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Monthly Gathering

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



WEBSITES

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David Morris, Chapter Director

Welcome to 2021. The years are passing by pretty quickly. It seems like it was just yesterday that we were all talking about Y2K as the year 2000 rolled around.

2020 had plenty of challenges for all of us. We did not have any chapter activities for almost 6 months. Now that we are scheduling our Gatherings and group rides again, we are careful to practice the CDC recommendations as our Chapter continues to grow. Happy to report that our prime season events are keeping us all riding and having FUN!

January is the month in which I recognize the Person of the Year from Chapter FL2-O. So, I was pleased to announce at the January Gathering that for the year 2021 Sandy Pisano is our "Person of the Year"! This recognition is awarded to an individual who has worked diligently to help make our Chapter successful. Sandy's discipline and inspired leadership skills have resulted in a coordinated effort by the ladies of our Chapter to develop, promote and facilitate many FUN activities for our Gatherings as well as our festive & well attended Holiday Party that was a huge success! Thank you, Sandy, for the work you do with the Spirit Team and for all you do to enhance Chapter FL2-0!



FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY, KNOWLEDGE

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Chapter Treasurer Jim & Marilyn Rich

Ride Coordinators John & Peggy DuBose

Chapter Educators
Doug and Donna Goethel

Asst Chapter Educators Larry & Tammy Pounds

Chapter Webmaster Barry Covard

Newsletter Editor David Morris

Road Captain John DuBose

TechHerb "Metalflake" Jebb

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



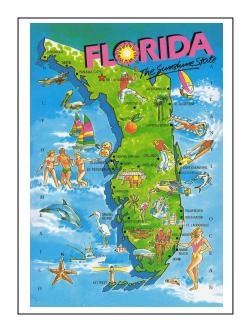
CHAPTERTREASURERS

JIM and MARILYN RICH

ORIENTEERING

By Jim Rich

Orienteering: a competitive sport in which participants find their way to various checkpoints across rough country with the aid of a map and compass, the winner being the one with the lowest elapsed time. Sounds a little like the District Coast to Coast ride doesn't it? As motorcycle riders we try to avoid the "super slabs" and ride the back roads using a map and our nose as a compass. I know a lot of people swear by GPS, but over the years I have never found anything as dependable as a good old-fashioned map. When Marilyn and I go on long trips we get out the necessary maps, aided by Google Maps, and plan every twist and turn. Marilyn then becomes the navigator and I make a point of following her directions explicitly (something she has trained me to do very well). Of course, all this depends on your ability to read a map, something I encourage everyone to become proficient at doing.





Written by Sandy Pisano

WELCOME 2021!!

As our new year begins it is with the hope that all of us remain healthy and that we continue to enjoy each of the days that we are given.

COVID-19 seems to have taken over so many of the activities that we enjoy in our daily lives and the chapter events that enable us to meet with our friends. We are fortunate that John and our other ride captains have planned scenic and interesting rides that include outside dining to keep us safe.

Keeping with the "spirit" and "fun" of Chapter Fl2-O, our team has planned a few activities that we hope you will enjoy. Our next Gathering (February 10) will have a Valentine theme. There will be an awesome Valentine Basket raffle (assembled by Myrta) and dessert brought to you by Sondra. Remember your change for the Jingle Jar. In March, we are hoping that the District Rally will be a "go". We have a beautiful scrapbook, an awesome banner, and a really great diorama that we will enter in the competitions.

April 14 (Gathering) will be our second collection for <u>Food for Families</u>. Our first collection (at the Holiday Gathering) was very successful and very much appreciated. The generosity of our chapter helps so many community families that are in need. Members are asked to bring nonperishable items to any (Feb., March, April) Gathering. Please put items in a reusable tote bag (not plastic). If you are unable to attend the gathering, someone from the spirit team will pick up your nonperishables.

April 17, we will have a picnic at Jonathan Dickinson State Park. Meet at noon, bring your own lunch. Come join us for some FUN!!

Watch for chapter event updates in Groupworks!

If you have ideas for "fun" chapter activities please let the Spirit Team know. Our members are Sondra, Myrta, Percy, Marilyn, Terry, Lena, Laura, Donna, Barb, Nancy, Wanda and Sandy.

On a final note, I want to sincerely thank the chapter for recognizing me as the Individual of the Year. The Spirit Team has been so much fun and I so enjoy the wonderful ladies who bring so much enthusiasm to our meetings. THEY <u>ARE</u> THE SPIRIT OF THE TEAM!! Our next *SPIRIT TEAM* meeting will be February 8, 2021 (Duffys, 6431 SE Fed. Hwy, Stuart) at 11:30. New members are always welcome. If this meeting date changes, the announcement will be in Groupworks.

It is our hope that everyone follows the safety protocols (masks, social distancing and hand washing) that have been shown to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Sandy



Gathering Minutes By Terry Henderson

Chapter Director David Morris called the Gathering to order on Wed. Jan. 13 at the Southern Pig and Cattle Co. Restaurant on U.S. 1 in Stuart. He wished a Happy Birthday to Peggy DuBose and Happy Anniversary to Myrta and Al Colussy and Barry Covard and Nancy Karnell. David presented the Person of the Year Award to Sandy Pisano and thanked her for her outstanding participation in the life of the Chapter and especially her development of the Spirit Team. Her dedicated work & commitment to excellence has resulted in the formation of a dynamic group of Chapter ladies who meet monthly to create and coordinate fun activities for our Gatherings and especially our annual Holiday party. Congratulations, Sandy! You are doing a great job! David called on Marilyn Rich to talk about the Rally tickets. Marilyn said that there are only 10 books left to sell so hurry and get yours today! The winning ticket for the \$10,000 prize will be drawn during the 2021 Florida District Rally from March 18-21.

David invited Sandy Pisano to give us a report on the Spirit Team. Sandy said that the Spirit Team ladies have completed the 'winning' Diorama and Scrapbook featuring the Florida District Rally 'Luck of the Irish' theme. Come check them out at the big event in Altamonte Springs. Sandy also encouraged everyone to drop their loose change into the 'Jingle Jar' so that the Spirit Team can develop more fun and exciting events and another great Holiday party in Dec. Sandy said that the Spirit Team will create a beautiful Valentine Basket filled with goodies that one lucky Chapter member will win, so don't miss the Valentine celebration at the next Gathering on Feb. 10. As we all know, in lieu of the gift exchange at the Holiday Gathering, the Chapter collected almost 300 pounds of food for our neighbors in need. We would like to continue that charitable giving by doing the same thing at our April Gathering. Mark your calendars and bring a cloth bag filled with non-perishable food items to the Gathering on April 14. All your donations will go directly to the House of Hope. The Spirit Team is also planning a ride to Jonathan Dickinson Park for a picnic on Sat. April 17. Bring your own lunch and we'll play games, explore the park and have a FUN time with FRIENDS. All ladies of Chapter FL2-0 are invited to join us at the next Spirit Team meeting on Mon. Feb. 8 at Duffy's on U.S. 1 in south Stuart at 11:30am.

David invited Taylor Paloscio from SkyMed to give a presentation. Taylor said that SkyMed is North America's Premier Emergency Air Transportation Membership Service. SkyMed encourages all Chapter members to wear all the gear, all the time and take rider SAFETY courses but if you ever have an accident, and need the services of a ground ambulance, helicopter ambulance transport or fixed wing ambulance, SkyMed is there for you! SkyMed has been taking people home since 1989. She invited us to protect ourselves from the sky rocketing costs of emergency services. If you suffer a critical illness or injury while traveling, SkyMed takes

you home to the comfort of your own doctors, home hospital and your loved ones. You may reach Taylor at 727-458-7306 or at taylor.paloscio@skymed.com.

Jim Rich let us know that there will be a picnic lunch ride to Timer Powers Park in Indiantown on Sun. Jan. 17. Metalflake did a Tech Talk on how to change the oil on a dual clutch transmission motorcycle. He said that the pan is too close to the ground so you have to jack up the front of the bike to gain access more easily. Jim called for the 50/50 drawing and Allison won the cash! The meeting was adjourned.



JOHN DUBOSE

RIDE COOORDINATOR

John DuBose

FL2-O Chapter Ride Coordinator 772-971-8389 Text or Call FL2oRoadCaptain@comcast.net Treasure Coast Wings

When planning our rides we will be looking for open-air dinning or parks we can have a picnic. So if you have a favorite spot or a location you want to try, let me know.

We've had three rides in the past few weeks





Road Captain John DuBose had 13 bikes and 18 riders out for an enjoyable lunch and ride.

Dune Dog has great open-air casual dining

Cherry Pocket - Lake Wales - Thursday, January 7th

Road Captain Paul Dreyfus had a good group out for his ride to **Cherry Pocket** on beautiful Lake Pierce. After lunch Paul took us to **Maxwell Groves** in Avon Park for out ice-cream break before heading home.

Paul would like to take us on a ride to **Bok Tower** in Lake Wales in February... so let Paul know if you think this would be of interest.





Winter Ride - Sunday, January 17, 2021

Road Captain Jim Rich had 5 wings and nine riders out for a picnic ride with lunch at Timer Powers Park in Indiantown.

FL2-O future rides:

Thursday, January 21st The Mansion in Melbourne - Lead Frank Pellegrino Planning: Crabby Bills - St. Could and/or Crabby Dockside - Fort Pierce Roland Martin's Tiki Bar - Clewiston - ride around Big "O: Lake Placid Ride & Bok Tower in Lake Wales

Florida District Rally - Altamonte Springs - March 18 - 20, 2021
I plan on riding up Wednesday, March 17th if you want to ride along - John

Please remember to renew your GWRRA membership:

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

Barry Covard Frank Pellegrino



2/5 Percy Comstock 2/8 Al Colussy 2/18 John Meisenbacher 2/23 Joe Trotta 2/28 Jim Cuff



SUNSHINE WISHES TO

Claudia Vega

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

01/19 Al and Myrta Colussy 01/20 Barry & Nancy

RIDER EDUCATION Dominick & Diane DeSiato District Educators





RIDING CLASSES January 2021

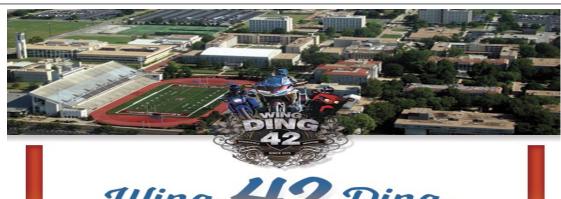
Greetings,

We hope you had a wonderful holiday. If you had personal contact with friends and family, we hope all you brought home with you were great presents and fond memories. The Corona Virus Vaccine is beginning to be administered. When vaccinations are distributed and the results are noteworthy, we can all get back to a normal life. That means gatherings and riding and training can resume as usual.

We had a successful Two-Wheel Riding Class (BRC2u) on November 22nd in Largo, FL. The members that attended were able to achieve the necessary credit to maintain their Levels status. We will schedule more Two or Three-Wheel Classes when I receive a request from Chapter Directors or CSEAs with enough members to fill a class of 12. The usual deposit of \$30.00 to hold a spot in the class is to be collected by the Chapter and held until successful completion of the class. If the member completes the class, they will get their \$30.00 deposit returned to them. Out of state members who wish to take a class here in Florida will have to pay the \$50.00 GWRRA fee (Non-refundable). A Chapter can invite a potential new member candidate to participate in one of the Riding Classes. That person would have to pay the \$50.00 fee (Non-refundable) or the Chapter that is recruiting them could pay the fee.

The weather is getting cooler or colder for riding. Be reminded of the dangers of hypothermia. Dress in layers so as the day's temperature progressively gets warmer you can begin to peel off layers of clothing. Remember electronic gear liners, gloves and even socks work the best without the bulk and storage issues you get with a lot of clothing. The price of electronic gear may seem expensive and cost prohibitive, but, if you add up the amount money you spend on layers of clothing you may see that the cost is not really that bad. Once you buy electronic gear it lasts forever. In Florida you only wear it a couple of months a year and then properly store it until next winter. I am currently using electronic gear that is 20 years old and it still works fine.

WING DING '42 June 29-July 3, 2021 Springfield, MO



Wing 42 Ding

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FOLLOW WING DING

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

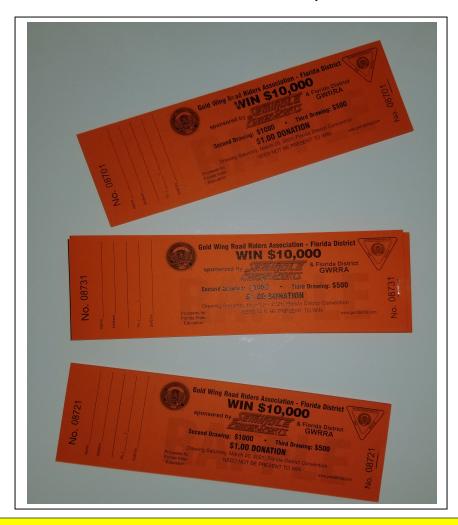
Information below for hotel reservations and registration for the 2021 Florida Rally.

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





Purchase your GOLD WING Raffle Tickets! You could win \$10,000.



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 \$10,000 2nd prize \$1,000 3rd prize \$500
- 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, John DuBose, Terry Henderson, Sandy Pisano and Dominick DeSiato. Thanks for reading!