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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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WEBSITES

FL2-O: www.fl2o.org

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Wishing all a Happy Father's Day

June has arrived bringing an abrupt change in our weather. Temperatures jumped to the 90's and afternoon rains are a regular event; therefore, we are transitioning to Breakfast rides a little earlier this year than normal.

The Alabama Rally is just around the corner and several of our Chapter members will make the ride to Alabama. As expected, due to family vacations and traveling to fun places like the rally, our summer attendance levels will be diminishing. We look forward to hearing your travel stories in the fall.

I am again reminded that GWRRA is a great place to make life-long friends as demonstrated by Sandy Pisano who went to visit Amelia Thorpe following the passing of our long-time friend and Chapter member Gary Thorpe. Amelia told Sandy that she has decided to return to New Jersey to be closer to her children. She will find an apartment and re-establish herself in the familiar area where she lived prior to moving to Florida. We wish Amelia all the best!

David Morris, Chapter Director

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50/50
Bud Parish

Couple of the Year 2019
Jim & Sondra Cuff

Person of the Year 2019
Bud Parish

Spirit Team Chair
Sandy Pisano



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JIM and MARILYN RICH

MIRACLE EAR

by Jim Rich

No, I'm not referring to the hearing aid company. I've never liked the wind noise that's always been prevalent at highway speeds, nor do I like wearing "foamy" ear plugs that muffle everything. I tried a full-face helmet, but that seemed even noisier than my three-quarter helmet with a face shield. I read an article about musician's ear plugs that block noise above certain frequencies or decibels, so I decided to do some research. Wing World had a blurb about a company that made that type of ear plug that marketed specifically to motorcycle riders and drag racers. When I went on their website their "low price" model started around \$1,800, so that eliminated them. I talked with an audiologist who offered to custom fit a pair for around \$150, and, while I seriously considered that option, I decided to do a Google search. On Amazon, which has everything from knee replacement parts to shoelaces, I found an ear plug made by Alpine that comes with two filters. One filter blocks around 50% of the surrounding noise, while the second filter blocks 75 – 80% of the noise. What I found was that with filter number two the wind noise was completely blocked, but still allowed me to hear my headset speakers clearly and distinctly. The icing on the cake was that they were only \$19, made of soft silicone for comfort, and have a screw-top metal carrying case.





June 2019 GATHERING

WRITTEN BY
Terry Henderson, MEC



Chapter Director, David Morris called the meeting to order and wished several members Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary. He also reminded everyone that the raffle tickets for the new Goldwing are now available and if you are interested in selling some to friends and family on your summer vacations, please see him.

Next, David asked our members to relate their experiences with Rescue Plus, the repair and towing service available through our GWRRA membership. Although there have been a few problems, most everyone felt that they had a comparatively good experience

Sandy Pisano announced that the Yard Sale was a big success. There was a great deal of participation by many Chapter members and the donations including lots of household goods and clothes were excellent. We earned \$210 which will help the Spirit Team with many projects.

Claudia and Ray brought a list to David regarding the levels in the Rider's Education program. They said that there are several people in Chapter FL2-O who have not taken some of the classes. There is a new ride course called BRC2, Basic Riding Course 2. People who formerly had ERC are eligible for BRC2 which is taught on the range in Wellington. Claudia and Ray plan to teach at least one TRC, one BRC2, a Road Captain's course & another CPR class. All classes will be available after Jan. 1, 2020.

Claudia reminded everyone to sign on to Group Works, our National communication tool.

Jim Rich gave a ride report and said that our Chapter participated in the District Connect the Dots ride. We met up with others from FL2-A. Dave and Terry and Jim and Marilyn made a U-turn after lunch; however, Bob Stauffer continued the Connect the Dots ride to Daytona and across the state to Inverness. The chapter decided to do breakfast rides during the rest of the hot summer months. The next ride will be to Bob Evans in St. Lucie West on June 30.

At the July meeting, there will be a drawing for the winner of the first half of year ride raffle!

Metalflake gave a report that he had a medical incident while riding north in St. Augustine. He was in the hospital for 9 days and then in rehab for 11 days. We're glad you're back with us & are feeling well.

Thanks to Myrta for providing delicious cookies for dessert.

Metalflake won the 50/50 raffle drawing and Jim adjourned the meeting.



CHAPTER SCRAPBOOK

Written by Tammy Pounds & Myrta Colussy

Two crafty members of the Spirit Team have volunteered to put together the chapter scrapbook. It's a big job, so they have already begun, and they are collecting pictures and memorabilia from chapter rides and other activities.

All members of the chapter have been contributing to the scrapbook – another team effort by Treasure Coast Wings!

The chapter scrapbook will be entered in the competition at the Florida Rally in March 2020.

MOTORISTS AWARENESS

Written by Barb Parish

All the green shirts in the back room at Southern Pig & Cattle attracted attention from the other guests at our June 12th gathering. As we were leaving, one of them asked what our club was all about.

I told them we are Goldwing motorcycle riders and they graciously agreed to put bumper stickers on their cars to warn motorists to watch for motorcycles! Here's a picture of me giving bumper stickers to them.

Always remember to be courteous and nice when you are wearing your chapter shirt because it reflects on not only your chapter, but also all other motorcycle riders!



CHAPTER RIDES



June 7, 2020, Thirsty Turtle Sea Grille Lunch Ride: We had a good turnout and the rain gods were watching out for us as we rode down Jupiter Island and US 1 to the Thirsty Turtle in Juno Beach. After a great lunch (way too much to eat) and good service we mounted up for a ride up A1A to check out the ocean to see if we should have brought our surf boards. The seas were calm, so we were glad we didn't ask our riders to carry the boards. Road Captains Jim & Marilyn were professionally assisted by tail gunners Joe and Sandy with Greg and Percy and Bud and Barb filling in the parade. We arrived home with an additional 70 miles on our steed.

Written by Jim Rich, Road Captain



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

6/24 Allison Meisenbacher
 6/27 Dave Morris
 6/29 Michael Smutek
 7/12 Marilyn Rich
 7/18 Sharon Montgomery
 7/21 Karen Goddard
 7/21 George Scholes
 7/22 Richard Maneage
 7/24 Paul Dreyfus
 7/28 Tammy Pounds



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

7/16 Jim & Sondra Cuff
 7/24 John & Allison Meisenbacher



SUNSHINE WISHES TO

Metalflake



STAYING CONNECTED

NEWS FROM OUR SNOWBIRDS



Willard & Wanda Hackett - Maryland

Willard says "I got my Goldwing out of the shed on Friday and it has been raining off and on ever since so I have only taken one ride on Friday PM. Raining again this morning.

We signed up for Wingers & Waves cruise to Cuba. Since travel to Cuba is restricted, the cruise has changed to late November and is re-routed to Fort Lauderdale, Labadee, Haiti, and Falmouth, Jamaica.

Ron & Sharon Montgomery - Ohio

Since we returned to Ohio, Ron has been doing some work and Sharon takes care of our active 11-year old granddaughter a couple days each week. But recently we spent a couple weeks at a campground in Bryson City, North Carolina, near the Great Smoky National Park.

The campgrounds are owned by our old friend John Monteith, who we met about five years ago when we stayed at Outdoor World Camping Resort in Port St. Lucie West. The campground is directly on the trout stream called Deepcreek. Here's a picture of the Indian Run Water Falls on Deepcreek. It's a beautiful spot to just relax enjoy the quiet and to listen to the water rapids outside the window.





SPIRIT TEAM

Written by Sandy Pisano



HAVE YOU HEARD

As you may have heard our recent **spring yard sale** brought in \$210. Everyone pitched in arranging and selling all the many bargains that were donated. Helpers included Bud, Barb, Jim Rich, Jim Cuff, Al, Myrta, Joe, Sandy, Bob Feehrer, Barry, Percy, Greg, Tammy, Larry, and Dave. A special thanks also goes out to John Dubose who sent a cash donation since he was unable to attend.

Sondra did not attend the yard sale due to her recent surgery, but she was able to meet us at Duffy's for our post yard sale lunch. It was great to see her! Also, thanks to Sondra for making all of the arrangements with Minsky's for our event. What a wonderful team effort! Thanks to all for a great day!

Watch Groupworks for information on upcoming **Kick Tires** in July, August and September. These dinner events will be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Please remember to RSVP. I'd like to remind you to please RSVP via GroupWorks because that way the attendee list is available to multiple people who might be getting involved in making the reservations.

Summer is here and many of our chapter members are travelling or just staying cool at home. We hope to hear about your adventures and perhaps read about them our newsletter.

The Spirit Team also will be taking the summer off to travel and enjoy the sunshine. We will continue to work on planning FUN events for our chapter. Please feel free to share your thoughts and ideas for future activities. Enjoy your summer, stay cool, and ride safe.

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



RIDER EDUCATION

Written by Rick Northrup



Well, I think it's official, WE ARE IN THE RAINY SEASON!! Forget about Love Bugs! Watch out for water holes!! I know the ole adage here in Florida, "if you don't like the weather just wait ten minutes it'll change". Well, it sure hasn't held to that lately. Least ways not around my area. Been raining almost all day every day for the past several weeks. Okay, I know we have been needing the rain but, not all at once please. Sheesh

On a serious note, if you do get out to ride in between some of the "liquid sunshine" and get caught in the wet stuff please do be careful. Be mindful that the two-wheeler can and does have the ability to hydroplane, even though the front tire throws the water away from the rear tire. Trikes have a quicker tendency to hydroplane, due to the front tire throwing the water out to the side where the rear tires will run over the runoff. If you find yourself in this situation just reduce your throttle, square your handlebars and don't panic. Whatever you do, do not apply your brakes. As your speed reduces, you should regain traction and control.

With this unpredictable Florida rainy season ahead of us for the next several months, prudent planning and common sense are the words of the day.

If you have any questions concerning your status in the Levels Program, please feel free to contact me any time. I am here to assist you in any way I can. Are you needing to re-certify in your CPR/FA or maybe a riding class? I can check that out for you if necessary. I can get the classes set up. We will make it happen! Just let me know. Until then please remember to~~~

Ride Safe, Ride Aware,

Rick Northrup
Sr District Educator

STAYING CONNECTED



MORE NEWS FROM OUR SNOWBIRDS



JOHN DUBOSE - VIRGINIA

My riding buddy Jim took me on many curvy roads up to the Blue Ride Parkway where we rode down to Meadow of Dan then picked up Rt 58 which is a good ride to Stuart, VA, for lunch. After lunch we rode over to Bassett, VA, which was a big furniture making company... still in business but much smaller.

Then I remembered Chapter VA-X in Salem was having their Gathering at 3PM. Chapter X is probably the most active chapter in the southwest Virginia area.

Great day for a ride and visitation.

BARRY AND NANCY COVARD- ON THE ROAD

We spent eight days in beautiful Brown County State Park in Indiana visiting Nancy's daughter and grandkids in Bloomington, Indiana, enjoying the beautiful warm sunny days. Now heading north to Berrien Springs, Michigan, to spend a week near my second daughter. Currently temperatures are in the 50s, windy, wet and cold. Missing those hot summer days now! After this we will head west to visit Nancy's brother in Iowa, then north to visit her sister in Minnesota, before driving across North Dakota and Missouri and finally heading to our destination of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where we begin our RV group tour for the next two months through Canada and Alaska! Hoping to find some warmer weather than we have right now! See you all in the fall!



LARRY AND TAMMY POUNDS



Tammy & Larry are planning to be out of town until Nov. 1, so we wish them a great summer in Georgia where they plan to renovate their home.

Good luck to you!

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

FL2-O JUNE 2019 Ride Schedule

Join the Ride Raffle- Drawings at July Gathering and December Christmas Party

Sunday, June 30, 2019 – FL2-O Breakfast to Bob Evans, Port St Lucie

Lead: Road Captain Jim Rich

Leave: 8:30 Stuart Cracker Barrel (I-95 & Kanner)

RSVP: Jim Rich 561-748-9710 text/phone or richtrader3@gmail.com

RSVP: GWRRA Group Works – Quick and Easy

SUMMER KICK TIRES- Dinner at 5:30

Come on 2 /3/ or 4 wheels

CANCELLED Wednesday, June 26 Outback, CANCELLED

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.

- July 24 Applebees, 10501 S US Hwy 1, PSL, 34952
- August 28 Duffy's, 6431 SE Federal Hwy, Stuart (south of Cove Road)
- September 25 Bonefish Mac, 662 SE Becker Rd, PSL, 34984

JULY GATHERING – WEDNESDAY, JULY 10 SOUTHERN PIG AND CATTLE

FL2-A EVENT

July 28: Christmas in July hosted by FL2-A, Burt Aaronson County Park located at 11200 Park Access Rd in Boca Raton. (10:30 AM - 1:30 PM).

The purpose is to bring our local chapters together to help us spread some Christmas joy to deserving children at our Annual Santa Sleigh Ride held in December. And let's not forget the FUN, Food and Friends we have when we all get together!

We ask you bring an unwrapped toy per person valued \$10 - \$15 for a child aged 4-7 and a small covered dish or snack to share. Chapter FL2-A will provide the burgers, dogs and water!

STATE RALLY'S

Alabama Rally, Eufaula, June 20-22

Virginia Rally, Roanoke, June 27-29

Mississippi Rally, Gulfport October 17-19

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

WING DING

Wing Ding 41, Nashville, TN

August 27—31, 2019

FLORIDA DISTRICT RIDE-IN (SEE DETAILS ON GROUPWORKS)

October 25-27 Sunrise to Sunset

CHRISTMAS PARTY – SAVE THE DATE- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

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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 Group Code: GWRRA2

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Titusville	8:00 - 6:00
Yulee	8:00 - 6:00
Daytona	8:00 - 6:00
Orlando	8:00 - 6:00
Fort Pierce	8:00 - 6:00
St. Cloud	8:00 - 6:00
Winter	8:00 - 6:00

<u>Riders Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>GWRRA #</u>
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<u>Riders or Co-Riders Name (circle one)</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>GWRRA #</u>
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<u>Street Address, City, State & Zip Code</u>		
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<u>Phone #</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	
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<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Chapter Position</u>	<u>District or Team GWRRA Position</u>
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I/We agree to hold harmless GWRRA, co-sponsoring organizations and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved because of participation in this rally. I/we have read this waiver and acknowledge with signature(s) below:		
<u>Signature</u>	<u>Signature</u>	
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Date: _____	Is this your first-time attending the Florida Rally? Yes No	
GWRRA Members	\$35 x _____	= _____
Non-Members	\$40 x _____	= _____
Under 12 (Dinner on Thursday extra, See below)	Free x _____	= _____
Sit Down Dinner - Thursday Night	\$10 x _____	= _____
*** Fully registered attendees only ***		
Ticket Sales		
Gold Wing Raffle (Book of 10)	\$10 x _____	= _____
50 / 25 / 25 (Strip of 10) (double than received onsite)	\$5 x _____	= _____
Grand Prize (Strip of 10) (double than received onsite)	\$5 x _____	= _____
Shirt Sales (price is \$2.00 less than on site)		
Polo Shirt S M L XL	\$22 x _____	= _____
Polo Shirt XXL XXXL XXXXL	\$25 x _____	= _____
T-Shirt S M L XL	\$18 x _____	= _____
T-Shirt XXL XXXL XXXXL	\$20 x _____	= _____
Long Sleeve S M L XL	\$20 x _____	= _____
Long Sleeve XXL XXXL XXXXL	\$22 x _____	= _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED (US Dollars Only) \$ _____		

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

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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 **January 1st, 2020** 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.gwrfflorida.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, Jim Rich, Tammy Pounds and Myrta Colussy, John DuBose, Sandy Pisano, Barb Parish, Ron Montgomery, Nancy Karnell, Willard Hackett and Rick Northrop. Thanks for reading!