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Monthly Gathering

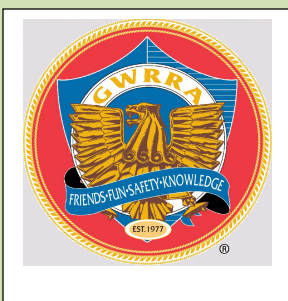
Every 2nd Wed. at
Southern Pig & Cattle
Restaurant
2583 SE Federal
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Stuart, FL
Socialize 5:30
Dinner 6:00
Meeting 7:00

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TREASURE COAST WINGS FL2-O**

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David Morris, Chapter Director

I was reflecting on the great ‘Valentine’ celebration at our February Gathering that was spearheaded by the Spirit Team. The featured item was a beautiful Valentine Basket filled with goodies made by Myrta and the Spirit Team ladies. We raffled it off to one lucky winner. We had another fun surprise when Sondra brought a big jar filled with candy kisses and we were all invited to guess the number of chocolate kisses in the jar; the closest guess took the prize home. Plus, Sondra made delicious chocolate chip cookies for dessert. Her secret recipe was a big hit. I am thankful for all that the Spirit Team does to make the Gatherings and chapter events so much fun!

We still have our weekly rides to great destinations over the remainder of February. So far the rides have had a solid attendance and the winter ride season has been blessed with good weather. March is just around the corner and we are all anticipating a fun filled District Rally. Last year the District cancelled this annual event due to COVID-19 but the District leadership has informed the Chapter officers that they do not expect to cancel this year. I look forward to seeing you and our friends from the other chapters at the District Rally in Altamonte Springs.

We have two scheduled rides to the rally that are posted on GroupWorks; one leaves on Wednesday and the other on Thursday. The Rally tickets for the \$10,000 grand prize have been available since the summer. This year Marilyn Rich stepped up to take on the responsibility of selling our Chapter tickets. Thank you, Marilyn, for utilizing your sales experience and expertise to sell our Rally tickets. You’ve done a great job!

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John DuBose

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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



CHAPTER TREASURERS

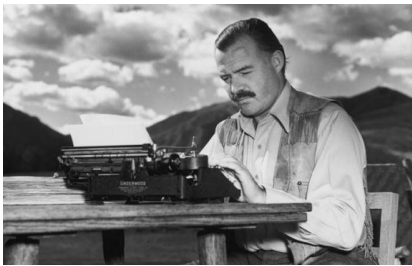
JIM and MARILYN RICH

CREATIVE WRITING

By Jim Rich

During my working career I had to write twenty-five or more meeting agendas every year and make them interesting enough that people would want to attend the meetings; it helped that the meetings were held in resort locations. Once I retired, I decided I enjoyed writing so I signed up for a Creative Writing course at the local high school. The first thing I learned was that if you expected your article or story to be published you had to follow the guidelines of the publication exactly. Publications typically require a cover letter with an overview of the story or article, a word count and a brief explanation of your qualifications for writing about the subject. The article or story usually requires a header showing the article name, authors name and page number (Creative Writing/Rich/page 1). Pictures and picture captions are sent in separate files and numbered so pictures can be matched with captions for publication; the more pictures the better so the publication has numerous options to choose from. To date I have had articles published in Wing World, Technical Analysis of Stocks & Commodities and American Rifleman. Most publications pay for the articles they publish, but you would have to have two or three articles a week published to keep food on the table.

HAPPY WRITING



Newsletter Editor's note... You can see Jim's latest article in the March issue of Wing World

FROM THE BACK OF THE BIKE

By Marilyn Rich

CLEWISTON, FLORIDA , SPORT FISHING MECCA

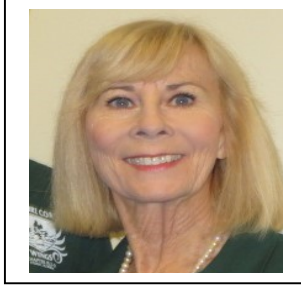
By Marilyn Rich – From the Back of the Bike

Founded in the early 1920's, Clewiston became known as a sport fishing capitol. Located on the southern rim of Lake Okeechobee, largemouth bass were abundant. Long before Clewiston became a town the Seminole tribe used the area as a fishing camp. Later the surrounding lands brought in the "big" sugar, citrus, and cattle industries.

Ages before the settlement of early Florida prehistoric natives (1000 BC) built large earthwork mounds. Aerial photography shows raised causeways radiating from central plazas. There were plentiful turkey and deer as well as fish. Papaya, mulberries, sugar berries, and palmetto palms provided plants for food.

The historic Clewiston Inn built in 1926 by the Clewiston Company and southern Sugar Company is still in operation.





Gathering Minutes By Terry Henderson

Chapter Director David Morris called the Gathering to order at 7pm on Wed. Feb. 10, '21 at the Southern Pig and Cattle Co. Restaurant on US 1 in Stuart. Happy Birthday wishes went out to Percy Comstock, Al Colussy, John Meisenbacher, Joe Trotta and Jim Cuff. David also congratulated Barry Covard and Nancy Karnell as well as Al and Myrta Colussy on their Anniversary this month.

David welcomed everyone to a very special Valentine Gathering and thanked Myrta and the Spirit Team ladies for providing a beautiful Valentine basket filled with lots of special treats. He said the basket will be raffled off during the meeting. He also thanked Sondra Cuff for bringing the delicious chocolate chip cookies for dessert and an extra Valentine surprise: a jar filled with chocolate candy kisses. Everyone was encouraged to guess how many chocolate kisses were in the jar and whoever comes closest to the correct number wins the prize and takes home the jar and all the candy kisses.

David asked Doug Goethel to give a report as the new *Chapter Skills Enhancement Advisor* formerly referred to as Rider Educator. Doug said that he had been in contact with the District 'Advisor' who told him that since the passing of Ray Vega, they had lost the rider course location in Wellington and that they were looking for a new area in Melbourne. Doug said that they are giving us a grace period through Dec. 31, 2021 and that they will resume the rider educator courses in 2022. As always, when the courses resume, each member will secure their place with a \$30 fee which will be refunded when the course is completed. Doug said that we are fortunate that the free rider courses are provided to us when we sell the Rally Raffle tickets.

Sandy Pisano was invited to give a Spirit Team report. She immediately invited all the ladies in the chapter to the monthly Spirit Team meeting. We meet the second Mon. at 11:30am each month, outside on the patio at Duffy's in So. Stuart. We enjoy lunch together and discuss ideas about how we can enhance our Chapter Gatherings, rides and events. During our last meeting, we recalled how much FUN we all had at the Holiday Gathering and how amazing it was that we donated almost 300 pounds of non-perishable food for at risk families in Martin and St. Lucie counties. We would like to do it again before Easter. So please bring a Publix or other sturdy cloth bag filled with food to our Gathering in March and/or in April and we will deliver the bags to the House of Hope who provides life saving meals, food and hope to our neighbors. Sandy also reminded everyone about the picnic at Jonathan Dickinson Park in April. She said that we need to reschedule the date due to a conflict at the park. Mark your calendars for the new date of April 10 at 12 noon. Ride your bike or drive your car but make sure you bring your lunch and meet up at 12 noon under the Pavilion at Jonathan Dickinson Park on US 1 in Hobe Sound. She also suggested that we bring our Motorist Awareness materials to the park and be prepared to

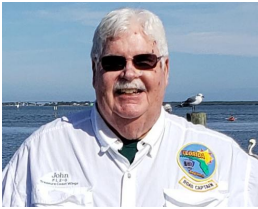
share life-saving information with motorists by encouraging them to 'Look twice for motorcycles.' If anyone is interested in becoming the Chapter's Motorist Awareness leader, please talk to David, and know that the Spirit Team will help you. Sandy concluded her report by asking someone to pull the winning ticket for the beautiful Valentine basket. The lucky winner was Marilyn Rich and she was thrilled!! Sandy asked Sondra to tell us who came closest to the correct number of candy kisses in the jar and she said the winner was Doug Goethel with a guess of 345 kisses. Congratulations go out to the big winners, Marilyn and Doug!

David invited our Treasurer, Jim Rich, to give a Ride Report. He said that the Chapter will have two rides to the District Rally in March. John DuBose will lead the ride on Wed. March 17 and Jim will lead the ride on Thurs. March 18. The Thurs. riders will meet up at the Mobile Station across from the Turnpike Exit in Palm City. Kick stands up at 9:30am. Don't forget to bring your Sun Pass and be sure to go to GroupWorks for more details on the District Rally rides. Jim also announced that the ride to Crabby's Dockside in Fort Pierce had to be rescheduled due to inclement weather. The new date is Feb. 17. We will meet up at the McDonalds at Cove Rd. & US 1 in Stuart at 9:45am and ride up Hutchinson Island to the beautiful Crabby's Dockside in Fort Pierce for lunch.

Jim called on Metalflake to give his Tech Talk. Metalflake said that when his Gold Wing had 86,000 miles on it, the alternator failed. You can change the alternator in one hour on the 1500 Gold Wing. It's was easy to clean the brushes etc. on a 1500 but on the 1800 Gold Wing, it's a 3-4 hour job and it's a chore. He recommended that you take your 1800 to the alternator shop in Fort Pierce for repair. They do a great job and he also recommended that you carry a second alternator in the bike with you just in case.

Jim called for the winning raffle tickets to be drawn and Terry won the book of rally tickets and Percy won the 50/50 raffle. The meeting was adjourned.





JOHN DUBOSE
RIDE COORDINATOR

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Treasure Coast Wings

We've had three rides in the past few weeks, ride reports posted on Group Works:

- **Melborne The Mansion** - January 21st - Lead Frank Pellegrino
- **Lake Placid** - January 24th - Lead John DuBose
- **Crabby's Dockside** - February 17th - Lead Jim Rich



FL2-O Having FUN at Crabby's Dockside

Upcoming Rides for FL2-O

- **Bok Tower** - Thursday, February 25th - Lead Paul Dreyfus
- **Tiki Bar Clewiston** - Wednesday, March 3rd - Lead Jim Rich
- **FL District Rally** - Wednesday, March 17th - Lead John DuBose
- **FL District Rally** - Thursday, March 18th - Lead Jim Rich
- **POP-UP RIDES** - Call a buddy and take a ride...
- **Group Works list all rides - Please RSVP - CRC John DuBose**

Please remember to renew your GWRRA membership:

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

Bernie Salzberg



3/17 May Parish
3/21 Larry Pounds
3/24 Terry Henderson



SUNSHINE WISHES
TO

Claudia Vega

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

03/3 Doug & Donna Goethel
3/12 Paul Dreyfus & Carol

RIDER EDUCATION

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SELF EVALUATION

Everyone who rides a motorcycle must continuously evaluate their own physical and mental ability to ride a motorcycle. You can't put a magic number on what age a rider should stop riding a two-wheel motorcycle, switch to a trike or sidecar rig, or stop riding altogether.

Physical limitations can happen at any age. Injuries or physical limitations acquired outside of riding can limit your ability to ride a motorcycle. Things such as bad knees, a bad back, or a bad neck are just a few examples.

Mental limitations can also happen. Some prescription drugs can affect your mental process slowing down your reaction time. Constant loss of memory is another thing to consider when riding a motorcycle.

You must regularly evaluate yourself. Taking a Riding Course every 3 years is a perfect way to self-access yourself. In a Riding Course when you are instructed to perform one of the required exercises do you "not" want to do it? If you don't want to do a particular exercise, why don't you want to do it? Is it because you find the exercise too difficult? All of the exercises in the Riding Courses are maneuvers you should be able to performing order to be a safe rider on the street. Or, is it just that you don't want to take a chance on dropping your bike? No one wants to drop their bike. But, if the reason you don't want to do a particular exercise is because you can't do it, then maybe it's time to change what you are riding. If you are on two-wheels it might be time to change to a trike or add a sidecar to your motorcycle.

The important thing to remember is if you decide to change from two-wheels to a trike or sidecar rig, you should take a one-day course to be trained on the particular handling characteristics of the three-wheel vehicle. There have been crashes by riders who have made the change to three-wheels without taking a separate three-wheel course. They did not know what to expect and how to react when it came to the overall handling of the new machine. There is a specific course for each of the different three-wheel vehicles. Trikes, Can-Ams or Sidecar Rigs all handle differently, especially under stressful conditions. The time to be surprised and not know what to do, is not when you are on the Dragon's Tail going around one of the switch-back curves and you lose control.

Chapter Members should also access one another. You know each other's riding abilities and physical characteristics. If you are on a ride and observe something out of the ordinary either with another member's riding or how they look physically you should speak up and enquire as to whether or not there is a problem. We are a family and need to look out for one another. You should self-evaluate yourself daily.

I can teach all of the two or three-wheel classes and can show you what riding skills you need to know for the different types of motorcycles. Your Florida District Educator Funds pay for the courses. We are here to assist you and help you have a safe and enjoyable experience on your motorcycle.

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FOLLOW WING DING
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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 Rally, Altamonte Springs, March 19-21, 2021

FLORIDA DISTRICT RIDE-IN (SEE DETAILS ON GROUPWORKS)

2021 Upcoming GWRRA Events

WING DING

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

2021 FLORIDA DISTRICT RALLY
 Information below for hotel reservations and registration for the
 2021 Florida Rally.
 Plan to be there for District and Chapter F*U*N



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 Group Code: GWRRA2

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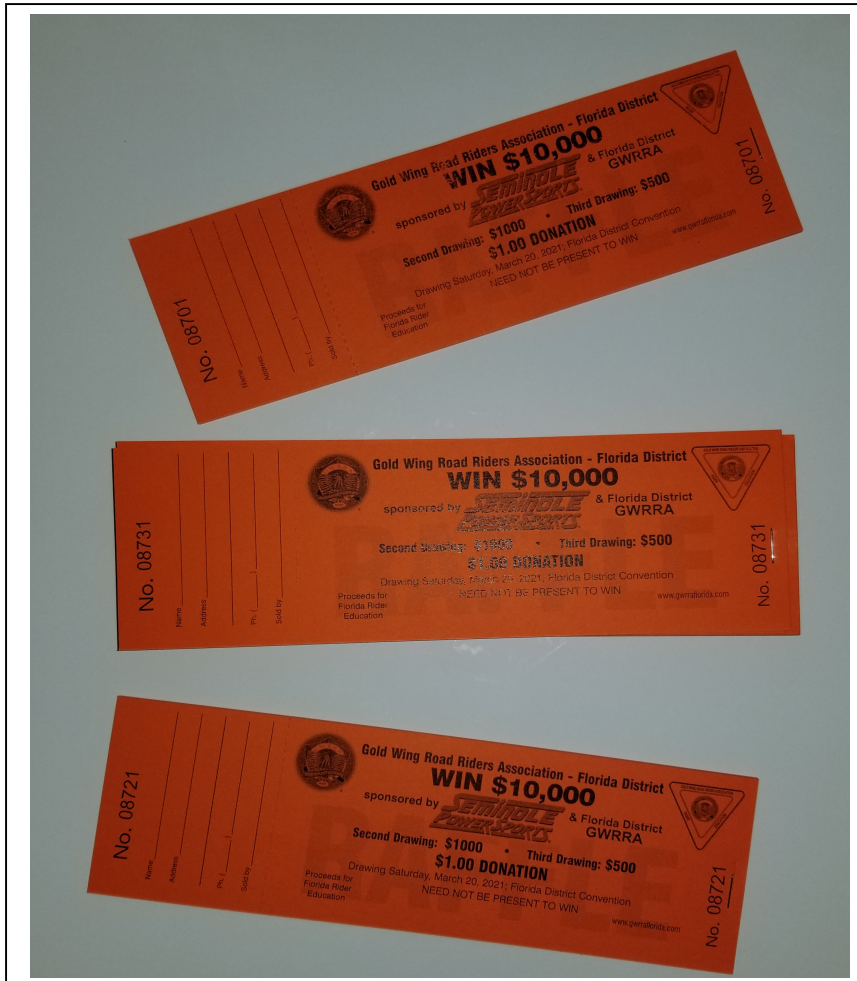
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- SELLER of winning ticket, receives a \$200 cash prize, too

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

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