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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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www.gwrraflorida.com



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David Morris, Chapter Director

Ho Ho Ho....I can't believe it; our Christmas Gathering is getting close. Not to worry though, I have it on good authority that Sandy Pisano and her elves (AKA Spirit Team members) are getting all the details worked out for another great Holiday Party. I heard that they are finalizing the venue for the event and we can anticipate an announcement soon!

Getting back to current events...Eufaula, Alabama is just around the corner. Also, we are starting our fall ride season and have a Chapter Picnic planned on Oct. 23rd which includes a group ride led by John DuBose.

This past summer season was plagued by bad weather and despite our best efforts to ride in the early morning in order to avoid the afternoon rain; we had several cancellations and had to reschedule many rides.

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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

FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY, KNOWLEDGE



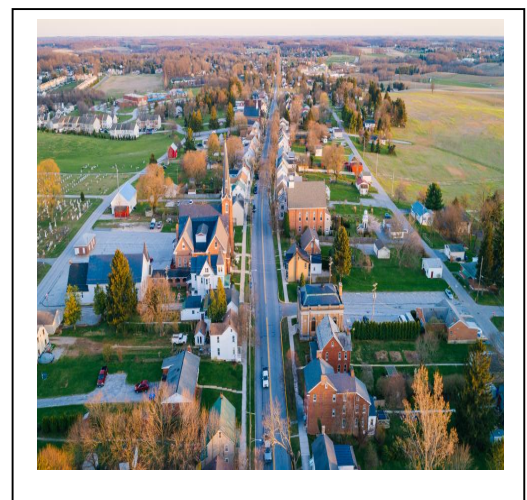
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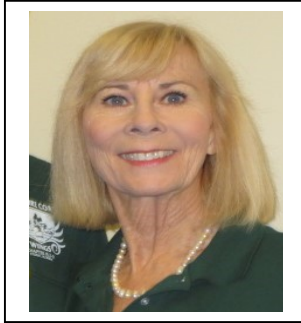
JIM and MARILYN RICH

BLUE HIGHWAYS

By Jim Rich

Blue Highways is a book about travelling the back roads in the pre-Walmart days when the maps showed the main roads in red and the secondary roads in blue. The author, William Least Heat-Moon, is a college professor at a mid-west college that closes its doors for lack of students. At age 38 he decides to outfit his Ford Econoline for travel and hit the road. The stories he tells about the small towns and the people who live there are a true reflection of rural America. There are no straight lines in his travels as he detours to look for places that no longer exist, or only exist on an historical marker. He detours to try new things, like a side trip into the bayous of south Louisiana to try real Cajun food. He takes roads that turn into gravel or dirt trails or lead into high mountains where he gets stranded overnight in a snowdrift in late May. A local points out the sign that says, “DO NOT TRAVEL IN WINTER.” The author says May is not winter and the local replies “around here it is.” I share this because the book reminds me of what motorcycling is all about, riding the back roads and exploring the small towns that continue to exist in rural America.





Gathering Minutes By Terry Henderson

Chapter Director David Morris called the Gathering to order at 7pm on Wed. Sept. 8, 2021 at the Southern Pig and Cattle Co. Restaurant on US 1 in South Stuart. David announced that there were no birthdays this month but congratulated Tammy and Larry Pounds on their Anniversary. He thanked Sandy Pisano for bringing the dessert and also shared the sad news that Bud's brother, Joe Parish, had passed away from complications of COVID and that Mary Parish was still very ill.

David invited Marilyn Rich to give a report on the March Rally tickets. She encouraged everyone to buy the available tickets now while they are readily available. As you all know, ticket sales provide the opportunity for our members to receive our Rider Ed. courses free of charge, plus you might win \$10,000 in cash if your ticket is drawn at the March Rally in Altamonte Springs, FL.

David called on Sandy Pisano to give a Spirit Team report and she immediately thanked Metalflake for bringing in a bag of non-perishable food items for the our Food for Families drive. She reminded everyone to collect your items in cloth bags and bring them to our next two Gatherings in Oct. and Nov. We plan to take our donations to the House of Hope in time for Thanksgiving in late Nov. The House of Hope will distribute these much needed items to hungry families on the Treasure Coast.

Sandy also announced that the Chapter FL2-0 Picnic will be at Timer Powers Park on Sat. Oct 23. Our Road Captains John DuBose and Jim Rich will plan the logistics of the ride and inform us of all the details on GroupWorks. We'll plan to meet at the park by 11am and enjoy lunch at 12 noon. Timer Powers Park is located in Western Martin County on Citrus Blvd. in Indiantown. It encompasses 37 acres and has a scenic view of the Okeechobee waterway bordering the east side of the park. Our Chapter will meet under a Pavilion for lunch and enjoy a rousing game of Bingo and some great outdoor FUN with FRIENDS!

The Spirit Team is also working on the Christmas party which is scheduled for either Dec. 6 or Dec. 8 depending on the availability of our venue which is still under consideration. Our theme is 'Red Trucks,' Spirit ladies, so let us know if you see any cute little red trucks, ornaments and decorations that will help us make our celebration festive and fun!! Sandy invited all the Chapter

ladies to join us at our next Spirit Team meeting which will be on Sat., Oct. 9 at the Dunkin' Donuts north of Duffy's on US 1 at 1pm. Sandy said that we altered our meeting place and time only for the next two months. In January, we will resume our regular meeting day which is on the second Monday of the month at Duffy's on US 1 in South Stuart at 11:30am. Last but not least, Sandy said that we should all make sure to attend the Wed. Oct. 13th Gathering because Wanda will be providing a delicious dessert.

David invited Jim Rich, our Treasurer, to give a Ride Report. Jim announced that District Director's Bill and Cheryl Smith were touring the country right now and will end their extensive tour when they arrive in Eufaula, Alabama where they plan to enjoy Wing Ding 42. Jim also proudly said that he and Marilyn are planning to fly to Rhode Island for 4 days to see their Grandson, Damien, graduate from Officer Training School. Following that exciting trip, they plan to tow their Gold Wing to Arkansas for 2 weeks where they will meet their son, Jeff, and ride the pristine roads of beautiful Arkansas. Jim also reminded us to go on GroupWorks and sign up for the fall Medic/First Aid course that Doug and Donna Goethel are planning and Claudia Vega will teach.

Jim called on Metalflake to give his Tech Talk report. Metalflake gave some good tips on how to remove a starter from an 1800 Gold Wing. He said that there are 3 bolts that secure the starter and one is by the reverse shift. To replace the starter PUSH it in by hand and replace the bolts. Now that Metalflake has a new TRIKE, he feels that the reverse function is better on the older bikes.

Jim asked for the winning 50/50 to be drawn and Barney Salzberg won. Congratulations, Barney! Jim adjourned the meeting.





JOHN DUBOSE

CHAPTER RIDE COORDINATOR

FL2-O Treasure Coast Wings Upcoming Riding Season

Saturday, October 23, 2021 Spirit Team Event

We will have a planned ride before picnic. More to come.

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 (11 AM - 2PM)(Flyer)

Location: Sunsports Cycle & Watercraft - FL2-G Rally/Silent Auction

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/> (Note: I booked my room last month at \$100.00 a night. I noticed rates are going up, so you may want to book. You can always cancel.)

42nd 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

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.

PLEASE USE GWRRA GROUP WORKS

Why should you use Group Works? It's a great tool to see what is going on with Chapter VA-K. You can RSVP to rides or events so any member can see whose going and leaders know count

Navigating Group Works: Article in September 2021 Wing World pages 48 - 51

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.





RIDER EDUCATION Dominick & Diane DeSiato District Educators



Level's Classes Available

Hello all,

Florida District Riding and MFA Classes are available upon request to maintain your Levels status. For ARC and TRC Classes contact Dominick at Dominickfide@gmail.com. For MFA Classes contact Claudia at rvega19854@gmail.com.

We conducted an ARC Class on July 27th in Ocala. Six members attended. It was hot with a “feels like temperature” of about 100. When I rode home the TPMS screen on my bike showed that the temperature of my rear tire was 116 degrees. We scheduled that class on that particular date because that was the date the members attending requested. I would prefer to conduct the outdoor riding classes in the cooler months. I think we should wait until October to resume. Currently we will be limiting the size of the Riding Classes to only 6 motorcycles, as I am the only available ARC Certified Instructor in Florida at this time. If we acquire another ARC Certified Instructor we can increase the size of the classes to as many as 12 motorcycles. The same restrictions apply to the TRC Classes.

The procedures for requesting a class will be conducted in the following manner: A Chapter Director or CSEA can survey their group to see which of their members want to take either the ARC or TRC. They should also decide on a tentative date for the class. This information is to be forwarded to me so I can check on the availability of a riding site. If all is agreed upon, I would then want the CD or CSEA to collect and hold a \$30.00 deposit which is refundable upon completion of the course. If a Chapter does not have enough members to fill a class I will advertise the Class on Group Works to get enough members to fill the Class. I also take individual member requests which I will keep in a file pending enough members to fill a class.

Florida is in need of Rider Instructors for both the ARC and TRC Riding Courses. I have been teaching Riding Classes for 25 years. It has been both rewarding and fun to teach these classes. You, as an Instructor will learn invaluable safety information and riding techniques that you will pass on to your fellow GWRRA Members. If you are interested in becoming a Rider Instructor please contact me and I can advise you how to proceed. There is a GWRRA Rider Instructor Course scheduled for November 17th -20th, 2021 in Athens, AL. If you are interested please contact me as soon as possible. Space is limited and paperwork must be submitted in a timely manner to qualify.

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 Events

Alabama District Rally
Eufaula, AL
Sept 30 – Oct 2, 2021

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

Please remember to renew your GWRRA membership:

October
Doug & Donna Goethel



October Birthdays

10/1 Donna Goethel
 10/1 Carol Panicucci
 10/5 John DuBose
 10/21 Sondra Cuff



October Anniversary's

None

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

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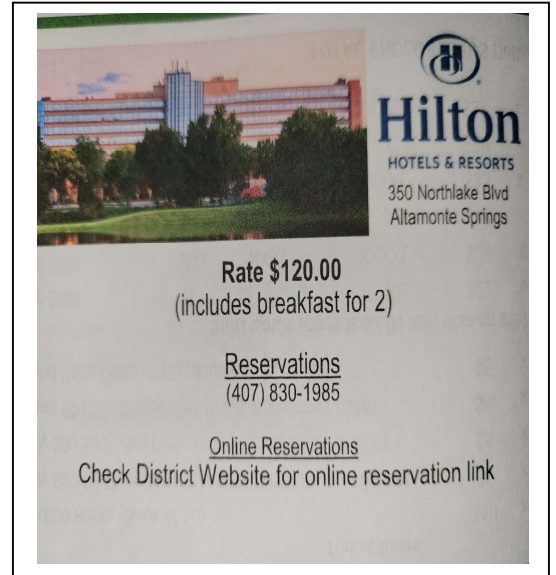
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Thanks ~To everyone who wrote an article for this month's Newsletter: David Morris, Terry Henderson, Jim Rich, John DuBose and Dominick DeSiato.

Thanks for reading!

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