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Monthly Gathering

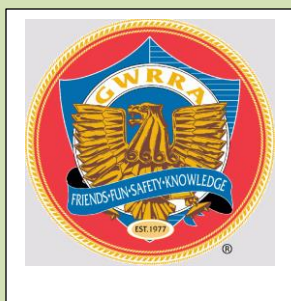
Every 2nd Weds at
Southern Pig & Cattle
Restaurant
2583 SE Federal
Highway
Stuart, FL
Socialize 5:30
Dinner 6:00
Meeting 7:00

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FL2-O: www.fl2o.org

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www.gwrraflorida.com



GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION TREASURE COAST WINGS FL2-O

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Happy Mother's Day!

My mother just turned 95 and is doing well. I wish her and all our Chapter mothers a great day. It is with great sadness that I inform you long time Chapter member Gary Thorpe passed away. See the obituary in this Newsletter.

Love is in the air. Unfortunately, it comes in the form of Love Bugs at this time of year. Did you know that they do not sting or bite and do not come out at night? If you are traveling around Florida at this time of year you will certainly encounter them as they make a mess of your bike.

Many of our Snowbirds including our Ride Captain, John DuBose, have migrated north for the summer season but we are still planning to keep on riding. The ride schedule is being posted on Groupworks and in the Newsletter so check it out. Generally during the summer months, we can expect shorter rides that stop at our favorite breakfast spots before the sun gets too hot in the early afternoon. We always keep abreast of the weather, which can result in any ride being rescheduled due to inclement weather. Also note that during the summer ride season we will be scheduling a monthly kick-tire night, which is also posted on Groupworks.

I have received our bike raffle tickets from our District Ride Educator. This is the raffle for a new Goldwing that is featured at the March District Rally held in Altamonte Springs. This year the Rally is scheduled for March 19th thru the 21st. The hotel is taking reservations, so sign up early to ensure you get a reservation for this sell out event.

David Morris, Chapter Director

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Bud Parish

Couple of the Year 2019
Jim & Sondra Cuff

Person of the Year 2019
Bud Parish

Spirit Team Chair
Sandy Pisano



ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS

JIM and MARILYN RICH

Those of us who like to ride, and ride a lot, enjoy keeping track of our miles and it's a plus that Barry Covard is recording the member's miles as a kind of milestone for the group. For me, one of the reasons I enjoy tracking my miles is that it serves as a reminder on whether I have my priorities correct.

A low mile month- - I'd better look back and see if whatever I was doing was as much fun as riding. Harley Davidson even did a study as to the effects of riding by wiring a rider's brain under his helmet before riding. What they found was that riders were more relaxed and more focused than under almost any other circumstances (of course they could have found that out by going to the gift shop and buying the plaque that says "You Never See a Motorcycle Parked in Front of a Psychiatrists Office.")

Of course, we're not the only ones who keep track of the miles on their mode of transportation. Nome, Alaska, a town of 3,600 originally founded in the 1800's because of the gold rush, and just 140 miles south of the Arctic Circle, to this day boasts that the only sure way in and out from October to May is via dog sled. In the early 1900's the last ship left in September and didn't return until May due to the Bering Sea being frozen over. Mail was delivered by dog sled and a dog sled relay saved the community by delivering serum to stop a diphtheria epidemic*.

One of the dog sled drivers (mushers) is said to have logged some 250,000 miles during his career (his lead dog Togo in the picture).

The lead dog was said to be able to follow the trail even in blizzards that were so bad the musher couldn't even see as far as the lead dog and the lead dog was ever vigilant to any dangers on the trail and took initiative to avoid it.

Perhaps artificial intelligence (AI) will one day give our Gold Wings the ability to do the same. (*from the book *The Cruellest Miles* by Gay & Laney Salisbury)





APRIL 2019 GATHERING

WRITTEN BY
Terry Henderson



Chapter Director, David Morris, called the Gathering of Chapter FL2-O to order at the Southern Pig and Cattle Co. in Stuart. He welcomed everyone and extended a Happy Birthday to Sandy Pisano, Barb Parrish, Jim Cuff, Greg Comstock and Ron Montgomery. He also wished Bob and Cathie Stauffer and Mike and Laura Smutek a Happy Anniversary this month.

A special thank you went out to Bob Stauffer for bringing the delicious ice cream sandwiches for dessert. Bob is Vice President of Distribution for Rich's ice cream in WPB. Did you know they make 190,000 ice cream sandwiches each day!!



The FL District raffle tickets have arrived & are now available to sell. David had requested that 500 tickets be sent ASAP so that our Chapter members would have plenty of time to sell them.

Barb Parish gave a Spirit Team report and reminded everyone to prepare for the Chapter Yard Sale at Minsky's Gym & Park on Sat., May 18 at 7:15am to 12 noon. Make sure you collect your items now and bring them to the park at 750 SW Darwin Blvd. in PSL. Barb is also ordering new wick-away chapter shirts so make sure you get your order in now. She also wanted us to know that a couple of our members have just had surgery. We send get-well wishes to Sondra Cuff and Barry Covard and hope that they are feeling better soon.

Our next Kick Tire Dinner is on Wed., May 22 at Cheddar's Restaurant in St. Lucie West. Please RSVP on GroupWorks.

We recognized Bob Feehrer & welcomed him to the Gathering after a long absence. Bob said that his elderly Father is now living with them. We wish you well and hope to see you again soon. David invited our ACD, Jim Rich, to give a Ride Report. Jim said that he really enjoyed the ride to Lake Placid which was very well attended. There were 14 riders on 9 bikes and everyone visited the Chamber of Commerce and watched a video explaining how the famous murals came about and learned that the area also supplies 95% of the world's caladiums. Jim said that the other Chapter rides during the month of April included a trip to Wauchula, a luncheon ride to an excellent, new restaurant called Green Marlin in Vero and finally Marsh Landing in Fellsmere. Bob Stauffer added that after lunch at Marsh Landing, they wanted to keep on going so they extended the ride to Melbourne Beach.

The meeting was adjourned following the 50/50 drawing and Terry Henderson won!



GARY THORPE

OBITUARY and MEMORIES

Gary Thorpe passed away on May 8th. He leaves his wife Amelia, Stuart, FL.

Gary came to Stuart from New Jersey where he had a long career as a pattern maker. Gary and Amelia were long time members of Chapter FL2-O. He first joined when his neighbors Hank and Joyce were Chapter Directors. Gary and Amelia made many long-distance rides with the Chapter, including a ride to WingDing in Billings, Montana. They were part of the regular monthly rides, kick-tire events and held the 50/50 sales position at each monthly meeting for many years. He started riding a two-wheel Goldwing and moved to his Orange RoadSmith Trike the last few years that he rode. A couple of years ago he sold his Trike when he felt that it was no longer safe for him to ride. After he stopped riding, he frequently made many comments about the fun and many friends he made and the great times he had while riding with GWRRA.

Several members had a memory to share about Gary:

Phil Baxter shared that Phil's son Corey and Gary had a great friendship.

When Bud Parish was planning to trike his bike, he appreciated all the advice he got from Gary. Bud says that it was Gary's wise input that led him to purchase a RoadSmith kit over the others that were available.

Sandy and Joe Pisano had this funny story to share- We have known Gary for over 25 years. Joe often kidded Gary about his generous offer to pay for coffee on our return ride from WingDing in Billings, Montana. The four of us stopped for coffee in Kansas and Gary's offer to pay amounted to a whopping \$1.04! Joe and he always had a good laugh about this shared memory. Lots of special moments were spent with Gary and Amelia. He will be missed!

CONNECT THE DOTS DISTRICT RIDE

MAY 10, 2019

Written by Terry Henderson, MEC



The District Ride called 'Connect the Dots' is a brilliant way to meet GWRRA members from other chapters. The creative idea was developed, I believe, by Don Scantlan of FL2-A in WPB, who suggested that one chapter rides and meets up with members from the next chapter who ride on and on from one chapter to the next. You progressively pick up new riders and new GWRRA Friends as you go on a three-day trip around the state of Florida.

As Membership Enhancement Coordinator, I was delighted to have the opportunity to participate in this innovative way of enjoying group rides and making new friends as the journey unfolds. David and I, Jim and Marilyn & Bob Stauffer represented Chapter FL2-O and we had the pleasure of meeting up with Don and Cathy Scantlan and Ty from FL2-A at the Race Trac in Stuart. Nikki Blaha and Dennis Turco also arrived pulling a really fun trailer that looked like a miniature '57 Chevy. Nikki said that they came from Ft. Myers to ride in the Connect the Dots District Ride and that they plan to continue riding up to her hometown of Hershey, Penn. She told Marilyn and me about all the great features of Hershey and why it was a wonderful destination very near the beautiful Amish country. We continued to share stories and finally Nikki let us know that Dennis rides 1000 miles a week and that they love to listen to audio books on the bike. What a great idea!

Road Captain Jim and Marilyn led the ride to Cocoa & it was a perfect day. The temperature was 88 degrees but the breeze along the coastline was cool and refreshing. We toured through Jensen Beach to Hutchinson Island around the Fort Pierce Inlet, back onto South Beach and up to Vero Beach. We traveled SR A-1-A all the way to Cocoa Beach & finally west to Cocoa where we arrived at our luncheon destination, Kay's Real Pit BBQ, and met Roberta and Mo Dalton from FL2-N. Lunch was delicious and Marilyn, David and I had the pleasure of dining with Ty from Chapter FL2-A. He said that he traded in his Trike for a brand new 2019 Gold Wing. He plans to ride the entire Blue Ridge Parkway on his way to the Rally in Penn. As he spoke, I recalled that I first met Ty and his wife Robin one January morning about 5 years ago when David & I took my first ERC class with Ray Vega in WPB. It was extremely cold and I was shivering when Robin loaned me her coat to keep me warm. How kind they were and what a wonderful first impression they made on me. It was great to see Ty again and hear all about his exciting travel plans.

The Connect the Dots District Ride made me realize that being a part of the GWRRA family impacts each of us in more ways than one. Not only are we touched by the generous & kind nature of the Friends that we have met, but those same Friends help us to stay Safe by riding together in groups, staying alert and watching out for one another on our journey over the 'back roads' and highways of this glorious land of America that we call home.



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

5/12 Sandy Pisano
 5/23 Ron Montgomery
 5/26 Barb Parish
 5/29 Jim Rich
 5/30 Greg Comstock
 6/3 Wanda Hackett
 6/13 Myrta Colussy
 6/24 Allison Meisenbacher
 6/27 Dave Morris
 6/29 Michael Smutek



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

6/6 David & Karen Goddard
 6/10 Greg & Percy Comstock
 6/12 Bud & Barb Parish
 6/14 Herb & Pat Jebb
 6/15 Willard & Wanda Hackett
 6/20 George & Nancy Scholes



SUNSHINE WISHES TO

Sondra Cuff
Barry Covard
Barb Parish

FL2-O Ride Report – Green Marlin Vero Beach, April 17

The weather was gorgeous for our lunch ride to Green Marlin in Vero Beach. John DuBose's mother suggested this restaurant which was a new location for our chapter. Both the food and service were great, so I'm sure we'll go here again.

Unfortunately, at the last minute John DuBose couldn't make the ride, so Greg Comstock did a great job of leading six bikes with eleven riders: John Bettencourt, Willard/Wanda, Greg/Percy, Dave/Terry, Bud/Barb and Barry/Nancy.

We enjoyed seeing a couple faces that don't ride with us often enough! It was nice to have John Bettencourt along for the ride. He's been doing lots of RV'ing lately and we haven't seen him in awhile.

It was also nice to have Wanda Hackett join us.



Written by Greg Comstock

CHAPTER YARD SALE- May 18, 2019

Written by Sondra Cuff

The Spirit Team is organizing a Spring yard sale at Minsky's park and gym. It's a great way to clean your closets, help the chapter, and have FUN!

CLOTHES and SHOES are popular, as well as, household items.

Here are the details:

Saturday, May 18, 2019

Minsky's Park and Gym

750 SW Darwin Blvd

Port St Lucie, FL 34953

ARRIVE AND SET-UP: 7:15 AM

SALE: 8-12

TEARDOWN: Non-sold merchandise will be donated.

MERCHANDISE: Please separate men's/ women's/ children's clothing and shoes.

All merchandise and clothing should be clean and in working condition.

DO NOT PRICE CLOTHING AND SHOES—DO PRICE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

**Wear Your
Chapter Shirt**



SOUTH CAROLINA STATE RALLY

Written by Sandy Pisano

Joe and I headed north to the South Carolina District Rally on Easter Sunday. We took a few extra days to get there so that we could travel on U.S. Hwy 301 out of Kingsland, Georgia. Joe and I remember travelling this route with our families (in our “much” younger days) as this was the main road out of Florida. So many signs of those bye gone days (shuttered motels and gas stations, gift shops and produce stands) stand lonely against the stretches of highway dotted with pecan trees, cotton fields, dilapidated buildings, and charming little towns.

The Rally was held in the lovely historic town of Newberry, S.C. (50 miles south of Greenville). Our stay was at the Hampton Inn (host hotel) which was a perfect location (within walking distance for all events, shopping, and dining). The Newberry Firehouse Conference Center was the site of most of the Rally functions, The Firehouse was constructed in the 1890's. Lots of great photos throughout the building depict pictures of those who served over the years. Another prominent historic building is the Newberry Opera House (site of the Rally's talent show and closing ceremonies). The Opera House was completed in 1881 at a cost of \$30,000. C.L. Norman, architect from Columbia, S.C., designed the French Gothic inspired structure. The building was designed as a place of entertainment for the local citizenry and as a seat of government for the city. Joe and I took the opportunity to learn about the history of the Opera House on one of the guided tours offered daily.

One of the most interesting stores we visited was C.T. Summer Hardware Store (founded in 1928). Three floors of items unavailable and maybe unheard of- anywhere else (Joe loved this)! Some items included bear traps, horseshoes, weathervanes, wash pots, red rubber inner tubes, fire buckets, and almost anything you would want from **any era**. I know I am digressing from the Rally, but this town was really a pleasure to visit and to spend time talking with the locals.

The Rally was well organized and offered many opportunities to enjoy the camaraderie of other wingers. There was free Nestles ice cream(yummy), a wonderful barbecue dinner, a guided bike ride to Lake Murray Dam, movie nights (at the Opera House) and several seminars. We played the games (Joe won a drill bit set and I won \$55 from the 50/25/25 raffle).



The weather for our entire nine days was perfect! Low humidity and low temperatures required light jackets for days and evenings. Our ride home was more direct (I -95) than our ride up to South Carolina, but again the weather was great and the ride was made even greater with Joe at the helm of the Goldwing.

RIDER EDUCATION

Written by Rick Northrup



Ahh, Florida.... What can one say about this FUNshine state. Riding our great steeds year round. Great weather nearly 365 days every year even with a storm or two. Roads that are made for motorcycles with plenty of Florida's state trees on many of the roads, (those orange barrels, of course and cones). And most of all the two best riding seasons of all, "LOVE BUG SEASON", Spring and Fall.



So, as you can see from this picture of Glen Disbrow's bike from a recent short ride those pesky "LOVE bugs kinda make a mess. Not just on the bike but also on your helmet and visor and/or goggles, glasses, etc. Whatever you may be wearing for eye protection. Hopefully you are keeping your mouth closed. Get my drift???

Well, for we Floridians that do love to ride this is something we must put up with. Thankfully, it is only for a short few weeks. And of course, where can one go to get answers to clean them off our steeds?? Wait for it,..... the internet, of course, where else would one go??

Yes, there are all kinds of remedies on Facebook and other sites, naming all types of concoctions even using dryer sheets, however one I personally use is Hydrogen Peroxide. I keep a small spray bottle of it in my trunk with a rag. Spray it on let sit for a minute or two then wipe off. The peroxide dissolves the protein in the bugs and does not harm the plastic, paint, chrome, windscreen or anything on your helmet. Works great on my car too!! Plus, a 98 cent quart bottle will last me two or three years. (Sorry, I'm a cheapskate.)

Okie Dokie, enough of the ickie stuff. How about some FUN stuff! YES, tickets are in. Some of you already know and have already ordered some for your members to sell. From FL Rider Ed, THANK YOU!! Those of you that haven't ordered any yet, I can get them to you right away so your members can have them to take with them if they are traveling this summer.

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Please keep in mind the purpose of this raffle. Yes, FL Rider Ed gives away a new Gold Wing or \$10k, 2nd \$1k 3rd \$500, plus \$200 for those that sell each winning ticket but, that's not the most important part. The proceeds are what provide all our FL chapter members all their CPR/FA training riding skill classes at **no cost** here in Florida.

Chapter Directors, I mentioned in the past about Rider Ed Seminars for your members. I feel obligated to say something again because I have not heard from anyone. I know for a fact that some of these newsletters are read so I am at a loss. Your members need these seminars! CDs, you know what they need, the areas that would benefit them the most and GWRRA has the information for them! With this summer heat coming on us planning a seminar for a Kick Tire could be a Cool thing. Please drop Norm Van Dame or me an email and we'll get the classes set up. For MEDIC First Aid and TRC classes please drop me an email.

While watching my favorite news channel I have seen that the weatherman says that he doesn't see any more "cold" fronts headed our way. I guess all our "snowbird" members that have gone back north and took the cooler weather back with them??? Looks like we are stuck in a summer system again and you know what that means. That means we can watch the TV and feel sorry for those folks who went back to the snow and ice, right? Some of them did, didn't they?! Well, that was their call, right. I'm just going to have to suck it up and be smart. You know, hydrate, hydrate, hydrate. That sun is going to fry most days after the noon hour so I am going to be smart. Make sure I am covered to not burn and perspire so I can cool off. Drink plenty of WATER. That wind will dry me out if I don't. Dress in layers knowing these mornings may be a bit cooler and I can shed a piece later when it warms up.

Whenever I ride, I just want to make sure that I ~~~

Ride Safe, Ride Aware,

Rick Northrop
Sr District Educator

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

FL2-O MAY 2019 Ride Schedule

Sunday, May 19- Breakfast Ride

Lead: Road Captain Jim Rich

Breakfast: Denny's Royal Palm Beach

Leave: 8:30 am Cracker Barrel Kanner Highway Stuart

RSVP if Going: GroupWorks or Jim Rich 561-748-9710 Text/phone or richtrader3@gmail.com

FL2-O JUNE 2019 Ride Schedule

Friday, June 7, 2019 – FL2-O Lunch Ride to Thirsty Turtle Seagrill

Lead: Road Captain Jim Rich

Lunch: Thirsty Turtle Seagrill, Juno Beach <https://thirstyturtlefl.com/>

Leave: 10:15 am McDonalds Cove Road, Stuart RSVP if Going: GroupWorks or

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

RSVP: GWRRA Group Works – Quick and Easy

Sunday, June 30, 2019 – FL2-O Breakfast Ride Destination Unknown

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

STAY TUNED FOR MORE RIDES TO COME

MAY EVENTS

Saturday, May 18 Flea Market

Wednesday May 22 Kick Tires Cheddars 1375 NW St Lucie Blvd, PSL 34986

WING DING

Wing Ding 41, Nashville, TN

August 27—31, 2019

CHRISTMAS PARTY – SAVE THE DATE- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

SUMMER KICK TIRES- Dinner at 5:30
Come on 2 /3/ or 4 wheels

Wednesday May 22 Kick Tires Cheddars 1375 NW St Lucie Blvd, PSL 34986
 Wednesday, June 26 Outback, 3101 SE Federal Hwy, Stuart, 34994
 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

STATE RALLIES

Ohio Rally, Wooster, June 13-15

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

ANNOUNCING

41st ANNUAL FLORIDA DISTRICT

GATHERING OF THE WINGS

March 19-21, 2020

Hilton Altamonte Springs
 Rate \$115 (includes breakfast for two)
 Reservations: 407-830-1985
 Group Reservation Code GWRRA2



LUCK OF THE IRISH



FL2-O Breakfast Ride to Marsh Landing - Fellsmere, FL

Saturday, April 27, 2019 Road Captain: John DuBose

This was my last lead of the riding season. I can tell it's the end of the Florida riding season. We had five wings and six riders out, probably the lowest count this season. Even Marsh Landing was empty, no problem with getting a table for six. Food and service was good - as always.

FL2-O had six riders: Bob Stauffer, Greg/Percy Comstock, Jim Cuff, tail Larry Pounds and lead John DuBose. My Big Red went 2016 miles which many of them were on Florida Scenic Highways. After leaving Marsh Landing, we headed north on Babcock Road to Micco Road east to US 1. We headed north on US 1 following the Indian River to Melbourne. We headed east over the causeway to Riverside Drive and followed the river till we picked up A1A south to home. What a nice ride to finish the riding season.

Written by John DuBose



Thanks ~

To everyone who wrote an article for this month's newsletter: David Morris, Terry Henderson, Jim Rich, Barry Covard, John DuBose, Sandy Pisano, Sondra Cuff, Greg Comstock and Rick Northrop. Thanks for reading!