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Monthly Gathering

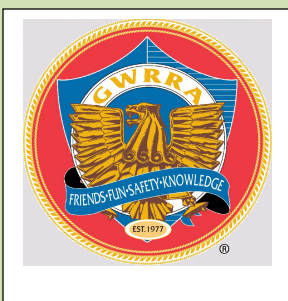
Every 2nd Wed. at
Southern Pig & Cattle
Restaurant
2583 SE Federal
Highway
Stuart, FL
Socialize 5:30
Dinner 6:00
Meeting 7:00

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David Morris, Chapter Director

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

The end of the year is upon us as we look forward to 2022. It is the end of an uneventful Hurricane season and we are all going to be celebrating Thanksgiving as we look forward to our Annual Christmas party/Gathering in a few weeks.

Terry delivered a whopping 345 pounds of food and a gift certificate to 'House of Hope' right after the November Gathering. This sets a new record of non-perishable foods that you donated. The Manager of the House of Hope was very, very pleased to hear from us again this year.

John and Jim are leading rides again and we have several more scheduled in the coming weeks. There is a chapter favorite on December 1st at the Jacaranda Hotel in Avon Park. I am sure that they will be decorated for Christmas and look forward to their fantastic buffet.

Doug has been working hard to schedule Rider Education classes. In November we are having the second MFA this year, taught by Claudia Vega, which will bring 23 members up to date on MFA and has posted TRC and ARC training classes in February on GroupWorks. Check them out and sign up!

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Herb "Metalflake" Jebb

50/50
Percy Comstock

Couple of the Year 2021
Dave Morris & Terry
Henderson

Person of the Year 2021
Sandy Pisano

Spirit Team Chair
Sandy Pisano



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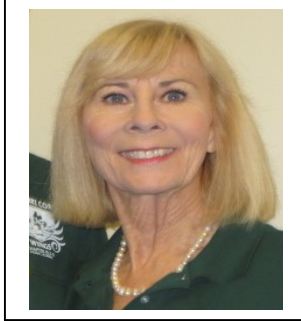
JIM and MARILYN RICH

Ride Safe

By Jim Rich

We all know ATGATT, All the Gear, All the Time, but there is a lot more that goes into a safe ride. When we moved to Florida, we met a couple in the neighborhood that had three bikes. When I offered to ride the third bike just to keep it in shape, he told me “Get your endorsement you can ride my bike.” No brainer! One of the gems I took away from the endorsement class was the instructor’s comment that when you see a turn signal blinking that only means the bulb is good, nothing more. Another gem was when a car was waiting to come out of a side street, watch the wheels, if they start to turn be prepared to stop or avoid. Dominick DeSiato, in the ARC course, said that he never takes his bike out of gear at a light unless he has at least two cars behind him. When we are on the road, especially the super-slab, and I see brake lights coming on, whether we are in the car or on the bike, I am the first one to hit the four-way flashers. Hope for the best and plan for the worst and you will have a safe, enjoyable ride.
(caught a picture of Metalflake in one of his more exciting moments)





Gathering Minutes By Terry Henderson

WELCOME: Chapter Director David Morris called the Gathering to order at 7pm on Wed. Nov. 10 at the Southern Pig and Cattle Co. Restaurant on US 1 in Stuart. David invited our waitress, Randy, to come up and accept our gratitude and appreciation for her excellent service throughout the past year. He asked her to accept a gratuity from all the members of Chapter FL2-0. Randy was delighted and thanked everyone. David also announced that George Sholes had surgery and is recovering so keep him in your thoughts. David also shared the sad news that Joe Trotta's wife, Deb, had passed away. Please keep Joe in your prayers. He wished Doug Goethel a Happy Birthday on Nov. 11 which also happens to be Armistice Day. December Birthdays include Metalflake on 12/12 and Joe Pisano on 12/7. Happy 60th Diamond Anniversary to Jim and Marilyn Rich on 12/20 and John and Peggy DuBose on 12/27. David added that if he had missed your Birthday or Anniversary announcement, please make sure to give that information to MEC Terry Henderson so we can keep it in our records.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: David thanked Lena Valcourt for sending an interesting article for the Newsletter and invited all the members to feel free to write a relevant article regarding motorcycles or one of your recent Gold Wing rides and submit it to him by the 20th of the month when he will publish it. Our Webmaster Donna Goethel encouraged everyone to check out the website which she updates regularly with new information. David thanked Terry Henderson for the desserts tonight.

RIDE REPORT: Our Ride Captain John DuBose was invited to stand and give a Ride Report. He told us that the ARC classes that Dominic teaches are excellent. Dominic is very patient and will work with you so take advantage of the opportunity because the ARC is much easier than before. John also shared information about the Fort Myers ride to the Edison/Ford Museum Nov. 18-20. We will also visit the FL2-G Yellow Jackets Rally on Sat. before we head back home to the Treasure Coast. It will be a FUN ride. There will also be a ride to Homer's on Sat. Nov. 27. We will ride by Lake Placid and Lake Jackson then meet up with the District Ride for lunch at Homer's where the lunch is only \$11 & change for seniors. Then we'll have a nice ride home. Keep checking GroupWorks! John is planning a pop-up ride on Sunday to a hamburger joint in Frost Bite. Remember, this is the ride season so let's get out there and have FUN!

HALF TIME: David invited our Treasurer Jim Rich to take over the meeting. Jim said that he had gone up to Ocala to see the police officers Drill Team practice and it was very enjoyable. They do amazing maneuvers including walking the bike in tight circles. He saw two members drop their bikes. Jim also encouraged us to renew our membership early. The deadline is Dec. 31, 2021.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES: Sandy Pisano was invited to give a Spirit Team report. Sandy asked Terry Henderson to speak about our Food for Families drive. Terry thanked all Chapter members for their outstanding generosity. Your donations of non-perishable food items have

been collected at our Gatherings since Sept. and it appears that we have collected more food for this drive than we did last year. Terry will deliver all donations to the House of Hope whose mission statement is to 'Empower Martin County Residents to Overcome Hunger and Hardship.' It will be a Happy Thanksgiving for all.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Sandy announced that the Christmas Party will be held on Wed. Dec. 8 at the Holiday Inn on US Federal Hwy. in PSL. We will gather in the Garden Room at 5pm to enjoy a cash bar and lovely meal at 6pm. The Spirit Team has a lot of FUN activities planned including games and raffles with lots of great prizes including a fabulous Christmas basket. The cost for the party is only \$21 so make your checks out to Treasure Coast Wings and secure your reservation. Sandy concluded her report and reminded everyone that the Spirit Team will meet again on Mon. Jan. 10 at Duffy's.

MFA COURSE: Doug Goethel announced that the next MFA Course (Medical First Aid) will be on Sun. Nov. 21 from 11am-3pm at Terry and David's home in Hobe Sound. Claudia Vega will teach the course and lunch will be provided. Go to GroupWorks for more information. There will also be a two wheel ARC (Advanced Rider Course) on Mon. Feb. 7 in Melbourne and a TRC (Trike Course) on Wed. Feb. 9. Plan ahead and be aware that it takes 1 hour & 45 minutes to get to Melbourne.

DISTRICT RIDES, JAN. CONFERENCE & MARCH RALLY: Jim invited District Director Bill Smith to give a report and Bill invited everyone to the 'Shrimps Are Us' ride on Jan. 1st. The restaurant, Shrimps R Us & More, in Welaka, FL opens up just for us to enjoy 'all we can eat shrimp.' They also have baked chicken, salad and soda with dessert for only \$17 per person. Last year between 200 & 300 people showed up. Many were from Georgia and Alabama. Bill and Cheryl are riding up on Dec. 29 and he recommends staying at the Quality Inn in Palatka and riding to Welaka on Jan. 1 for the event. Bill also encouraged us to participate in the on line Jan. Conference on Jan. 8-9. Try to get online and participate on at least one of those days. You'll learn about GWRRA, the FL District and get some new ideas for your own Chapter. Don't forget to register for the District Rally in March. You'll enjoy the Costume Contest on Thurs., Ice Cream sandwiches on Friday, Guided Rides on Fri. and Sat. plus many vendors will be there. Please support the vendors so that they will return next year. They need your business to justify the expenses of driving to and setting up at the Rally. Also, we'd appreciate it if you would register for the Rally right away so we can plan the food. The Rally tickets are also available for the cash prize of \$10,000. Buy yours today! The sale of Rally tickets pays for all of the Levels Courses including ARC, TRIKE and MFA. Bill concluded his report by inviting someone in the chapter to volunteer to ride their Gold Wing down to the Triathlon in Ft. Pierce. You drive a judge around on your bike for 30 minutes and collect \$250 for your chapter. If anyone is interested, please see Bill Smith.

50/50 RAFFLE & MEETING ADJOURNED: Jim called for the 50/50 Raffle to be drawn. Paul Dreyfus, Leo Valcourt & Roxanne Dulany won the Grab Bags, Percy Comstock won the Road Runner Magazine and Donna Goethel won the money. Jim wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and adjourned the meeting.



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PHOTO GALLERY





JOHN DUBOSE

CHAPTER RIDE COORDINATOR

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John DuBose took the ARC in Ocala, FL
 Master Tour Rider #9942 - November 23, 2015
 Sunday, November 7, 2021
 Dominick DeSiato Instructor - FLGW Rider Ed

FL2-O Planned Rides - All Rides are posted on Group Works

- **Florida District Ride-in - Saturday, November 27, 2021 - Please RSVP on Group Works** FL2-O will ride our route to Sebring meeting up with others for lunch at Homers 1PM.
- **FL2-O will have a POP-UP Ride the week of Nov 27 - Dec 5. Stay tuned on Group Works**
- **42nd Annual Florida District Gathering of Wings - March 17 - 19, 2022**
 I Plan on riding up Wednesday, March 16, 2022. I will post on Group Works when it gets closer.
 Hilton Hotel - 350 Northlake Blvd., Altamonte Springs
https://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/A/ALTAHHF-FLGWRR-20220314/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

FL2-O Training - Reserve your spot on Group Works

- **Advanced Rider Course** (ARC) Monday, February 7, 2022
- **Tride Rider Course** (TRC) Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Ride Reports: Full Reports with pictures posted on Group Works

- Mystery Ride: Saturday, October 31 - Lunch at Lunkers in Okeechobee (14 Riders)
- Frost Proof Ride: Sunday, November 14 - Lunch at Frost Bite (5 Riders)
- Fort Myers Trip - Rained out - Will reschedule after the holidays.

ATGATT - Not just a motto, but a way of live!

Dominick & Diane DeSiato

District Educators

RIDER EDUCATION



ENGINE BRAKING.....OR NOT

Let's first define what Engine Braking is. Engine Braking is slowing down your motorcycle or trike by down shifting into a lower gear and letting the clutch out slowly to slow down the bike.

Now let's talk about different reasons Riders Engine Brake. Some do it for the noise. If they have loud pipes on their bike they like the loud backing down sound of the engine. Some Riders Engine Brake to help aid the braking system of the bike to slow the bike down during slowing or stopping. Other Riders Engine Brake to slow the bike down to a proper entry speed for a curve and choose the gear they want to enter the curve with. You might also Engine Brake to slow your bike down when you are approaching a stale red light anticipating the light will turn green before you arrive and thus you will be in the correct gear to continue on your way without stopping.

Let's now discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the examples I have given. If you are Engine Braking for the noise that is your choice as long as while you are doing so you are not also compromising your safety as I will explain. If you are Engine Braking to aid with your stopping think about what mechanically you are doing to your bike. When you routinely Engine Brake for normal stopping you are putting unnecessary wear and tear on your bike's drive train components. That means extra stress on your engine, clutch, chain, shaft or belt. The chain or belt is being stretched unnecessarily or your drive shaft u-joints are being put under extra stress. The clutch is engaging a moving fly wheel to slow the bike down adding extra contact and wear on it. To replace any of these components I have listed costs much more than Just having to replace a set of brake pads. You are talking hundreds if not thousands of dollars to replace the engine and drive train components as opposed to replacing a \$40.00 set of brake pads.

Now let's discuss the safety aspect in Engine Braking to slow down your bike. If you have to brake hard you should be using the Threshold Braking Method. That means you are putting the brakes on as hard as

you can to the point just before the tires begin to skid. If you also Engine Brake you are risking breaking the rear tire loose and skidding because of the extra stress you just added to the rear tire. Most of the modern day motorcycles have ABS (Antilock Braking System). That means the braking system will take over if you accidentally apply too much brake pressure and either tire begins to skid. The ABS system will not let the tires skid if you are using brakes only. If you add Engine Braking incorrectly at the same time you are using the brakes you could lock up the rear tire. You have defeated the purpose of having an ABS System. The ABS System cannot correct the rear wheel skid if the reason you are skidding is because you let the clutch out too fast or at the wrong speed in the wrong gear. Remember if you are using Engine Braking to set up a proper entry speed before entering a curve, get the clutch back out before you begin to lean. When you lean over for the curve your rear tire is now on its edge with much less tire surface area touching the road. There should be no more Engine Braking stress applied on your rear tire once you are in a lean. The extra stress on the rear tire caused by Engine Braking along with the centrifugal force being applied to your rear tire could cause the rear tire to slide out from under you.

Engine Braking.....or not. Now you know the pros and cons. What will be your choice?

FL2G Rally/Silent Auction



Come have fun and spend your money

Come Join Us

November 20, 2021

11AM-2PM

Rain or Shine

Sunsports Cycle & Watercraft Inc.

3441 Colonial Blvd., Ft. Myers FL 33966

Grand prize and 50-50 Drawing

The silent auction will consist of hundreds of Goldwing parts both new and used as you know from our past rallies. There will also be tools and a large assortment of other items.

2 hot dogs, a bag of chips, soft drink/water - \$5.00 per person.



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 Event

January 1, 2022 Florida District First Ride of the Year Shrimps-R-Us Welaka, FL

WING DING

Wing Ding 43, Shreveport, LA
June 28 – July 2, 2022

Please remember to renew your GWRRA membership:

December

None this month

Sunshine wishes to George Scholes



December Birthdays

12/2 Herb Jebb
12/7 Joe Pisano



December Anniversary's

12/20 Jim & Marilyn Rich
12/27 John & Peggy DuBose

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

Thanks for reading!

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