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

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*David Morris*, Chapter Director

I am happy to announce that Leo and Lena Valcourt have agreed to assume responsibility for our Motor Awareness program. It has been several years since we have had a member from our chapter in this important role, so, thank you both for taking on this vital activity for us.

Several days ago a large contingency of our FL2-O membership was in attendance at the 2021 Florida District Rally. I was informed that our chapter had the second largest number of attendees this year (only those that had preregistered were part of that statistic). Thanks to all for your enthusiastic participation and I hope you all had a great time!

I also want to thank those who participated in the District Raffle tickets by both purchasing and selling tickets. We did much better than I expected (750 tickets) considering the shorter selling season. According to the District Educators, the total sales were enough to cover all the prize money payouts and a few dollars to put into the District education programs.

Our spring ride season is alive and well, thanks to John and his road captains, Jim and Paul. All of this year's ride destinations were scheduled in restaurants with outdoor seating and many of them were first time locations for our Chapter.

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**Chapter Educators**  
Doug and Donna Goethel

**Asst Chapter Educators**  
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Barry Covard

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David Morris

**Chapter Ride Coordinator**  
John DuBose

**Tech**  
Herb "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



## CHAPTER TREASURERS

**JIM and MARILYN RICH**

## ADVANCED RIDER COURSE

By Jim Rich

The Advanced Rider Course, ARC, was developed by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. The Foundation is the internationally recognized developer of the comprehensive, research-based, Rider Education and Training System (RETS). The ARC class is a one-day course providing more in-depth riding techniques and procedures than does the basic riding course required by Florida for the motorcycle endorsement. In the past Ray Vega taught the Experienced Rider Course in Miami and Wellington (as well as several other locations) on courses that were not designed to handle the ARC. Now Dominic DeSiato, the District Rider Educator, is teaching the ARC in Tampa and at a new course set up in Melbourne at the dog track. Dominic is currently working with our chapter Rider Educator, Doug Goethel, to schedule a rider course at the Melbourne location. Doug needs to know who is interested and whether they prefer a weekday or weekend for the one-day course.





## HAVE YOU HEARD??

As spring approaches, our thoughts lead us to beautiful days of riding and spending time outdoors.

That brings us to an event that the Spirit Team is planning for April 10<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for a “Picnic in the Park”. Our picnic will take place at Jonathan Dickinson State Park in Hobe Sound. This spectacular park offers many things to do. Visit the Education Center (exhibits, interactive displays, photography, and art), paddle the wild and scenic Loxahatchee River, bike on off road trails, climb to the highest natural point in South Florida, hike over seventeen miles of scenic woodlands, enjoy a two-hour guided pontoon boat and hear about local legend Trapper Nelson, visit the concession stand, gator watch, bird watch, smell the flowers, or just simply relax and enjoy the company of our Goldwing friends.

We are also going to use our picnic as a Motorist Awareness opportunity. Brochures and information will be available to those park visitors that stop by to admire our bikes and chat.

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

**WHEN:** *APRIL 10, 2021 (SATURDAY)*

**WHERE:** *JONATHAN DICKINSON STATE PARK*  
*16540 SE FEDERAL HWY, HOBE SOUND*

**ENTRANCE FEE:** *\$4.00*

**PICNIC SITE:** *LOXAHATCHEE PAVILION*

**TIME:** *LUNCH WILL BE AROUND NOON (ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIME IS UP TO YOU)*

**WHAT TO BRING:** *BRING YOUR “LUNCH” AND A DRINK. NO ALCOHOL IS PERMITTED.*

We will be at picnic tables under a pavilion. If you desire different seating you might want to bring a chair.

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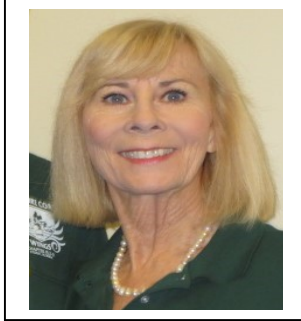


Our next *SPIRIT TEAM* meeting will be April 12 (Duffys, 6431 SE Fed. Hwy, Stuart) at 11:30. New members are always welcome. If this meeting date changes, the announcement will be in Groupworks.

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

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



## Gathering Minutes By Terry Henderson

Chapter Director David Morris called the Gathering to order and welcomed all members in attendance. He extended Birthday wishes to Mary Parish, Larry Pounds and Terry Henderson and wished Paul Dreyfus and Carol Pannicucci a Happy Anniversary.

David invited Marilyn to report on the Rally ticket sales. She said that our Chapter had sold 750 tickets. Thanks go out to Lena and Leo Valcourt for selling the most tickets. Since we still have more available, we are going to have a Rally ticket contest tonight. When you purchase 5 tickets for \$5, you will receive 1 ticket and the other 4 tickets will be gathered together with all of the other 4 tickets purchased. Put your name on the one ticket you receive and place it in the jar provided. At the end of the Gathering, one name will be drawn and that person will win all the other tickets that were purchased but held back for the winner. One lucky winner will have a great opportunity to win \$10,000 at the March Rally.

David announced that we are all looking forward to the Florida District Rally in Altamonte Springs from March 18-21. We have a good number of members from the Chapter attending so it will be a lot of fun! He also encouraged us to plan for Wing Ding 42 in Springfield, Missouri on June 29-July 3, 2021.

David asked Sandy Pisano to give a Spirit Team Update. Sandy thanked Marilyn and Terry for bringing the festive St. Patty's Day decorated cupcakes for dessert. They were delicious! Sandy also reminded everyone to participate in the Food Drive for the House of Hope. For the last two months, members have been invited to bring a sturdy bag filled with non-perishable food items to the Gathering. The April Gathering will be our final opportunity to provide food for our neighbors in need. The House of Hope was thrilled with our Christmas donation of almost 300 pounds of food and will be very happy to receive our April donation. Laura Smutek phoned Sandy this week and asked if she could donate a check to the food drive since she and Michael are quarantined at home taking care of her Mother. Yes, checks are happily accepted by the House of Hope. Thank you to Laura and all Chapter members for your donation.

Sandy invited everyone to join us for a Chapter FL2-0 picnic at Jonathan Dickinson Park in Hobe Sound on Sat. April 10. Bring your own lunch and meet up at noon under the Loxahatchee Pavilion. The entrance fee is \$4. Sandy handed out a map and information regarding 25 different things to do at the park. You can go to the Education Center, visit the River Store & Concession Stand, hike the scenic trails, paddle the wild and scenic Loxahatchee River in a canoe or kayak or just relax under the Pavilion. Plus, we are going to utilize this time together to create a Motorist Awareness event. So, wear your Chapter shirts, ride your bikes, line them up to make a

beautiful visual display and let's hand out some flyers to those who show an interest. This is a great way to remind people to "LOOK TWICE for MOTORCYCLES!" Sandy concluded by sharing the importance of the 'jingle jar.' She said, "due to the generosity of our members who donated to the jingle jar, the Spirit Team was able to reserve the Loxahatchee Pavilion for \$62 and we didn't have to take that money out of the Chapter treasury." If you want more information about the picnic or any other Spirit Team related event, David will include Spirit Team announcements along with his Gathering notification on GroupWorks.

Our Treasurer, Jim Rich, gave a Ride Report. He said that the ride to Waldo's in Vero Beach was a big success. There were 10 members who rode up and enjoyed a very nice lunch outside by the pool at Driftwood Inn's restaurant called Waldo's. The service was excellent and the food was delicious. Our next ride will be to the Florida District Rally on Thurs. March 18. We will meet up at the Mobile Station by the Turnpike and travel to Yeehaw Junction and then onto Canoe Creek and 441. We'll have lunch at Crabby Bill's and then go through Narcoosee to Altamonte Springs. The Hilton Hotel will provide a very safe environment for us. Breakfast will be buffet style with someone serving and dinner will be served at the tables in the big dining room. There will be a limit on the number of people who can come into the Hospitality Room so that we can all observe social distancing.

David did the Tech Talk and said that he had read an article about the new automatic Gold Wing. He said that when you put the kick stand down, you automatically go into neutral so you must pull the brake in order to secure the bike.

Jim asked someone to pull the ticket for the winner of the Florida District Rally tickets and Leo Valcourt was the big winner of 33 Rally tickets! Jim then asked Leo to draw the winner of the 50/50 raffle and Leo pulled his own name. It was definitely Leo's lucky night. Congratulations, Leo and Lena! The Gathering was adjourned.





JOHN DUBOSE  
RIDE COORDINATOR

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FL2-O Chapter Ride Coordinator  
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Treasure Coast Wings

**District Ride-in - The Florida Panhandle - April 17, 2021**

District Ride Coordinator Denis Turcotte  
Assistant Ride Coordinator Ed Carr  
More Information to Follow



Men Frog – Pensacola



**John and Allison Meisenbacher - ATGATT + Mask**

On [unclear] and lunch at Waldo's Restaurant. It's Old Florida at its best.



**FL2-O Treasure Coast Wings will be planning more rides for April.  
Stay tuned to Group Works!**

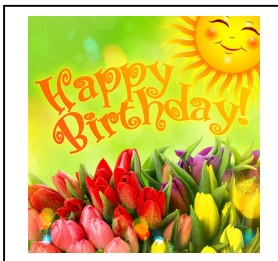


**Ice-cream break! FL2-O favorite stop ask Road Captain Paul Dreyfus**

Please remember to renew your GWRRA membership:

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

None for April



4/5 Barry Covard



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

4/28 Joe and Deb Trotta



## RIDER EDUCATION Dominick & Diane DeSiato District Educators



### **OUR RALLY IS COMING!!!**

Hello to all! We hope everyone is still doing well. We know some of our GWRRA functions are still being suspended or limited. However, we have started Rider Training for 2021 with success. We had an ARC on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> and a TRC on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> in Ocala. It was a great time for those in attendance. There is going to be another ARC on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> in Ft. Myers. That class is full and we even have riders on standby in case someone doesn't show up. You can keep your levels status by simply taking the rider course this year (if you are due) as the MFA Class requirement for the Levels Program has been suspended until December 2021. That means there is no penalty to your Levels Program advancement due to not having a current MFA Class. We will continue to provide Riding Classes when you request and fill a class. This is your raffle ticket money hard at work. So, let's get out there and sell as many raffle tickets as we can. It is a great advantage to be able to take these courses for free. We encourage everyone to participate.

Take care. See you at the Florida District Rally!!!



# WING DING '42

## June 29-July 3, 2021

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FOLLOW WING DING  
NEWS ON FACEBOOK!

**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)**

**2021 Upcoming GWRRA Events**

Missouri District Rally  
June 3-5, 2021

**WING DING**  
Wing Ding 42, Springfield, MO  
June 29 – July 3, 2021



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Altamonte Springs

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(includes breakfast for 2)

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Group Code: GWRRA2

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2<sup>nd</sup> Drawing - \$1,000 Cash  
3<sup>rd</sup> Drawing - \$500 Cash

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## FROM THE BACK OF THE BIKE

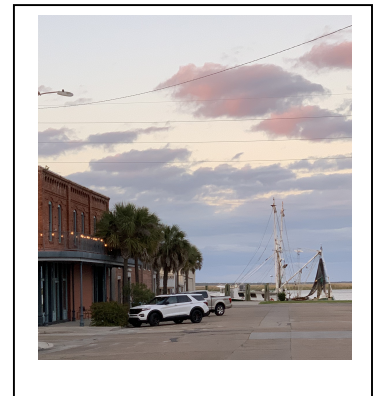
By Marilyn Rich

### Apalachicola, Florida on the “Forgotten Coast”

Apalachicola is a lovely historic village on “Florida’s Forgotten Coast”. This picturesque coast stretches along the Gulf of Mexico from St. Marks west to Mexico Beach. Development with high rises and malls is nonexistent. The town of Apalachicola is known as the “Oyster Capital of the World” and 90% of Florida’s oysters are harvested there. Shrimping and fishing are also big industries in the area.

In olden times the town was a busy port through which cotton was shipped along with lumber, seafood, and sponges. This quaint town has many wonderful, restaurants, Bed & Breakfast Inns, and shops. There are numerous historic homes and museums. The Trinity Episcopal Church, one of the earliest prefabricated buildings in the U.S. arrived in 1839 by schooner from New York City. It was assembled with wooden pegs. Dr. John Gorrie, a local physician invented an early type of air conditioning system in order to treat patients with malaria. Another early resident, Alvin W. Chapman was a famous botanist.

On our recent motorcycle trip to the area, we rode through the Apalachicola National Forest and Tate’s Hell State Forest. Beautiful tall pines lined roads with barely any traffic. An interesting tale explains the name “Tate’s Hell”. An early homesteader was lost while hunting for seven days and nights. When he finally emerged from the woods he told a passerby “I am Cebe Tate and I just came from Hell”, then he collapsed and died!



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

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