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



Assistant Chapter Directors Chapter Safety Doug and Donna Goethel **District Couple of the Year** 2022 -2023

David Morris and Terry Henderson **Chapter Directors**

This is our final Newsletter under the GWRRA banner. We have seen lots of changes this year including the closing of the GWRRA Organization that no one saw Following coming! that unexpected announcement at Wing Ding, we decided to join the new organization that formed in the weeks that followed. Thanks to the efforts of the Florida District, we all sent our membership application into Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association. Now that the transition is nearly complete with the official start date of Jan 1st just around the corner; we experienced one of our largest turn outs at our November Gathering. Even with the room accommodation mix-up following the rescheduling due to the hurricane, the enthusiasm by all in attendance was terrific! Looks like we've landed on our feet and can compare ourselves to the legendary Phoenix...a bird that rises from the aftermath of its ashes symbolizing rebirth, eternity and hope for a bright future.

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David Morris and Terry Henderson - Chapter Directors (continued from page 1)

Speaking of hope, it was our pleasure to deliver a trunk load of non-perishable food items to the House of Hope on Nov. 18, the day after our well attended and FUN Gathering. I was greeted with great enthusiasm by the manager, Paul, who was delighted to discover that the Treasure Coast Wings had spear headed another successful food drive just in time for Thanksgiving. He and two others from the food pantry helped me unload a dozen or more bags, filled to capacity, into two large shopping carts. It was a sight to behold.

We are so happy and proud to be affiliated with such a generous, kind and thoughtful group of people. And in the spirit of the season, we want to thank you for being so faithful to Chapter FL2-0. Thank you for helping us move forward into an exciting future filled with sharing great times together as we continue to ride our motorcycles and enjoy our beautiful state of Florida. Best wishes for a SAFE and Happy Holiday Season.

Terry & Dave





House of Hope - Donation CD Terry Henderson delivers FL2-O Donations





Doug & Donna Goethel

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Having to miss the Alabama Rally was a true disappointment for the both of us however, it sounds like those were able to attend had a great time. Here are a few more fun facts about motorcycles:

- 1. In 1887, Yamaha started as a piano manufacturer, but today is a multinational conglomerate that still produces musical instruments.
- 2. Legend has it that the origin of the term "hog," when referring to a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, was from the early part of the 1900s Harley's racing team, the Wrecking Crew. They had a small pig as a mascot, and one of the riders would do victory laps with the pig sitting on the bike's gas tank. In later years, HOG became the official acronym of the Harley Owners Group and is the trading symbol of Harley-Davidson on the New York Stock Exchange
- 3. Did you know that modern sport bike tires don't contain any natural rubber? A tire's tread is made of synthetic rubber, blended to provide a balance between durability and traction.
- 4. Motorcyclists in Indiana only have to stop at a red stop light for 120 seconds (2 minutes). They can treat the stop light as if it were a stop sign, then proceed through the intersection cautiously. The law's nickname is "The Dead Red" but officially is designated IC 9-21-3-7b-3d, updated in 2021.
- 5. Honda began selling pushbikes in 1946 fitted with two-stroke 50cc generator engines initially designed for use with army field telephones. In 1992 (another 46 years later), it launched one of the most complex production motorcycles ever made, the Honda NR750. The NR boasted oval pistons with two connecting rods and eight valves per cylinder.
- 6. Suzuki started producing weaving looms for Japan's silk industry in the early 1900s. To broaden his business, Michio Suzuki founded an engineering company that began producing small cars and engines in the 1930s. The first Suzuki motorcycle appeared in 1952 and was a motorized bicycle called a Power Free. It had a 36cc two-stroke engine with a double sprocket gear system that allowed the rider to pedal with engine aid, pedal without the engine, or just detach the pedals and use the engine. Suzuki is now Japan's second-largest maker of small cars and trucks and produces wheelchairs, marine engines, and autos.
- 7. The longest distance riding a motorcycle in 24 hours (individual) is 2116.5 miles (3406.17 kms) and was achieved by Carl Reese (USA) at Continental Tire Proving Grounds in Uvalde, Texas, the USA, on 26 February 2017. He attempted the record to raise awareness for the Motorcycle Relief Project, a group that helps injured and PTSD-afflicted veterans
- 8. Peter Fonda wore the Captain America jacket while riding his chopper for a week around Los Angeles before shooting the movie Easy Rider to give them a broken-in look and get used to riding the radically designed bike. The American flag on the back of the jacket and the bike's gas tank caused him to be pulled over several times by the police.

Keep riding, be safe and see you in the new year!



FL2-O Members at November Gathering



Percy - Evelyn - Greg Comstock Greg brought his Mom to enjoy the Friendship!

Last Gathering as a GWRRA Chapter FL2-O will now be part of EWMA



Doug & Donna Goethel FL2-O Assistant Chapter Directors FL District Couple of the Year



Sandy Pisano Won 50/50 \$35





John DuBose Ride Coordinator



Laura & Michael Smutek



Jean & Richard (Dick) Manege

Participation equals



Chapter News



December Birthdays

Herb "Metalflake" Jebb 12/2 Joe Pisano 12/7



December Anniversaries

Jim & Marilyn Rich 12/20 John & Peggy DuBose 12/27



FL2-O Christmas Party "Let it Snow"

Thursday, December 1, 2022 Pictures by Terry Henderson - Party by Spirit Team -Thank You!





Dave Morris & Terry Henderson



Sandy Pisano



Donna & Doug Goethel

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Claudia - Robert - Sandy - Barney - Joan - Myrta - Al



Doug - Michael - Laura - Lena - Leo



Robert - Barney - Joan - Myrta - Al - Greg **Merry Christmas**



Greg - Joe - Donna - Doug - Percy - Michael - Laura -Lena



Joan & Barney Salzburg



Joe Trotta with Snowman



Laura & Michael Smuteck



Laura - Michael - Leo - Lena - Terry - Dave - Joe & Lynn



Barney -Joan - Myrta - Al - Greg - Joe - Donna - Doug - Percy



Leo & Lena



Myrta & AL



Richard Menage



Percy & Greg



Robert & Claudia





























FL2-O Treasure Coast Wings Suggested Rides 2022 - 2023

Ride Coordinator John DuBose - FL2oRoadCaptain@comcast.net

John 772.971.8389 Text or Call

FL2-O Planned Rides/Events - Please Check "Group Works" for Details & RSVP

FL2-O January Gathering	Wednesday, January 11	Social 5:30 - Dinner 6 Meet 7
January Rides to Come		

District Events - Check District Web Site - http://www.ewma-florida.org/

Florida District 1 st Ride of the Year	Sunday, January 1	Welaka
43 rd Gathering of Wings - Florida District	March 16 - 18	Altamonte Springs

FL2-O Suggested Rides

Dune Dog Cafe - Jupiter	Two Peas Cafe - LaBelle	
CJ Cannon - Vero Beach Airport	Marsh Landing - Fellsmere (Nov 19)	
Cowpokes Watering Hole - Sebring	Squid Lips - Sebastian	
The Mansion at Melbourne	Bok Tower - Lake Wales	
The Ocean Grill - Vero Beach	Cherry Pocket on Lake Pierce - Lake Wales	
Tiki Hut Roland Martins - Clewiston	OK Corral - Okeechobee	
Hotel Jacaranda - Avon Park	Archie s - Fort Pierce	
Tabby's - Lake Placid	Olympic Diner - Avon Park	
Lightsey's Seafood - Okeechobee (Nov 15)	Homer's Smorgasbord - Sebring	
Catfish Place - St. Cloud	2022 Cracker Christmas - (Dec 3)	
	Look for "POP UP Rides" on Group Works	

Always looking forward to hearing from you on ride locations you would like to add to our list or one on the list your ready to get going, John

November - December FL2-O Rides





Lightsey's Okeechobee Ride Tuesday, November 15, 2022

CD Dave Morris, Greg Comstock & John DuBose We had great weather for our 100 mile ride. Great Catfish Fingers





Marsh Landing Ride Saturday, November 19, 2022

Riders:CD Dave Morris, Larry Pound, Phil Baxter and John DuBose.

Fort Christmas Ride - Saturday, December 3, 2022

Joe has (kindly) asked me to submit an article about our ride to Fort Christmas. I don't think I can match John's ride reviews, but I will do my best. Joe and I met Phil, Percy and Greg at Cracker Barrel early on Saturday morning. We headed out at 7:30 (right on time according to Joe's planned departure). Our first stop was to meet up with Leo, Lena, Michael and Laura Smutek at the I-95 rest stop just north of route 68. Six bikes and nine "ready to ride" bikers then headed north. The weather was perfect and traffic wasn't too bad. After reaching route 50 we exited I-95 and gassed up our bikes. We then headed west (about 11 miles) to our destination. The event was well underway when we arrived about 10'clock. We meandered through all of the vendors selling crafts, as well as the many exhibits at the back of the park that showcased early pioneer living. Hunger pangs setting in, we met back at the bikes at 12:30 (again right on time with Joe's schedule). Leaving the park, we then headed to our next destination. Dixie Crossroads, for lunch. Lively conversation and a good lunch were enjoyed by all. Joe planned for us to take a break on the way home. This took us to McDonald's in Roseland (exactly half way from the restaurant to Stuart). Our ride took us 260 miles. It was a great day with good friends, good food, good times, and good weather. Looking forward to more rides in the New Year! Happy Holidays to everyone! Thank you, Sandy!

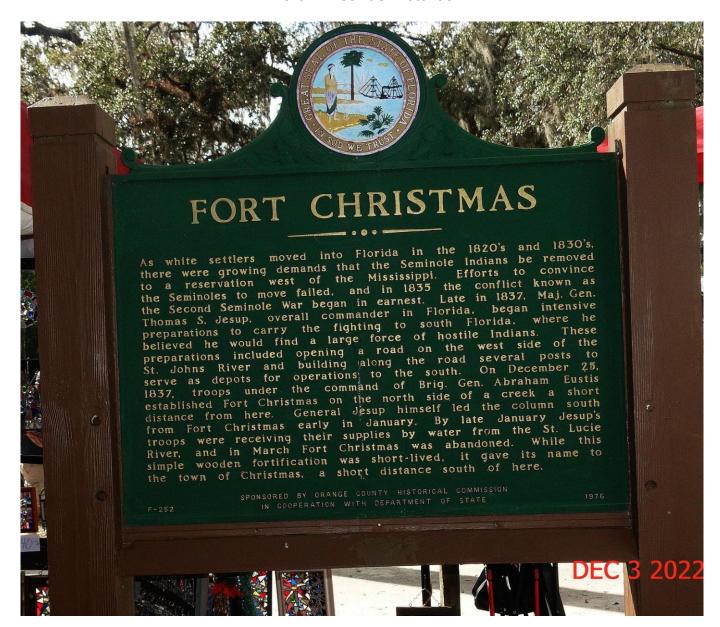




FL2-O Fort Christmas Ride Nine Riders

Fort Christmas Pictures - Thanks to Phil Baxter, Lena Valcourt, Laura Smutek & Sandy Pisano

Fort Christmas Pictures







The Fort at Christmas, FL



Trees & Grounds



Log Cabin



Model A Ford



Blacksmith



The Homestead





The Pump



Santa



Laura & Michael Smutek



Joe Pisano - FL2-O Lead

<u>Cracker Christmas - First Saturday and Sunday in December Yearly</u>

The Fort Christmas Historical Society is planning to put on Cracker Christmas this December. Entrance is free, free parking across the road from the park. BBQ pork sandwiches, chicken filet, community groups have baked goods, drinks, hot-dogs, gator, sweet pickles, etc. Pioneer demonstrations - broom making, blacksmiths, basket weaving, rope making, spinning, quilting, lace making, wood carving, and many more. Large craft fair with over 150 crafters with handmade items, the Christmas Post Office will have a booth so you can get your Christmas cards hand stamped, antique engine and tractor display, and much more. Phone: 407-536-8269 —Email: FortChristmas1990@gmail.com





Florida District Safety/Ride Coordinators December, 2022

THE GREAT COVERUP

Thankfully for Florida motorcyclist the weather is finally cooling down. It is time to start thinking about if you have the proper riding gear for winter riding. I know we do not get the same degree of extreme cold as they do further up north but this is a good time to check your winter riding gear and replace anything needed.

Everyone has their own temperature tolerance. Some stop riding if the outside temperature is under a certain degree. When you are deciding to ride due to outside temperature there are a couple of things to consider. "Wind Chill Factor" should be on the top of your list. The wind passing by your body on a moving motorcycle lowers the temperature your body is actually experiencing. The differences between the outside temperature and the temperature your body is experiencing can as much as a 20 degree difference. That means if the outside temperature is 50 degrees and you are traveling at 70 mph on the interstate, your body can be experiencing 30 degrees of wind chill.

There are several factors to consider when determining how much wind chill you will be experiencing. One question is: "How much wind deflection protection does my motorcycle provide?" If it is a naked bike you have no wind protection. A windshield would be better. A fairing even better. Full upper and lower fairing protection would be the best. The less wind deflection protection you bike has, the more wind insulation and warmth clothing you will have to wear to compensate for the wind chill.

The best way to compensate for the ever adjusting wind chill would be to have an underlining of electric gear. Once again the extent of what pieces of electric gear you need is determined by what parts of your body are protected or not, from the wind by your motorcycle's parts. Electric gear comes in individual pieces: a jacket liner or vest, gloves, pant's liner and socks. You will be able to determine rather quickly on a cold weather ride what pieces you need. I remember I had one bike that had plenty of upper body wind protection but no foot protection. On a cold weather ride one day my feet got so cold they hurt unbearably. It wasn't long after that I bought the electric socks. They really work well. The other nice thing about electric gear is that it doesn't take up as much room as wearing or packing layers of warm gear. You do not have to look like the Michelin Man all bundled up. As the outside temperature warms up you simple turn down the thermostat knob to adjust for the change in outside temperature. If you have upper and lower electric gear you get a duel thermostat. The top of your body and your lower body get cold at different levels. With a duel thermostat you can regulate your upper and lower body temperature separately. Don't forget your passenger on the back. They get more wind chill and require their own set of electric gear.

If you do not want to go the electric gear route consider what type of gear you are wearing. Some motorcycle jackets have zip-in thermal liners. Some motorcycle jackets have zip-in rain proof liners. What works the best is to buy a motorcycle jacket that has both. When it is really cold you can zip in both liners for extra warmth. The rain liner does not let any wind through to your body. This is just a bonus of using the rain liner for warmth. The rain liner doesn't let the wind through because it is actually designed not to let the water through. Riding pants also come with zip-in thermal and rain liners. Don't forget to pack a separate pair of cold weather rain gloves. The worse thing to have is cold wet gloves. The electric gloves are made to get wet and the electric heating elements quickly dry them out after the rain stops while even keeping your hands warm when they are wet while riding in the rain.

Cold weather riding is can actually be enjoyable if you are dressed properly. An added bonus to having on all the proper gear is that you are actually fully covered in case you go down.

Keep warm and enjoy the ride.

We are here to assist you with your training needs.

Ride Safe!! Dominick & Diane

Doug Goethel will be happy to help you with your training needs!







2023 Events - More Information may be found on the FL District web-page at: http://www.ewma-florida.org

January 1	Florida District 1st Ride of the Year	Welaka, FL
March 16 - 18	43 rd FL District Gathering of Wings	Altamonte Springs, FL
	Rock Around the Clock in the 50's	
April 27 - 29	Pirates of Tennessee - 40 th Spring Fling	Johnson City, TN
June 1 - 3	Happy Trails @ TR Ranch	Travelers Rest, SC
September 15 - 16	Fall Mountain Ride and Camp Reunion	Dillard, GA
September 28 - 30	Western Round-up	Eufaula, AL
October 26 - 28	Let's Soar	Gulf Port, MS

International and District Team Titles

Anita Alkire - Founder / CEO

Bruce Beeman - Founder / President

Bill & Cheryl Smith – District Directors

Harry & Lynn Anderson - Assistant District Directors / Rally Hospitality Coordinators

Rick & Madalena Buck - Assistant District Directors / Rally & Vendor Coordinators

Geno & Kathie Jette - Assistant District Directors / Rally Registration Coordinators / Goodie Sales

Fred & Karen Kennedy – Assistant District Directors

Carl Williams - Assistant District Director

Dominick & Diane DeSiato – District Safety / Ride Coordinators

Claudia Vega – Assistant District Safety / Ride Coordinator / First Aid - CPR

John Cain - Assistant District Safety / Ride Coordinator / Safety Seminars

Ed & Jeanette Carr - Assistant District Safety / Ride Coordinators / Ride-In's

Pat Van Lengen – District Treasurer

Carlos Lozano – District Newsletter Editor



Friends for FUN, Safety and Riding

Thanks ~ To everyone who wrote an article for this month's Newsletter:

Dave Morris, Terry Henderson, John DuBose, Doug & Doug Goethel and Dominick DeSiato. Special Fort Christmas article and pictures; Sandy Pisano, Phil Baxter, Laura Smutek and Lena Valcourt. Big thanks goes out to Joe Pisano for putting together and leading the Fort Christmas ride and lunch at Dixie Cross Roads. John

Everyone is encouraged to submit relevant articles by the 20th of the month! To John DuBose, Newsletter Editor - FL20RoadCaptain@comcast.net

I'm looking for pictures of rides, trips, new accessories/bikes with a quote.

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