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Monthly Gathering

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

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David Morris, Chapter Director

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Treasurer:

Following their three year tenure, Jim and Marilyn Rich announced their retirement as Treasurer effective Jan.2022. I will miss their significant contributions in so many ways. We were very fortunate to have them participate in the activities of the Chapter not only as Treasurer but in many other capacities as well. Most significantly, they were Ride leaders! They also handled the 50/50 tickets, Chapter shirt sales & March Rally ticket sales & they submitted monthly articles to our Newsletter. The position of Chapter Treasurer is a key role that Jim & Marilyn filled to distinction & it is also required to keep the chapter from being closed. Therefore, I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Joe Trotta** as our new Treasurer. Joe has been a member of our Chapter since 2005 and is well suited to take on the responsibility as Treasurer. He is a professional Financial Planner with a lifetime of work in that field. Welcome and thank you for taking on our Chapter Treasurer role.

Couple of the Year:

The role of Couple of the Year is a way for me to recognize the contributions of members who have helped to enhance and support the well being of our Chapter over the previous year. Therefore, it is my pleasure to announce that Doug and Donna Goethel are our Couple of the Year for 2022. Thank you both for your outstanding service to Chapter FL2-O. Donna has been a big help by taking over as Web Master and using her skill and expertise to bring our website up to date. And Doug has done an extremely good job as our Rider Educator. As we all know, the past two years have been more than challenging. Our MFA, ARC and TRIKE courses were all put on hold. But, when Doug came on board, he worked diligently and succeeded in getting our Levels Program started again. He scheduled a very informative MFA (Medic First Aid) course taught by Claudia Vega and now we have dates on the Feb. calendar for our TRC (TRIKE) and ARC (Advanced Rider Course). Great job, Doug and Donna!

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Couple of the Year 2022
Doug and Donna Goethel

Person of the Year 2021
Sandy Pisano

Spirit Team Chair
Sandy Pisano

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FORMER CHAPTER TREASURERS

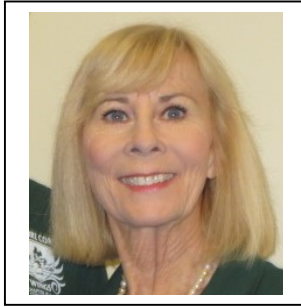
JIM and MARILYN RICH

Our Ride

By Jim Rich

Marilyn's and my first experience with riding was on a 350cc Czechoslovakian Jawa during our college years. When that was replaced by four wheels it was another thirty years before we returned to riding on a friend's Yamaha 750 Virago. In 2005, Marilyn insisted we get serious about riding, so we bought a Honda VTX 1300. We put over 20,000 miles on that bike, including several trips into the Blue Ridge and on up to Leesburg, Virginia. In 2008, we upgraded to a Honda Goldwing, which was used for a cross country trip to California and then up the Pacific Coast Highway to Seattle before heading back east, just one of many long-distance rides. In 2017, we had an opportunity to trade up to a leftover 2016 Gold Wing. In addition to the great bikes we've owned, we've lost track of all the bikes we've rented. Our years of riding spanned 16 years, 28 states including Hawaii and Canada, 150,000 miles, and such great roads as the Pacific Coast Highway, the Natchez Trace, the Great River Road, the Blue Ridge Parkway and Skyline Drive, The Arkansas Pig Trail, Colorado, Beartooth Pass, the Road to the Sun, and, thanks to Road Captain John DuBose, practically every back road in the state of Florida. We've enjoyed our rides tremendously, but one of the greatest benefits has been the magnificent people we've met in the process!





January Gathering

By Terry Henderson, MEC

Welcome: The first Chapter FL2-0 Gathering of 2022 took place on Wed. Jan. 12 at the Southern Pig and Cattle Co. Restaurant on US 1 in Stuart. After calling the Gathering to order, Chapter Director David Morris wished Peggy DuBose a Happy Birthday and Myrta & Al Colussy a Happy Anniversary and thanked Myrta for making the delicious desserts tonight. David asked Jim Rich to stand and announced that Jim has decided to retire as Treasurer. David thanked Jim for the great work he and Marilyn have provided the Chapter over the last 3 years as Treasurer and wished them well in the future. David then announced that Joe Trotta will be taking Jim's place. Everyone thanked Jim for his excellent service and congratulated Joe as he takes over as Treasurer.

Florida District Rally: David proceeded to talk about the Florida District Rally coming up on March 17-19. He called for a show of hands of those who plan to attend and most members raised their hands. David encouraged everyone to register now for their accommodations at the Hilton Hotel in Altamonte Springs, if they haven't done so already. The District needs to know as soon as possible how many members will be in attendance. Claudia added that the Hilton Hotel has promised to provide a very meticulous environment where we will all be safe. The discounted rate of only \$120 a night includes 2 very nice breakfasts. David asked if anyone wanted to ride up on Thurs. morning as a group and John DuBose, who traditionally leads the rides, said that he was leaving on Wed. As the new Assistant District Ride Coordinator, he needs to be at the Rally one day earlier to prepare. Greg and Percy said that they plan to ride up on Thurs. morning at the crack of dawn (6am) and if anyone wants to join them, they are welcome. Anyone who wants to lead the ride at 9am on Thurs. please let David (tailgunner) know.

Ride Report: David invited Ride Coordinator John DuBose to give a Ride Report. John said that he led a group of 10 riders on Wed. Jan. 5 to enjoy lunch at Scott's Tiki Bar at Roland Martin's Mariana in Clewiston. John said that the lunch was good and it was nice to see a good turn-out including Willard. John said that he plans to lead another ride to Archie's in Fort Pierce next week. Check GroupWorks for more details. John also mentioned that the District is encouraging all the chapters to go on group rides with other chapters. So John is going to Winter Haven to meet up with the Wauchula Chapter and ride to Adlers Restaurant in Winter Haven. If you are interested in joining John on this ride to Winter Haven, let him know.

Couple of the Year: David asked Doug and Donna Goethel to stand and be recognized as the new Couple of the Year for 2022. As Rider Educator, Doug has been instrumental in working with Dominick DeSiato in developing the upcoming ARC and TRIKE courses in Melbourne and as our new Webmaster, Donna has updated our Chapter FL2-0 Website and made it timely and relevant. Thank you for all you have done to help our Chapter thrive. Congratulations on being named Chapter FL2-0 Couple of the Year for 2022!

ARC & TRIKE Classes: Ride Educator Doug Goethel announced that the ARC course has been scheduled for Mon. Feb. 7 in Melbourne. There are 4 bikes enrolled in the ARC course. The TRIKE course is on Wed. Feb. 9 and we have 4 bikes enrolled in the TRIKE course. All

participants of the ARC and TRIKE courses must secure their reservation with a \$30 check which will be refunded on the day of their course. GWRRA pays for all of our courses through the March Rally ticket sales. Claudia added that if you are a co-rider, you must go through all of the exercises in order to pass the Melbourne course but if you are not going to Melbourne for instruction, co-riders can take a 90 minute co-rider seminar on line that Claudia is offering. We need at least 4 co-riders in order to set it up so see Claudia if you are interested. Claudia shared the fact that the courses are established on a 3 year cycle and every other cycle requires a range course AND a classroom course. Claudia said she has been a member of GWRRA for 39 years ever since 1983 and that District Directors Bill and Cheryl Smith joined just one month later so they have also been members of GWRRA for 39 years. Congratulations, Claudia, Bill & Cheryl.

Knowledge & Safety: Our Ride Coordinator John DuBose wanted to reiterate the importance of riding SAFELY! He said that it is imperative that everyone takes the ARC and TRIKE courses in order keep their KNOWLEDGE and LEVELS up. He said that Doug Goethel had been working for months with District Educator Dominick DeSiato to get the courses scheduled in Melbourne. Finally, now that they are scheduled, we should show a great deal of enthusiasm, have a large turn-out and take advantage of these courses. We want to get everyone's LEVELS up to date. GWRRA has extended the grace period to June 2022 but don't wait, sign up for these courses now!

Spirit Team: Sandy Pisano announced that the Spirit Team met on Sat. Jan. 8 and reviewed the success of the Christmas party in Dec. The theme of Red Trucks was a huge hit and Sondra and Jim did a terrific job with the Red Truck table centerpieces. After some brain storming, the Spirit Team ladies unanimously selected 'Let it Snow' as next year's theme. We will also do our Food for Families drive for Easter and Thanksgiving. All non-perishable items may be collected and brought to the Gatherings in Feb., March and April for the Easter Food Drive and Sept., Oct. and Nov. for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. The beautiful baskets that the Spirit Team ladies create and raffle off have always been well received so we will create a basket for the March Gathering with a theme of 'spring.' If you wish to donate spring items, bring them to the Gathering in Feb. and Sandy and Myrta will be happy to collect them. We are also developing another FUN Picnic at Jonathan Dickinson Park scheduled for May 15. Sandy is also collecting chapter pictures to use in the Diorama for the March Rally so if you have any pictures, please send them via email to Sandy Pisano. Also, wear your green Chapter FL2-0 shirts to the Gathering in Feb. so we can take a group shot in front of our Chapter Banner for the Diorama. The next Spirit Team meeting will be on Sat. Feb. 5 at 12:15pm at Duffy's in South Stuart. All the Chapter ladies are invited!

Motorist Awareness: Lena said that she has been in contact with the Elliott Museum and they would love to have us set up our tent and provide Motorist Awareness information at their Antique Car Show on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Therefore, the next Motorist Awareness Event will be at the Elliott Museum on Jan. 25 at 4-7pm. We'd love to have everyone show up in their green shirts to help spread the word. Claudia, who is her Chapter's Motorist Awareness coordinator, said that there is a national competition with a Gold Award given to a member who has accumulated the most points for talking to people about Motorist Awareness. This is a good incentive to get credit for communicating the message of SAFE driving and 'Look Twice for Motorcycles' to all the people you meet. Encourage people to be courteous drivers...don't weave in and out and remember to use your turn signals.

Winners: Lena and Leo Valcourt won a gift bag and the 50/50 cash. Jim Rich won a gift bag. David thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the Gathering.

January Photos:





HAVE YOU HEARD?? “SPIRIT TEAM HAPPENINGS”

Submitted by: Sandy Pisano (Chairperson)

Happy New Year to all of our chapter members! 2021 has certainly made a name for itself! With all that has been happening, our chapter continues to thrive and to offer support and concern for each member of our Gold Wing family.

Last year found the Spirit Team planning activities to support our chapter as well as our community. I would like to recap a few of our 2021 highlights. We had two “Food for Families” drives that benefitted our local House of Hope. Chapter support was amazing and much appreciated. We had a wonderful time at our picnic at Jonathan Dickinson State Park. The weather was perfect and rousing games of Bingo were enjoyed by all. Our team continues to support our chapter’s Motorist Awareness events which are so important to all of us who ride. Many of us participated in our District Rally in Altamonte Springs. Our chapter had the second largest number (22) of attendees. The Spirit Team placed first in the diorama contest and a beautiful scrapbook was entered in the competition. Our team supports our monthly Gatherings by providing scrumptious desserts and an occasional basket raffle. Funds from these raffles and our “Jingle Jar” are used throughout the year for our planned activities. The year ended with a fabulous Christmas Party where we had lots of fun and many red trucks on display.

As we enter 2022, the Spirit Team has many more “Fun” ideas in the works. I love the camaraderie of the group of ladies that give their time to attend Spirit Team planning meetings. We meet once a month to review and plan for upcoming events. Their creativity and project ideas enhance not only our chapter events, but also the GWRRA agenda that espouses the motto: Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge.

The Spirit Team is also getting geared up for the District Rally. As always, we have a great time at this event. We hope to see all of you there!

Do you have “Fun” ideas that support our chapter? If so, let us know. The Spirit Team always welcomes new members. Ladies, if you want to join us, come to one of our monthly meetings. Our next meeting will be February 5, 2022. We meet at Duffy’s in South Stuart (12:15pm).

Again, we wish everyone a safe and healthy 2022.

“Think deeply, speak gently, love much, laugh aloud, work hard, give freely, and be kind.”

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,

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JOHN DUBOSE

CHAPTER RIDE COORDINATOR

Notes from: John DuBose FL2-O Chapter Ride Coordinator & FL District Assistant Ride Coordinator

Winter riding season is here and we've had a couple good rides to start 2022. After a warm December, January has started off with a few cold days and rain. I try and plan rides around the weather when they are rides for pleasure. It's great that we have had a few new riders this season. We always look forward to see *"Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"*.

FL2-O first ride of the season Wednesday, January 5th was a success. We had eight bikes and 10 riders out for a ride around Lake Okeechobee "Big O". We had a good lunch at Roland Martin's Mariana - Tiki Bar in Clewiston. The service and food were good. They were happy to have us!

FL2-O second ride January 20th with a good turn-out. We met up in Stuart and rode AIA to Fort Pierce for lunch at Archie's Seabreeze which has been a fixture since 1949. Open-air dining with a casual fare. We had seven wings and seven riders out today for a great day of riding. I had a Gold Book call from Tommy Whalen from New Jersey. He was going to be in the Stuart area for the winter and I got him on Group Works so he can meet-up with us.

Service Notes: I needed a new set of Dunlap Elite 4 tires for my 2012 Gold Wing. I've heard tires are in short supply, so I stopped by Florida Sports. Parts manager Brent had them in stock, I went ahead and purchased them. Then I went to the service department, new service manager Don Gehring. Wow, what a difference, how can I help you and when would you like us to put them on and service while I wait. That was great service. Give Don and Brent a chance if you're in need of something for your Gold Wing and check out the "Loyalty Card" which gives you cash value on future purchases. Ask Brent for the details before you buy something. John

I will post future rides on Group Works, keep an eye out for some good riding. Chapter Ride Coordinator John DuBose



Tiki Bar in Clewiston



Archie's Seabreeze in Fort

Dominick & Diane DeSiato

District Educators RIDER EDUCATION



Levels Class

Hello all,

We hope you had a joyous holiday. We hope the New Year will be full of great new rides and experiences.

Florida District Riding and MFA Classes are available upon request to maintain you Levels status. For ARC and TRC Classes contact Dominick at Dominickflde@gmail.com. For MFA Classes contact Claudia at rvega19854@gmail.com.

We conducted 3 ARC Class Groups on December 18th in Ft. Myers, FL. A total of 17 Members successfully completed the courses. A special thanks to Members of FL2-G for their assistance in securing a Riding Site and cleaning off the lot for painting. The New ARC Course is now painted at that location and will be used for all future classes. We think you will enjoy the New ARC Course.

December 31st 2021 is the end of the Grace Period for not having to take the Classroom Section of a Riding Class. As of January 1st 2022 we will return to the regular rotation of a Classroom Portion being included every other Class. To remain current in the Levels Program Riders must take a Riding Course every 3 years. When a Classroom Section is included your next Riding Course that requires the Classroom will be 6 years from that date. Whether or not a Member is required to take the Classroom Portion is determined on an individual basis.

The procedures for requesting a class will be conducted in the following manner: A Chapter Director or CSEA can survey their group to see which of their members want to take either the ARC or TRC. They should also decide on a tentative date for the class. This information is to be forwarded to me so I can check on the available of a riding site. If all is agreed upon, I would then want the CD or CSEA to collect and hold a \$30.00 deposit which is refundable upon completion of the course. Visiting Members from out-of-state who are not also listed as a Member of a Florida Chapter will be required to pay a \$50.00 non-refundable fee for a Riding Course. If a Chapter does not have enough members to fill a class I will advertise the Class on Group Works to get enough members to fill the Class. I also take individual member requests which I will keep in a file and use to fill in any openings in a class.

Florida is in need of Rider Instructors for both the ARC and TRC Riding Courses. It is both rewarding and fun to teach these classes. You, as an Instructor will learn invaluable safety information and riding techniques that you will pass on to your fellow GWRRA Members. If you are interested in becoming a Rider Instructor please contact me and I can advise you how to proceed. We are here to assist you with your training needs.

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 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:

February

Jeff & Roxanne Dulany



February Birthdays

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



February Anniversary's

None

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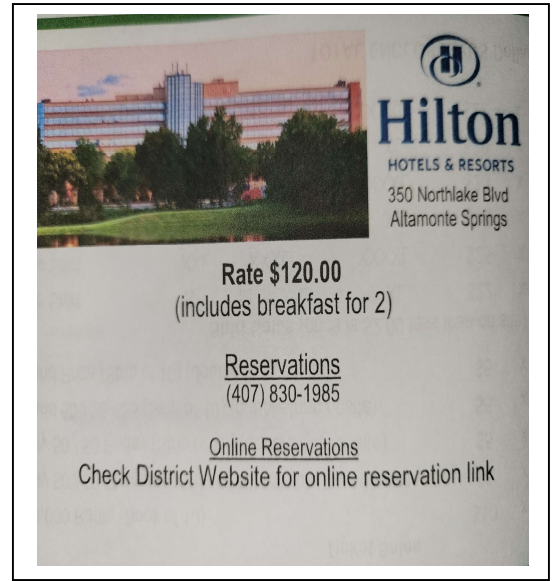
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Thanks ~To everyone who wrote an article for this month's Newsletter: David Morris, Terry Henderson, Marilyn Rich, Jim Rich, John DuBose, Sandy Pisano and Dominick DeSiato.
Thanks for reading!

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