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GOLDWING ROADRIDERS ASSOC.

Chapter Directors Highlights

A note from Lynn.....

HELLO....HELLO...HELLO...

WHAT A MONTH THIS HAS BEEN. Starting in February with Bike Week... As most of you already know, it was our Harbor City hot dog sales at New Smyrna Airport. . A lot of work, but also a lot of fun. We learned to do a few things differently then we did in Biketoberfest and it was all for the better. Andy and I would like to give all those that took the time to help out a great big heartfelt..... THANK YOU SO MUCH. We certainly could not have pulled it off without you. (and for those of you who missed Brenda Wilson on her selling day... you really missed something) A special thanks to Mike and Charlotte Mercer for the use of their garage in the back of their fifth wheel. It truly saved the week for us. Thanks again to each and every one of you.

O.K.....Bike week ends on Sunday and that next Thursday morning , Mike and Charlotte, Mike and Pat, Mo and Deb, Dick and Brenda , Harry and me... are on our way to the Florida District Rally in Kissimmee, a three day turn around. I sure wish more of you would think about attending the rally. It is a lot of fun. The theme this year was St. Patrick's (surprise). Well, we all took our costumes, but due to circumstances, Mike Mercer was the only one to wear his leprechaun outfit. Boy did he look great. Charlotte also got his beard the perfect red.

I will not go into the food (oh boy), the wine (don't buy the monkey wine), and the partying until midnight. You have to be there to know.

Any way... Thursday we worked registration, Friday and Saturday Mike and Pat Duquette, Mo and Deb Dalton taught a road captains course. Seems they had a good turnout for both classes. Leann and Jim came over for Saturday's class and Ray and Racheal Moyer had arrived Friday morning. Sorry to say that Dick and Brenda had to get back home on Friday.

Saturday afternoon, Leann, Charlotte and I took part in the chapter challenge. We lost but we had a ball losing. Again you have to be there to get the jest of a chapter challenge. Also on Saturday.... The biggie....WE WON THE CHAPTER BANNER CONTEST.....YEA MELBOURNE MONKEYS.....

Well I guess I'll quit rambling on and just mention real quick, that our turnouts for the kick tires have been great. Wish I could name them all and all of you. But you know who you are and it is things



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such as that, that make our chapter feel like we are on the rise.
Until next time Ride safe...Ride Goldwing
Proud.....
Lynn



Have a Happy Easter Everyone!



2007 FLORIDA GWRRRA EVENTS

- Apr. 14 FL1-B 4th Annual Road Rally, Valrico
- Apr. 21-22 Horizons Program, Ocala
- Apr. 28 FL1-W Green Eggs & Ham Breakfast/Brunch, Apopka
- May 3-5 South Carolina District Rally, Spartanburg
- May 5 FL1-T 20th Anniversary and Poker Run, Crystal River
- May 26 FL1-F2 20th Anniversary Poker Run, Ocala
- Jun. 14-16 Georgia District Rally, Rome
- Jul. 4-7 Wing Ding, Billings
- Aug. 31-Sep. 2 GWRRRA 30th Anniversary Party, Nashville
- Sept. 8 FL1-A Picnic/Auction, Tampa
- Sept. 13-15 Region "A" Rally, Perry
- Oct. 11-13 Mississippi District Rally, Biloxi
- Oct. 13 FL2-N Rally/Fund Raiser, Cocoa
- Oct. 26-27 Annual Bandit Getaway, Panama City

AND NOW A WORD FROM CAPTAIN SAFETY

Multitasking, Multitasking, Multitasking
The reason I bring this word up today, "Multitasking" has been in the news lately. So much so, that a lot of state's lawmakers are writing new laws to cope with this ever increasing phenomenon in our daily driving lives. It has come to the attention of them, that this is causing numerous accidents which would have not occurred in the past.

In the old days all we had to worry about was a Big Mac, a coke, and a fry. Today we have cell phones with text messaging, internet for weather reports and email, and people are actually doing this while driving at high speed. Add to the mix a little bit of makeup, the kids screaming in the car, food, drink, such as hot coffee (but if you do that you could win an \$11 million lawsuit against McDonalds, and that is not a bad thing). And what about the GPS? Some of the inexpensive models don't talk to you and you have to read the screen forcing us to take our eyes off of the road.

Which gives us, as motorcyclists, a lot to be aware of as well as focusing on the operation of the motorcycle to safely traverse over the roadway. We also need to be looking in the vehicles to see what is going on in that vehicle and possibly make maneuvers to avoid that person by creating a safety cushion around us. They may not be paying attention to you, therefore, make sure you are paying attention to them. Scan, Predict, Act.

Also we have to be aware of vehicles hauling unsafe loads such as pickup trucks and construction vehicles, where things could fly off and be in our part of



the road. This is where an ERC course teaches the proper way to swerve and avoid those objects in this type of situation.

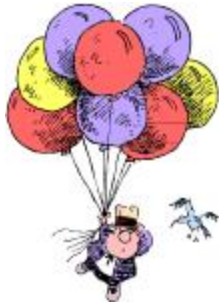
Another point to bring up, at this time, is that there are twice as many motorcycles on the road in 2007 as there were in 1996, and if there are twice as many motorcycles there are probably 3 times as many cars and trucks on the road and this includes Brevard county. It's not like the old days where there were so few vehicles, that a motorcyclists could have a lot of fun on the road and not worry as much about the overcrowding of our highways.

Now we have motorcycles riding with XM radios, CB's, GPS, coffee mugs, cell sets, so we really have to think and focus about riding on two or three wheels on the road to stay safe.

In closing please be careful and be aware of your surroundings for the safe operation of your vehicle while you are out there in this mess. As a side note, we are not saying that the devices listed above on motorcycles are a bad thing, but that we should always be aware and use the devices properly and safely, with attention to the road and the ever changing conditions our number 1 priority.

Mike & Pat Duquette

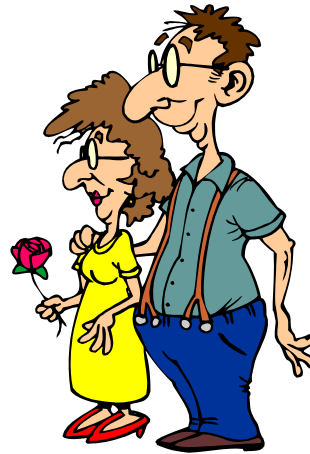
Birthday's



4/2 Kay Weber
4/10 Wayne Storey
4/10 Ralph Feightner
4/10 Nancy Feightner
4/18 Rachel Moyer
4/30 Barb Chilberg

Anniversaries

4/10 Roger & Peggy Mansfield
4/11 Ron & Kay Weber
4/12 Mike & Charlotte Mercer
4/13 Vic & Linda Doherty
4/22 Mo & Deb Dalton



The nation is prosperous on the whole, but how much prosperity is there in a hole? - Will Rogers

Retirement takes all the fun out of Saturdays. - Duke Gmahle

There's one advantage to the music the younger generation goes for today: no body can whistle it.

I am in shape. Round is a shape.

Not afraid of heights - afraid of widths.

Practice safe eating - always use condiments.

Part of the secret of success in life is to eat what you like and let the food fight it out in side. - Mark Twain

Some people stay longer in an hour than others do in a month. - William Dean Howels

A day without sunshine is like night.

Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city. - George Burns

I am not a perfectionist. My parents were, though.

Idealism is what precedes experience: cynicism is what follows. - David T. Wolf

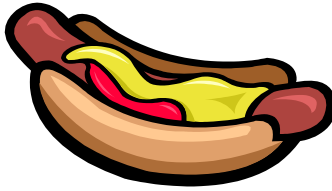
You know you're old when you notice how young the derelicts are getting. - Jeanne Phillips

The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age. - Lucille Ball

Whatever their other contributions to our society, lawyers could be an important source of protein.

Television enables you to be entertained in your home by people you wouldn't have in your home. - David Frost

Dog Days



of Bike Week

BIKE WEEK HOT DOG STAND

CHAPTER PHOTOS



Home sweet home.



Show me da money!



Ok, one hot dog medium rare!



Please! Don't tell this guy your out!



BIKE WEEK HOT DOG STAND



No worries! Harry watched the Doctor do it once. Besides, he slept in a Holiday Inn Express.....



Jessie was in charge of "dropped dogs".

CHAPTER PHOTOS



The Out Back!

You can tell it's going to be a rotten day when... your birthday cake collapses from the weight of the candles.
 You can tell it's going to be a rotten day when... your car horn goes off accidentally and remains stuck as you follow a group of Hell's Angels on the freeway.
 You can tell it's going to be a rotten day when... the bird singing outside your window is a buzzard.



FL DISTRICT RALLY MARCH 07

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Ya know,.....it's shots like this, that makes ya appreciate the high price some members pay.....to represent the Chapter.

CHAPTER PHOTOS

Special thanks and appreciation to Steve and Theresa Borrelli for their support and efforts on behalf of the Chapter and our Hot Dog Stand for Bike Week.



KICKTIRE AT SONIC



CHAPTER PHOTOS

Recently had my 95 Goldwing SE triked. All the removed parts are available except the rear tire and wheel. Both saddle bags, lower light bar, heel/toe shifter floor boards, trailer hitch and various other parts that had to be replaced due to triking. All these parts had only 41k miles on them so they should be in very good condition. Anyone interested can contact me at, 321-536-7907 cvetzelsr@cfl.rr.com Carl Vetzels 4195 Sherwood Blvd, Melbourne, FL 32935



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1 Mystery Ride	2	3 Business Mtg Barnhills—7PM	4	5	6	7 Breakfast ride—DeLeon Springs
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 FLI-B Rally Valrico
15	16	17 Kick Tire— Jason's Deli	18	19	20	21 Ride to Lake Placid
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 FLI-W Breakfast— Apopka
29	30					

MAY 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Business Mtg Barnhills—7PM	2	3 SC District Rally— Spartanburg	4 Henegar Cen- ter Play—8PM	5 FLI-T Rally Crystal River
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Kick Tire— Long Dogger's Beachside 7 PM	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 FLI-F2 Rally Ocala
27	28	29 Kick Tire Harbor City Diner 7PM	30	31		