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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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FL2-O: www.fl2o.org

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www.gwrraflorida.com



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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Our annual Christmas party was a huge success again this year. Everyone had a great time! Thanks to Sandy Pisano and all the members of the Spirit Team. They contributed their time, ideas and skills to create all of the desserts, centerpieces and game items. The gift exchange engages everyone and is always a lot of fun.

The end of 2019 is just a few days away. It is a time to reflect upon all the great experiences that we have shared, centered around our common interest...motorcycle riding. It is also a time to look ahead. It seems like it wasn't that long ago that Y2K was the headline and here we are 20 years later.

Our chapter remains strong because of all the members who participate. We should expect 2020 to be an active year with lots of rides, kick tire evenings at the chapter level and District level events, including the January Conference and March Rally.

Don't forget to sign up for the training offerings. Currently there are two scheduled this spring, a TRC course on February 9th and a BRC2 on April 5th. The class sizes are limited, so don't delay - sign up now.

I will end the year saying Thank You to our Chapter officers, Spirit Team members and each and every Chapter member!

Thanks

David Morris, Chapter Director

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50/50
Bud Parish

Couple of the Year 2019
Jim & Sondra Cuff

Person of the Year 2019
Bud Parish

Spirit Team Chair
Sandy Pisano



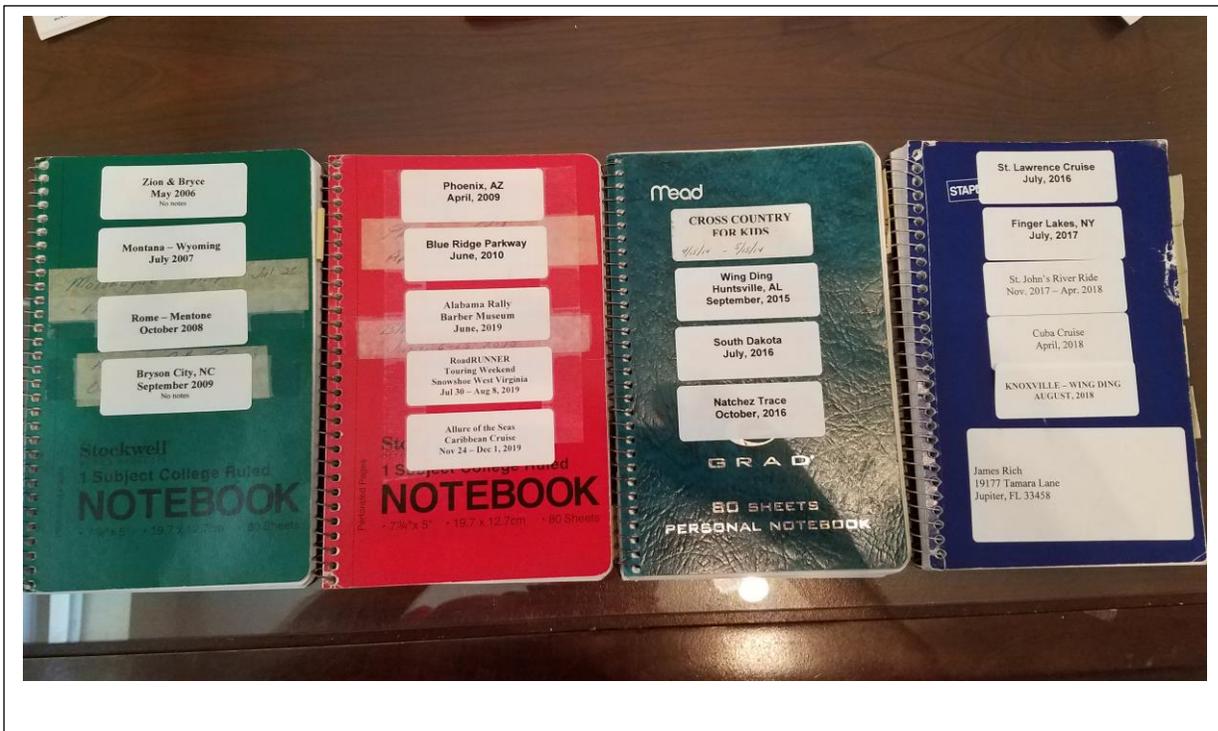
ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS

JIM and MARILYN RICH

KEEPING A JOURNAL

by Jim Rich

I like to keep a journal whenever we travel. The journal lets me refer back to where we went, what we did, and any special moments or events that took place during the trip. Keeping a journal also provides the critical notes that allow me to write a travel article upon returning home. The journal is a good place to note events or places that should have been included or, in some cases, not included, so that next time the trip becomes that much more enjoyable. As I was writing this I was looking back at my notes from our Montana – Wyoming trip in July 2007 and re-reading the article “Beartooth and Beyond” that I wrote upon returning home. Give it a try! It only takes a few minutes in the evening to scribble a few notes about the events of the day.





Flamingle Jingle Chapter Christmas Party

WRITTEN BY
Terry Henderson, MEC



Ho, Ho, Ho....Merry Christmas to all my friends in Chapter FL2-O. We know from our lessons as children that "the true Christmas spirit is putting others' happiness before our own, and finding you've never known such happiness." I believe that our annual Christmas party was a shining example of that axiom. The Spirit Team showed a true caring spirit when they met monthly to develop ideas for a festive Christmas party that everyone would enjoy. Their collective imagination came up with a fun-filled theme, 'Flamingle Jingle.' Under the guidance of Sandy Pisano, they developed beautiful centerpieces, great interactive games including the hilarious 'cellophane prize ball' and the really FUN 'left-right' gift exchange narrated by Sandy. Thank you, ladies, for all your diligent work and the delicious desserts you prepared. Everything was perfect! Not only did each one of us leave the party with our tummy full, our arms filled with prizes & gifts as well as delicious desserts, but most important of all, our hearts were overflowing with happiness and a deep sense of belonging to a wonderful, caring group of true FRIENDS. Thank you to all our Chapter FL2-O members for being a part of this true Christmas spirit experience.





Everyone dressed in their fancy outfits! Many outfits included flamingos to go along with the Flamingle Jingle theme.

The Spirit Team made flamingo centerpieces that were raffle gifts at the end of the evening!





There were some big winners and some big losers in the cellophane ball game!
Everyone loved the scrumptious dessert buffet!



Gift Exchange Fun!
First, we passed Left and Right. Then we swapped based on instructions, e.g. swap with someone who rides a red bike.

The flamingo backscratcher was a big hit and was traded many times!

Jim Rich presents Ride Raffle winnings to Frank Pellegrino. Each bike contributes \$1.00 per ride and a winner is selected twice a year- June and December.

Congratulations, Frank!





JOHN DUBOSE

RIDE CAPTAIN

GWRRA Motorcycle Safety Dynamics: FL2-O Road Captain Notes

Lead bike Alert - Follower Reaction

1. Lead bike communications that will be used on the ride, CB or hand signals discussed in pre-ride meeting. How bikes will be lined up for a safe ride.
2. One new function we will be using for slowing due to hazards: **lead bike will double tap front brake** causes a double flash of the brake signal. Whenever you see a double flash of brake lights ahead of you your reasonable response and automatic response **MUST BE** to duplicate the signal (with a double tap of your own) and then slow down.
3. This accomplishes three things once: it passes along the warning, it insures that your brakes are 'covered', and it adds space between you and the bike ahead just in case you will need it.
4. If it turns out that the treat is not real, nothing has been lost. If, after 10 seconds nothing has happened, you can resume normal spacing and speed.

Reference: <http://www.msgroup.org> - The Master Strategy Group, James R. Davis



FROM THE BACK OF THE BIKE

By Marilyn Rich
Packing Made Simple



I like to be organized when I travel. It saves time, space and energy to have all the clothes easy to find and grouped according to types. The simplest solution is a set of packing bags/cases. The set pictured is one I have used both for the motorcycle and in suitcases for air or car travel. The largest bag is 16 X 20 inches which I use for jeans, pants, and light jackets. The medium bag is 12 X 17 inches perfect for t-shirts, blouses, scarves, etc. The small square bag 8 X 12 inches is perfect for underwear and nightgowns or pj's and the long bag 6 X 14 inches is just right for socks.

It is so easy to fit them into the GoldWing compartments inside the motorcycle travel bags then remove them to drawers at stops. No need to unpack as everything is neatly folded in each compartment bag. Clear plastic make-up and toiletry cases will make those items easy to see and store.

Happy travels !



FL 2-O SPIRIT TEAM

Written by Sandy Pisano

The holidays certainly came quickly this year. Before we knew it, the Chapter Christmas party was here! The turnout was amazing, flamingos were everywhere, the appetizers were beyond believable, the dinner was scrumptious, the desserts were delectable, the games had us in stitches and the memories were priceless!!

I know that our chapter members are looking forward to 2020, cooler weather and the rides that will take us to destinations unknown.

In the "spirit" of the season, Joe and I would like to wish each of you a wonderful and blessed Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

P.S. The next spirit team meeting is January 6th at Duffy's in south Stuart (11:30).



CHAPTER SAFE MILES PROGRAM

Please remember to submit your miles each month at the chapter meeting on the "sign in sheet" or email them to Barry Covard the end of each month.

barrycov@comcast.net

Please put 'SAFE MILES FL2-O' in the subject line. This makes it easier to identify your email.

CHAPTER FL2-O 2019 SAFE MILES

2019 CHAPTER SAFE MILES RIDDEN: **74,791 (49%)**



BIRTHDAYS

12/2 Metalflake
12/7 Joe Pisano
1/12 Peggy DuBose

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

12/20 Jim & Marilyn Rich

**12/27 John & Peggy DuBose
(50 Years!)**

1/19 Al & Myrta Colussy

Please remember to renew your GWRRA membership:
Bud & Barb Parish - Dec
Bob Stauffer - Dec
Barney Salzberg - Jan

FL2-O Treasure Coast Wings - Ride Report - Sebring

Wednesday, December 4, 2019 - Homer's Original Smorgasbord

Perfect riding weather in Florida had six Gold Wings out with nine riders for our ride to Sebring. We rode Hwy 98 to the cut-off for Sebring Airport/Speedway then into Historic Downtown Sebring around the circle over to Lake View Drive around Lake Jackson to Homer's.

Homer's Smorgasbord gave us a wide choice of eats from healthy to deserts. With a \$10.00 price for drink, meal and desert that all could enjoy. After our meal we took Sebring Parkway around Sebring to Hwy 17 through orange groves with rolling hills into Historic Downtown Lake Placid where we took a break. Then around more lakes and CR 621 through the Caladium fields over to Hwy 98 back to Okeechobee. Then the group from the east coast left me and headed east.

Leads: John DuBose, ACD Jim/Marilyn Rich, Tail Gunner CD Dave Morris/Terry Henderson, Frank/Laura Pellegrino, Greg Comstock and Herb (Metalflake) Jebb on his new Triumph. My Big Red had it easy today with 140 miles and Jim Rich had high miles at 248.



RIDER EDUCATION

Written by Rick Northrup



If I only knew how to sing I would break out in happy song but..... that's not going to happen, sorry. I don't want to hurt anyone's ears. So, I'll just wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very, very Happy New Year! I trust you will have a safe, joyous and blessed holiday season!

On Thursday, December 5th there were a group of folks that came together from the Ft Myers and surrounding chapters, that worked together to clean off the range and helped Denis Turcotte and me paint it for the TRC class as well as an ARC class.

We now have it ready to accommodate ARC classes. I am in the process of getting another ARC Instructor to assist Ray Vega to conduct the ARC classes there. As soon as we get a date set for the class it will be posted on the district website as well as notifying each chapter in the area. Please be patient. It is coming.

Pam and I had a surprise visit from our grandson this past week. He is home on leave from the Navy for 14 days. Not only a surprise for us but he didn't tell his mother and we dropped him off at her front door. I thought she was going to kill me. LOL -She knew nothing at all about him coming for Christmas. SURPRISE!!

Pam and I do a charity thing every year at this time, we ring the bells for the Salvation Army. It's just the thing we do. While doing it we see some sights as you can well imagine. Some of the worst are the traffic issues. People are not paying attention to their driving. There are so many distractions right now due to all the different Christmas displays, peoples' costumes, parades, etc. It is a dangerous time to be out on the roads. Especially for motorcycles! If you are out on your great steed please be extra diligent. Be ever alert! Put your head on a swivel like you never have ever before. Spin it 360. They are not looking out for you so look out for them!

If you want to go out and look at the beautiful Christmas lights please relax and take your four wheeler. Pick a designated driver and switch off so all can see and all are safe. Common sense is the rule. Most of all, be safe and enjoy!

And something that may be furthest from your mind are those raffle tickets but, hey, they could be good stocking stuffers! Might make a gift to mail to friends? Okay, I'm just trying to help. Yes, I do have a few thousand left to get out before the rally. So, if your chapter needs some please let me know and I'll get them to you.

It's hard to believe the Chapter Conference is staring us in the face. Right after Shrimp 'R' Us on Jan 1 then the Conference on Jan 11, 12. WOW, right around the corner. Well, I hope to see many of you there! Until then please remember to

Ride Safe, Ride Aware,
Rick & Pam Northrup, Chelsea too
Sr District Educator

CHAPTER SHIRTS
 CONTACT MARILYN RICH
msrjupiter@bellsouth.net

Polo short Sleeve	Size Small - XL	Size 2XL or 3XL	Pocket
Cotton (Forest Green)	\$24	\$26	Add \$2
50/50 (Forest Green)	\$24	\$26	Add \$2
Wick Away(Green/White)	\$28	\$30	Not Available



It's Official!

Wing Ding 42

June 30- July 4, 2020

Springfield, Missouri

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Register for Wing Ding 42

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Premier Gold Wing Night Standard 	<p>Each package includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Registration(s) Gold Wing Ticket(s) 50/20/15/10/5 Ticket(s) Event Shirt(s) Dinner(s) (not in standard package)
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FOLLOW WING DING NEWS ON FACEBOOK

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

FL2-O Treasure Coast Wings Lunch Ride - Lake Placid

Saturday, January 4 - Bo David's Restaurant

Meet/Leave: 9:00 Cracker Barrel (I-95 & Kanner) Ride to Okeechobee

Meet: 10:10 (10:00 Pre-ride instructions) BP/Dunkin Donuts, 4993 US 441, Okeechobee

January 6, Monday, Spirit Team meeting 11:30 Duffy's South Stuart

January 8, Wednesday, GATHERING, Southern Pig & Cattle 5 social/6 dinner/7 meeting

January 19 - FL2-O Lunch Ride – Sunday January 19th

Lead: Road Captain Jim Rich

Lunch: River Ranch Smokehouse Grill

Leave: 9:00 am Cracker Barrel, Kanner Hwy / 10:00 am McDonalds Okeechobee

RSVP if Going: Jim Rich 561-748-9710 text/phone or richtrader3@gmail.com

District Events

Chapter Conference, Altamonte Springs January 11 & 12

Florida Rally, Altamonte Springs, March 19-21, 2020

Ray and Claudia Vega have released the dates for the trike and 2-wheel riding skills courses required for the levels program. Please contact Ray and Claudia via email or phone - email: rvega19854@gmail.com or 561-704-7378 to reserve your spot. Space is limited so please let them know if you plan on taking the class. Also as in the past if your home Chapter is in Florida the course is free. But you will need to reserve your spot with a \$30 check which you will get back when you take the class.

These courses are well worth the few hours required. They are fun and we can all use the practice to improve our riding skills. If you have any questions call or email me or Ray and Claudia.

Barry Covard

772-678-9150

barrycov@comcast.net

TRC – Trike Riding Course

Sunday, February 9, 2020

Classroom – 8:00 am

Safety Council of PBC

4152 W Blue Heron Blvd

**Riviera Beach, FL 33404 Range work to follow
classroom**

Wellington Range

2175 Wellington Green Drive

Wellington, FL 33414

BRC2 (equivalent to an

experience course) - 2 wheels

Sunday, April 5, 2020

Range work only – start 8:00am

Wellington Range

2175 Wellington Green Drive

Wellington, FL 33414

2020 FLORIDA DISTRICT RALLY
 Here is all the info you need to make hotel
 reservations and get registered for the 2020
 Florida Rally.
 Plan to be there for District and Chapter F*U*N



**41st Annual
 Florida District
 Gathering of the Wings**
 March 19th - 21st, 2020

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 Shenanigans at the Florida
 District Rally!

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 Group Code: GWRRA2

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Monday	8:00 - 6:00

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I/We agree to hold harmless GWRRA, co-sponsoring organizations and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved because of participation in this rally. I/we have read this waiver and acknowledge with signature(s) below.								
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Signature	Signature							
Date: _____	Is this your first-time attending the Florida Rally? Yes No							
GWRRA Members	\$35	x	_____	= _____				
Non-Members	\$40	x	_____	= _____				
Under 12 (Dinner on Thursday extra, See below)	Free	x	_____	= _____				
Sit Down Dinner - Thursday Night	\$10	x	_____	= _____				
*** Fully registered attendees only ***								
Ticket Sales								
Gold Wing Raffle (Book of 10)	\$10	x	_____	= _____				
50 / 25 / 25 (Strip of 10) (double than received onsite)	\$5	x	_____	= _____				
Grand Prize (Strip of 10) (double than received onsite)	\$5	x	_____	= _____				
Shirt Sales (price is \$2.00 less than on site)								
Polo Shirt	S	M	L	XL	\$22	x	_____	= _____
Polo Shirt	XXL	XXXL	XXXXL		\$25	x	_____	= _____
T-Shirt	S	M	L	XL	\$18	x	_____	= _____
T-Shirt	XXL	XXXL	XXXXL		\$20	x	_____	= _____
Long Sleeve	S	M	L	XL	\$20	x	_____	= _____
Long Sleeve	XXL	XXXL	XXXXL		\$22	x	_____	= _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED (US Dollars Only) \$								

Florida District Rally - March 19 - 21, 2020
 Opens daily at 8:00am

District Directors
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 (561) 445-4270
fidd2018@gmail.com

Rally Coordinators
 Rick & Madalena Buck
 (813) 943-5231
Rmbuck@tampabay.rr.com

Vendor Coordinators
 Jeff & Lisa Duffey
 (813) 748-0770
duffey0770@gmail.com

Preregistrations must be postmarked by March 1, 2020
No refunds after March 1, 2020. After March 1st Registration is \$5.00 higher
 \$15 Day Passes will be sold onsite and are good for all events the day of purchase **except Thursday night dinner**

Submit Registration Forms to:

Geno & Kathie Jette
114 Canis Dr E
Orange Park, FL 32073

 Make check or money order (US dollars only) payable to Florida GWRRA
 If you would like registration confirmation, please ensure you provide an email address

Live Entertainment on Friday

Guided rides on Friday & Saturday

Register by **January 1st, 2020** for entry into Early Bird drawing to be awarded to 1 lucky winner at Closing Ceremonies!

Pre-Order Shirts for entry into a drawing for a prize to be awarded to 1 lucky winner at Closing Ceremonies

See website for latest information
<http://www.gwrfflorida.com/rally.html>

Gold Wing Raffle tickets are available to purchase and sell.

- 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



Thanks ~

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