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Monthly Gathering

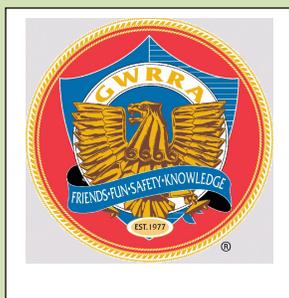
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Socialize 5:30
Dinner 6:00
Meeting 7:00

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Our 2020 Couple of the Year is Al & Myrta Colussy. CONGRATULATIONS! They join our COY chapter members from each of the past years who I have recognized for their contributions to FL2-O.

During the last several weeks we learned that there have been several personnel changes at the District level and at our Chapter. At the District level the District Educator Rick Northrup has stepped aside due to health issues and will be replaced by Dominick & Diane Desiato. Our chapter learned that The Chapter Treasurer cannot hold two officer positions so Jim and Marilyn will remain Treasurer but are no longer ACD officers. Barb Parish has been our Newsletter Editor for nearly 8 years and has won several Newsletter competition awards, including a first place, but she has stepped aside from that position. Our Chapter has truly been blessed to have a strong level of participation from its membership and I want to thank all of you for being so enthusiastic and supportive of our activities. I am optimistic that we will soon fill both the ACD officer and the Newsletter Editor positions.

Our Spirit Team created a fantastic Valentine's Basket that was raffled off during the February Gathering. Thanks to the Team Leader Sandy Pisano, Myrta, and all of the members for creating the Basket. Their next project is a Picnic in April at Jonathan Dickinson Park. They will be passing out a flyer for the picnic at the next Gathering. And yes, the March Gathering Rally is coming up on March 19-21. This is always well attended by our membership so make your reservations now.

David Morris, Chapter Director



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Herb "Metalflake" Jebb

50/50
Jim Rich

Couple of the Year 2020
Al & Myrta Colussy

Person of the Year 2019
Bud Parish

Spirit Team Chair
Sandy Pisano



CHAPTER TREASURERS

JIM and MARILYN RICH

HOW MANY RIDES?

by Jim Rich

How many rides should a chapter schedule in any given month? Some chapters do two or three a week, while the Treasure Coast Wings typically do two or three a month. A lot of considerations go into this equation, for instance; the Treasure Coast Wings have three active Road Captains, two of which are snowbirds; practically everyone in the chapter has other interests such as boating, fishing, Red Cross, golf, dancing, RVing, traveling (by bike or car), part or full time jobs, etc. John Dubose does an outstanding job of planning and scheduling rides and I try to help out in the winter and take over in the summer, while our up and coming Road Captain Paul Dreyfus is off to a good start with the rides he has planned and lead. Members should know that you don't necessarily need a Road Captain designation to lead a ride. Plan a ride, post it on Groupworks and you're almost guaranteed to get some participants (build it and they will come). Got an idea for a ride, but don't want to lead it? Let John, Paul or me know and we'll be happy to lead it.





FEBRUARY GATHERING

WRITTEN BY
Terry Henderson, MEC



Chapter Director David Morris called the Gathering to order at 7pm on Wed. Feb. 12 at the Southern Pig and Cattle Co. Restaurant on US 1 in Stuart. David asked me to welcome everyone so I proceeded to welcome all of our FL2-0 members including Bud and Barb Parish. Everyone was delighted to see that Bud is feeling better. I also introduced Bud's brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Mary Parish as well as all the members visiting from FL2-A including Gabe & Shayne Sardi back from Toronto, Bill Smith, Marie and Buddy, Val and Cordell, Wayne, Roy, Ray and Claudia. I also introduced Myrta's sisters Charlene and Jeanie. Welcome to all our members and guests!! It's great to see everyone.

David announced the new Couple of the Year. Congratulations to Myrta and Al Colussy, long time members of FL2-0 who have participated in all of the Chapter activities and have worked hard to enhance the FUN at our Gatherings. An enthusiastic thank you goes out to Myrta for the beautiful Valentine basket that she made with the help of the Spirit Team.

Rick Northrup is stepping down as District Rider Educator so Bill Smith has recruited Dominic and Diane DiSiato to replace him. David also recognized the fact that a member cannot be Chapter Treasurer and ACD at the same time so Jim & Marilyn Rich will remain Treasurer. David announced that he has accepted Barb Parish's resignation as Newsletter Editor and wanted everyone to know that she did an outstanding job for many years and was successful in winning several awards including first place.

Sandy Pisano shared a few thoughts regarding the Spirit Team. She said that the Jingle Jar has been a great boon to our treasury. We appreciate your generosity and want you to know that in the last three months we have received \$72 in donations. We will use that money to help pay for the pavilion at Jonathan Dickinson Park where we are planning a Chapter picnic on Sat. April 18. More details will be forthcoming.

The Spirit Team is looking for a new location for the Flea Market so if anyone has any ideas please talk to Sandy. She also said that we are all working on the Diorama, Scrapbook and Banner and they will all be in the competition at the District Rally in March. David said that Barney's wife will be driving their truck to the District Rally so if you have items to transport and they are too big for the motorcycle, she will be happy to take them in their truck.

The Tech Talk came from David this month. He said that he communicated to Wing World and asked the Technical writer about the 2006 screen on a Gold Wing. Greg and David both have a bad screen on their 2006 Gold Wings and they can't see the display clearly.

David asked Leo and Lena Valcourt to share their experience at the Trike Course in Wellington. Leo thanked Ray for teaching an excellent course. Leo learned a lot including the fact that for years he has been making the same mistake of down shifting and braking at the same time.

Claudia let everyone know who needed to take the courses. The next BRC2 course will be on April 5 so sign up now to be compliant with the Rider Ed. qualifications.

Bill Smith invited everyone to save the date of May 9th for the next District ride to Crescent Beach in Daytona. The 220 mile ride will take you through Osceola National Forest to Cedar Key.

Jim Rich gave a ride report and said that the Chapter ride to River Ranch was a huge success and we went to Marsh Landing in Fellsmere and to Bo David's in Lake Placid. We encountered a lot of wind and had to really lean into it on the way to Lake Placid. Next ride will be to the Square Grouper Feb. 20.

Jim called for the 50/50 drawing and Marilyn and Myrta's sister, Jeannie won the money. Jim Cuff won the flowers for Sondra, Laura Smutek won the Dove heart shaped candy box and the big winner was Val from FL2-A who won the beautiful Valentine basket. Congratulations!! The Gathering was adjourned.

**From the back of the bike
By Marilyn Rich**

The Historic City of LaBelle, Florida

LaBelle is a small city in Hendry County, located in southwest Florida. It was named after Laura June Hendry and Carrie Belle Hendry, daughters of pioneer cattleman Francis Asbury Hendry. LaBelle was founded in 1895. The city hosts an annual Swamp Cabbage Festival in honor of the Florida state tree the Sabal Palmetto. The festival is held the last full weekend in February. This year it is on Feb. 22 and 23. The sabal palmetto is also known as cabbage palm and is the source of hearts of palm and was originally eaten by Native Americans. A fun place to eat in LaBelle is Two Peas Café. The café is famous for its homemade pies and southern cooking. Visit Two Peas at 370 Hickpochee Avenue.



SPOTLIGHT
Herb "Metalflake" Jebb

WRITTEN BY
Terry Henderson, MEC



We all have enjoyed the interesting stories, tech talk and humorous jokes that Metalflake shares with us at our Gatherings, but you may not know that Metalflake has been riding motorcycles for over 65 years and is a Lifetime Member of GWRRA. He was born in New York but his family moved to Miami, Florida when he was just 10 years old. When he went to high school in Miami, there was a Triumph dealer very close by so, like many of our Gold Wing friends, he took advantage of the opportunity to 'hang out' at the dealership and help the mechanics. At 16 he purchased his very first bike, a Cushman Scooter, and he is proud to say that his first Triumph was also purchased from that same Triumph dealership and it was a beauty! There was chrome everywhere including the gas tank. He is still a big fan of chrome as we can all see when he drives up on one of his 6 beautiful chrome clad bikes at our group rides.

Yes, that's right, Metalflake has 6 bikes! When I asked him where he stores them, he said, "They are all under cover in my two car garage and my cars are under a carport." I guess that gives you some idea of Metalflake's priorities. He LOVES to ride motorcycles!!! He recently traded in one of his bikes for a brand new 2020 Triumph and he still has a '55, '57, '63 and a '67 Triumph. Of course, his 6 bikes also include a 2012 Gold Wing with a 2018 California Side Car. When asked which do you prefer, the Triumph or the Gold Wing, Metalflake said, "If somebody told me that I could only own one motorcycle, it would be a Gold Wing because the ride is the best!"

Metalflake has driven over 1,000,000 miles in his lifetime. He keeps careful track of his mileage and has a lot of 100,000 mile patches on his vest to prove it. "I'm proud of those miles," he said. "I'm running out of room on my vest to display the patches, so I guess I'll need a new vest soon." His most fun and exciting trips were out to Fort Collins, Colorado where his son's family lived for many years.



18 yrs old on his 1st big Triumph

His most fun and exciting trips were out to Fort Collins, Colorado where his son's family lived for many years. He said, "My son is a computer science genius and his wife graduated from Colorado State in mathematics. I rode my bike to Colorado three times to see them." "Now my son & his wife are in San Diego, CA where she is working as a math teacher at San Diego State and he is supervising 700 people as the lead software engineer for Otterbox, a company that manufactures protective casings for cell phones. I'm so proud of them."

His favorite ride with his wife, Pat, was from San Diego County to Seattle, WA. As they were driving through Los Angeles, he took a ride up Mulholland Drive to a famous motorcycle 'hang out' at brunch time. Pat was wearing a hurricane t-shirt from 2004 printed with the names of the hurricanes that year. He was asked, "How do you put up with all the hurricanes in FL?" Metalflake answered, "How do you put up with the earthquakes in CA?"

At least we have a few days notice.” That same day, Jay Leno drove up to the ‘hang out’ in a 1915 Hispano Sweeza car. The engine was enormous, built originally for airplanes so it was 2x the size of a Chevy engine. Metalflake couldn’t resist the opportunity to shake Jay Leno’s hand so he walked up to him and said, “Hi, Jay, I’ve come all the way from FL to visit with you.” With that simple introduction, Metalflake proceeded to talk to Jay about his 1915 Hispano Sweeza. The only door in the car was the passenger door and there was no hydraulic brake just a brake pedal that moved an arm and pulled a chain to stop the car. Eventually, Metalflake & Pat continued on their trip up the scenic US Hwy. 1 through Big Sur into the giant Redwood forest where he saw a fallen Redwood tree on display showing the rings inside the trunk that determine the age of the tree. “That tree dated all the way back to the year Columbus discovered America in 1492. It was such an interesting ride! I will never forget it.” We all appreciate the fact that Metalflake is a very active member of Chapter FL2-0. You will always see him at our Wed. Gatherings and you can count on him being at our Kick Tire dinners and group rides. He enjoys riding his new pearl white Triumph complete with a gorgeous chrome package but he’s partial to his pearl white Gold Wing Trike. “The Gold Wing ride is incomparable and the chrome is outstanding!” Now I understand why he goes by the name, Metalflake. Christened, Herb Jebb, Metalflake seems to suit him better because not only are his bikes shiny and sparkly but he shines with authenticity & humor.

Newest Triumph and Gold Wing Trike





JOHN DUBOSE

RIDE CAPTAIN

FL2-O Ride Report – Lake Placid – Thursday, February 6, 2020

Florida gave us a warm windy February day for a ride.... always better than being wet and cold for this time of the year. **FL2-O** had a good turn-out for it's ride to **bo david's** for lunch which is located in the Sun & Lakes area which is south Lake Placid. We took many back roads to avoid highway speeds because of the winds.

After lunch we followed the lakes around to CR 621 into Lake Placid. Making a stop at the Chamber of Commerce where we enjoyed a 10 minute video of the **Town of Murals**, **Toby's Clown School/Museum** and **Caladium Capital of the World**. Then we made our way north on Hwy 17 which is rollings hills through the groves to Hwy 98 back to Okeechobee where we made an ice-cream stop before heading home.

Riders: Lead John DuBose, Paul Dreyfus, Tom/Becky Savage (FL2-D Melbourne), Greg/Percy Comstock, Joe Pisano, Leo/Lena Valcourt, ACD Jim/Marilyn Rich and Tail CD Dave Morris/Terry Henderson. It was nice to have eight wings and 13 riders out for today's ride. ACD Jim/Marilyn Rich traveled 233 miles today. I'm sure Tom/Becky Savage from Palm Bay might of topped that. Road Captain John DuBose





BIRTHDAYS

3/7 Bob Stauffer
3/17 Mary Parish
3/24 Terry Henderson

Please remember to renew your
GWRRA membership:

Jack & Donna Seeley-Mar

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

3/12 Paul Drefus & Carol Panicucci

RIDER EDUCATION



Our New District Ride Educators are:
Dominick & Diane Desiato from Chapter
FL1-A.

A recent motorcycle crash in Sarasota involving five motorcycles was what inspired me to write this article. The way the news report read was that there was a group of motorcycles riding on the interstate. The lead rider lost control of his motorcycle while passing a tractor trailer truck, fell off his motorcycle and struck the wheel of a truck and was killed. The next four motorcyclists then lost control of their motorcycles and fell off of their bikes. Three of them went to the hospital. So my question to you is this: Ignorance or Arrogance? Ignorance as defined by the dictionary is simply "the lack of knowledge." This would include not knowing "how to ride, where to ride, and what to do should something go wrong." The 1981 Hurt Report, whose findings are still true today, stated that in 80% of motorcycle crashes the rider did not do anything to avoid the crash. The news story did not state the exact cause the first rider went down but it could have been something as simple as being too close to the tractor trailer truck he was passing and getting startled by the sudden wind blast that often occurs. That cause could fall under the "Ignorance" category for being too close to the truck and not anticipating the wind blast. How about now seeing how the cause might fit in the "Arrogance" category. We have all seen it. The riders with the bold attitude of: "This is my road, I have a right to be here, and I am going to intimidate everyone to get out of my way" (usually by excessive exhaust noise and purposely riding too close to other vehicles they are passing). We really don't know the reason of the first rider going down at this point but it was probably one of the examples I have just described. How about the next four riders who went down? Obviously they were all following too close to the lead bike to properly react. Again, why were they following too close: "Ignorance or Arrogance"? We can all make mistakes through "Ignorance" but let's not contribute to the possibility of crashing by adding "Arrogance." Ride safe!
Dominick & Diane

FL2-O rides February

Please use GWRRA Group Works to RSVP

Lunch Ride - Square Grouper – Thursday, February 020,2020

The Square Grouper, 1920 Seaway Drive, Fort Pierce <https://squaregrouper.net/>

Meet: 10:15 McDonald's Cove Rd. & US 1 Stuart

RSVP if Going: Road Captain: Jim Rich 561.748.9710 text/call or richtrader3@gmail.com

After Lunch we proceed to the Navy Seal Museum for anyone who hasn't been or wants to repeat visit.

Lunch Ride – Two Peas Café - Thursday, February 27, 202

Two Peas Cafe (Best Deserts) - 870 W Hickpochee Ave. Ste 500, Labelle FL 33935

Meet: 9AM Cracker Barrel Stuart (Kanner Hwy & I-95)

Meet up: 10AM BP/Dunkin Donuts at Hwy 441 & Hwy 78

RSVP if Going: Road Captain: John DuBose **772.971.8389** call/text or Group Works

Florida District Rally - March 19 - 21, 2020

Wednesday, March 18th - Road Captain John DuBose will be riding up.

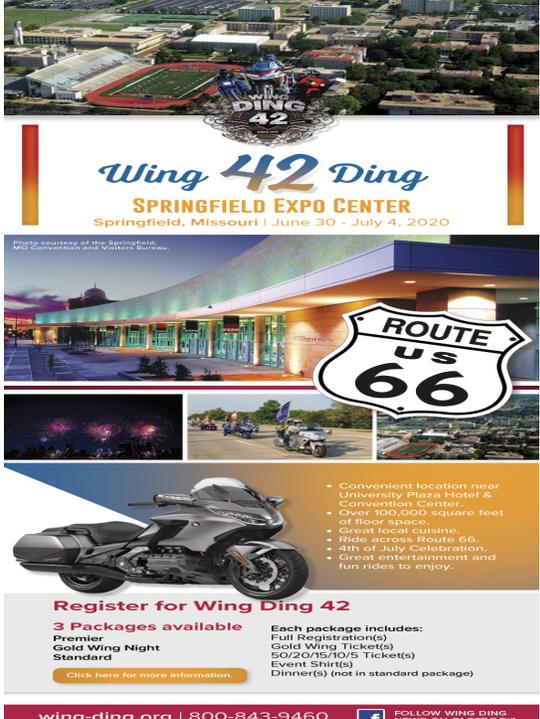
Thursday, March 19th - Road Captain Jim rich will be riding up.

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STATE RALLIES

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

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June 30 – July 4, 2020

FLORIDA DISTRICT RIDE-IN (SEE DETAILS ON GROUPWORKS)

May 9 - Crescent Beach, Daytona to Cedar Key



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FL2-O Picnic
SATURDAY, April 18

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Rider Education Classes by Ray & Claudia Vega

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Florida District Rally - March 19 - 21, 2020
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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!