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Monthly Gathering

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

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WEBSITES

FL2-O: www.fl2o.org

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www.gwrraflorida.com



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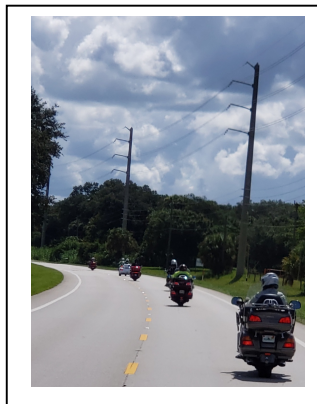
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David Morris, Chapter Director

Here are a few pictures of the view we got on one of our chapter rides as Tailgunner.

On a long sweeping curve it can be a fantastic sight, especially when we are maintaining our 3 second distance.



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50/50
Jim Rich

Couple of the Year 2021
Dave Morris & Terry
Henderson

Person of the Year 2021
Sandy Pisano

Spirit Team Chair
Sandy Pisano

FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY, KNOWLEDGE



CHAPTER TREASURERS

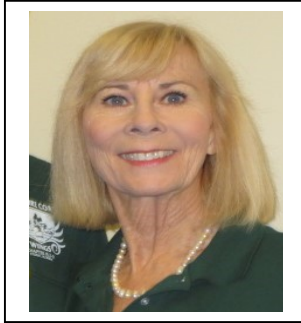
JIM and MARILYN RICH

RIDE SAFE

By Jim Rich

GWRRRA stresses all the gear, all the time (ATGATT), but all that safety gear does not protect the rider from being stupid. In addition to proper gear a rider needs to stay within his or her comfort zone in terms of speed, types of road and weather conditions. Watch the road! A rider should constantly be checking the furthest visible point on the horizon, scanning the mirrors to check behind them and being aware of possible threats to either side. A good safety tip is to always assume drivers are going to do something unexpected and/or stupid. Going around a mountain curve to the left, be prepared for the idiot coming the other direction to cross the yellow line. Coming to a stop in traffic, the person behind you may be in the middle of texting his girlfriend so flash your brake lights and be prepared to swerve out of the way. See a car come to a stop at a side street, slow down and watch their wheels for any sign they are going to pull out because they will explain to the officer "I never saw the motorcycle." In this month's WingWorld a chapter director wrote about ATGATT, stating that he and his wife were out riding and had an 18-wheeler pull into the left lane in front of them. Not wanting to be behind an 18-wheeler they swerved to the right to go around the truck only to find a disabled car blocking the lane. The chapter director attributed the fact that he and his wife survived a horrendous crash to ATGATT, but never stopped to consider that the 18-wheeler may have pulled into the left lane for a reason. You just can't fix stupid.





Gathering Minutes By Terry Henderson

Chapter Director David Morris called the Gathering to order at 7pm on Wed. Aug. 11, 2021 at the Southern Pig and Cattle Co. Restaurant on US 1 in Stuart. Birthday greetings went out to Laura Smutek and Willard Hackett.

David invited MEC Terry Henderson to come up. Terry welcomed all Chapter FL2-0 members to the Gathering and asked them to give a warm welcome to our newest chapter member, Alex Montaner. He has a new, all black 2021 Gold Wing and is an avid rider who plans to join us on our group rides. Terry also welcomed several members from FL2-A and gave a special welcome to District Directors Bill and Cheryl Smith for being selected the 2020-2021 District Directors of the Year! Great job!

David announced that Chapter FL2-G in Ft. Myers has inquired if our chapter would be interested in joining them for their annual Rally on Nov. 20, 2021. If there is enough interest, John DuBose will organize an overnight group ride to Ft. Myers. We can ride over on Thurs. Nov. 18, visit the Edison Museum and the Ford Museum and ride home after the Rally on Sat. Nov. 20. For more information about this proposed ride, please look on GroupWorks and give us your feedback.

Sandy Pisano announced that the Spirit Team is planning another Food for Families drive for Thanksgiving. The food drive was a huge success last Christmas when we donated 300 lbs. of food for needy families and another 170 lbs. in the spring. We encourage everyone to join in the effort to give back to our community by bringing non-perishable items and/or toiletries to the Sept., Oct. and Nov. Gatherings. Sandy has a cloth food bag for everyone. You may pick one up at the end of the meeting and fill it with non-perishable food that will go to the House of Hope to help feed and sustain our underprivileged neighbors in Martin and St. Lucie counties.

The Spirit Team is also planning another Picnic in the Park. We all had a wonderful time last spring at Jonathan Dickinson Park in Hobe Sound. This year we will go to Timer Powers Park in Indiantown on Sat. Oct. 23. The Chapter Ride Coordinator, John DuBose, will plan the ride and we will all bring our own lunches and enjoy a beautiful setting along the St. Lucie Canal. Sandy also shared some ideas for the annual Holiday party. She said that many were interested in going back to last year's venue, Applebee's Restaurant on US 1 in Stuart but that the Seminole Inn may be a different option. Jim Cuff suggested that the Seminole Inn would be a great group ride destination during the day but that it would be a long ride for a Holiday party in the evening. Sandy agreed that Applebee's would probably be a better Holiday party venue and added that the theme will be 'Red Trucks.' She concluded her report by announcing the date of the next Spirit Team meeting the day after Labor Day. All chapter ladies are invited to join us at Duffy's on US 1 in South Stuart on Tue., Sept. 7 at 11:30am.

District Director Bill Smith announced that everyone who plans to go to the District Rally March 19-21 should register early and definitely book your room at the Hilton in Altamonte Springs.

They are planning a big event and anticipate a large crowd so plan ahead and make your reservations. David interjected that Chapter FL2-0 was the second largest group at the Rally last year and it is always helpful to know who is going. Bill said that he and Cheryl are planning a long ride to several destinations this fall in order to support the many chapters in their district. They plan to visit 'Wings Over the Smokies' in North Carolina the first week in Sept. and then ride to Dillard for a Georgia Ride-In. It's only \$10 a person and includes a 'gourmet' meal including a hot dog with all the fixins' prepared and served outside at a campground. Go to GWRRA.com and get all the information about the Georgia Ride-In through the beautiful Blue Ridge Parkway. They'll also visit the Corps of Engineering in North Point, Alabama, then go on to the Eufaula Rally on Sept. 30-Oct. 3 and then home!! Don't forget the Mississippi Rally on Oct. 21-23. There are 3 different hotels with different price points, all owned by the same person and there's the Louisiana District Ride-In on Nov. 11 which takes you all through the bayou country. Then, of course, we have our Chapter Conference on Jan. 7-9, 2022. Due to current circumstances, the Conference will be a two hour ZOOM call again this year. Bill concluded his report by encouraging us to go to Welaka, FL, situated on the St. Johns River in Putnam County north of Gainesville, for a New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 2022 celebration. Everyone gets together starting at noon and you can enjoy all you can eat Shrimps R Us and cheesecake for dessert. Bill said, "225 people showed up last year and we had a ball!" Last but not least, the District is planning a North to South or South to North District Ride next spring. Stay tuned for more information. Marilyn Rich shared the fact they had a great turn out for the Medic/First Aid course that she and Jim held at their home on Sat. July 24. Claudia Vega did an excellent presentation using an informative video and she also provided an opportunity for each person to do a hands-on compression exercise. Marilyn reminded everyone that the Medic/First Aid, ARC, ERC and TRIKE courses are all free to us due to Rally ticket sales. So please buy your tickets now so GWRRA can keep providing us with FREE Levels Program courses that help expand our KNOWLEDGE and keep us SAFE.

Our Treasurer, Jim Rich, gave a Ride report and shared the fact that we had a Breakfast ride to the Landing Strip Cafe at the Okeechobee Airport on Sun. Aug. 8. There were 8 bikes and 12 riders who enjoyed the beautiful scenery along the roads as well as a delicious breakfast at the Cafe. He and Marilyn put 137 miles on their bike. Jim also said that he took an ARC course in a huge shopping center in Ocala. He said that Dominic & Diane Desiato are excellent instructors. As a retired motor officer, Dominic really knows how to run an Advanced Rider Course and Experienced Rider Course and calls on his years of experience as an instructor for MSF and GWRRA. Jim said that the 90 degree weather was tough but it was a great ARC course! Jim invited Metalflake to give a Tech Talk and he talked about the braking system on the 1800 Gold Wing.

Our Webmaster, Donner Goethel, said that she really enjoyed the Medic/First Aid course at Marilyn and Jim's home. She learned how to identify and help victims of heart attacks, what to do when someone is choking or has an open wound. She also was surprised to discover how much strength it takes to do CPR compressions properly. Donna was happy to be able to fulfill one of the requirements for the Levels Program by completing the Medic/First Aid Course. In order to be current on the Levels Program you will need to do the Medic/First Aid course every two years and the ERC, ARC and TRIKE courses every three years.

When Jim called for the 50/50 drawing, Jim Cuff won the 50/50 cash, Metalflake won the Rally tickets & polishing cloth and Phil Baxter won the banana bread baked by Myrta. Jim Rich adjourned the meeting.

FROM THE BACK OF THE BIKE

BY MARILYN RICH

ZEPHYRHILLS, FLORIDA

The town of Zephyrhills originally established as the village of Abbott in 1888. At the turn of the century, Captain Howard B. Jeffries, a retired Civil War Union officer, bought several thousand acres around Abbott. He wanted to build a community for Civil War Veterans and formed The Zephyrhills Colony Company in 1909. At that time the town residents voted to change the name to Zephyrhills which describes the local topography of rolling hills. Many fresh springs dot the area and the town has become famous for Zephyrhills Spring Water brand now owned by Perrier Company. The water is derived from many area springs, the main one being Crystal Springs. Although it is surrounded by woodland it is a suburb of Tampa. There are lots of parks to visit including Hillsboro State Park and Withlacoochee River Park. Camping, fishing, hiking, and boating are popular activities you can enjoy. In the town there are three museums. The Zephyrhills Train Depot, the Pioneer Museum with many old farm implements and tools, and the Museum of Military History with artifacts from several eras. Zephyrhills is located north of Tampa and northwest of Lakeland. It is about a three hour auto trip from Stuart.





JOHN DUBOSE

CHAPTER RIDE COORDINATOR

Future Rides

We have some good rides coming up. If you plan on riding with us please take time to make your **hotel reservations** now! That way you know you have a room and can always cancel if something comes up. Regarding our ride to Fort Myers, we plan on taking in **Edison - Ford Winter Estate**. This is a ride that George Scholes has been asking for the group to make. It comes at a good time with FL2-G having a rally that weekend.

FL2-O Treasure Coast Wings Upcoming Riding Season

Saturday, October 23, 2021 Spirit Team Event

We will have a planned ride before. More to come.

Thursday - Saturday, November 18 - 20, 2021

Fort Myers Overnight Event - Thursday ride to fort Myers

Friday - Visit **Edison - Ford Winter Estate** <https://www.edisonfordwinterestates.org/>

Saturday - FL2-G Yellow Jackets - Fort Myers Rally

Hampton Inn (Colonial Blvd)- 4350 Executive Circle, Fort Myers 33916

(239-931-5300) Thursday November 18 & Friday, November 19

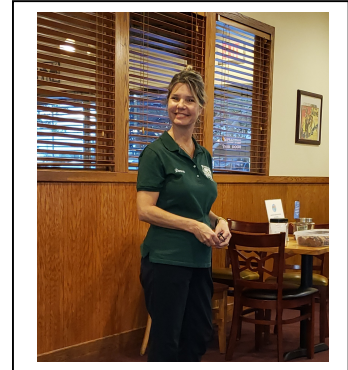
42nd Annual Florida District Gathering of Wings

Hilton Hotel - 350 Northlake Blvd., Altamonte Springs

https://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/A/ALTAHHF-FLGWRR-20220314/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

I plan on riding up Thursday and staying through Saturday. I may make a side trip after rally. Leaving Sunday morning and ride to **Amelia Island - Fernandina Beach** spend the night. Then ride down AIA to Saint Augustine and south with one more night on the road. Any interest let me know.

PHOTO CORNER





RIDER EDUCATION

Dominick & Diane DeSiato

District Educators



Riding in the Rain

Florida District Riding and MFA Classes are in full operation and available upon your request. For ARC and TRC Classes contact Dominick at Dominickfide@gmail.com or Ph: (813) 927-0120, (Leave a message and I will call you back). For MFA Classes contact Claudia Vega at rvega19854@gmail.com.

It's that time of year again. Afternoon showers are here. Be prepared! Make sure you pack a rain suit in your bike or bikes if you have more than one. It is easier to put a rain suit in each bike rather than transferring your rain suit around each time you change bikes. There is too much of a chance that you might forget to do so. Alter your riding habits when it is raining. Slow down! Visibility is limited when the rain is hitting you in the face. The water staying on your windshield, face shield and/or glasses is limiting your ability to see as far as needed to avoid obstacles. Increase your following distance. You don't want to have to stop in a hurry and risk sliding on the wet roadway. Remember when you do stop or slow around intersections there is a buildup of oil in the center of the lane that floats to the surface when it rains. This area is extremely slippery especially at the beginning of the rain. If you have to ride on the interstate use the right lane so the high-speed idiots (cars, trucks or motorcycles) can go flying by you. Expect to get splashed as they pass so you are not caught off guard. Ride in the center of the right lane. Thanks to the heavy trucks, the center of the right lane is the highest point with no or less water so that is where you need to be. A two-wheel motorcycle or Trike can hydroplane. Don't let this freak you out if it happens. If it does happen don't go for the brakes. Just roll off the throttle and let your machine settle itself down and regain traction. Remember most Florida rains have a short part of a heavy downpour. It is best to pull into some shelter and wait out the heavy stuff. Your cell phone is a good source to look at the weather Doppler and plan your route accordingly. Sometimes you can go a few miles out of your way and avoid the rain altogether. Expect to get caught in afternoon rains this time of the year and plan and ride accordingly.

We are here to assist you with your training needs.

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.

STATE RALLIES

FLORIDA DISTRICT RIDE-IN (SEE DETAILS ON GROUPWORKS)

2021 Upcoming GWRRA Events

Alabama District Rally
 Eufaula, AL
 Sept 30 – Oct 2, 2021

WING DING
 Wing Ding 43, Shreveport, LA
 June 28 – July 2, 2022

Please remember to renew your GWRRA membership:

September
 Tammy & Larry Pounds
 Greg & Percy Comstock
 John & Peggy DuBose



September Birthdays

9/23 Jean Maneage



September Anniversary's

9/8 Tammy & Larry Pounds

• New Vehicles
• Pre-Loved
• Financing
• Rentals
• Shop On-line

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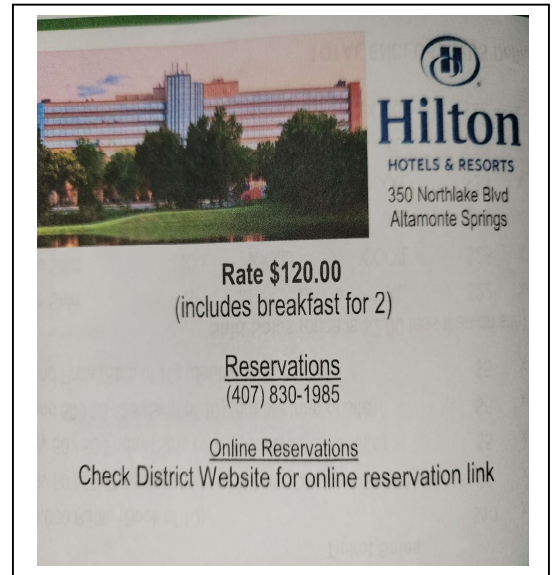
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Thanks ~To everyone who wrote an article for this month's Newsletter: David Morris, Terry Henderson, Jim Rich, Marilyn Rich, John DuBose and Dominick DeSiato.

Thanks for reading!

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