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Monthly Gathering

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

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David Morris, Chapter Director

I'm so proud of all the members of Chapter FL2-0 and the great participation that you display every day. We have often been told that our chapter is one of the most active and vibrant chapters in the whole Florida District and I gratefully acknowledge that it is your contributions of time, creativity and love for riding that have made Chapter FL2-0 outstanding! The fact that you all get involved, pitch-in and consistently do your part to enhance the GWRRA experience is the predominate reason why we have such an enthusiastic and highly functioning chapter. Please know that I appreciate all of you and always look forward to seeing you at our Gatherings, group rides and special events! Thank you for all you do!

Check out the latest issue of Wing World and you'll discover a feature article entitled 'Luck of the Irish' outlining all the fun times we shared at the Florida District Rally in March. Congratulations to Terry for writing the article and getting it published and Marilyn for sharing lots of photos. Our members have written letters to the editor, requests for advice to the 'Workbench' and feature articles over the years. This time it was Terry and Marilyn's turn and I feel confident that there will be even more Wing World articles about Chapter FL2-0 in the near future. Great job!

It was terrific to see Claudia Vega back and enthusiastic about continuing her Rider Education programs.

Note: be careful when you ride during the hot and inclement weather this summer. Stay hydrated and keep having Fun with Friends.

Happy Father's Day!



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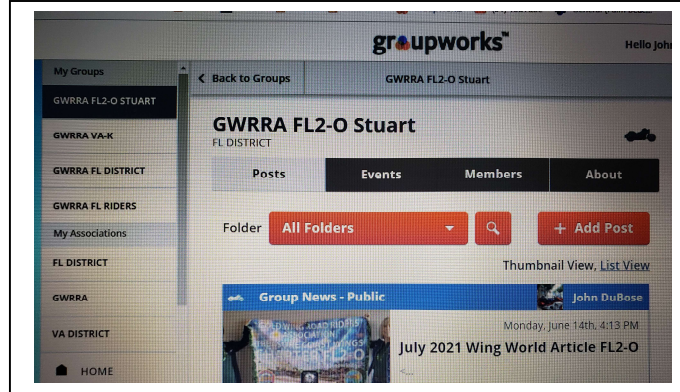
Tech
Herb "Metalfake" Jebb

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



GWRRA GROUP WORKS: This is how Group Works came about as I've heard the story. A long time member that loved participating in GWRRA passed away. His son was a technology expert and thought GWRRA could use an online communication tool. He donated it to GWRRA a few years ago and Florida District was one of a few state districts that tried Group Works to improve our communication to all members.

Each District has a page with all active chapters having their own page. There are *Leaders* which are able to “**POST**” items like district or chapter newsletter, general information for members. Then there is an “**EVENTS**” area where district or chapter can advertise gatherings, rides and other chapter happenings. The nice thing about the **EVENTS** page is there is an area to **RSVP - Going or Not Going**. My FL2-O Treasure Coast Wings has become great about the RSVP... because you can change right up to time of event and the leader knows who going to show.

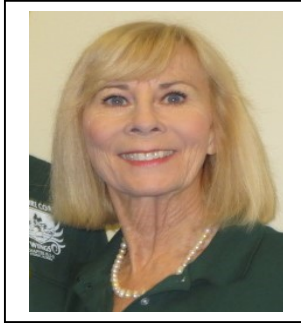
Being a communication tool, Group Works is for GWRRA members. Most chapters have members on their ARL (Area Run List) who may never participate because they don't know about your chapter or events. This way all members can receive the information including newsletters and events (rides, gatherings, etc). All members have the choice to opt out if they want or limit how many emails they receive.

Members may follow other chapters by reading their newsletters and participating in their upcoming events. You can also request to be a member of another chapter just for Group Works use. If you're traveling, you can go to GWRRA and select other districts and chapters within those districts. If they have posted their district/chapter newsletter, you can read it and plan your visit to their next Gathering or group ride.

I'm sure there are many other things GWRRA Group Works can do, so give it a chance and communicate with other GWRRA members and make us stronger.

This is my take on Group Works.

John DuBose
Chapter Ride Coordinator FL2-O Treasure Coast Wings.



Gathering Minutes By Terry Henderson

Chapter Director David Morris called the Gathering to order at 7:pm on Wed. June 9 at the Southern Pig and Cattle Co. Restaurant in Stuart. He wished a Happy Birthday to Myrta Colussy, Wanda Hackett, Allison Meisenbacher, Michael Smutek, Leo Valcourt and himself, David Morris, who is also celebrating a June Birthday. Happy Anniversary wishes went out to George and Nancy Scholes, Metalflake, Willard and Wanda Hackett and Greg and Percy Comstock. Congratulations to everyone celebrating a special day this month and Happy Father's Day to all the fathers in attendance. David also thanked Percy Comstock for bringing the dessert and for selling the 50/50 tickets today.

Membership Enhancement Coordinator Terry Henderson welcomed all members to the June Gathering including our newest member, John GorcZyca who drives a 2018 Gold Wing and is planning on riding with us often. Terry also recognized Claudia Vega from FL2-A. She introduced Robert Vega, Ray's cousin, who accompanied Claudia to our Gathering. Thank you all for joining us tonight; we are delighted to see you.

Chapter Ride Coordinator John DuBose & Peggy are in VA and our Treasurer Jim and Marilyn Rich are on a road trip traveling through the Blue Ridge Mountains and into Arkansas so they will not be here to give a Ride Report. Therefore, David took the opportunity to talk about the latest ride to the Square Grouper Restaurant in Fort Pierce. There were many bikes on the trip and everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch overlooking the beautiful aquamarine waterway that leads to the Atlantic Ocean. David said that when Jim and Marilyn return, he will schedule and start leading more rides this summer.

David said that Chapter FL2-O is required by GWRRA to produce a website. It is an important tool that provides valuable information to prospective members who may be moving into the area and are interested in finding a local chapter to attend. Yes, we do have a website but it has been out of date until now. David introduced Donna Goethel and said that our Chapter is very fortunate that Donna has accepted the position as our new Webmaster. Donna gave a report and summarized her progress. She is working on getting our website up and running with new photos, current contact information and a link that opens our monthly Newsletters. Thank you, Donna, for your great work! We all appreciate it.

Doug Goethel gave a Rider Ed Report and announced that there will be a District Trike Class in Ocala this Sat. June 12 from 2pm-6pm. It is a range only course. Claudia interjected that they are eliminating the classroom work for this particular District Trike Class. When Doug encouraged Claudia to continue with the 'Levels' information, she said that if you are taking GWRRA courses and pass both the classroom and range course, you're good for 3 years. In the next 3 years, you need just the range course and in the next 3 years after that, you need classroom **and** range in order to go up a level. So, basically, your classroom course is good for 6 years before you need to do it again and the range course has to be completed every 3 years in

order to maintain your Level 4 status and go up a level. The next Level is Senior Master which you may accomplish in 5 years. After another 5 years, you become Grand Master and after 15 years, you become Life Grand Master. You need to be current in the classroom and range courses to go up a level.

Claudia also encouraged everyone to take her MFA, Medic First Aid, course. You don't have to worry about contamination because we don't do the 'breath' work. We only do the 30 compressions in order to learn the technique and get the rhythm of the compressions. If Chapter FL2-O wants to set up an MFA class this summer, all you need to do is get 12 members and Claudia will come to your home or other location to teach with the use of a very good video. She is also going to teach a Co-Rider Course.

David reminded everyone that the next Motorist Awareness event will be at the Elliott Museum on June 29 from 4-7:30pm. This event will be another great opportunity to communicate to lots of people who are enjoying the Antique Car Show and food truck located by the Elliott Museum. He also informed us that Nate, the District Motorist Awareness Coordinator, has passed away at 90 years old. Nate was passionate about the GWRRA mission to inform and educate the general public about the need to be vigilant while driving and always 'Look Twice for Motorcycles'. May Nate rest in Peace.

Sand Pisano gave a Spirit Team report and shared the fact that the next meeting of the Spirit Team will be on August 9. While enjoying your summer break, please think about the Holiday Party venue. We all enjoyed the last Holiday Party on the patio at Applebee's but let's keep our eye open for something that might be even better. Also, the theme is 'Red Trucks' so start looking for appropriate decorations. Sandy encouraged all the chapter members to be brainstorming ideas for the Diorama which we will display and enter into the March District Rally Diorama contest. The theme for the Rally is the Wizard of Oz. If you have any great ideas using this theme, please let Sandy know. Sandy suggested that we inform the District Director that they need to encourage more participation in the Rally competitions. Many hours and hundreds of dollars go into the Scrapbook & the Diorama. She suggested that a monetary incentive might motivate other chapters to get involved. Even a \$25 prize would be appreciated. Sandy concluded her Spirit Team report by reminding everyone to save their cloth bags and bring them to the Gathering for our Food for Families drive in the fall. Donna will bring a dessert to the July Gathering. Also, she reminded everyone about the 'Jingle Jar' and encouraged us to donate our loose change to help the Spirit Team develop and fund great Chapter events in the future.

David asked who was planning to go to the Eufaula, Alabama Rally on Sept. 30. Sandy & Joe Pisano and Sondra & Jim Cuff raised their hands. Barney said that he might go. Sandy said that Eufaula is a lovely town and it's a great place to ride a bike. There's a big Lodge with nice rooms as well as small cottages lining a beautiful lake that are available for rent. Eufaula is a very cute town that you will really enjoy!

Our newest member John GorcZyca asked if there were any Chapter rides scheduled. David said that Chapter FL2-A had a Father's Day Ride scheduled on Sat. June 19. Their destination is the Navy Seal exhibit on Hutchinson Island in Fort Pierce.

Metalfake gave a Tech Talk and explained that American wrenches will work as metric. Look on-line and you will find the conversion when you need it. David called for the 50/50 drawing and Donna won the cash while Sandy won the Rally tickets that Claudia brought. The Gathering was adjourned!



CHAPTER TREASURERS

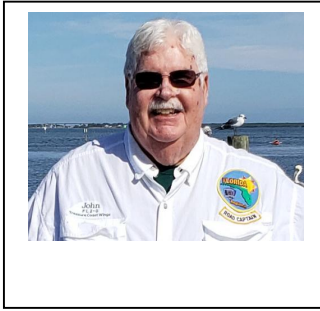
JIM and MARILYN RICH

MOTORCYCLE NIRVANA

by Jim Rich

We took a road trip to find the ideal riding roads. Our first stop was the Pisgah Inn on the Blue Ridge Parkway, a wonderful riding road that we've ridden several times in the past. Our next stop was Eureka Springs, Arkansas, a town nestled in the Ozark Mountains of northwest Arkansas. We arrived in town at the same time as a Corvette club from Houston, Texas with 20 Corvettes. I asked one of the Corvette owners what brought them to Eureka Springs; his reply "Oh, no straight roads!!!" Over the next several days we found out just how true that statement was. We couldn't find a single road that maintained the same direction or elevation for more than a few hundred yards. In addition to the curves and the changes in elevation the pavement was pristine. The weekend brought several hundred motorcycles to town, but by Sunday afternoon most had headed home, leaving us to enjoy the best riding roads we've ever experienced. One thing we noticed were the number of Victory Motorcycles, an excellent, but now extinct species. We were on four wheels this trip, but have definitely put Eureka Springs on our bucket list.





JOHN DUBOSE

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 Treasure Coast Wings

I'm sure most know I'm in the Roanoke, VA area for the summer where I share rides with two chapters; VA-K Roanoke and VA-X Salem...two totally different chapters.

I write the newsletter for VA-K and having been working to save this chapter because they have aged out without new blood. I helped recruit a Chapter Ride Coordinator and Membership Enhancement Coordinator. Both have been members for a long time but no one ever encouraged them to step-up. Well after six months I can see a big difference in the chapter.

Now the FUN part of GWRRA, the rides! This week alone I've been on three rides. Just a quick note when the weathers good, low 70's with low humidity take advantage of the weather. I finally got one of the old guy's, Jack to lead a mid-week ride. We had six out with a good lunch at Top of the Mountain Cafe, then a nice scenic ride, a note VA calls scenic roads "By-Ways" to Goshen Pass along the Maury River into Lexington. Next Ride was CRC Danny's scouting ride to Wytheville for a District Southwest Ride-in in August. We did stop at Skeeter's Hot Dogs... famous of course. We also stopped at Draper Valley Overlook. Next was MEC Dave leading a ride to Paint Bank for lunch at Swinging Bridge Restaurant. So get out and ride when you have a chance.

Wing Ding 42 is in Springfield and I'm looking forward to meeting up with FL2-O members Joe and Sandy Pisano and Jim and Sondra Cuff. Plus the many other FRIENDS we all make in GWRRA.

Safe Rides - John





Florida District Educators Raffle Tickets and Rear Tires

Hello everyone! Holy Mackerel it's June! We recently returned from the Tennessee Rally and boy did we have fun riding those mountains. As soon as we got back we taught a TRC in Ocala that was enormously successful. We have also rolled out MFA (yea!) and 4 classes were taught in May with more on the way. That being said, a few chapters have not yet requested Raffle tickets. You wanted more classes when we took this position and we are giving you more classes. But that comes with a price. Please do your part and sell Raffle Tickets so we can continue to teach our Members for free. Not only is it fun to get a chance to win \$10,000.00, but it gives you a chance to talk up GWRRA. Free training also motivates you to continue to take classes, which in turn keeps your skill level up and gives you a chance at self evaluation. We are all getting older, is it time for three wheels? Only YOU can answer that. So if you have not yet requested tickets, please send me an email requesting them. For those already selling, KUDOS to you!

REAR TIRE SELECTION

Many Gold Wing (and other brands) riders choose to put a car tire on the rear of their two-wheel bikes. Their reason usually is that they get more miles out of a car tire and it costs less. There is an old English expression: "Penny wise pound foolish." This means while you think you are saving a little money the consequences of doing so might be more expensive in the long run. What will the cost be if you crash your motorcycle and injure yourself? The design features and rubber composition of car tires as compared to motorcycle tires greatly differ. A car tire has a flat profile and rigid sidewalls because a car tire is not meant to lean. Motorcycle tires have a softer rubber compound for better grip given the limited amount of rubber that is actually touching the road at any given time. The sidewalls are softer so the motorcycle tire will roll with the lean angle of the bike so the amount of tire contacting the road is the same throughout the lean in curves. A car tire has about six inches of rubber making contact with the road when you are driving in a straight line. When you lean a two-wheel motorcycle with a car tire into a curve you put the rear tire on its edge with now only about 1-1/2" of rubber making contact with the road. Centrifugal force is working against your rear tire trying to push the rear of your bike out

of the curve. Only just a little bit of sand or water could cause you to lose traction and down you go. The rear stock motorcycle tire for a Gold Wing has about 3" of rubber making contact with the road when you are traveling in a straight line. When you lean into a curve, because of the softer sidewalls and wrap-around tread pattern, there is about the same amount of rubber in contact with the road throughout the curve. Centrifugal force is still trying to push the rear tire out from under you but you have softer composition rubber gripping the road. With the car tire rubber being a harder compound, and riding on the narrow edge of the tire in a lean, there is a much greater chance of losing traction and good-bye motorcycle and you. You may say: "I've been using car tires on the rear of my motorcycle for years and nothing bad has happened." Maybe the reason for that is you are not a very aggressive rider. If that is your riding style, then that is great for you alone. Some riders choose to ride more aggressively. Circumstances can constantly change when you ride a motorcycle. At any given moment you might have to brake or swerve to avoid a crash harder than you have ever have done before in the middle of a lean in a curve. Combine that with the limited amount of available traction you might have with that car tire at the wrong moment, and down you could go. I hope with the information I have just given you might rethink using a car tire on the rear of your bike. If you still choose to use a car tire at least now you are fully aware of the dangers of doing so. Don't pass on the suggestion to others to use a car tire unless you tell them about the potential dangers of doing so. No motorcycle manufacturer, reputable dealer or tire store will recommend putting a car tire on the rear of a two-wheel motorcycle.

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

Ride Safe!!

Dominick & Diane



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NEWS ON FACEBOOK!

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)

2021 Upcoming GWRRA Events

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

WING DING
Wing Ding 42, Springfield, MO
June 29 – July 3, 2021

Please remember to renew your GWRRA membership:

Note....renewals reflect a two month change to your renewal because of Covid-19

None in July –



July Birthdays

7/12 Marilyn Rich
 7/21 George Scholes
 7/24 Paul Dreyfus
 7/28 Tammy Pounds



July Anniversary's

7/16 Jim & Sondra Cuff
 7/24 John & Allison Meisenbacher

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

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