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### Monthly Gathering

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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### WEBSITES

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## GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION TREASURE COAST WINGS FL2-O

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*David Morris, Chapter Director*



I am pleased to announce the appointment of Doug and Donna Goethel as our Assistant Chapter Directors. They will now assist me in conducting our monthly Gathering. This appointment is an additional role for both Doug and Donna. They are our Chapter Educators and Donna is our Webmaster. As ACD they join our Officer team and will help to provide the leadership that keeps our Chapter one of the best in the Florida District. We thank you for bringing such great enthusiasm and expertise to all that you do for Chapter FL2-O.

Please join me in congratulating Doug and Donna in their new role as ACD.

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**Tech**  
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**50/50**  
Percy Comstock

**Couple of the Year 2022**  
Doug and Donna Goethel

**Person of the Year 2021**  
Sandy Pisano

**Spirit Team Chair**  
Sandy Pisano

**FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY, KNOWLEDGE**



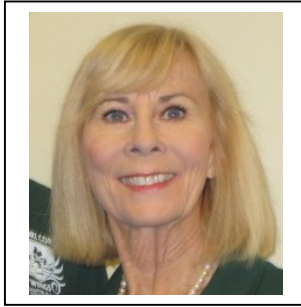
**JIM and MARILYN RICH**

## **NOSTALGIA**

By Jim Rich

As long-term subscribers to both RoadRunner and Rider magazines we enjoy reading about all the places people have been and rides that they have done. Often the rides are ones that we have done, but many are exotic places like New Zealand, Peru, or Spain, all fun places to read about, but we could never picture ourselves riding a motorcycle in a foreign country. Rarely do we come across a ride we wish we had done, like dirt biking across the Great Basin Desert in Nevada, but they are still fun to read about. We subscribed to RoadRunner in 2005 when we bought our Honda VTX1300 and immediately started earmarking stories about places we would like to go and could go. Destinations like North Georgia, Tennessee, West Virginia, Colorado and Montana. Now that we have been to those places, we can sit back in our rocking chairs and reminisce about the rides we have taken and read about all the scenic rides that other people have been on and written about.





## February Gathering

By Terry Henderson, MEC

**Welcome:** Chapter Director David Morris called the Gathering to order on Wed. Feb. 9 at the Southern Pig and Cattle Co. Restaurant on US 1 in Stuart. He wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day including his Sweetheart MEC Terry Henderson who then thanked all the members for attending. She also recognized District Director Bill Smith and Harold and Diane from FL2-A. Thank you all for joining us for our Feb. Gathering and thank you Percy for bringing the dessert this evening!

**Birthday Wishes:** David announced all the names of our members who are celebrating a Birthday this month. Happy Birthday wishes went out to Al Colussy, Percy Comstock, Jim Cuff, John Meisenbacher and our new Treasurer Joe Trotta. There were no Anniversaries in Feb.

**Announcement of new ACD:** David was delighted to announce that he has appointed Doug & Donna Goethel to be our Assistant Chapter Directors. He thanked them for agreeing to serve in this vital capacity for our Chapter. David took a few moments to acknowledge the consistent contribution of all our members who share their time, expertise and talents in order to help Chapter FL2-0 grow and thrive. He said that our Chapter has evolved over the years and has become a safe place where our members truly feel a sense of purpose and belonging. Thank you, Doug and Donna, for serving as ACD for Chapter FL2-0 and thank you to all our officers and members for your faithful participation. David said that for the first time in 3 years, all of the appointed officer positions are now filled!

**March Rally Ride:** Regarding the March Rally on March 17-19 in Altamonte Springs, David said that John DuBose will not be able to lead our ride on Thurs. March 17. As the new Assistant District Ride Coordinator, John needs to be at the Rally on Wed. to help set up. So, David asked who would be willing to lead the ride on Thurs. Metalflake raised his hand and the following people said they would join him....Leo and Lena Valcourt, Paul Dreyfus, Terry and David will be the Tailgunner.

**Spirit Team Report:** Sandy Pisano announced that the Spirit Team met last Sat. Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> at Duffy's and they worked on plans for the Christmas party which will be on Wed. Dec. 14. The theme is 'Let It Snow' and Myrta has already found the cutest Snowmen for the centerpieces. Don't forget we are collecting for our Food for Families drive. So, bring your donations to the March and April Gatherings. All non-perishable food items will be donated to the House of Hope in April. Myrta and the Spirit Team are also preparing a Spring Basket for our April 13<sup>th</sup> Gathering, plus we are planning a picnic at Jonathan Dickinson State Park on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Sandy was happy to announce that the Spirit Team is organizing a GAME NIGHT on Sat. April 9 from 4:30pm-7pm. This new and fun opportunity to get together for a 'Puzzling' Contest will be hosted by Sondra and Jim Cuff at their lovely home in PSL. There is a small fee of \$5 per person to pay for drinks & snacks but, rest assured, whichever team finishes the puzzle first, will win a prize. So, mark your calendars and don't miss this FUN Chapter event.

**Ride Report:** Ride Captain John DuBose said that he had a surgical procedure and will not be cleared to ride until March so he has no rides planned right now. Before the surgery, he had two good Chapter rides to Archie's in Fort Pierce and Marsh Landing. He also rode to Wauchula by

himself to meet up with FL2-H in Lake Placid. The Kentucky District Director was visiting and told John that he was great friends with our new members Bob and Carma Steigmeier who are from Kentucky. He said that he might come and ride with us one day. We are all encouraged to get out and meet people in other Chapters. John said that there will be 2 group rides each day at the March District Rally and he is looking forward to seeing us all there on March 17-19.

**District Director Bill Smith:** Bill said that the deadline to sign up for the March District Rally is Feb. 28 so make your reservations now to get your free breakfast. The theme is ‘Wing your Way to the Emerald City and have FUN with the Wizard of Oz.’ You will enjoy a myriad of classes including a Motorist Awareness class and a Co-Rider course taught by Claudia Vega. You will enjoy Bingo, the Hospitality Room and you can bid on the Couple of the Year Baskets. There is a \$10,000 grand prize so buy your Rally tickets today and enter to win! Bill said that he is looking forward to hosting the event. When asked about the Vendors, Bill said that all the usual Vendors will be there except Sierra Electronics who can’t get merchandise due to the shortage of product. Mountain Man will be there as well as Wing Wing, and many others including SkyMed, TNT Dynamite, the T shirt and Vest vendors.

**Motorist Awareness:** Lena Valcourt reminded everyone that she and Leo are planning a Motorist Awareness event at the Elliott Museum on Tue. Feb. 22 from 4:30pm-7pm. There will be an Antique Car Show, a Food Truck and a radio station ‘live remote broadcast.’ Join us as we reach out to automobile drivers to educate and encourage them to “Look Twice/Save a Life.’ Lena also encouraged everyone to engage in conversations with people. Talk to someone about your Gold Wing, the Chapter and/or GWRRA and you will get credit for it. Lena will supply us with a Motorist Awareness form. When you talk to 5 different people about your Gold Wing and Chapter FL2-0, you will get a **STAR** for your vest.

**Rider Educator:** Doug reported that the Rider Ed. Courses in Melbourne went very well. There were three students at the ARC class on Mon. Feb. 7 including David Morris, Greg Comstock and Doug Goethel. Dominique had the course in Melbourne set up very well. Everything was ready to go and he disseminated some great information inside the classroom as well as on the course ride. The Trike course was today, Wed. Feb. 9, and we had several members who finished the course in Melbourne and made it back to Stuart for the Gathering. Now you have completed your ARC and TRIKE courses and will receive your cards that are valid for 3 years. Remember, that these courses are free to us because they are paid for by the Rally ticket sales.

**Webmaster Report:** Donna Goethel encouraged everyone to go to the Chapter Website and see all of the updates. She added a page for all the Couples of the Year from 2016-2022. You’ll find lots of photos including a great group photo of all our members and a Spirit Team photo. You’ll also find all the names and contact information for our Chapter officers. Plus, all the Newsletters are posted on the website as well as all the upcoming events and ride reports. Go to [fl20.org](http://fl20.org) and check it out!

**Tech Talk:** David enjoyed the ARC course and said that Dominique pointed out the differences between the new Gold Wing and older ones. The new Gold Wing has no clutch, only automatic shifting so it’s sometimes challenging to drive the new Gold Wing slowly. You have to stay on the brake a lot. Metalflake concurred and said that it is a skill you have to practice.

Doug Goethel called for the 50/50 Drawing and Terry Henderson won. The Gathering was adjourned.



## February Photos:



ARC class room study



Parking lot exercises



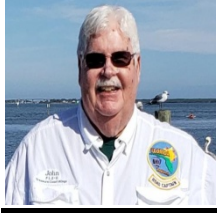
Desserts by Percy



Largest pretzel ever



Joe Pisano's new Trike



**JOHN DUBOSE**  
 CHAPTER RIDE COORDINATOR  
 ASSSISTANT DISTRICT RIDE COORDINATOR

The Florida riding season is in full swing. FL2-O has had limited rides this month because I had surgery. We still got a couple rides in and have rides planned for March. FL District Rally is just around the corner so get out a ride.

- ❖ Mystery Ride to Fellsmere with lunch at Marsh Landing ride January 27<sup>th</sup> . We had a good turn-out with eight riders.
- ❖ Mystery Ride to Sebring with lunch at Cowpokes Watering Hole ride February 1<sup>st</sup>. We had 13 riders out.
- ❖ Advanced Riding Course in Melbourne on February 7<sup>th</sup> with seven in two classes.
- ❖ Trike Riding Course in Melbourne on February 9<sup>th</sup>. ACD/CSEA Doug Goethel organized the classes, Thank you Doug!
- ❖ Visitation with FL2-H Wauchula at Happy Chef in Lake Placid February 5<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Multi-chapter ride-in Dixie Crossroads in Titusville with FL1-K Palm Coast, FL1- H Daytona Beach, FL2-D Melbourne and FL2-O Stuart with 34 riders out for **“Friends for FUN!”**

**FL2-O upcoming rides: Please check us out on Group Works and RSVP!**

- ❖ Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> ride to Vero Beach with lunch at Riverside Cafe, new location.
- ❖ Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> Multi-chapter ride to Marsh Landing with FL2-A West Palm Beach, FL2-D Melbourne and FL2-O Stuart.
- ❖ Florida District Rally; Rides Wednesday, March 16h and Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.



Marsh Landing - Fellsmere



Cowpokes Watering Hole - Sebring



Happy Chef in Lake Placid



Dixie Crossroads - Titusville

## How to Purchase a New Chapter FL2-0 Shirt

Stuart FL2-O Chapter Shirts				
Polo short sleeve	Size small - XL	Size 2XL - 3XL	Pocket	
Cotton (Forest Green)	\$24.00	\$26.00	Add \$2	
50/50 (Forest Green)	\$24.00	\$26.00	Add \$2	
Wick-Away (Green/White)	\$28.00	\$30.00	not available	

**This price includes shirt and tax plus the GWRRA Griffin on back,**

**FL2-O logo on left front and name on right front.**

**Shipping is not included. Estimated shipping cost \$8.00 for one shirt or \$15.00 for 10-14 shirts.**

**To place order provide:**

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**Size**

**Name for right front**

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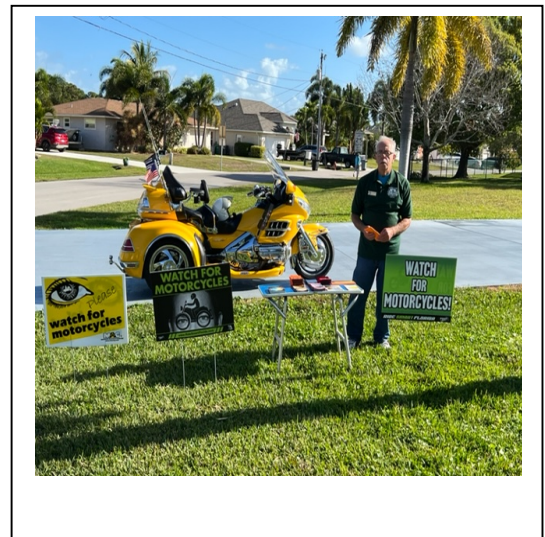
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## Motorist Awareness

By Lena Valcourt

Today Leo and I wanted to do something for Motorist Awareness. We decided to set up a table on our front lawn in order to draw people to us. We parked our Trike next to the table and put up some of our signs and some literature. Next thing we know some of our neighbors walked over because they were curious and wanted to know what we were doing. We told them we were in charge of the Motorist Awareness program in our GWRRA Association Chapter FL 2-0 and we were promoting motorcycle safety to the public. They took some of our literature and they even purchased some of our tickets. WOW!!! It turned out to be pretty great.





## Dominick & Diane DeSiato

### District Educators RIDER EDUCATION



## Rider Classes & Brake Fluid

2022 is here! Eight members took our first TRC (Trike Riding Course) Class for 2022 in Eustis, Florida on January 17<sup>th</sup>. We have an ARC (Advanced Rider Course for 2 wheels) scheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup> in Melbourne, Florida. This class is already FULL. We have a TRC scheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup> in Melbourne, Florida which is also FULL. We have another TRC scheduled for February 9<sup>th</sup> in Melbourne, Florida which has openings. Contact me via email if you are interested in joining that class. It is great to see so many members participating in these rider courses. Keep up the great work. Don't forget, Co-Riders can attend these courses for credit if they ride on the back during the class.

To our knowledge, our state is the only one that offers MFA (Medic First Aid) and Rider Courses at no expense to you because we fund it through Raffle Ticket sales. Please keep up the good work selling tickets and don't forget to start sending us the money for the tickets you have already sold. We would like the majority of money to be received before the end of February.

Florida District Riding and MFA Classes are available upon request to maintain you Levels status. For ARC and TRC Classes contact Dominick at [Dominickfide@gmail.com](mailto:Dominickfide@gmail.com). For MFA Classes contact Claudia at [rvega19854@gmail.com](mailto:rvega19854@gmail.com).

One of the purposes of these newsletter articles is to share information that will make your riding experiences more informative and safe. If I find articles by other authors that fill that bill, I am eager to share them with you. Such is the case with an article written by one of our Florida Chapter Members, Jerry Wells, of FL1-H. The article is on "Brake Fluid" (see below). I think you will find it informative and interesting.

## BRAKE FLUID ARTICLE

by Jerry Wells

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 also has either in it and 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 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 3 is 410 deg. F for 4 it is 446 deg. F. The wet boiling point for 3 is 284 deg. F and 4 is 311 deg. F. DOT 4 instead of either 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 guaranties you are using dry fluid and not compromising it.

Gerald Wells ACD MEC ITCP

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

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)**

**2022 Upcoming GWRRA Events**

**WING DING**

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

Please remember to renew your GWRRA membership:

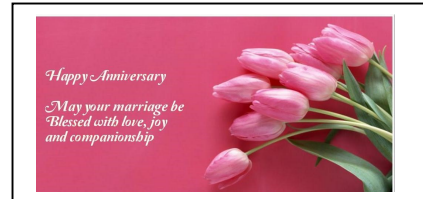
March

Barney Salzberg



March Birthdays

3/24 Terry Henderson



March Anniversaries

3/12 Paul Dreyfus/Carol Panucucci

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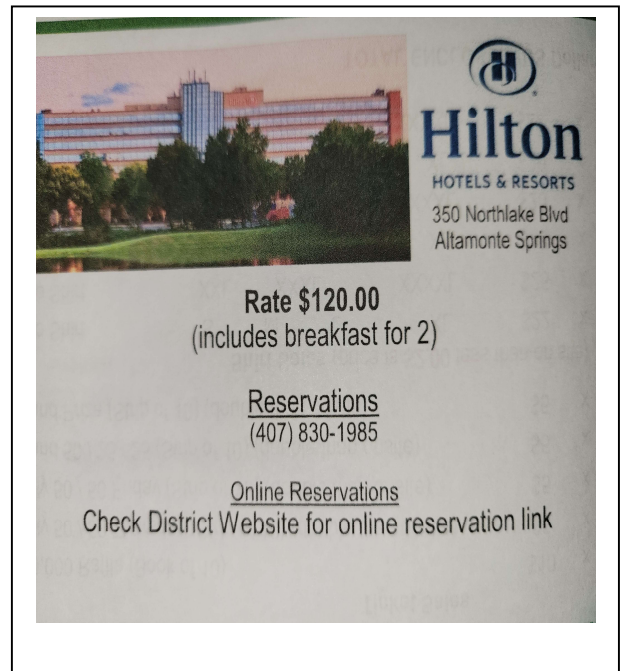
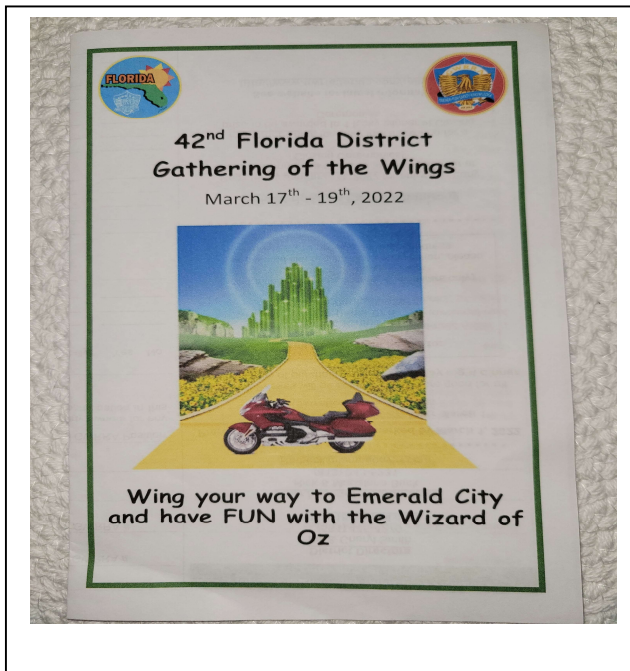
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*Thanks* ~To everyone who wrote an article for this month's Newsletter: David Morris, Terry Henderson, Jim Rich, John DuBose, Lena Valcourt and Dominick DeSiato.  
Thanks for reading!

Everyone is encouraged to submit relevant articles by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month!