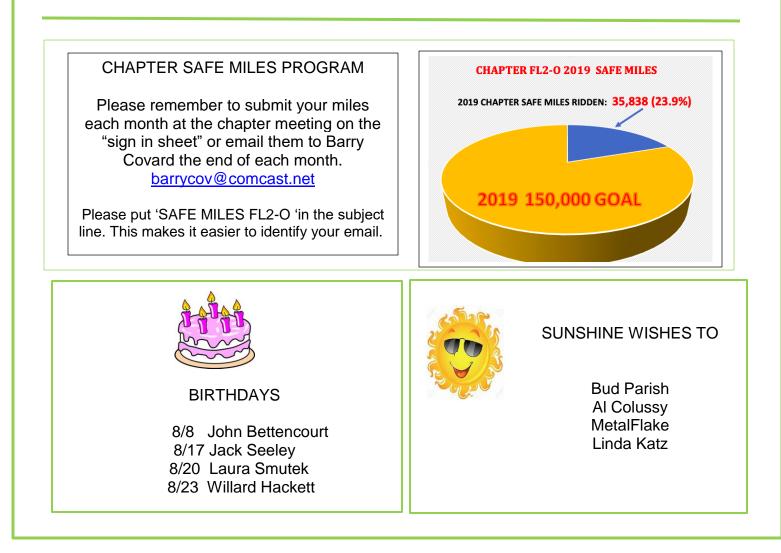
It is hard to believe that it is already the middle of August. The hot weather isn't over yet, but hopefully it won't be with us too much longer. The spirit team is gearing up for its first meeting since we last met in April.

We have lots to discuss and plan. Our primary order of business will be our chapter's Christmas party. This is such a fun occasion and one that certainly brings the holiday spirit to our membership. If you have any suggestions/comments to share with the team please let us know. Many of you have great ideas and we certainly appreciate your input.

The next Spirit Team meeting will be September 9th. We meet at Duffy's in south Stuart on U.S.1 at 11:30. All ladies of the chapter are invited to attend.

Hope to see you in September.

"Think deeply, speak gently, love much, laugh aloud, work hard, give freely, and be kind."



RIDER EDUCATION Written by Rick Northrup





Due to Rick and Pam selling their house and moving, there is no District Educator article this month

Ride Safe, Ride Aware,

Rick Northrop Sr District Educator



METALFLAKE

On July 10, I was leaving my doctor's office in Jupiter and I pulled onto military Trail, moving to the middle lane. A woman came speeding by in the far left lane and hit my left handlebars, knocking me out of control. I hit the curb on the median and landed on the grass. I ended up with several broken toes on my left foot. My cast comes off on August 22. Plan on riding with everybody in the near future

LINDA KATZ

Over the last six months, Linda noticed that she was tripping a lot and had developed severe headaches. Luckily her doctor sent her for an MRI and they discovered a tumor in her brain. She was scheduled for emergency surgery the next morning; however, the tumor had already ruptured. But doctors removed the remainder of the tumor through an incision in her temple, and she went home the next day. She's resting and doing fine.



STAYING CONNECTED

JOHN DUBOSE - VIRGINIA

Peggy and I have had several short trips this summer. Our home base is Roanoke (Troutville), VA. That's where our daughter Joy and two granddaughters Brie 14 and Sage 17 live and keep us busy. We've taken trips to Blowing Rock/Boone, NC area. Always a favorite because of family vacation and my parents owned a summer place in Blowing Rock for several years.

Then Peggy had a Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) Conference in Asheville, NC. ACD Jim Rich suggested we visit Pisgah Lodge/Restaurant on the Blue Ridge Parkway. We traveled to Columbia, SC where my sister Merry oldest daughter got married... one of those big weddings with honeymoon in Italy, nice.



I have led several rides for VA-K Roanoke this summer. The locals love it when I come to town to lead them on their mountain roads. Chapter VA-X Salem has got me to visit and ride. I have an overnight trip planned to Shatley Springs and Sparta, NC area. Should be an interesting ride, something they do yearly. Dave/Terry and Jim/Marilyn stopped in Christiansburg, VA on their way home from the Road Runner Tour. We enjoyed a meal and great company at an Outback. Always nice to meet-up with our FL2-O friends.

John DuBose Shatley Spring, NC Ride - VA-X Salem, VA Saturday/Sunday August 10/11,2019

I took part with VA-X overnight trip to Shatley Springs, NC. This is a ride that Bobby and Pat from 'X' do yearly. This year they had 14 out for the lunch part of the ride. <u>Shatley Springs Inn & Restaurant -</u> The lunch was family style \$18.95 with fried chicken/ham several vegetables and deserts. We could see the springs and cabins out behind the restaurant. One busy place!

After lunch Bobby took on a ride through the North Carolina mountains and even on a section of the Blue Ridge Parkway ending up at Sparta, NC for the evening. We stayed at the Alleghany Inn which had parking in front of rooms with chairs on porches so we could shoot the breeze. After breakfast Bobby took us on 21 to Wytheville, VA which is their home location. Then Lee and Julie led us on to Radford where most of the others dropped off and Lee/Julie and I head to Troutville and Buchanan. My Big Red went 335 miles, John DuBose. Enjoy the pictures.







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

SUMMER KICK TIRES- Dinner at 5:30 Come on 2 /3/ or 4 wheels

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.

- August 28 Duffy's, 6431 SE Federal Hwy, Stuart (south of Cove Road)
- September 25 Bonefish Mac, 662 SE Becker Rd, PSL, 34984

STATE RALLIES

Mississippi Rally, Gulfport October 17-19 Florida Rally, Altamonte Springs, March 19-21, 2020

WING DING

Wing Ding 41, Nashville, TN August 27—31, 2019

FLORIDA DISTRICT RIDE-IN (SEE DETAILS ON GROUPWORKS)

October 25-27 Sunrise to Sunset

CHRISTMAS PARTY – SAVE THE DATE- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

WINGERS AND WAVES CRUISE

Mark your calendar and join the GWRRA-FL District on the "Independence of the Seas" on November 30, 2019 for 5 nights. The WINGERS-N-WAVES cruise will depart from Fort Lauderdale to Labadee, Haiti and Falmouth, Jamaica. Labadee is a private Royal Caribbean island that features pristine beaches, coral reefs and lagoon-like bays surrounded by forested mountains. The latest \$100m make-over and revamped ship focuses on new features, additional food options and new activities. The group rates offer a refundable deposit! Please book with us to ensure your included into our special events, parties & group dinners. Pricing includes ALL port taxes & double occupancy. Rates are subject to change until booked. BALCONY - \$637pp (premium location) INSIDE - \$497pp



Florida District Rally - March 19 - 21, 2020 Opens daily at 8:00am GWRRA # Riders Name Aae District Directors Bill & Chervl Smith (561) 445-4270 fldd2018@gmail.com Riders or Co-Riders Name (circle one) GWRRA # Age Rally Coordinators Vendor Coordinators Rick & Madalena Buck Jeff & Lisa Duffey (813) 943-5231 (813) 748-0770 Street Address, City, State & Zip Code Rmbuck@tampabav.rr.com duffev0770@amail.com Phone # Email Address Preregistrations must be postmarked by March 1, 2020 No refunds after March 1, 2020. After March 1st Chapter Chapter Position District or Team GWRRA Position Registration is \$5.00 higher I/We agree to hold harmless GWRRA, co-sponsoring organizations and any property owners for any \$15 Day Passes will be sold onsite and are good for all loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved because of participation in this events the day of purchase except Thursday night dinner rally. I/we have read this waiver and acknowledge with signature(s) below: Submit Registration Forms to: Signature Signature Is this your first-time attending the Florida Rally? Yes No Date: Geno & Kathie Jette 114 Canis Dr F GWRRA Members \$35 Orange Park, FL 32073 Non-Members \$40 Make check or money order (US dollars only) Under 12 (Dinner on Thursday extra, See below) Free x payable to Florida GWRRA If you would like registration confirmation, please Sit Down Dinner - Thursday Night \$10 x *** Fully registered attendees only *** ensure you provide an email address Ticket Sales Gold Wing Raffle (Book of 10) \$10 50 / 25 / 25 (Strip of 10) (double than received onsite) Live Entertainment on Friday \$5 Grand Prize (Strip of 10) (double than received onsite) Guided rides on Friday & Saturday \$5 Shirt Sales (price is \$2.00 less than on site) Register by January 1st, 2020 for entry into Early Polo Shirt S M L XL \$22 Bird drawing to be awarded to 1 lucky winner at Closing Ceremonies! Polo Shirt XXXXL XXL XXXL \$25 T-Shirt XL s M L **\$18** Pre-Order Shirts for entry into a drawing for a T-Shirt XXL XXXL XXXX \$20 prize to be awarded to 1 lucky winner at Closing Long Sleeve S M L XL Ceremonies \$20 Long Sleeve XXL XXXL XXXXL \$22 See website for latest information http://www.gwrraflorida.com/rally.html TOTAL ENCLOSED (US Dollars Only) \$

Gold Wing Raffle tickets are available to purchase and sell.

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- Proceeds provide FREE training for all Florida GWRRA members.
- Did you know that our chapter earns \$1 for every book (\$10) sold!!
- 1st prize New Gold Wing/2nd prize \$1,000/3rd prize \$500
- SELLER of winning ticket, receives a cash prize, too

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To everyone who wrote an article for this month's newsletter: David Morris, Terry Henderson, Jim Rich, Marilyn Rich, John DuBose, Sandy Pisano, Barb Parish. Thanks for reading!