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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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GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION TREASURE COAST WINGS FL2-O

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The last few months of the year are here. This is the time of year that gets very busy for all of us. Thanksgiving is just around the corner, followed by the annual Holiday party on the second Wednesday of December.

Santa's Elves (aka the Spirit Team) are busy working to make the chapter Christmas party a fun filled night. Each year this is the best event that our Chapter has, so don't miss it - - this is a must-do event! Note, that there is a request on both email and GroupWorks asking for you to indicate that you are planning to attend. Your response is critical for the planning and our ability to determine the number of guests for the restaurant.

There are two rides scheduled for October. One of them is to the Square Grouper in Ft. Pierce, which is the first mid - day ride since spring. It is the first indication that we are transitioning to better riding weather and expect the see more rides on the calendar as we move into "ride season."

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

FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY, KNOWLEDGE



ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS JIM and MARILYN RICH

THE BUTT by Jim Rich

The BUTT is how riders refer to the Iron Butt Rally, a grueling endurance rally in which riders have to cover at least 11,000 miles in 11 days. For the uninitiated, the Iron Butt Association, founded in 1984, is made up of 75,000 members, all of whom have ridden at least 1,000 miles in 24 hours or less. The annual rally begins in Greenville, South Carolina, and then goes to Key West, out to California, north to the state of Washington, then east to Maine, and back south to Greenville. Extra credit can be earned by adding a leg to Homer, Alaska. 2019 was an historic year since this was the first time that the rally was won by a female rider. Wendy Crockett rode 13,000 miles on her Yamaha FJR1300, which now has more than 200,000 miles on it. (taken from the October issue of Rider Magazine).

Watch Groupworks for the posting of the Treasure Coast Wings Iron Butt ride.







SEPTEMBER GATHERING

WRITTEN BY Terry Henderson, MEC



Chapter Director, David Morris, called the Gathering of Chapter FL2-O to order at 7pm and welcomed everyone to the Southern Pig and Cattle Co. Restaurant in Stuart. He announced the Oct. birthdays. We all extended Happy Birthday wishes to John DuBose and Sondra Cuff. David also said that Bud is home from rehab and is improving every day. We miss Bud and Barb and hope to see them return to our Gatherings next month. We also want to thank Wanda for making the delicious brownies and peanut butter fudge for the Gathering tonight.

David asked Terry Henderson, MEC, to welcome our guests, so I introduced Leo and Lena Valcourt. Leo and Lena are originally from Mass. but moved to Rhode Island and joined a GWRRA Chapter in Lincoln, RI in 1985 before moving to Port St. Lucie, Florida in 1990. As Lifetime members of GWRRA, they are familiar with our Chapter and have participated in our rides many years ago. They ride a Gold Wing Trike with a California sidecar. We welcomed them to Chapter FL2-O and encouraged them to join us on a group ride soon.

Jim Cuff announced that his new 2019 Gold Wing Trike has arrived and it is beautiful! He said that they even put a thin line of silver between the blue and black which really makes the paint job look great! Jim also said that this Trike is Sondra's Birthday present. Congratulations, Jim and Sondra! We are all looking forward to seeing you and your new Trike on our next ride.

David called on Sandy Pisano to give a Spirit Team report. Sandy said that the Spirit Team met at Duffy's and finalized the plans for the Christmas party on Wed. Dec. 11 at the Holiday Inn on US 1 in Port St. Lucie. There will be beautiful decorations, fun contests, games, prizes, a gift exchange as well as a delicious sit down meal plus delicious home-made desserts provided by the Spirit Team. Please go on GroupWorks and RSVP so that we know how many will be attending. Sandy also introduced the new 'Jingle Jar' and invited all of us to put our 'noisy change' in the jar. This is a FUN way to defray some of the costs of the fabulous Christmas party. Finally, Sandy said that the next Kick Tire is Wed. Oct. 23 at Outback on US 1 in So. Stuart. There will be no Kick Tires in Nov. or Dec. The next Spirit Team meeting is Mon. Nov. 11 at Duffy's in South Stuart and all the ladies of Chapter FL2-O are encouraged to join us!

David asked Joe Trotta to tell us about his new purchase. Joe announced that he just bought a 2017 Can Am Trike and a Utility Trailer. He got a great deal on the trailer and plans to keep the bike and trailer in a storage unit. David said now that Joe's got a Trike, he can join us on our rides!

District Director, Bill Smith, and Cheryl have been traveling and were not able to make our Gathering today so David announced that the next District Ride will be a Sunrise/Sunset ride to Ormond Beach on Oct. 26. Go to GroupWorks for more details.

David invited ACD, Jim Rich, to take over the meeting and he reported on our last Breakfast ride to KeKe's in Wellington. It was a great ride on all the back roads and it was very well attended by our members. There are 2 more rides coming this month including one next Wed. Oct.16. We'll meet at 10:15am at the McDonald's in So. Stuart and drive to the Square Grouper Restaurant for lunch in Fort Pierce. On Sun. Oct. 27, we will meet at the Cracker Barrel at 8:30am for a Breakfast ride to Pete's Place, the best breakfast/lunch restaurant in Palm Beach & Broward County. Go to GroupWorks, RSVP and check out Pete's great menu. When John DuBose gets back soon, we will have even more FUN group rides to enjoy!!!

Our Tech Guy, Metalflake, had some great stories to share about losing a ring off his left tire that holds the air suspension together. He pulled into a Fire Dept. and they were very accommodating. At one point, they were called out to a fire and they invited him to relax and hang out until they got back. When they returned, they helped him get back on the road. Metalflake was very impressed with their amazing kindness & service! He also shared a story about his trip to the Barber Museum in Birmingham, AL. The Museum is filled with 900 beautiful motorcycles, 200 Lotus and Formula 1 race cars...all beautifully maintained. Behind the Barber Museum is a Porsche Driving School. Jim agreed that the Barber Museum is a great destination and Sandy Pisano said that she and Joe have been there and she loved it also.

Jim reminded everyone to get your mileage submissions to Barry Covard so he can keep track of them. Jim called for the 50/50 drawing and Marilyn won! Congratulations, Marilyn. Jim adjourned the meeting.



JIM'S NEW TOY

Jim's 2019 GoldWing with RoadSmith trike kit arrived this week. Jim custom ordered the trike during WingDing from KD Cycle in Alabama.

Last week they picked up his old bike-this week they delivered the new one.

It's a real beauty with a blue and black color scheme. Jim and Sondra can't wait to ride!!





FL 2-O SPIRIT TEAM Written by Sandy Pisano

As the weather begins to cool down, our ride calendar will provide us some great opportunities to explore the sights of beautiful South Florida. Groupworks has been a good communication tool for our chapter members. Rides and events are easy to access. It is helpful to those who plan these activities if we respond on the website if we plan to attend. It is especially important when it is necessary to make reservations for those who are participating. So, let's plan to join chapter members for upcoming rides and respond with YES on Groupworks.

The Spirit Team last met on October 5. We are making plans for an awesome Christmas party. Please remember to RSVP on Groupworks if you plan to attend.

If you have any ideas or suggestions that you would like the Spirit Team to pursue please see one of our team members. Our next meeting is November 11 at Duffy's (6431 SE Federal Highway) at 11:30. Our committee members are Sondra Cuff, Myrta Colussy Barb Parish, Percy Comstock, Terry Henderson, Marilyn Rich, Tammy Pounds, Nancy Karnell, Laura Smutek, Wanda Hackett and Sandy Pisano. Ladies of the chapter are welcome to join us!

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

WINGS OVER THE SMOKIES

Al and Myrta Colussy and Larry and Tammy Pounds spent a day at Wings Over the Smokies.

As you can see, Al & Myrta wore their chapter shirts. George, the shirt vendor, noticed they were wearing his product and chatted with Myrta to make sure they were pleased with the new shirts. George has been great to work with and is very customer care oriented!



CHAPTER RIDES

KEKE'S BREAKFAST RIDE REPORT SUNDAY September 22, 2019

Seven bikes and 13 riders convened at the Cracker Barrel to head south on Pratt & Whitney, to Bee Line, to Northlake and through the outskirts of Royal Palm Beach to the Keke's at the Wellington Mall. After a "hearty" breakfast we picked up route 7 north to where it rejoined Royal Palm Beach Blvd just south of Northlake and back home. Road Captains Jim & Marilyn were followed by George Scholes, Greg & Percy Comstock, Willard & Wanda Hackett, John & Sheila Main & Aunt, Herb Jebb, and tailgunners Dave & Terry.



Written by Jim Rich, Road Captain

October 16, Lunch Ride, Square Grouper, Fort Pierce:

A gorgeous venue overlooking the Port St. Lucie inlet with good food, good service and great friends. Seven bikes and eleven riders headed up Hutchinson Island to the Square Grouper, right on the water in PSL, and met Willard for a great lunch. Leads Jim and Marilyn were accompanied by Al and Myrta, Joe and Sandy, Barry, Herb (Metalflake), Dave Piacente (brand X) and tailgunners Dave and Terry. Willard met us for lunch and then we returned down MLK Blvd to Prima Vista Blvd (horrendous traffic) and out west for some open air riding that put us on Citrus Blvd back to Stuart. The Red Barron picked up 112 miles. Rusty from the Stuart Shooting Center had been going to join us but his brand X had problems (we're trying to get him back into a Gold Wing

Written by Jim Rich, Road Captain







JOHN DUBOSE

RIDE CAPTAIN

Road Captain John DuBose will be back in Florida for FL2-O riding season to work with Road Captain ACD Jim Rich. Jim has found some new places for you to ride this summer season and kept FL2-O riding.

I will be working with ACD Jim Rich to have more rides and they will be posted on Group Works. Group Works is GWRRA communication tool. So, I look forward to a good riding season.



MY FANTASTIC LONG RIDE! by Bob Stauffer



Hello everyone, I have been out of touch for a while. I left my house on Saturday September 21. I used the calimoto motorcycle app and for 2,197 miles in 6 days I only used the interstate for 12 miles out of the entire 2,197 miles. All back roads through Alabama, Tennessee, Southern Kentucky, North Carolina and Georgia. On my 500-mile trip home from Macon, Georgia, I will use all interstate since it is mostly Florida and very flat. It looks like the entire 7-day total mileage will be almost exactly 3,000 miles. Other than my a** being a little sore, I feel great. I know that some of you camp, but these air-conditioned hotel rooms make the trip better for me. I rode the Devils Triangle, the Snake, Spivey's loop and the Diamondback along with many other fun rides. I have ridden the tail of the dragon many times, so I did not go there on this trip. If you like the crazy twisties, the Devil's triangle is the best I have ridden. It is basically an hour-long tail of the dragon. I LOVE MY GOLDWING. It has been a fantastic trip!

GWRRA OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP RENEW DATE- please renew at gwrra.org

JOE AND MARY PARISH BOB AND LYNN CHESHIRE SAMMY AND LINDA KATZ



JOE TROTTA'S NEW TOY

2017 Can Am Spyder SE6 Limited

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 10/1 Carol Panicucci 10/5 John DuBose 10/15 Donna Seeley 10/21 Sondra Cuff 10/27 Bob Feehrer 11/1 Cathie Stauffer 11/8 Nancy Karnell



SUNSHINE WISHES TO

Bud Parish Ray Vega Ron and Sharon Montgomery (Ohio/Florida) attended a daughter's wedding at Borthwick Castle near Edinburgh, Scotland, on September 26.





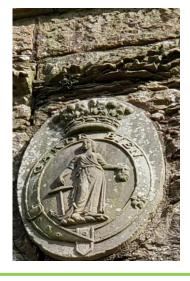
After the wedding celebration, we travelled to London for a week. There we saw 1.5 miles of street vendors at the Portabello Market. GoldWingers will appreciate all the great food!





We enjoyed visiting Stonehenge and also saw the remains of the Montgomery Castle and Montgomery Crest which is still in great shape on the front of a castle in Kilwinning, Scotland.





FL2-O ride suggestions for 2019 - 2020 Riding Season

Road Captains John DuBose and ACD Jim Rich have been thinking of adding some new rides to the FL2-O riding season. Take a minute to review this list and see if any of these interest you or let us know if you have one that you'd like to add.

- LaBelle Brewing Company Food by Buckingham Farms (Opens in October)
 http://labellebrewingco.com/ Brewery is located on the water behind Two Peas Café (great desserts)
 - **2.** Edison and Ford Winter Estates https://www.edisonfordwinterestates.org/ (Fort Myers)
 This could be an overnight tied with La Belle stop.
 - 3. Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens (Delray Beach) https://morikami.org/
 - 4. Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium (Sarasota) https://mote.org/
 - **5. The Ringling Museum** (Sarasota) https://www.ringling.org/ Sarasota might make another good overnight trip with an Amish meal.
 - **6. Kissimmee Blueberry Festival** March 26 29, 2020 https://www.experiencekissimmee.com/events/2019-florida-blueberry-festival
 - **7. Florida Air Museum and Sun and Fun** March 31 April 5, 2020 https://www.flysnf.org/sun-n-fun-intl-fly-expo/
 - 8. Sebring Soda Festival April 3 5, 2020 https://www.sebringsodafest.com/

Looking forward to a great riding season! Road Captains John & Jim

It's Official!

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June 30- July 4, 2020

Springfield, Missouri



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.

- October 16 Lunch Ride to Square Grouper, Ft Pierce
- October 23 Kick Tires Outback Steakhouse, Stuart
- October 27 Breakfast ride to Pete's Place, WPB. Leave Cracker Barrel at 8:30 AM RSVP via Groupworks

STATE RALLIES

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

FLORIDA DISTRICT RIDE-IN (SEE DETAILS ON GROUPWORKS)

October 25-27 Sunrise to Sunset



FL2-O CHRISTMAS PARTY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 5 pm-10 pm

\$30 Dinner/Cash Bar \$6 Gag gift (travel related) RSVP on Groupworks

WINGERS AND WAVES CRUISE

Mark your calendar and join the GWRRA-FL District on the "Independence of the Seas" on November 30, 2019 for 5 nights. The WINGERS-N-WAVES cruise will depart from Fort Lauderdale to Labadee, Haiti and Falmouth, Jamaica. Labadee is a private Royal Caribbean island that features pristine beaches, coral reefs and lagoon-like bays surrounded by forested mountains. The latest \$100m make-over and revamped ship focuses on new features, additional food options and new activities.

The group rates offer a refundable deposit! Please book with us to ensure your included into our special events, parties & group dinners. Pricing includes ALL port taxes & double occupancy. Rates are subject to change until booked.

BALCONY - \$637pp (premium location) INSIDE - \$497pp

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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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 <u>January 1st, 2020</u> 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.gwrraflorida.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, John DuBose, Bob Stauffer, Sandy Pisano, and Ron Montgomery. Thanks for reading!