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Monthly Gathering

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



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GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION TREASURE COAST WINGS FL2-O

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I want to wish everyone a very Happy New Year and thank you all for your participation in our Chapter rides, activities and events. It's you, the members, who make our Chapter so vibrant and successful. As indicated by our very well attended Gathering on Jan. 8, we can be assured that our Chapter will continue to grow and provide many wonderful opportunities for Friendship, Fun, Safety and Knowledge as the year progresses.

In early January, Jim and Marilyn Rich, Terry and I attended the annual Florida District Conference. I hope you enjoy reading more about the conference in my article on page 5 of the newsletter.

This year we decided to take a couple of extra days after the Conference and visit two places that are first time visits for us. We rode to Mt. Dora for lunch and enjoyed a walking tour of the downtown area. Following lunch, we rode to St Augustine and stayed two nights before we rode back home. Both places exceeded our expectations and are worthy of a return visit.

David Morris, Chapter Director



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Person of the Year 2019 Bud Parish

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JIM and MARILYN RICH

ST. AUGUSTINE

by Jim Rich

St. Augustine has a truly fascinating history and, with its seemly endless number of things to see and do, is a great place to visit. Following the Chapter Conference Dave and Terry and Marilyn and I headed for St. Augustine to see the Christmas season Festival of Lights before they were turned off or taken down. We were fortunate to get rooms at the Bayfront Inn and even more fortunate to get rooms in what is the centerpiece of their Inn, the historic Rodriquez House. The four rooms, 2 up and 2 down, make up the house that dates to 1572 (see picture), built after the British had burned down the town in 1565. In the short time we had we felt that "must see" places included the fort Castillo de San Marcos and Flagler College. When the British attacked St Augustine in 1565 the Spanish took refuge in the fort and held off a siege lasting 38 days. The British finally became so frustrated they burned the town to the ground and left. The Spanish quickly rebuilt the town and many of those buildings exist today. The College began life as the Ponce de Leon Hotel, built in 1888 by Henry M. Flagler. The hotel flourished for years as a resort to the rich and famous, but eventually began to decline long after Flagler's death. A relative restored the hotel to its former grandeur and opened a college for girls. Today it is a Liberal Arts College with a total of 2,800 male and female students.





TREASURE COAST WINGS GATHERING January 2020

WRITTEN BY Terry Henderson, MEC



Chapter Director David Morris called the Gathering to order promptly at 7pm at the Southern Pig and Cattle Co. Restaurant on US 1 in Stuart. He wished Peggy DuBose a Happy January Birthday and extended a Happy Anniversary greeting to Al and Myrta Colussy. David welcomed all the members including Bill Smith, Ty, Diane and Harold from Chapter FL2-A. As MEC, Terry welcomed back Allison and John Meisenbacher returning to Florida from their home in New Jersey and Becky and Tom Savage who drove their bike from Palm Bay to our Gathering tonight. We also welcomed Percy and Greg's daughter and grandson, George. It's great to see everyone!

David asked Jack Seeley to talk about his Gold Wing repair work. He said that due to the fact that they haven't been free to ride their Trike for over a year, it needed a lot of maintenance. A new switch box cost \$400 and the labor was \$600. He was able to fix his directional light problem himself but it wasn't an easy fix. They are happy to be riding again and able to join us for our Gatherings.

David announced that the Chapter will discontinue Kick Tire dinners until the summer. During the winter and spring seasons the Chapter is very busy with rides led by John DuBose, Jim Rich and Paul Dreyfus. We will resume the Kick Tire dinners in the months of June, July, Aug. and Sept. David also thanked Barb for the delicious dessert of miniature cupcakes. Hope you and Bud feel better soon!

Sandy Pisano talked about the Spirit Team and encouraged everyone to donate to the loose change jar. The money collected will go to the annual Christmas party and also help defray the costs of creating a Chapter Scrapbook and Diorama to be entered into the District Rally competition in March. She invited all friends and members to save the date of Sat. April 18 for a Chapter Picnic at Jonathan Dickinson Park and encouraged us to be at the Gathering and Valentine celebration on Wed. Feb. 12. Myrta Colussy & the Spirit Team will create a beautiful Valentine basket and one lucky member will have the winning raffle ticket. Sandy invited all the ladies of Chapter FL2-O to join us for our next Spirit Team meeting at Duffy's on US 1 in South Stuart at 11:30am on Mon. Feb. 10. We enjoy a light lunch and talk about how we can help facilitate many exciting and FUN chapter activities.

District Director, Bill Smith, gave a report about the District Rally March 19-21 at the Hilton in Altamonte Springs. There will be live entertainment on Fri. night and on Sat. the winner of the new Gold Wing or \$10,000 will be selected. You'll have a chance to enter to win gift baskets, tires, a Cruise to Alaska and cash in a 50/25/25 drawing. There will be guided rides on Fri. and Sat. & lots of interactive games & vendors. You don't want to miss Wing Ding in Springfield, Missouri from June 30-July 4 this year. Bill said that "the new Directors of GWRRA, Jere and Sherry Goodman's home state is Missouri so it will definitely be a great time!"

David invited ACD Jim Rich to take over the meeting. Jim welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the 'Roaring Twenties.' Jim asked Rider Educator, Barry Covard, to give a report and Barry announced that there will be a Trike Course on Sun. Feb. 9th starting at 8am at the Safety Council in Palm Beach County. The classroom education will be first and the range work follows. You will have an opportunity to work on maneuvers that you may not do often but will come in handy if you ever need them. There will also be a BRC2 on Sun. April 5 at the Wellington Green Course that will entail course riding but no classroom work.

Marilyn Rich let us know that she is ordering Chapter shirts. If you would prefer to order your own shirt, please see her for details.

Jim said that the ride to Squid Lips in Sebastian on Mon. Dec. 16th was terrific with 13 bikes and 22 riders. He then asked Paul Dreyfus to give a report on the Lake Placid lunch ride on Jan. 2. Paul said that there were 3 bikes & 5 people on the ride including John DuBose, Paul & Carol and Tom & Becky Savage from Palm Bay. They took Hwy. 8 to Main Street America an Eatery in Lake Placid and then stopped at Paul's favorite ice cream parlor, Maxwell's Ice Cream. It was a beautiful day and a great ride. Jim said that the next ride will be on Jan. 19th to the River Ranch Smokehouse Grill, a huge resort on Route 60 and on Jan. 29th Paul will lead a ride to Marsh Landing.

Jim called for the winning raffle tickets to be drawn and Myrta Colussy & Metalflake won! Jim adjourned the Gathering.



RIDER EDUCATION Written by Rick Northrup

Due to Rick's health, this is an "encore" article.



Most of you northerners don't really mind a day or two of this "cooler" weather but those of us that have been her for over 60 years have gotten a bit used to the warmer temps. Therefore we must remember to dress appropriately after we brave these frigid temps. You know, for those of us that do live here in God's country 365 and don't invest in heated riding gear, we need to remember to layer our clothing for this Florida sun. Cooler in the morning needs more layers, as the day progresses and warms up we can shed a few garments. As the day wears on the sun nears the horizon the temps drops we can put those garments back on for more warmth and head for that nice warm, cuddly, toasty, warm, (here we go again), well, you get my drift.

Not only do we ATGATT, (All The Gear All The Time), but, we need to use common sense when we face the elements, even here in sunny Florida

Rick & Pam Northrop, Chelsea too Sr District Educator



2020 CHAPTER CONFERENCE WRITTEN BY DAVE MORRIS

Jim and Marilyn Rich, Terry and Dave attended the annual Florida District Conference. The focus of this two-day Conference is the District's opportunity to discuss all the major areas of Chapter responsibilities. For example, the District Treasurer collects each Chapter's financial report in order to comply with IRS requirements. This is the first time that Jim and Marilyn, our new Treasurers, submitted their annual financial report. The District Treasurer reviews for compliance and works to ensure that any changes that might be needed are completed. Jim and Marilyn passed with no changes necessary!

There were seven breakout sessions that were conducted by the District Officer responsible. In order to have coverage of each session, we decided to split up and attend those in which we were personally interested. For example, Terry & Marilyn went to the MEC session, which was conducted by Rick Buck (District MEC Officer). Membership is a critical area for GWRRA. He discussed what they are trying to do to keep and grow membership in our chapter, the tools that are available and areas on which to focus.

The Treasurer forum was Jim's opportunity to get ideas on how to raise money to do the things that our chapter enjoys. Yes, our Spirit Team has been doing a great job at raising the money needed to do the fun stuff that happens on a regular basis. It looks like those chapters that raise money differently are conducting Chapter Rallies. They said that conducting an annual rally requires a yearlong effort by a significant number of the members of their chapter.

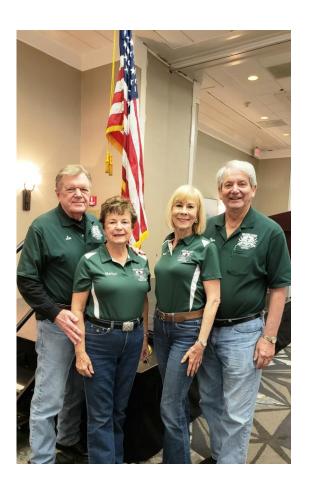
We attended the Newsletter forum, which focused on having a Newsletter that has multiple distribution channels. It was pointed out that the Newsletter is a monthly requirement for each chapter and that it is a significant way that the chapter communicates. Access to the newsletter should be available on the chapter website as potential members can access the website and get a flavor of Chapter Life. As you all know, our newsletter is outstanding!



The District announces and makes a presentation to the newly appointed officers. This year Jim and Marilyn were among those being recognized as Treasurer for Chapter FL2-0. Congratulations!

Terry and Marilyn attended the Motorist Awareness session. The chairpersons provided packets with sample handouts which Sandy Pisano sent for last year. Their emphasis was on opportunities to handout those information cards, for example, keep "Watch Out for Motorcycle" information cards in your trunk to place in restaurants, etc. Speak at appropriate meetings such as Rotary, teen groups, clubs etc. and remind them to Watch Out For Motorcycles! In the packet were cards with facts, figures, and maps showing where the most collisions involving motorcycles occurred. Not surprising that they occurred around the larger cities in Florida.

We attended the GroupWorks training session and as with any training on a familiar topic there is always something new to learn. I am happy to note that members in our Chapter have adapted quickly and are enjoying great benefits from making GroupWorks their go-to communications tool. Several in attendance at the conference were just beginning to figure out how they can benefit.





FROM THE BACK OF THE BIKE

By Marilyn Rich

DESTINATION MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA

We are always looking for interesting towns and places to ride to on our Gold Wing right here in Florida. Mount Dora is a lovely Victorian village on a beautiful lake. There are so many quaint buildings and small streets to see and explore. The town and lake were named after Dora Ann Drawdy, an early pioneer. It was first settled in 1874.



Among the must-see places is The Lakeside Inn right on Lake Dora and in walking distance to the entire downtown. It was built in 1883 and is the oldest continuously operating hotel in Florida.

There is a railroad originally built in 1887 which is used for tours now. The village itself has many delightful shops and boutiques. There is a variety of restaurants and sidewalk cafes. Art galleries and museums add to interesting sites.

Mount Dora has a full schedule of events including The Blues and Grooves weekend, the Seafood Festival, The October Craft Fair, and Christmas light tours to name just a few.

Happy travels!!



FL 2-O SPIRIT TEAM

Written by Sandy Pisano

The spirit team is always busy! Here are a few things we are working on:

We plan to provide a Sweetheart Valentine basket to raffle at the February gathering.

Mark your calendars- - - April 18 has been chosen as the date for our chapter picnic to be held in a picnic pavilion at Jonathon Dickinson park. More details will be provided

Several members have expressed interest in having another Flea Market/yard sale. We are checking into this and will let you know if we will have a yard sale, so that you can save your items for the event.

Next meeting is Monday, February 10 at Duffy's Stuart south. All ladies of the Chapter are invited to participate. Hope to see you there!

CHAPTER SAFE MILES PROGRAM

Please remember to submit your miles each month at the chapter meeting on the "sign in sheet" or email them to Barry Covard the end of each month.

barrycov@comcast.net

Please put 'SAFE MILES FL2-O 'in the subject line. This makes it easier to identify your email.





BIRTHDAYS
2/5 Percy Comstock
2/8 AI Colussy
2/18 Bud Parish
2/18 John Meisenbacher
2/19 Sam Katz
2/23 Joe Trotta
2/25 Linda Katz
2/28 Jim Cuff

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1/19 AI & Myrta Colussy 1/20 Barry Covard & Nancy Karnell 2/11 Richard & Jean Meanage

Please remember to renew your GWRRA membership:
Barney Salzberg - Jan

Spotlight on Leo and Lena Valcourt

Written by Terry Henderson, MEC

Leo and Lena Valcourt met Sandy Pisano at a Kick Tire dinner at Bonefish Mac's in Port St. Lucie and Sandy encouraged them to visit again and join us for our Gathering. They accepted her invitation and came to a second Kick Tire dinner at Outback.

We thought they were potential new members but soon discovered that they joined GWRRA in 1985 in Massachusetts & were in the Rhode Island Chapter A. As we sat next to them at dinner, they had a lot of interesting stories to share about their life and passion for motorcycle riding.

Leo and Lena met when they were just 14 years old at a church dance in Fall River, MA. They started working at Quaker Fabrics in Fall River when they were young & Leo worked there for 26 years as a forklift mechanic. Lena worked there as an Assistant to the Director in production control for 18 years. They were married in 1967. They left MA in 1990 and moved to Port St. Lucie. Leo took a job in the City of Fort Pierce as a mechanic until he was promoted to Foreman. Lena worked at the Tag office in PSL. Shortly after moving they joined Chapter 0 (now Chapter FL2-0) and rode with them until circumstances caused them to discontinue their participation for several years to take care of Leo's Mother who was ill.

Leo and Lena retired in 2013 and purchased a 42 ft. Heartland Edge Toy Hauler and started camping. They decided to tour the United States in 2014 and bring their 2005 Gold Wing motorcycle with them. They traveled from Florida to Massachusetts and visited Niagara Falls, NY. From there they drove south on Interstate 15 making many stops along the way until they reached Las Vegas, NV. They then traveled west to California through the mountains (what a ride) until they visited the amazing Hearst Castle. From there they went to the Grand Canyon National Park in AZ. Continuing their trip, they went to Roswell, NM, San Antonio, TX, New Orleans, LA, St. Augustine, FL and then home to PSL. The trip took about 4 months and they had a fabulous time!!

Leo and Lena purchased a 2010 Honda Gold Wing with a 2018 California Side Car Trike and in that same year of 2018, they achieved Life Time Member status. We are delighted to have you riding with us again and look forward to many years of FUN together. Let's all welcome Leo and Lena back and wish them many good times now and in the future.





CHAPTER RIDE JANUARY 19 RIVER RANCH

Written by Jim Rich

River Ranch Ride Report: Great day, great group. Left Cracker Barrel with 8 bikes and 15 riders and picked up 1 bike, 1 Slingshot and 4 riders in Okeechobee. Road Captains Jim & Marilyn were joined by Tom & Becky Savage, Frank & Laura Pelligrino, Leo & Lena Valcourt, John & Allison Meisenbacher, Dave Piacente, Greg & Percy Comstock, Paul Dreyfus and Carol Panucci, tail gunners Dave Morris and Terry Henderson and our Slingshot couple Butch and Jan Bailey.

The ride took us up 441 to route 60 past the remains of the Desert Inn to River Ranch. The ride home took us west around Lake Reedy and then south for a gas stop outside of Sebring. Coming south we set upon by Aliens who snatched Paul and Carol right from our midst and transported them to Maxwell's General Store, completely against their will according to Paul. Not only did we lose Paul and Carol, but the two Dave's decided to take a side trip to the Avon Park Correctional Institute. The remaining riders sent out bloodhounds and St Bernards (with brandy casks), but to no avail. A great ride with tail gunners Dave and Terry putting on the most miles at 275.









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Polo short Sleeve	Size Small - XL	Size 2XL or 3XL	Pocket
Cotton (Forest Green)	\$24	\$26	Add \$2
50/50 (Forest Green)	\$24	\$26	Add \$2
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SUNSHINE WISHES TO:

Ray Vega Bud Parish Rick Northrup

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

January 19 - FL2-O Lunch Ride – Sunday January 19th

Lead: Road Captain Jim Rich

Lunch: River Ranch Smokehouse Grill

Lunch Ride: Wednesday, January 29th

Marsh Landing, 44 N Broadway St., Fellsmere, FL 32948

Leaving: Cracker Barrel at 9am; 10am at McDonald's in Okeechobee

The group will leave Okeechobee headed north on 441 to Yeehaw Junction, then east on Hwy 60, north on 512 to Fellsmere. I have not determined the final return route which will include an ice

cream break if riders want it.

RSVP on Groupworks or to Paul Dreyfus

February 10 Spirit team meeting 11:30 at Duffy's Stuart South February 13 February Gathering

District Events

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

Ray and Claudia Vega have released the dates for the trike and 2-wheel riding skills courses required for the levels program. Please contact Ray and Claudia via email or phone - email: rvega19854@gmail.com or 561-704-7378 to reserve your spot. Space is limited so please let them know if you plan on taking the class. Also as in the past if your home Chapter is in Florida the course is free. But you will need to reserve your spot with a \$30 check which you will get back when you take the class.

These courses are well worth the few hours required. They are fun and we can all use the practice to improve our riding skills. If you have any questions call or email me or Ray and Claudia.

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TRC – Trike Riding Course
Sunday, February 9, 2020
Classroom – 8:00 am
Safety Council of PBC
4152 W Blue Heron Blvd
Riviera Beach, FL 33404 Range work to follow classroom
Wellington Range
2175 Wellington Green Drive
Wellington, FL 33414

BRC2 (equivalent to an experience course) - 2 wheels Sunday, April 5, 2020 Range work only – start 8:00am Wellington Range 2175 Wellington Green Drive Wellington, FL 33414

2020 FLORIDA DISTRICT RALLY
Here is all the info you need to make hotel
reservations and get registered for the 2020
Florida Rally.

Plan to be there for District and Chapter F*U*N



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Florida District Rally - March 19 - 21, 2020 Opens daily at 8:00am

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Vendor Coordinators
Jeff & Lisa Duffey
(813) 748-0770
duffev0770@gmail.com

Preregistrations must be postmarked by March 1, 2020

No refunds after March 1, 2020. After March 1st Registration is \$5.00 higher

\$15 Day Passes will be sold onsite and are good for all events the day of purchase except Thursday night dinner

Submit Registration Forms to:

Geno & Kathie Jette 114 Canis Dr E Orange Park, FL 32073

Make check or money order (US dollars only) payable to Florida GWRRA If you would like registration confirmation, please ensure you provide an email address

Live Entertainment on Friday Guided rides on Friday & Saturday

Register by <u>January 1st, 2020</u> for entry into Early Bird drawing to be awarded to 1 lucky winner at Closing Ceremonies!

Pre-Order Shirts for entry into a drawing for a prize to be awarded to 1 lucky winner at Closing Ceremonies

See website for latest information http://www.gwrraflorida.com/rally.html

Gold Wing Raffle tickets are available to purchase and sell.

- Proceeds provide FREE training for all Florida GWRRA members.
- Did you know that our chapter earns \$1 for every book (\$10) sold!!
- 1st prize New Gold Wing/2nd prize \$1,000/3rd prize \$500
- SELLER of winning ticket, receives a cash prize, too



Thanks ~

To everyone who wrote an article for this month's newsletter: David Morris, Terry Henderson, Marilyn Rich, Jim Rich, Rick Northrup and Sandy Pisano. Thanks for reading!