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**Monthly Gathering**

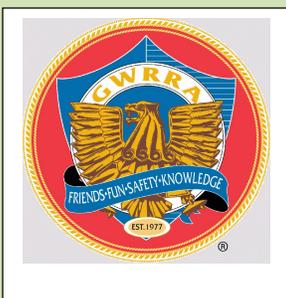
Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. at  
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Restaurant  
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Socialize 5:30  
Dinner 6:00  
Meeting 7:00

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*David Morris, Chapter Director*

**BREAKING NEWS**

from the Florida District Rally

There were over 300 attendees this year with many traveling from long distances out of state. Our Chapter FL2-0 was well represented with 20 members in attendance, plus we were in the news all three days. The District Treasurer presented the Certificate of Appointment of Treasurer to Joe Trotta, The District Director presented the Certificate of Appointment of Assistant Chapter Directors to Doug and Donna Goethel and John DuBose was given his Certificate of Appointment as Assistant District Ride Coordinator.

Chapter Couple of the Year Doug and Donna Goethel were chosen as Florida District Couple of the Year during the Saturday night ceremonies. This is the first time a COY from FL2-0 was selected to represent the District!!! We are very happy for them...Congratulations.

The First Place Award for the Diorama went to Sandy Pisano and her team. This year the theme was the Wizard of OZ. Congratulations! Note, this is not the first time Sandy has won the 1<sup>st</sup> place award for the Diorama. Sandy is already thinking about next year's contest.

Our Chapter enjoyed our Friday night dinner at Café Murano. Sondra Cuff did a great job at organizing and coordinating this fun filled time. The food was fantastic and we hit it off with a great waiter who entertained us the whole time.

A big draw for some of us at the Rally is to have some costly work done on our bike and this year was no exception. Jim Cuff and John Meisenbacher helped two of the vendors to a very profitable day and their bikes looked great!

Again this year there were daily escorted group rides. They are very popular and you really need to sign up in advance of the Rally in order to reserve your place on the ride. This activity is conducted by the District Ride Coordinator. Our own John Dubose led a ride each day and Paul Dreyfus was his tail gunner on one of them.

There were lots of training classes available. Terry, Allison, Donna and Percy took a Co-rider class that they needed for the levels program. All in all the March Rally was a big success!

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**50/50**  
Percy Comstock

**Couple of the Year 2022**  
Doug and Donna Goethel

**Person of the Year 2021**  
Sandy Pisano

**Spirit Team Chair**  
Sandy Pisano



## Gathering

By Terry Henderson, MEC

**Welcome:** Senior Chapter Director David Morris called the Gathering to order on Wed. March 9 at 7pm at the Southern Pig and Cattle Co. Restaurant on US 1 in So. Stuart. He welcomed all members in attendance and invited MEC Terry Henderson to introduce our guests. She recognized our new prospective members, Michael and Jeannette Kowalski, from Fort Pierce. We are happy to announce that Michael and Jeannette are planning to become members of GWRRA and will ride with our Chapter in the future. David wished Terry Henderson and Larry Pounds a Happy Birthday this month and wished a Happy Anniversary to Doug & Donna Goethel and Paul Dreyfus & Carol Panicucci. David also sent get well wishes to Bob Steigmeyer, George & Nancy Scholes and Larry & Tammy Pounds.

**March District Rally:** David reminded everyone that the March District Rally takes place at the Hilton Hotel in Altamonte Springs on March 17-19. He asked how many members were planning to go and he counted approximately 20 people from our Chapter who will be attending.

**Webmaster:** Our Webmaster Donna Goethel gave a report about our Chapter Website. She said that she has added Spirit Team information including the minutes from our monthly meetings and a photo of the Spirit Team which was published in Wing World recently. She encouraged everyone to check out the website at [fl2o.org](http://fl2o.org) and give her some feed-back. We were all happy to hear that our guests, Michael and Jeannette Kowalski, found our Chapter information on the Website and decided to join us tonight.

**Motorist Awareness:** Lena Valcourt gave a report on Motorist Awareness activities. She said that the last Motorist Awareness event was in Feb. at the Elliott Museum Antique Car Show. They displayed their Gold Wing Trike and handed out pamphlets and educational material explaining the importance of watching for motorcycles while driving. Drivers of cars do not necessarily pay attention to us on our motorcycles so to promote Motorist Awareness we encourage drivers to 'Look Twice for Motorcycles' and 'Save a Life.' Lena said that they were also invited to the Annual Car Show at the Savannah Club in PSL where they spoke to many people and also placed #1 in the best of show motorcycle contest. Their beautiful yellow TRIKE is truly a winner!! The next Motorist Awareness event will be scheduled in April. Lena also reminded us about the Motorist Awareness promotion. Talk to 5 people about GWRRA, Chapter FL2-0 and our Gold Wings, and you will receive a gold star to wear on your vest!

**Ride Report:** John DuBose, our Chapter Ride Coordinator and Assistant District Ride Coordinator gave a Ride Report. John announced that everyone is invited to join us on our rides whether you are on 2 wheels, 3 wheels or 4 wheels. Even if you have sold your bike or can't ride your bike due to illness, come in your car and meet us at the restaurant. John also announced that we need members to lead rides in the summer months when he and Paul Dreyfus are up north. He also talked about GroupWorks, our communication tool that provides information about our scheduled Chapter rides, events and news. We post our ride reports and photos from our rides and other events to GroupWorks so everyone can be connected to the planned activities of FL2-0.

**Safety Tips:** John DuBose gave us a few ‘safety tips’ for leading a ride. The lead bike should be on the left and TRIKES should be on the right side of the road so that the leader can see better when he looks back. As a Leader, remember to set up your ride formation by designating all 2 wheels to be on the left and 3 wheels on the right. A nice ride is between 150 and 200 miles in length similar to the ride that John led to Marsh Landing in Fellsmere on Sat. March 5<sup>th</sup>. The Stuart group met at Cracker Barrel at 8:45am and rode to Okeechobee by 10am. Riders from FL2-A and Chapter D in Melbourne met them in Marsh Landing for lunch.

**Spirit Team:** Sandy Pisano gave a Spirit Team report and invited everyone to be sure to come to the April Gathering on Wed. April 13. It will be a FUN event and you will have an opportunity to win a lovely Spring Basket that will include 2 gift cards and much more. The Spring Basket has a value of between \$60-\$70, so make sure you come to the Gathering and purchase 6 tickets for only \$5. The drawing will be at the end of the Gathering in April, so don’t miss it! The proceeds from that drawing and your donations to the Jingle Jar will help fund our Chapter activities including the Annual Picnic at the Jonathan Dickinson State Park in May 14<sup>th</sup>. We will enjoy a great time out in this beautiful state park. Bring your own lunches and drinks at 11:30am and we’ll play Bingo after lunch. The Spirit Team is also planning a new event called Game Night. On Sat. April 9<sup>th</sup>, Sondra and Jim Cuff will host a FUN party starting at 4pm. We will enjoy ‘puzzling’ together as a team at 4:30, take a break for pizza at 5:30 and the first team that completes the puzzle will win a prize. It’s BYOB and Sondra will provide water and ice tea. There is a small fee of \$5 each for the pizza. Check out GroupWorks for more information about Game Night and our picnic at Jonathan Dickinson State Park. All Chapter women are invited to join us for our next Spirit Team meeting on Sat. April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Applebees in Port St. Lucie at 12:15pm.

**Rider Ed:** Doug and Donna Goethel gave a Rider Ed report. Donna explained the Levels Program to our new prospective members, Michael and Jeannette Kowalski. She said that SAFETY and KNOWLEDGE are critical, so GWRRA makes available a program consisting of classroom and course work that provides the knowledge and riding skills necessary to enjoy a SAFE ride. She gave several examples of how members earn different Levels in the program. First, agree to always ride safely. Second, take the ARC and/or TRC Riding Courses and the MFA or First Aid course. Demonstrate safe riding skills and keep your courses up to date and you graduate to higher Levels in the program. All courses are paid for through our March Rally ticket sales and are free to GWRRA members. Doug and Donna are a great resource and will keep us informed as to where we are in the Levels Program.

**50/50 Drawing:** Assistant Chapter Director Doug Goethel reminded everyone to register their miles and don’t forget that Claudia Vega is going to do a Co-Rider course at the March Rally on Fri. March 18 at 10am. He also said that he had received some extra Rally tickets when they visited Chapter FL2-A in WPB and that he had successfully sold most of them. He then called for the Drawing for the surprise brown bag gifts. Sondra & Jim Cuff each won a bag and Jeannette Kowalski also won a bag. Finally, Sondra Cuff won \$30 cash in the 50/50 Drawing. The Gathering was adjourned!

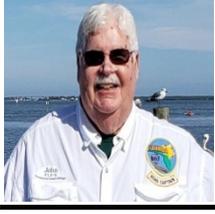
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Gathering



Welcome  
Michael & Jeannette  
Kowalski



**JOHN DUBOSE**  
 CHAPTER RIDE COORDINATOR  
 ASSISTANT DISTRICT RIDE COORDINATOR

We have had some good riding weather in February and March. FL2-O and FL2-A West Palm Beach met-up at the **OK Corral Gun Club** for lunch then ice-cream at **Joy's** in White City. Joy's is the favorite ice-cream spot of Leo and Lena. We also had a Sunday ride to **Dune Dog** in Jupiter and enjoyed riding along the Atlantic Ocean and Jupiter Island. We tried a new spot in Vero Beach, **Riverside Cafe** on on Indian River, where Jim and Marilyn joined us. Paul and I got out to Wauchula for a ride with FL2-H, that's an eighty mile ride before we get started. Senior CD Winston always has some good back roads to ride. We had a multi-chapter ride to Marsh Landing but the weather kept us away.

Florida's District Rally was well attended by FL2-O. Being FL District Assistant Ride Coordinator I had the opportunity to lead group 3 both days of the Guided Ride. They were well attended; Friday we had 25 bikes in three groups and Saturday we had 22 bikes. Paul Dreyfus helped me by being tail gunner on Friday and Leo and Lena got to ride with me on Saturday. The ride was about three hours and 77 miles long with a break. We went by Sugar Loaf Mountain/Hill Florida's highest point at 312 ft above sea level. Most of the ride was in the country where we had some hills and curves. Dennis Turcotte past FL District Ride Coordinator led group 1 and Carlos Lozano FL District News Letter led group two and helped me out with the route on my wings GPS. We had great weather for our rides which allows GWRRA members to get out on their bikes.

Future FL2-O rides will probably be **Pop-up Rides** which will only be posted a couple days ahead because of weather. I know we are planning a ride for the **May 14<sup>th</sup> Spirit Team Picnic Ride to Jonathan Dickinson State Park**. We have a ride on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> to the **Captain's Galley** in Fort Pierce if the weather holds.

**Florida District Guided Rides Friday and Saturday 2022**



## How to Purchase a New Chapter FL2-0 Shirt

Stuart FL2-O Chapter Shirts			
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50/50 (Forest Green)	\$24.00	\$26.00	Add \$2
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**This price includes shirt and tax plus the GWRRA Griffin on back,**

**FL2-O logo on left front and name on right front.**

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**Size**

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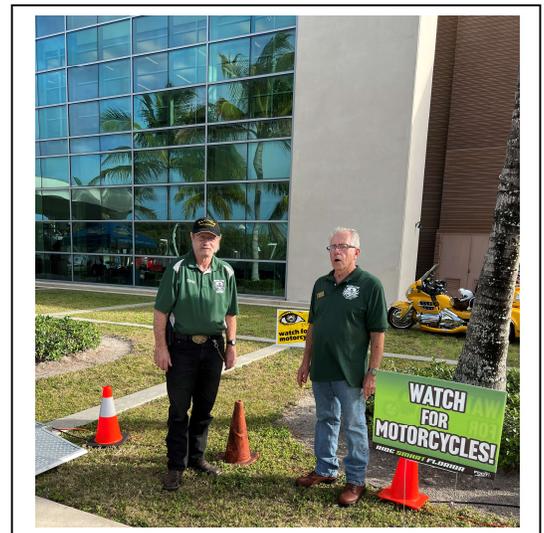
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# Motorist Awareness

By Lena Valcourt

Leo and Lena had a motorist awareness event at the Elliott Museum on Tuesday evening. Greg Comstock was able to join us. It was a great night because they had so many people. Besides the car show they had a lot of food trucks, plenty of music, and they had a couple of vendors. We were able to talk to many people about motorcycle safety and many of them took the magnet stickers to put on their vehicle windows as well as other literature. It was a wonderful night. Leo and Lena met a guy at Elliott Museum while having our Motorist Awareness event on February 22nd. He told us that he was in charge of a car show at Savannah Club Mobile Park off US 1. They have this once a year and they are trying to get motorcycle riders involved. We told him that we would be there. Leo and I showed up Saturday morning and it turned out to be a great event. They had a lot of nice cars there just like at the Elliott Museum. They talked us into entering our trike and trailer in the show. We asked if we could put out our signs, table and literature. He said anything we wanted. He was grateful that we showed up. We met a lot of nice people and had a chance to talk to them about motorcycle safety. We also handed out a lot of literature especially the magnet stickers and ended up winning a prize for (best in show) for motorcycles. It was wonderful day.



**Dominick & Diane DeSiato**  
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**FLORIDA DISTRICT RALLY**  
**Levels Classes**

2022 is well underway. The Florida District Rally is getting closer and closer. We have already conducted 1 ARC (Advanced 2-Wheel Riding Course) and 3 TRCs (Trike Riding Courses) in 2022. There is also a Team Riding/Road Captain's Course scheduled for February 22<sup>nd</sup> in Ocala and a TRC scheduled for February 24<sup>th</sup> in Ft. Myers. These classes were at the request of the local Chapters in those areas and are both full. Remember all you have to do is ask for a Riding Class and we will make the arrangements to put on the needed class for you. "Have bike will travel". It is the proceeds from you selling Raffle Tickets that allows us to conduct the Riding Classes you need to maintain your Current Levels Status as well as to help you keep up your riding skills for the safe operation of your motorcycle.

All monies for the sale of the Raffle Tickets need to be turned in to us as soon as possible and by the very least prior to the Drawing at the District Rally!

Subconscious Involuntary Reflexes: Good or Bad?

What is a Subconscious Involuntary Reflex? I.e.: If I didn't know that my wife just had the stove on, and I rest my hand on the hot stove surface, my hand quickly pulls back off the hot surface without me even thinking about it. Then my brain tells me that the stove surface was hot. That is a good Subconscious Involuntary Reflex. If you are driving in your car and a child runs out in front of you, your hands quickly clench the steering wheel without you thinking about it. Now you are ready to steer the car to avoid hitting the child. That would also be a good Subconscious Involuntary Reflex.

How do Subconscious Involuntary Reflexes affect us when riding a motorcycle? If you are riding your motorcycle and you are startled, your hands will naturally clench the hand grips just like it does to the steering wheel when you are driving the car. On a motorcycle we need our hands to do more than just squeeze the handgrips when an emergency situation arises. You might also instinctively go for the brakes without thinking, when braking is the wrong solution

for that particular situation. Hitting the brakes at the wrong time can actually cause a crash. Just as quickly as you applied the brakes you might have to release them and re-evaluate the situation as to whether or not you actually need them. Swerving without any brake use may have been the proper response.

When you are riding a motorcycle your eyes are subconsciously continuously telling your brain to tell your hands and feet what to do. This is good as long as you are consciously looking and thinking properly as you ride. "*We go where we are looking*". This is especially evident when we are negotiating a curve. A curve is the place where motorcyclists crash all by themselves without any help from a second vehicle. A major contributing factor of crashing in a curve is because riders limit how far they are looking ahead and what they are looking at. If you are not looking far enough ahead, subconsciously your eyes are telling your brain there is no place to go and your brain will be relating this to your hands and feet. So in essence your conscious brain, which knows you want to successfully get around the curve, is being fought by your subconscious brain that is trying to slow you down. If you feel like you are out of position for the curve and begin staring at the guard rail or double yellow lines your subconscious brain will draw you towards them no matter how much your conscious brain wants to make it successfully around the curve. Sometimes getting out of this situation is as simple as just looking further ahead in the curve and the rest of your body will do what it needs to do to make the motorcycle get around the curve.

A Subconscious Involuntary Reflex can also work against you when you are making a slow tight turn such as a u-turn. If during a slow tight turn you look down at the ground you will unintentionally lean the motorcycle further than necessary and put your foot down. During a slow tight turn you need to look ahead to where you want the motorcycle to finish the turn. During a u-turn you need to be looking ahead to the middle of the lane you want to get to. Your Subconscious Involuntary Reflexes will then take over and help you make the turn.

Most of you understand the mechanics of how a motorcycle reacts and handles. Knowing how your body reacts is also helpful to the safe and successful operation of your bike.

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

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:

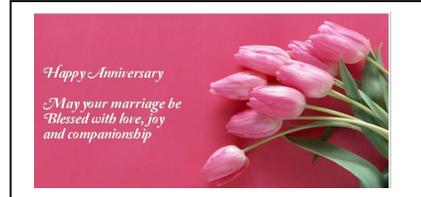
April

None for April



## April Birthdays

None



## April Anniversaries

None

• New Vehicles  
• Pre-Loved  
• Financing  
• Rentals  
• Shop On-line

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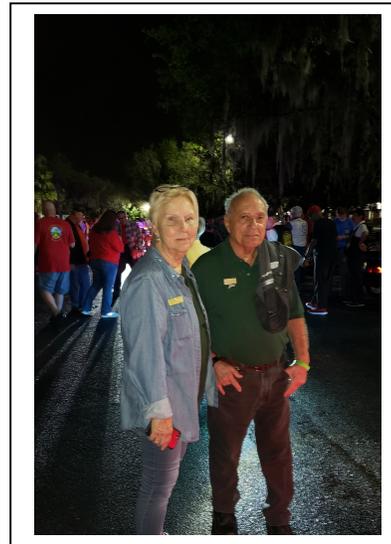
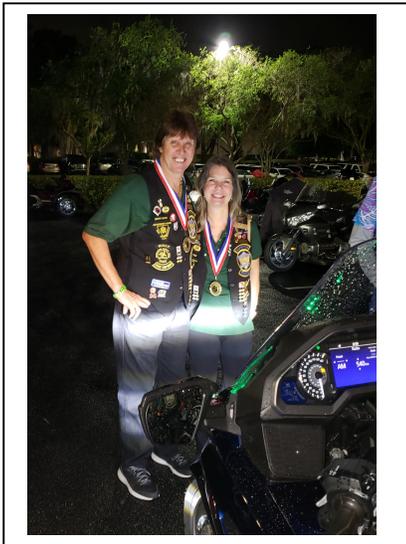
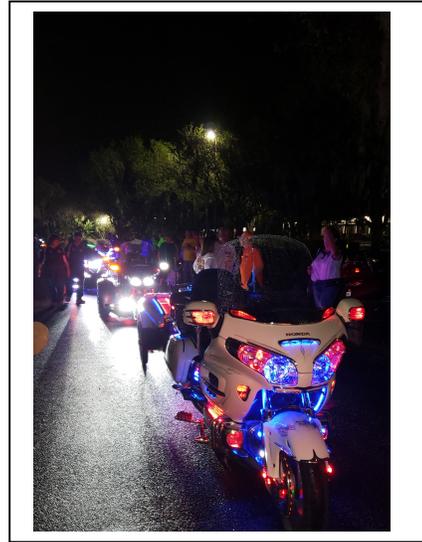
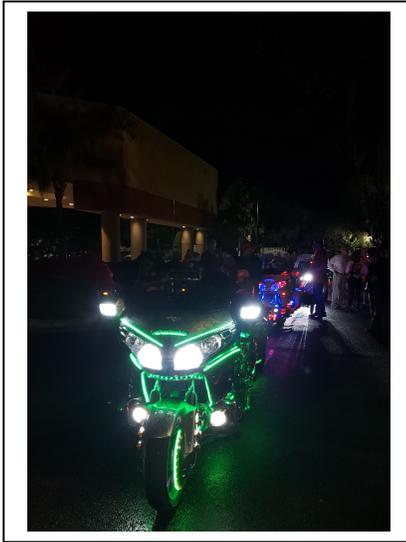
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*Thanks* ~To everyone who wrote an article for this month's Newsletter: David Morris, Terry Henderson, John DuBose, Lena Valcourt and Dominick DeSiato.  
Thanks for reading!

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