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Monthly Gathering

Every 2nd Wed. at
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Stuart, FL
Socialize 5:30
Dinner 6:00
Meeting 7:00

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David Morris, Chapter Director

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Hope you all enjoyed a very Merry Christmas and that the New Year will bring you health and happiness. Soon 2021 will be a distant memory and we can look forward to creating new memories as we come together for our monthly Gatherings and enjoy a full schedule of FUN Chapter rides. We will have an opportunity to ride to the Florida District Rally in Altamonte Springs, Wing Ding in Shreveport, Louisiana and many other state rallies. And yes, we encourage you to set your goals and objectives for the New Year. Let's envision and anticipate that our world will return to some sense of normalcy and that COVID-19 will be completely under control.

I would be remiss if I did not mention how much we enjoyed the annual Christmas Party. Please know that I am very thankful and appreciative of all the work that goes into making this event the highlight of the year. Thank you to the Spirit Team ladies who worked diligently for months putting it together. This year we had a number of invited guests, including our former ACD Bob and Alice Fehrer and their grandson, District Directors Bill and Cheryl Smith, and Rider Educator Claudia Vega and Robert Vega. They all recognize how wonderful our festive Holiday party is and are always pleased to be invited.

Terry and I are looking forward to spending time with our GW friends in 2022. See you all in January.

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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

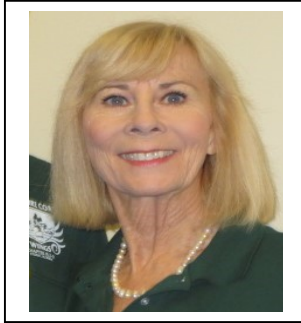
JIM and MARILYN RICH

Rent to Ride

By Jim Rich

Renting is a great option versus towing the bike a long way to ride a specific area or spending days on the bike to get to a destination. Airfare and rental costs are often about the same as travel costs would be to get to a destination and certainly a quicker alternative. Eagle Rider is a great source of rentals and has numerous locations around the country and many Harley Davidson dealers have Eagle Rider or their own rental operation. We've found two alternatives in our rent and ride experiences; a large roll aboard suitcase will hold a saddlebag and a trunk pack with a second roll aboard with the other saddlebag and top pack. You can carry, rent or, as we did, buy a hard case suitcase to transport your helmets. Once at the rental location you pack the bike and leave the suitcases for your return trip. The second alternative is to choose a central location from which to do day rides, requiring only helmets, rain suits and minimal riding clothes. We used that alternative in the Finger Lakes in upstate New York and in Rapid City, South Dakota allowing us to head off in a different direction every day. Besides New York and South Dakota, we've rented in Montana, Colorado, Arizona, California and Hawaii





Christmas Party of 2021

All the members of Chapter FL2-0 enjoyed a festive Christmas Gathering at the Holiday Inn in Port St. Lucie on Wed. Dec. 8. The Christmas Spirit was truly alive and well again this year due to the coordinated efforts of a group of dedicated chapter ladies who managed all the details using their creativity, craft expertise and excellent baking skills to deliver a Holiday party that was deliciously FUN for everyone. But, how do all those wonderful details come to fruition, you may ask?

Well, it's the Spirit Team that makes the magic happen! All the chapter ladies are invited to the Spirit Team meetings at Duffy's in Stuart at 11:30am on the second Monday of the month. Those who join us discover a safe space to develop long lasting and enduring friendships; plus, they are rewarded with a great opportunity to help the chapter grow and thrive. After we eat a delicious Duffy's lunch, we discuss how to engage our members in events that provide FUN, FRIENDSHIP and FOOD. These events not only delight our existing members but attract new members to the chapter. The development of our annual Christmas party is one of our favorite events so we all look forward to our brain storming sessions that begin in Sept. each year.

During that first meeting of the season, our leader, Sandy Pisano, encourages us to use our imaginations and come up with a clever theme that would inspire us to be innovative and productive. This year, Sondra Cuff suggested 'red trucks' as the Christmas party theme and we all wholeheartedly agreed. Therefore, we can thank Sondra and Jim Cuff for the delightful 'red truck' table centerpieces. Sondra purchased the darling trucks made of tin and Jim used his skills to paint them all red while Sondra made a snow scene complete with green Christmas trees. Each table was decorated with one and I know at my table Joe Trotta was absolutely thrilled to win the very last centerpiece that was given away. He said, "As soon as I knew that Jim Cuff had painted these little 'red trucks,' I wanted one."

We want to thank the Spirit Team for all their inspired creativity and especially for the way they accomplished the ultimate goal of providing a FUN filled experience for all our members. Sandy Pisano led the Trivia Contest which was hilarious and there were lots of little prizes that were given away including cute Christmas coffee cups filled with chocolate candies including one that was wrapped in a special 'red truck' paper. We had a beautiful Christmas basket made by Myrta Colussey with items donated by all the Spirit Team ladies. It was overflowing with wonderful themed gifts as well as Publix and Walgreens gift cards. We also had envelopes sealed with a 'red truck' Christmas ornament and a valuable surprise inside....Rally tickets! Who knows? Perhaps one of those tickets will win the \$10,000 prize at the March Rally. The Christmas Gathering was a joy for everyone who attended and best of all it was a chance to share precious time with our FRIENDS in the Gold Wing group.

Chapter Director David Morris always encourages our Chapter members to participate in the GWRRA activities that bring them the most happiness. Whether it's joining the ladies Spirit Team, riding on our SAFE group rides through the back roads of beautiful Florida or enjoying the fellowship of our FRIENDS at the monthly Gathering, there is always something wonderful here at Chapter FL2-0 that will foster a sense of belonging, hope and joy. We hope you keep the Christmas Spirit alive throughout this wonderful Holiday Season and into the New Year and we look forward to riding with you in 2022!

Year End Photos

By John DuBose



CJ Cannon Vero 04.28.2021



Crabby Bill's 04.07.2021



The Mansion in Melbourne



Timer Powers Picnic Ride 01.17.21



Joe Pisano's 2021 DCT Wing



Wabasso Beach 02.21.2021



BOK Tower - 02.25.2021



Becky - Tom - John - Sandy - Joe



Herb "Metalflake" Jebb



Paul & Carol with Laura & Frank



Jim - Sondra & Sandy - Joe



Cheryl - Bill - John at Wing Ding 43



JOHN DUBOSE
CHAPTER RIDE COORDINATOR

A Tribute to Jim and Marilyn Rich
FL2-O Chapter Ride Coordinator John DuBose



I was surprised when I got the call from Jim informing that it was time for him and Marilyn to hang up riding. We all know that time will come and have to make the best decision for our best interest. I also think about this time, after reading an article Florida District Ride Educators Dominick and Diane DeSiato had in the District Newsletter ***"The Three Wheel Alternative."*** Do we retire from riding or what's next, we all have to process this information. Jim has always kept his riding skill up by taking rider education courses and encouraged FL2-O membership to be a safe riders.

Jim seems to have always been a **FL2-O Road Captain** and has helped me become a better Road Captain. I know when **GWRRA Group Works** came on to the scene it sure helped us promote rides and Jim was one of the first to fully take advantage of this communication tool for members. We took turns promoting rides on Group Works ***"Events"*** it let us advertise FL2-O rides and we had a RSVP tool so we knew who and how many were coming so we could better plan rides. Then we both took turns using Group Works to ***"POST" Ride Reports*** where we gave the members a short synopsis of the ride, how many riders, special routes, restaurant, pictures and miles covered. Jim always had to ***ride*** to make the rides, Jim coming from Jupiter and we never heard a complaint about the extra miles. Plus Jim always put in the extra to scout rides and restaurants to make sure the ride would be the best for FL2-O members. Just a note, Jim and Marilyn have traveled in 28 states over the many years of riding.

Jim and Marilyn being FL2-O officers, treasurer, they always been important to FL2-O. Marilyn has always stepped-up when needed, handling the Florida District Raffle Tickets, shirt sales, Spirit Team and the many news articles for the newsletter. I have always loved the ones about different Florida locations. Jim has written many articles for **GWRRA Wing World** magazine about rides that he and Marilyn have had, plus the many articles about FL2-O.

I am sure all FL2-O will miss having Jim and Marilyn on FL2-O rides, I know I will miss his leadership. Thank you for the many good years of riding. John

Dominick & Diane DeSiato

District Educators RIDER EDUCATION



Levels Classes Available

Hello all,

Florida District Riding and MFA Classes are available upon request to maintain you Levels status. For ARC and TRC Classes contact Dominick at Dominickflde@gmail.com. For MFA Classes contact Claudia at rvega19854@gmail.com.

I would like to explain the logistics of what it takes to set up a Riding Class. First the best way to acquire a Class would be for a Chapter's Director or CSEA to poll the members of their Chapter and determine how many Members are interested in taking a Riding Class and what type of Class they want to take, an ARC or TRC. They would then submit to me an email with the results and a preferred date they would like to attend and at what location. I would prefer a minimum of 6 bikes with a maximum of 12 bikes for each class. (Co-Riders are not factored in the count.) If the Chapter does not have a minimum of 6 bikes I will fill the empty spots with Individual Members I already have on a waiting list or if none, I will advertise the Class on Group Works to fill the empty spots. I then have to check with the specific Riding Range Site to see if the date requested is available. Once the location and the date is secured I will notify the Chapter Director, the CSEA, and all the Individual Members that the Class is scheduled and they are on the list of attendees. The Chapter Director or CSEA would then collect and hold a \$30.00 Deposit Check refundable upon successful completion of the course. I would collect the \$30.00 Deposit Checks from all of the Individual Members who will be attending. If a Member could not attend for a legitimate reason (to be determined on a case by case decision) the Deposit Check would still be returned. The reason for the Deposit Checks is because Range Rental Fees and in some cases Instructor Fees must still be paid regardless of whether or not a Member shows up. If there are any further questions in this area feel free to contact me with your questions.

More

I have many sources for the safety information I provide in my Newsletter Articles. It is particularly rewarding when I see one of our Members write an article about something that is important to us and worth sharing. Such is the case of an Article I recently read in a FL1-H Chapter Newsletter. The Article was written by Member, Jerry Wells. The following is his Article:

BRAKE FLUID

I was checking my motorcycle over and noticed the DOT 4 on the cover of my brake reservoir. I wondered what does that mean and why DOT 4 as opposed to DOT 3. What would happen if I inadvertently added DOT 3. With the invention of the internet came Google. Just ask and it will tell you anything. The first thing I discovered is that DOT stands for Department Of Transportation. They regulate the highways and what happens on them; especially safety. The 3 and 4 are specifications for the brake fluid. There are also 2, 5, 5.1, 6, and 7. Unless you have special needs such as race cars or operate in extremely high temperatures you won't need anything but 3 or 4. They are both poly glycol based. DOT 3 is the one most used especially in automobiles. It has a higher water absorption rate and should not be used instead of 4. It is classed for use in non-aggressive breaking applications. The reason is it has a lower boiling point than 4. With aggressive breaking the brakes heat up, the fluid boils you now have vapor in your lines and you lower pressure at your brake pads. Not a situation you want to be in. Part of the specification is the wet and dry boiling points. Dry, means new brake fluid is never exposed to air and has 0% water in it. Wet means exposed to air and up to 3.7% water. The dry boiling point for DOT 3 is 410 deg. F for DOT 4 it is 446 deg. F. The wet boiling point for 3 is 284 deg. F and 4 is 311 deg. F. DOT 4 contains borate and glycol. This makes it harder to absorb water which as we just pointed out, lowers the boiling point, so it is better for aggressive breaking. Liquids are hard to compress, air isn't. We want only liquids in our brake lines and cylinders. Compare it to water. Water boils at 212 deg. F. At this temperature it turns to vapor (steam). As it cools it turns back into liquid. The brake fluid does the same. When it boils we get vapor in the lines and the brakes feel soft. The vapor compresses and we no longer get full pressure to the pads. Our stopping ability is greatly compromised. One day coming off of the Blue Ridge Parkway I was on a steep winding road. I used the front brake until it overheated. Suddenly I had no front brake. I downshifted and used the rear brake sparingly until I came to a church with a big parking lot. I circled the lot until I slowed enough to stop. I parked in the shade until the brakes cooled down and the fluid became liquid again then continued. If your system specifies DOT 3 you can add DOT 4 but never the other way. It would lower the boiling point and your brakes may fail. It is also recommended that you change your brake fluid every year and never let it go over 2 years. I am willing to bet most of you have never changed brake fluid. They also recommend that you use a new sealed can when you add fluid. This guarantees you are using dry fluid and not compromising it.

Gerald Wells, ACD FL1-H, MEC, ITCP

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 Event

January 1, 2022 Florida District First Ride of the Year Shrimps-R-Us Welaka, FL

WING DING

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

Please remember to renew your GWRRA membership:

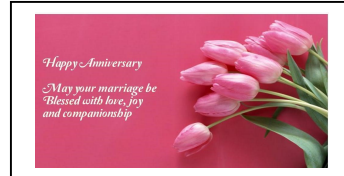
January

Joe & Sandy Pisano
Frank Pellegrino



January Birthdays

1/12 Peggy DuBose



January Anniversary's

1/19 Al & Myrta Colussy

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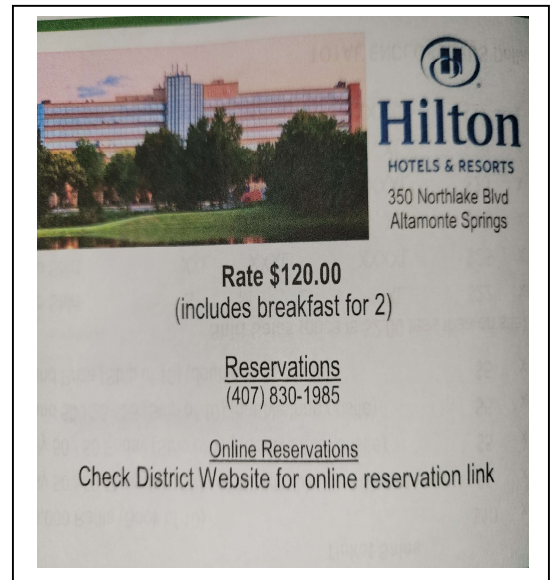
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Thanks ~To everyone who wrote an article for this month's Newsletter: David Morris, Terry Henderson, Jim Rich, John DuBose, and Dominick DeSiato.

Thanks for reading!

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