

# FL-2D

# HARBOR CITY BEACON

Melbourne, Florida

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**GOLDWING ROADRIDERS ASSOC.**

From the Chapter Director's .....

Well , Well , Well..... Another year has gone. A lot of rides, a lot of kick tires, and a lot of fun.

We have watched as the chapter has grown a little more this year and gladly welcome all our new members. NOW ....

You "senior" members please make it a point to welcome the "newbies" at each meeting. Let's not let anyone feel left out.

As for the new members, feel free to jump in with both feet (or tires) and join us at kick tires, and rides to other chapter rallies.

Speaking of kick tires.... For those who missed the LAST RIDE OF THE YEAR, ....what a ride. The day was absolutely gorgeous. We left Wachovia at 915 with six bikes, rode to Steve's Diner beachside, in Daytona. Guess what????????

IT WAS CLOSED DOWN. OH well change of plans. We headed inland to our regular Steve's. Had a good breakfast and headed out . I can't tell you where Andy led us but the back roads were beautiful. Ended back in Melbourne around 2. Great day.... Great ride... great way to end the year.

A heartfelt thanks to all our members who make our kick tires a success. It is good to see new faces starting to pop up. NUFF SAID....

Also this year we welcomed new staff members. Bill Harris took over as ride co coordinator and has been doing a great job. He really tries to do a little something for everyone. Which is no easy feat. Thanks Bill. Bye the bye... his Christmas light ride was unbelievable.

Next to step up was Richard Mitts to become our newsletter editor. What a work of art he has done with the newsletter. Richard, thanks for all you hard work.

Ah yes... Le Milucky is now our new P.R. person.

So thanks to these people for stepping up to the plate.

A special thanks to all our members. Although you may not be staff, there a things that are done behind the scene that help and support the chapter...no one person can do it alone.

SO THANKS TO YOU ALL AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR....

Ride safe

Ride Goldwing

proud.....Lynn

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## OH CHRISTMAS TREE.... OH CHRISTMAS TREE....

Just to let you know.....In November, the Chapter was asked if we would decorate and donate a 3 ft. Christmas tree for Hospice. The tree was furnished by Weustoff regional and after we decorated it, it would be auctioned off to raise money for Hospice.

The chosen theme was "Florida Christmas".

The ornaments were snow men lounging in hammocks, hula dancing reindeer, and Santa in bathing suits and sunglasses. The side ornaments were flip flop sandals, tropical fish and glittered sea shells. At the very top of the tree were two, back to back, star fish. Fish netting with glitter and more shells was used for the tree skirt.

Oh yes, our tree auctioned for \$185.00.....The second highest at the sale out of seven trees.

Feels good..... Lynn



## 2008 FLORIDA GWRRRA EVENTS

JAN. 4-6	CD CONFERENCE, HAMPTON INN	DAYTONA BEACH
Jan. 19	FL2-L Famous Couples Rally	Lakeland
Jan. 26	FL1-O Annual Chilly Run	Crestview
Jan. 27	FL2-N Five Chapter Breakfast	Cocoa
Feb 22/23	FL1-A2 Annual Mini-Rally	Lake Talquin
Feb 29 – Mar 9	FL1-H Gold Wing Getaway	New Smyrna Beach
Mar. 13-15	Florida District Rally	Kissimmee
Mar. 22	FL1-Q Annual Charity Run	Milton
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 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Fort Myers
Apr. 26	FL1-X Biennial Country Fair Poker Run	Orange Park
May 3	FL2-Z Night at the Oscars	Palm Beach
May 17	FL1-V It's Five O'clock Somewhere	Jacksonville Beach
May 23-24	FL1-Y Rally/Poker Run	Gainesville
July 3-6	Wing Ding 30	Greenville, SC
Sept. 6	FL1-A Picnic/Auction	Tampa
Nov. 2	Ride For Kids, Sarasota County Technical Institute.	
Nov. 15	Florida District Rider Ed Fair	St. Petersburg

## Looking to 2008

Let's try to put Santa's Crazy Elf behind us from this past Christmas Party and move on. Please, let's move on.

It's New Year Eve, and I'm sitting here writing an article for the Chapter Newsletter, if that's any indication of the year I have had. While some of us are glad that the year is coming to a close, others are sad to see it go, and look forward to another year. As far as I am concerned, we should all be looking forward to the new year. A fresh start. A way to take what was learned in 2007 and apply it to 2008, in order to make 2008 the best year possible. It all boils down to taking from the past, applying it to the present, and making a better future. Living and learning... moving forward...not standing still...not backsliding. Always moving forward...Living and Learning.

What I would like for us to do this coming year is to apply last year's lessons. Hopes are that you have heard the messages presented this past year. Putting the lessons into action is the most important part. It's the difference between knowledge and wisdom. Knowledge is knowing. Wisdom is putting knowledge into action. Knowledge does us nothing if we are not able to exercise it.

Therefore, the lessons for 2008 built on observations from 2007:

1. Do not change lanes in an intersection. There is a solid white line in most intersections. Solid white lines are not to be crossed except in emergency situations. Plan well in advance where possible. See number 7.
2. Do not blindly follow the leader of a group or the bike in front of you. You are responsible for your ride. The CB communications are a convenience, not to control your moves, only to assist. Remember the days when there were no CB radios on bikes?
3. Curves... Slow...Look...Lean...Roll. The proper entry speed for a curve is when you accelerate through the curve or maintain current speed. Never slowing down in a curve. Slow...Look...Lean...Roll.
4. Push left, go left. Push right, go right. Counter-steering. If you are running wide in



the corners, take an ERC, PLP, or MRC. This should not be optional. Practice, Practice, Practice.

5. T-Clock your bike, but most importantly, perform a rider T-Clock check. Is the rider physically and mentally ready to ride? Thoughts- Clear, Luminated, Observant, Concise, Keen...
6. Pre-ride reviews. Participate. Speak up. Do not allow a group to dictate you out of your comfort zone. You will be happier and more comfortable and the group will be more fun.
7. Slow transitions, slow transitions, slow transitions. I cannot stress this enough. I see it becoming more and more of a problem and I can't put my finger on why we seem to be getting worse on this one.

We wish you a Very Happy New Year and look forward to many safe miles in the years to come. Please remember, that Mike, Pat, Deb, and myself are here to help in any way. Our intent is help educate each and every one of us toward more and more reduced risk riding. We have to keep reminding ourselves and do this through reminding those around us. We all have a lot of riding wisdom to build. Always moving forward, living and learning.

Happy New Year,  
Mo...

Mike & Patty Loo Duquette  
Senior Chapter Educators

Mo & Deb Dalton  
Assistant Chapter Educators

## Birthday's

## Anniversaries



1/9 Terry Borrelli  
1/14 Bob Andelsen  
1/16 Ron Weber  
1/20 Vic Doherty

1/13 Pat & Mike Duquette  
1/16 Larry & Cecilia Hicks



Every year, Smitty and his wife Martha went to the State Fair. And every year, Smitty would say, "Martha, I'd like to ride in that there airplane." And every year, Martha would reply, "I know, Smitty, but that airplane ride costs ten dollars, and ten dollars is ten dollars."

This one year Smitty and Martha went to the fair and Smitty said, "Martha, I'm 71 years old. If I don't ride that airplane this year I may never get another chance. "

Martha replied, "Smitty, that there airplane ride costs ten dollars, and ten dollars is ten dollars."

The pilot overheard them and said, "Folks, I'll make you a deal. I'll take you both up for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say one word, I won't charge you, but if you say one word it's ten dollars." Smitty and Martha agreed, and up they went.

The pilot performed all kinds of twists and turns, rolls and dives, but not a word is heard. He even does a nose dive, pulling up 15 feet above the ground, but still not a word. They land and the pilot turns to Smitty, "By golly, I did everything I could think of to get you to yell out, but you didn't."

Smitty replied, "Well, I was gonna say something when Martha fell out, ...but ten dollars is ten dollars!"

An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%.

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"



# Goldwing Tow “Cycle”

This is for real! These are pictures of the “Tow Cycles” used in Bermuda. How's that for “awesome” power!



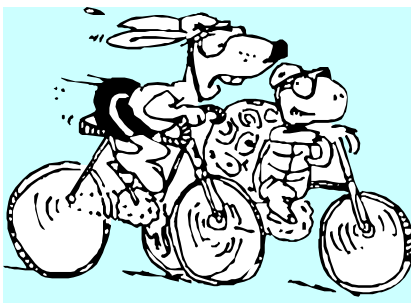


Special thanks to my friend Dick Pugh for emailing these pictures to me. Hope you enjoyed them.



The following pictures are from November's parking lot practice. They were lost but now they are found.....and published. Sorry. The Editor.







# Christmas Party at Marsh Landings



Hosted by an Elf.

Gail brought Santa!

Elf on the attack!





*'On The Road' with Jim and Tax*

Last month I left you hanging in your Wing seats waiting for the rest of Tax, Leeanne and my trip to the Smokey Mountains in October.

You'll remember we had completed the "Tail of the Dragon", 318 curves in 11 miles. Rain came in for the next couple days and even though we are experienced *wet* riders we elected to ride in Dad's Highlander instead.

After spending our rainy days improving the local economy at the outlets in Pigeon Forge, we set out on a car tour of Cades Cove with Leeanne's parents. This is a fabulous part of the national park.

Settled by a few families in the 1800's, at its zenith there were some 700 families in this mountain community. The mill still operates and the build-

ings have been well preserved. It is hard to believe the size of the cabins relative to the number of occupants. By today's standards, picture a dozen people living in your bedroom [cooking, sleeping and whatever...ing]. Ok, maybe they saved some things for the out-house.

Patience is REQUIRED to drive around the Cove. Wildlife is protected in the park. With large herds of deer, turkey, abundant wildlife and 'photo opportunities', traffic often backs up and comes to a halt. On a bike the stopping and starting on a hilly, narrow one way, one lane winding road with uneven pavement, tree roots and pot holes would be quite taxing. Depending on the traffic it can take over 3 hours to complete the Cove loop. I'd suggest being rested for this ride and a bit of 'starting on mid-hill' practice would be helpful [that's for us Florida flatlanders].



*A 30 minute deer traffic stop – what a rack!*

Our last full day we took off for Clingman's Dome. The highest point in the park and second highest in the east at 6,643 feet. Anticipating a spectacular view we encountered thick fog, drizzle and 39 degrees! We were toasty and quite comfortable in our heated clothing. With visibility less than 30', fog driving in the mountains on wet roads should be avoided.

After traveling to Clingmans Dome we traversed back down into North Carolina through the center of the park to 70 degrees. We were unzipping and peeling out of our clothing before we could stop the bikes. We found the Blue Ridge Parkway just before Cherokee and headed East to I-40. Leaving I-40 at Cosby we completed our day on back roads into Sevierville.

The first leg of the trip home began with temperatures in the 40's and back roads all the way back to Huntsville, AL. through the beautiful Sequatchie Valley. Before we could set out for home we faced our last challenge ... how to get our new Toyota Tundra, two Honda 1800 Goldwings and a Henagan trailer home with just two drivers. Prior to leaving Huntsville on our way to the Smokey's, we took Leeanne's wing to Decatur for new tires. The tires cost us an arm and a four door Tundra. Word of advise, don't hang out in a Toyota dealer-

ship with your father-in-law and his marine buddy, the general manager, while waiting for tires on a Goldwing!

Fortunately we were able to find a custom single, open trailer for one bike on local Craig's list [eBay light]. After numerous calls to local Goldwinger's and friends back home Leeanne read the manual on 'how to secure your Goldwing' to a trailer. For those of you who haven't heard, the passenger seat handles, side bag and engine guards are not adequate tie-downs for trailering. Leeanne will be offering lessons at the next parking lot practice.

We set out from Huntsville early the next morning with the Tundra trailering Leeanne's bike [no trailer hitch] and I followed on my bike with the Henagan. Leeanne finally relinquished the Tundra just before we reached Birmingham, took my bike and the Henagan trailer. We stopped for the night in Tallahassee. The next morning she saddled back up on the 1800 with the trailer in tow to finish the 650+ mile trek back to Palm Bay ... her first trailering experience! Hey, she insisted!



*Jim and Leeanne – Cades Cove Grist Mill*

Seriously, if you plan northern type trips in the fall get the warm gear. You won't regret it! Leather chaps just don't compare to insulated clothing. Oh, it's hard to find in Florida, so either plan on finding your stuff at a rally, out of state or on-line. My experience with on-line shopping for clothes has been frustrating – in a word, the clothes never fit.

Safe and Happy riding wishes to all,

Jim, Leeanne and Tax

### **Blind Man in Texas**

There once was a blind man who decided to visit Texas. When he arrived on the plane, he felt the seats and said, "Wow, these seats are big!" The person next to him answered, "Everything is big in Texas." When he finally arrived in Texas, he decided to visit a bar. Upon arriving in the bar, he ordered a beer and got a mug placed between his hands. He exclaimed, "Wow these mugs are big!" The bartender replied, "Everything is big in Texas." After a couple of beers, the blind man asked the bartender where the bathroom was located. The bartender replied, "Second door to the right." The blind man headed for the bathroom, but accidentally tripped over and skipped the second door. Instead, he entered the third door, which lead to the swimming pool and fell into the pool by accident. Scared to death, the blind man started shouting, "Don't flush, don't flush!"



## ***HELPFUL HINTS FOR MAINTAINCE/ REPAIR PROBLEMS***

***Unusual GL1800 Battery Charging Problem.*** Jim Sadler from Australia tipped me off about this. No charge was going into his battery, even though the alternator was giving full output and the regulator checked out okay. Turns out his cruise control fuse had blown and when this fuse blows the battery won't charge. ....Taken from an online site..... Would someone remember this so that if it happens to me you can remind me of the solution?

***Spare Keys For GL1800.*** The Honda Accord key blank is the same and can be used as a backup key for emergencies. This only applies to US GL1800's, the UK GL1800's have the Honda HSS chip in them.

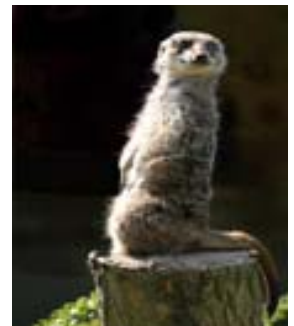
***Repairing Plastics.*** Some of you have probably had the misfortune to damage one or more of your motorcycle panels. Using fibreglass to try and repair cracks in Goldwing panels is no use, it just cracks after a short time. Some plastics cannot be successfully welded either. U-pol have released a product, **Plast X** Plastic Repair Kit which actually works! It's a two part mix supplied in a syringe type dispenser and is available for hard or soft plastics, the hard plastic type being fine for wing panels. It hardens very quickly and is a real pig to sand down, although a sanding disc on your power drill will do the job fine and you can use a skim of bodyfiller to finish it off before priming. The finished repair is really strong, the material feels just like real plastic.

***More On Repairing Plastics.*** Marc-Andre Bedard, from Quebec, Canada e-mailed me with a new plastic repair tip and says; For repairing the plastics. I repaired a part with glue for synthetic nails that women use. It works quite well and dries in 10 seconds.

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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](mailto:rm32904@yahoo.com)  
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# To Pee, Or Not To Pee?

**K**IDNEYS DO A lot more than eliminate water from our bodies, making us search for bathrooms in strange places. Though that's their most noticeable function, kidneys use water as raw material for their real job, maintaining the body's internal chemical equilibrium by making sure our blood volume is adequate; that there are enough chemicals like sodium, potassium, calcium, etc.; and that various waste products (including some drugs) are eliminated properly from the body.

Each kidney is about fist-sized, and is behind the abdominal cavity near where the ribs join the spine. If you feel down your back, there's a soft "upside-down V" shaped area below your bottom rib next to your spine. This is where your kidneys live. If someone gets a kidney infection, this area becomes pretty tender—a mild whack with a fist hurts a lot. (This is a good area to check frequently in someone with a urine infection—if it starts to become more tender, treatment is needed immediately. Call your doctor.)

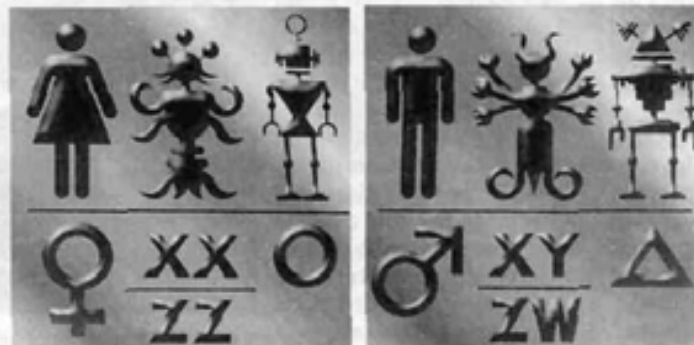
Each kidney drains through a tube called the ureter to the bladder, which holds the urine (hopefully) until we're ready to urinate. Of course, under maximum stress, the body may involuntarily urinate, lightening the load as it gets ready for "fight or flight." It also may get rid of other waste, prompting Bill Cosby's famous quote, "First you say it, then you do it." A full bladder is easily ruptured in an accident, so keeping it as empty as feasible makes sense. This leads to the old pilot's saying of "Nothing's more useless than runway behind you, space in your fuel tank, and pee in your bladder."

Though the kidneys are protected by fat, they're still vulnerable to direct impact. Your kidneys can be saved by good body armor (I use a Bohn back protector with my Aerostich suit). Kidneys are also susceptible to rapid deceleration: When your body slams into something, your kidney can be torn from its blood vessels and/or ureter. If the ureter's torn, there might not even be blood in the urine, which is commonly seen in kidney damage.

If you ever notice blood in the urine after an accident, even if you're feeling okay, you should get checked out promptly. Just because you're able to walk

around after an accident doesn't mean you're okay internally. Remember, astronaut Pete Conrad was walking around after his 1999 motorcycle accident. He was dead five hours later from internal blood loss.

Maintaining blood volume is critical, and there are ways to lose blood volume without bleeding. When we get dried out (dehydrated), our blood volume decreases. With heavy exertion in hot, dry weather, you can sweat a couple of quarts an hour. What's more, when you're



exposed to the wind by perforated (or inadequate) gear, you won't feel sweaty. When I lived in Las Vegas, in the heat, a fine powdering of salt would appear on my skin—my shirt stayed dry. I was sweating profusely without feeling it.

Lowered blood volume can lower blood pressure, increase pulse, and finally cause shock. As we lose blood volume, our mouth gets dry, and our skin becomes doughy and less elastic. This may take a while to show up. The most sensitive indicator for lower blood volume is how fast our kidneys are making urine. This can't be measured directly, but an excellent indicator is how soon the bladder gets filled up. A full bladder is easy to notice (and hard to ignore).

When riding in warm or hot weather, monitor how often you need to pee. If it's been more than four hours, you're not drinking enough. Also, look at the color of your urine. As your body gets drier, and your blood volume decreases, your kidneys use less water to get rid of waste. More waste in less volume equals a darker color. However, watch out for B vitamins—they'll cause your urine to be darker, too. If you take vitamins, take 'em in the evening if you plan to be checking your urine color.

It's a misconception that drinking more water puts a strain on your kidneys. Since the kidneys use water to transport waste

products out of the body, the more water available, the easier the kidneys' job. When we don't drink enough, our kidneys are forced to make the urine more and more concentrated, meaning we pee less often and it's a lot darker in color. It's also harder on the kidneys.

Other things can stress our kidneys, too. NSAIDs, which include drugs like aspirin, ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil), and naproxen (Aleve), can reduce blood flow to the kidneys, and impair their function while you take them. High blood pressure, diabetes and smoking also cause kidney damage. Medications called ACE inhibitors and ARBs can slow kidney damage in some conditions—ask your doc.

Diabetics are particularly prone to kidney problems. Luckily, taking an ACE or an ARB can prevent this. If you're diabetic and not taking an ACE or ARB (as well as a statin for cholesterol) ask your doctor "why not?" Every diabetic needs regular checks of kidney function, too; not just by blood tests, but also a urine test to look for protein that leaks through the kidney (microalbuminuria).

High blood pressure kills kidneys. Hypertensives need regular testing, too. If your blood pressure is over 140/90 more than 10% of the time, it's too high. Check your blood pressure in the morning, seated, leaning back in the chair, both feet flat, and with the arm resting at chest height on a table.

Smoking has been shown to hurt your kidney function, even in people who are otherwise healthy (no diabetes, no hypertension). Smokers are three times as likely to have reduced kidney function than non-smokers. Luckily, it's a lot easier for a smoker to become a non-smoker than it is for a hypertensive to become a non-hypertensive, or for a diabetic to become diabetes-free.

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This article is taken from the November Issue of Motorcycle Consumer News. I highly recommend their publication. Dr. Flash Gordon writes very informative articles.

# 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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