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**Monthly Gathering**

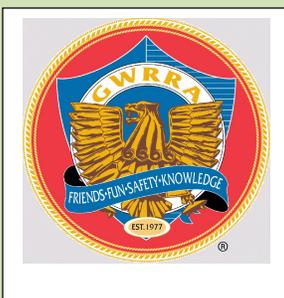
Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. at  
Southern Pig & Cattle  
Restaurant  
2583 SE Federal  
Highway  
Stuart, FL  
Socialize 5:30  
Dinner 6:00  
Meeting 7:00

 **CHECK THIS OUT!**

**WEBSITES**

FL2-O: [www.fl2o.org](http://www.fl2o.org)

Florida District:  
[www.gwrraflorida.com](http://www.gwrraflorida.com)



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

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*David Morris, Chapter Director*

**Trick or Treat!** I hope everyone enjoys this FUN fall celebration, but don't overdo the candy! Halloween means that we are about to enter November, a great month for us to complete our Food for Families collection just in time to help the House of Hope as they distribute life saving food to families on the Treasure Coast this Thanksgiving. Also, don't forget to change your clocks back one hour on Nov. 7. For our Chapter it marks a time of year when we have a fuller ride schedule and can anticipate and look forward to our annual Xmas Gathering.

As so often happens in Florida, inclement weather caused us to change our plans for the picnic to Timer Powers Park. I'm sure the Spirit Team will let us know when the picnic will be rescheduled. We have a Mystery Ride scheduled later this month and we have a November ride posted on GroupWorks. Other rides will be posted soon. Please sign up for them and enjoy the camaraderie of our chapter members on these FUN group rides. We are planning an overnight ride to visit Chapter FL2-G to attend their rally in Ft Myers. For those who join us, we will also visit the Edison Museum. Please sign up so that we know how many are attending. That will help them with their meal planning.

Our Rider Educator, Doug Goethel, has been busy with the 'levels' program. Our second MFA has been scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup> and is being hosted by Terry Henderson. Again the class filled up quickly! Early next year we plan to have a TRIKE course and an ARC course in Melbourne. Expect them to fill up as well.

Check out GroupWorks often so that you will see the 'pop up' rides posted by our Ride Coordinator John DuBose. You'll want to keep in touch with John to learn about these rides and make sure you mark them on your calendar.

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**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



## CHAPTER TREASURERS

**JIM and MARILYN RICH**

## RIDING THE OZARKS

By Jim Rich

Marilyn and I, along with son Jeff on his Suzuki M109, headed south out of Eureka Springs on route 12, known as the Arkansas Pigtail. After 10 miles of sweeping curves and elevation changes, we turned west into Hobbs State Park on route 12, with a stop at their fabulous nature center. In Rogers we stopped at the Daisy Air Rifle Museum to experience their long tradition, including the fact that Rogers and Clark carried an air rifle on their journey, fascinating the Indians by shooting with no noise and no smoke. We traveled south for a short visit to Arkansas State University and then back east along the White River to pick up the Pigtail back to Eureka Springs. The next day it was north on 16, with 10 and 15 mph curves into Missouri and then west to Oklahoma with a stop at the tri-state marker before heading back into Bentonville to have lunch on the town square where the original Walton 5 & 10 stood as a museum. We highly recommend adding Arkansas to your riding bucket list. (Note the mouse in the claw of the owl)





## Gathering Minutes By Terry Henderson

**WELCOME CHAPTER FL2-0:** Chapter Director David Morris called the Gathering to order at 7pm on Wed. Oct. 13, 2021 at the Southern Pig and Cattle Co. Restaurant on U.S. 1 in South Stuart. He asked MEC Terry Henderson to welcome our members and introduce our guests. Terry welcomed a large group of Chapter FL2-0 members to our Oct. Gathering and shared the fact that several members have returned from their summer travels including Roxanne and Jeff Dalany from North and South Dakota, Allison and John Meisenbacher from New Jersey, Lena and Leo Valcourt from Cape Cod, Massachusetts and our guests, Carma and Bob Steigmeier who are visiting from Chapter H/The Saddlebred Wings in Kentucky.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** David wished Sondra Cuff, Donna Goethel, Carol Panicucci and John DuBose a Happy Birthday and announced that no one had an Anniversary in Oct. He thanked Wanda for making tonight's many desserts including cookies, sugar free apple pie and apple bars which we all enjoyed immensely. David said that our Ride schedule for the fall is now up on GroupWorks starting with a pre-ride to the Picnic on Sat. Oct. 23. Everyone is invited to meet up at the Crackerbarrel in So. Stuart at 9:30 am. Ride Captain John DuBose will lead us through the Florida back roads to Timer Powers Park where everyone will be gathering for the Picnic at 12 noon. David also mentioned that FL2-A is planning a Crimestoppers District Ride so check it out and sign up on GroupWorks. He also encouraged everyone to see the Leadership University Classes that are now available through the GWRRA website. **MARCH**

**RALLY TICKETS:** Marilyn Rich reported that she has the March Rally tickets available tonight and encouraged everyone to purchase them. Each ticket is \$1.00 or you can buy a book of 10 tickets for \$10 and you have a chance to win up to \$10,000. Plus, if you sell the winning ticket to someone, you receive \$200. Marilyn reminded us all that the money collected from the Rally ticket sales helps to pay for all of our Rider Ed courses including ARC, TRIKE & MFA courses. We enjoy the opportunity to get all of these classes free of charge due to the Rally ticket sales, so come and purchase them while they last!!

**SPIRIT TEAM REPORT:** Sandy Pisano thanked everyone for participating in the Food for Families drive. You brought a lot of non-perishable food items to the meeting tonight and you have one more opportunity to make your charitable donation at the Nov. Gathering on Nov. 10. We plan to deliver all the bags to the House of Hope in time for Thanksgiving. Thank you again for your donations! Sandy also reminded everyone that our Oct. Picnic will be on Sat. Oct. 23 at Timon Powers Park in Indiantown. As David said, there is a group ride scheduled to meet at the Crackerbarrel Restaurant at 9:30 am or you can drive your car. Remember to bring your own lunch! Doug Goethel is the Bingo caller so you know we will have a FUN time! Sandy continued her Spirit Team report by telling everyone about the Christmas party on Wed. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn on US 1 in Port St. Lucie. It starts at 5pm and dinner will be served at 6pm. You may sign up and make a dinner selection between Turkey or Roast Beef with all the fixins' including vegetable, rolls, butter and a salad. The Spirit Team ladies will provide delicious desserts. There is also a cash Bar available. The room charge is \$138 which was paid for by your donations to the Jingle Jar. The party and dinner will be \$21 per person and you can make the check out to Treasure Coast Wings. Our annual Christmas party has always been a lot of fun so mark your calendars and don't miss it. The theme is Red Trucks and the dress is casual Christmas attire. Sandy

concluded her report by encouraging us to donate to the Jingle Jar which helps to defray the costs of our FUN Chapter events!

**TECH TALK:** David invited our Treasurer Jim Rich to take over the meeting. Jim called on Jim Cuff to give a Tech Talk about his new TRIKE. Jim said to be aware that if the battery in your new Gold Wing key fob dies, your bike will not turn on. The key will unlock the trunk but it will not start the bike if the battery is dead. You need to be aware that after you insert the new battery, you will have to 'dial in' a special number that you have from the manufacturer that allows you to program the key fob. The whole process takes about 20 minutes.

**EUFAULA DISTRICT RALLY REPORT:** Jim Rich asked Sandy Pisano to give a report on the Eufaula District Rally in Alabama. Sandy said that the Lake Point Lodge was a beautiful venue with lots of pretty scenery and a lovely lake view. You could book a room at the lodge or secure a cabin around the lake. The Alabama District Director did something a little different this year. Rather than starting the Rally activities in the morning as they usually do, all the activities started at 12 noon. Sandy said that they utilized the down time by exploring the cute city of Eufaula where lovely Antebellum homes line the main street. Sandy finished her report and said that both she and Joe were fortunate to win cash from the daily and weekly 50/50 drawings.

**JIM & MARILYN'S TRIP TO ARKANSAS:** Jim shared his experiences on a trip that he and Marilyn took to Arkansas. They have driven over 150,000 miles in 50 states and now Arkansas is one of them. This was their second trip to Arkansas this year. The first time they went by car to determine if the roads were as great for motorcycle riding as they had heard. When they recognized that they were, they planned a second trip and decided to drive their car, trailer their Gold Wing and rent a cottage in Eureka Springs for a week. Their son met them and together they rode all the beautiful pristine roads with amazing switch back curves & discovered that Arkansas is truly a beautiful place to tour on a motorcycle.

**RIDER EDUCATION:** Doug Goethel started his report by letting everyone know that Wing World has a tutorial on GroupWorks. So, if you are having trouble navigating GroupWorks check out the article in the Sept. issue of Wing World. Our Chapter FL2-0 will be doing another Medic First-Aid course this fall and we need at least 6 to 12 people to sign up in order for Claudia Vega to schedule it. Terry Henderson as well as Sandy & Joe Pisano are currently signed up. Doug asked for a show of hands for those members who were interested in the MFA course. The following members said that they were interested: Roxanne and Jeff Dalany, Lena & Leo Valcourt and our visitors from Kentucky, Carma and Bob Steigmeier who also said that they would be interested in joining our Chapter while they are in Florida. Doug asked someone to volunteer to host the MFA in their home and David and Terry volunteered their home. The Nov. date will be determined and posted on GroupWorks. Doug concluded his report by announcing that the Melbourne track is now available and we will probably start the ARC and TRIKE courses in January. Jim mentioned that he did a 4 hour ARC class in Ocala and really enjoyed it.

**CHAPTER FL2-0 WEBSITE:** Webmaster Donna Goethel encouraged everyone to check out the Website. You'll find all the officers contact names and numbers as well as all the Newsletters posted from months past.

**50/50 DRAWING:** Jim called for the 50/50 drawing. Leo Valcourt and Jeff Dalany won the door prizes and Percy won the cash. The meeting was adjourned!



JOHN DUBOSE

CHAPTER RIDE COORDINATOR

**Comments from: Chapter Ride Coordinator/Road Captain John DuBose**

I will start the riding season off with **Pop-up Rides**: they will be posted on **Group Works** as weather and FL2-O Road Captains are available to lead. Road Captains: John DuBose, Jim Rich, Paul Dreyfus & Frank Pellegrino.

**FL2-O Treasure Coast Wings Upcoming Riding Season**

**Saturday, October 23, 2021 Spirit Team Event**

Posted on Group Works - Leaving Cracker Barrel 9:30 (I-95 & Kanner)

**Thursday - Saturday, November 18 - 20, 2021**

**Fort Myers Overnight Event** - Thursday ride to fort Myers

**Friday - Visit Edison - Ford Winter Estate** <https://www.edisonfordwinterstates.org/>

**Saturday** - FL2-G Yellow Jackets - Fort Myers Rally

**Hampton Inn** (Colonial Blvd)- 4350 Executive Circle, Fort Myers 33916

(239-931-5300) Thursday November 18 & Friday, November 19

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/fmyclhx-hampton-suites-fort-myers-colonial-blvd/>

**42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Florida District Gathering of Wings**

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](https://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/A/ALTAHHF-FLGWRR-20220314/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

I plan on riding up Thursday and staying through Saturday. I may make a side trip after rally.

Leaving Sunday morning and ride to **Amelia Island - Fernandina Beach** spend the night. Then ride down AIA to Saint Augustine and south with one more night on the road. Any interest let me know.

## Dominick & Diane DeSiato District Educators RIDER EDUCATION



## SLOW CONTROL OF YOUR 2-WHEEL WING

As Florida District Educator I am getting plenty of opportunities to interact with our Members when it comes to Rider Training. One important aspect of Gold Wing Riding Training is knowing how to control your 2-Wheel Wing at slow speeds. This would include any slow tight turns as well as slow U-turns and even riding slow in a straight line while in slow moving traffic.

I have talked with many of our Members about slow riding techniques and have concluded that many Members do not know the proper technique to use to control the Gold Wing during slow maneuvers. There are publications and videos that will explain how to ride a motorcycle slow but I have not seen any material that specifically addresses the Gold Wing.

What I am about to suggest to you on how to ride you Gold Wing slowly did not come from any one source. It is a combination of riding techniques I have learned over the past 29 years with information supplied from MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation), IPTM (Institute of Police Technology and Management) and our own GWRRA Riding Curriculum.

To properly ride any motorcycle slowly and under control you must first totally change your natural mental process. When you drive a car it is natural and instinctive to go for the brake pedal if you feel you are moving too fast to make a turn. That braking process is reactive. When we use the rear brake on our motorcycle to control our speed during a turn, the braking process must be proactive. That means if you know you are getting ready to make a slow tight turn you must begin the process by first applying the rear brake pedal before you even begin to move. You then will begin to apply enough throttle and release the clutch into the friction to pull the bike forward against the drag of the rear brake. The bind you put between the rear brake and clutch in the friction zone with throttle, will stabilize the motorcycle and help prevent it from tipping over. If you are in the process of making a slow tight turn such as a U-Turn this method

of operating the rear brake and clutch will cut down the diameter (overall distance) it will take to complete the turn. If during this process you feel like your bike is getting ready to tip over, apply even more throttle, release more clutch, and apply more rear brake pedal. A clue that you need more of this action is the fact that you feel like your bike is starting to tip over. If you have a DCT Model Gold Wing your method of control would be applying throttle against the rear brake as needed. In either case do not put any fingers on the front brake lever and do not use the front brake during slow maneuvers. If you hit the front brake during a slow tight turn your front end will dive down and your bike will tip over.

The method I have just described works best on a motorcycle where the rear brake pedal application is independent from the front brake. When you are able to only apply the rear brake, the front wheel stays light enough to turn easy. As you know our Gold Wings have Linked Brakes. That means that when we attempt to apply only the rear brake, the Linked System applies one side of the front brake also. This creates a little more challenge to making a tight turn. If one side of the front brake is also being applied the front forks will compress down placing more drag (traction) on the front tire. I will take more muscle on your part to turn the front wheel, but turning tight is still doable.

I know what I have just described might sound strange. To better illustrate my point lets speak in car terms. What I have just told you to do is to put on your car's emergency brake and then apply the accelerator to make a turn. That doesn't make any sense if you are driving a car but, it is exactly the method you want to use to control your Wing at slow speeds. Working the rear brake against the clutch and throttle also works when you are in stop & go traffic riding real slow. You will be able to ride your Wing slow in a straight line without continuously having to put your feet up and down or dragging your feet on the ground.

You can try this technique I have described on your own in an empty parking lot or wait and join me at one of our Riding Classes.

# 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.**

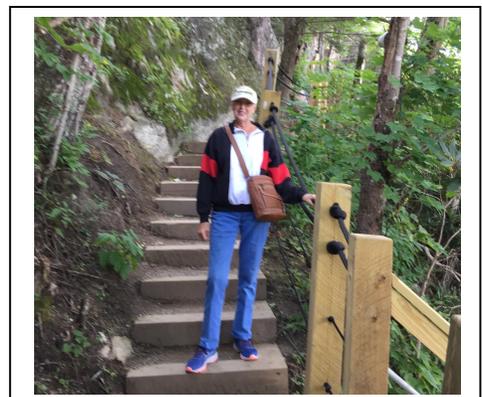


## My Summer Vacation

Leo and Lena Valcourt

Leo and I planned a three month camping trip which began on July 19, 2021 and ended on October 6, 2021. We usually travel every summer for about six weeks but because of Covid-19 and not being able to travel in 2020 we decided to extend our vacation. Our goal was to visit our family in Fall River, MA. and attend the GWRRA rally in Eufaula, AL. We made stops in 18 campgrounds which included 12 states. Our stops included South Carolina, North Carolina, Pennsylvania (a few days at a time) until we arrived in Massachusetts. While in Massachusetts we stayed at 6 campgrounds from July 28 to September 6 because we wanted to spend as much time as possible with our family. We did that and we had lots of fun.

We departed Massachusetts on September 6th traveling through Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Arley, AL and then to our GWRRA rally in Eufaula, AL where we met up and hung out with some of our GWRRA friends such as Sandy & Joe and Jim & Sondra. At the rally we played games, purchased tickets for a chance to win one of the beautiful baskets that were being raffled off, checked out the vendors, saw the motorcycle light show in the evening and so many more things they had going on. We also went out to dinner every night with our GWRRA friends. It was so much fun. We departed the rally on October 3rd and headed to Clermont, FL where we stayed for a few days to relax before heading home. We arrived home on October 6th. We had a lovely trip but I have to admit it was wonderful to be home.



**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:

November

George Scholes



November Birthdays

11/11 Doug Goethel



November Anniversary's

11/5 Joe & Sandy Pisano

• New Vehicles  
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*Thanks* ~To everyone who wrote an article for this month's Newsletter: David Morris, Terry Henderson, Jim Rich, 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!**