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GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOC.

March 08 Was a Busy Month

March was another busy month for the chapter.

March 1-9 The month started with Bike Week going strong in Daytona. FL2-D again ran the "Hot Dog Stand" at the New Smyrna Airport as a fund raiser. Although the weather did not cooperate, many Chapter volunteers made the trip to Bike Week and worked their shifts. A special recognition goes to Harry & Lynn and Mike & Charlotte who spent most of the week as the base team. Although attendance was down for almost all of Bike Week, the Chapter still managed to make a small profit.

March 11 Shortly after Bike Week, the Chapter had its March Business meeting. The meeting was delayed a week due to the number of people at Bike Week. Attendance at the Lizzie's Bistro location was excellent with 41 people present.

March 13-15 Two days after the monthly meeting, many members headed for the State Rally in Kissimmee. More details are available in the attached article.

March 18 A little past midway through the month, we held our first kick-tire at Papa's Riverside Restaurant on US-1 in Palm Bay. This was our first visit to this establishment which was recommended by one of our members. Tuesday night is their "Bike Night" which is hosted by a local girl's bike club. They had a DJ in the parking lot and a fair number of bikes. Our Chapter appeared to be the largest group (26) in attendance. Again we had the fortunate problem of having more people show up than we anticipated, but there was plenty of room inside for everyone to sit down and have dinner. The food and service were excellent. Many members participated in the host club's 50/50 raffle. Although they assured us that the winner would

Meetings - First Tuesday of each Month

Currently meeting at : Lizzie's Bistro 1851 Palm Bay Rd., Palm Bay, FL.



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be notified if not present, many of us stayed around to talk and inspect the bikes. Charlotte especially had fun scrambling my Knight Rider front LEDs. The display fits into the front GL1800 vent has multiple patterns like the TransAm on the old TV show. You change from one pattern to the next by moving your hand across the front vent opening. Unfortunately, this technique works for everyone **except me**. Charlotte seemed to be the most successful. As for the 50/50 drawing, our own Debbie Storey was the lucky winner (See pics below).

March 28 Originally a ride to Plant City for Strawberry Shortcake was scheduled for this date; however, Steve Borrelli, put out a request for help in moving to his new home. The Plant City Ride was pushed back a week into April and a large crew showed up to help Steve complete his move.

Bill Harris
Ride Coordinator

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT MONTH.....

There is Plenty To Do in April 08

Many Chapter activities have been scheduled for your enjoyment in April. As always, check the Web Site Calendar for the latest information and any last minute changes.

April 1 April Fools Day will be the date of our monthly Business meeting (Honest!). The location is Lizzie's Bistro on Palm Bay Rd.

April 5 The ride to Plant City and strawberry shortcake has been moved to April 5th. Harry or Mo will lead the Saturday ride.

April 6 Dick & Brenda have planned another day of horseshoes at Wickham Park. You are welcome to meet for breakfast at the VFW on US-1 prior to the games. Check the Calendar for the latest times.

April 12 Apopka Chapter FL1-W will be having their Green Eggs & Ham Rally on the 12th. Our Chapter has a ride planned to the event starting at 9 AM, Countyline Saloon.

April 14 The Vietnam Moving Wall opening ceremony will be held on Monday April 14. All Chapter Members are urged to attend in your Chapter colors. We will be meeting at the Wal-Mart Grocery at Wickham & Post Rd at 6 PM. The Chapter will present a wreath at the ceremony.

April 18, 19, 20 Chapter FL2-G in Ft Meyers is having their 25th Anniversary rally on Saturday April 19th. A large group of members are going down with Harry on Friday April 18th, leaving around noon. A second group was planning on leaving Saturday morning, but this may be cancelled due to lack of participants. Most members are staying until Sunday.

April 26 A First-Aid / CPR course is scheduled for April 26th. Time and location is TBD.

April 29 A kick-tire for April has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 29th. The location is Shorty's BBQ on Wickham, north of Aurora (Across from Harbor Freight).

Bill Harris
Ride Coordinator

2008 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS

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Apr. 3-5	Alabama District Rally	Mobile, AL
Apr. 5	FL1-B Annual Fun Day	Brandon
Apr. 6	FL1-E2 Annual Charity Poker Run	Ft. Walton Beach
Apr. 12	FL1-W Green Eggs & Ham	Orlando
Apr. 19	FL2-G 25 th Anniversary Rally	Fort Myers
Apr. 19	FL1-D Green Frog Getaway	Pensacola
May 1-3	South Carolina District Rally	Anderson, SC
May 3	FL2-Z Night at the Oscars	Palm Beach
May. 17	FL1-X Biennial Country Fair Poker Run	Orange Park
May 23-24	FL1-Y Rally/Poker Run	Gainesville
May 31-Jun 1	Horizons Seminar	Ocala
June 12-14	Georgia District Rally	Athens, GA
June 21	FL1-V It's Five O'Clock Somewhere	Jacksonville Beach
July 3-6	Wing Ding 30	Greenville, SC
Sept. 6	FL1-A Picnic/Auction	Tampa
Sept 11-13	Region "A" Rally	Dothan, AL
Oct. 16-18	Mississippi District Rally	Biloxi, MS
Oct. 31-Nov.1	Panhandle Getaway	Panama City
Nov. 2	Ride For Kids,	Sarasota County Tech. Institute.
Nov. 8	FL2-A 30th Anniversary. "Buzzard Run"	West Palm Beach
Nov. 8	Florida District Rider Ed Fair	St. Petersburg
Nov. 15	FL1-L2 Poker Run	Brooksville

2009 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS

Jan. 10-11	CD Conference	Kissimmee
Jan. 17	FL2-L Chapter Rally	Lakeland
Jan. 25	FL2-D 4 Chapter Breakfast	Melbourne
Feb . 08	South Florida Ride For Kids	
Mar. 12-14	Florida District Rally	Kissimmee
Nov. 14	Florida District Rider Ed Fair	St. Petersburg

GWRRA MOTTO: Friends For Fun, Safety and Knowledge



DEALS GAPMaybe we are not missing anything up there!

Safety Educator

Road Captain – Ride On!!!

Group riding and GWRRA are synonymous. Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge. Friends for Fun is what we are ultimately all about. The reason we are a part of GW and the reason we ride. We are not a group of loners. Safety, because we want to continue to ride for years to come with our friends. Knowledge, concerning all aspects of riding and camaraderie so we remain friends, have fun and remain safe. The circle of GWRRA rider education.

I Strongly Advise each of you to take the Road Captains Course whether or not you ever intend to be the lead or tail bike. WHY? So you will have a more enjoyable group ride. So you will feel safer in a group. So you won't be "surprised" during a group ride. So your co-rider will feel more comfortable, the most important part...

Where can you take a Road Captains Course? The next and best place will be at this years Florida District Rally. WHY? Because you can attend one of the courses taught by Duquette and myself. (big bonus!!!) WHY? Because, unlike riding with Harry, you don't have to pay anything extra. No quarters required!!! WHY? Because you will increase in Knowledge and Safety, thereby, increasing your Fun, and because you will have a better understanding and feel better about participating in group rides, thereby, increase your circle of Friends. Cool Beans!!!

WHY a Road Captains Course?!?

- Since most GWRRA activities include group riding, it is a really good idea to know what to expect during a group ride so there are no surprises.
- There are a set of guidelines that are set so that you should be able to join in any GWRRA Chapter group ride and already know what to expect!
- When a group is split up and you inadvertently become the lead or tail bike, you know how to handle riding in your "new group".
- When leading or being the tail bike, you know how to maneuver/guide the group in a safe manner to that you don't spend your riding experience wondering if you did it correctly.
- How to get a group on the road properly.
- How to get a group off the road properly.
- How to properly maneuver a group through traffic
- And the most important part – How to communicate brief, concise, and clearly understandable with the group so that all in the group understand.
- And the MOST, MOST, MOST important part – Whether or not you ever lead or tail, you understand the riding rhythm of group riding; understand the meaning of the brief and concise communications, feel comfortable in the knowledge and understanding of group riding rhythms; you Know what is going on When and WHY...

Who takes a Road Captains Course? EVERYONE who ever plans to participate in a group ride. Knowledge leads to Safety and Fun.



In closing, during the next week after "Bike Week", take a ride up and down Hwy 1. Notice every now and then, on the roadway in front of gas stations, restaurants, bars, etc., the black skid marks on the road. These are the warning messages left by those in a group ride where there was no formal training on group riding techniques and communications. They were left there for your benefit by those who want you to know how NOT to do things. Listen to their subtle yet important message...

Ride safe, ride often – Smooth Transitions

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Senior Chapter Educators

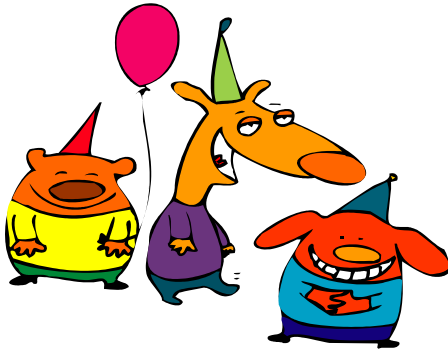
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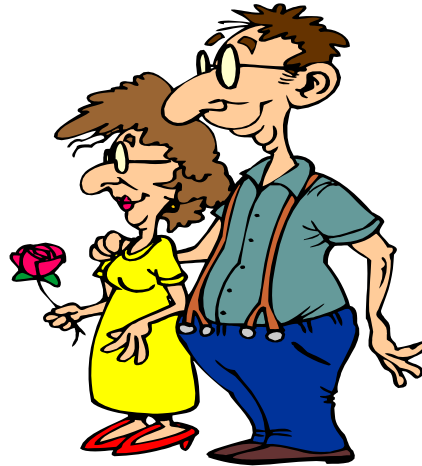
Birthday's

Anniversaries



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

4/11 **Ron & Kay Weber**
4/12 **Charlotte & Mike Mercer**
4/22 **Mo & Deb Dalton**



ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL STUFF TO KNOW

The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:

Spades - King David, Hearts – Charlemagne, Clubs -Alexander, the Great Diamonds, - Julius Caesar

If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air the person died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

Q. Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what?

A. Their birthplace

Q. Most boat owners name their boats. What is the most popular boat name requested?

A. Obsession

Q. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter "A"?

A. One thousand

Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common?

A. All were invented by women.

March Meeting at Lizzie's Bistro

It's HIM! Must be our Last Supper!



Ralph's giving lessons on the application of Ketchup.



Now, that was 6 inch long Hot Dog with chili?



ZZZZZZZZZZZZZ



Humm.....why are they all wearing Green? Are they all Irish?



Foot Long.....Hot Dogs

Bike Week



Excuse me! That ain't no Hot Dog!



The Chef!



Yahoo.... Motorcycle Man!
You look hungry.....





KICK TIRE

PAPA'S

KICK TIRE

AND THE WINNER IS.....



Florida State Rally

March 13 through 15th was the Florida State Rally in Kissimmee. Most people stayed until Sunday (16th). The host hotel was again the Radisson Worldgate just west of the main Disney entrance on US-192. Some (i.e. retired) members went over early Thursday (13th), while we working stiffs came over late Thursday night. Chapter FL2-D's campsite was the adjacent Knights Inn Motel. Knight's Inn is a single story motel almost directly adjacent to the Radisson. All events were a short walk from our motel. The rent was also a lot cheaper.

Members in attendance the three plus days included: Harry & Lynn, Mike & Pat, Mo & Deb, Dick & Brenda, Mike & Charlotte, Ray & Rachael, and Sharyn & I. Jim and Leanne came up from visiting relatives in Sebring on Saturday. Some other Chapter members also attended.

Knights Inn was selected for its price and the ability to sit outside the rooms and socialize. Most nights, and some mornings, included the mandatory parking lot meeting. These informal get-togethers often included modeling the latest in sleeping attire, plus an abundance of food.



A 3 day State Rally means there is lots to do. Some rally activities we participate in included the following:

Registration
Seminars
Night Bike Lighting Competition
Auctions
2008 Bike raffle

Opening Speech
Vendors
Games
Door Prizes
Closing Ceremonies

Night Bike Lighting Competition



Some FL2-D members worked in Registration on Thursday. Mike and Mo worked as Safety Instructors and presenters for one of the seminars. Mike, Pat and others also prepared our poster for the poster competition (a magnificent job but no ribbon). Sharyn and Brenda attended a Co-Rider seminar on how to get rid of the old man when his time has come.

With three plus days of rallying, there was also plenty of time to go exploring. One day, Sharyn and I went to a new mall at Winter Gardens and did some shopping. Another day, Dick, Brenda, Sharyn and I went over to Disney's Pop Century Resort and had lunch. This is an interesting place with themes of 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s & 1990s. We later went down by the Millennium Mall and toured the new IKEA. This was an experience we won't long forget; notice I did not say "pleasant experience"!

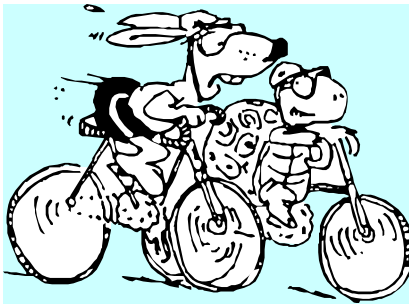
The rally concluded late Saturday night. Most Chapter members stayed until Sunday. A large group went from Kissimmee to Plant City for breakfast before heading back to Melbourne. Sharyn and I had other commitments so we headed straight home.

Bill Harris
Ride Coordinator



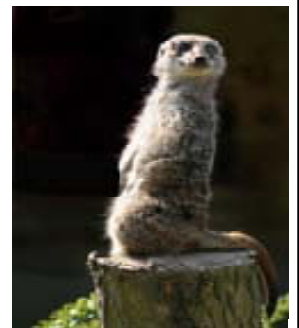


Note: When carrying a pet on your bike, be sure and “strap them in”.....oh yes, take the corners easy too.



A special thanks to our members who submit articles. We love the support and the good information. Send them to Richard Mitts rm32904@yahoo.com
Word documents are preferred. Pictures should be in jpg format.

A Very Special Thanks to **Charlie Davies and Joanne Davies.** They take this publication, make it web ready, and then put it on our Web Site. Without them, we would not be able to enjoy this on our computers. Many thanks for a fantastic job.



MEMBER ITEMS FOR SALE

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
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