

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION



Chapter Director comments:

Happy Birthday America! As we get ready to celebrate our country's 234th birthday on the 4th, I thought it would be nice to do a little trivia this month. The Second Continental Congress voted on the 2nd of July to approve the legal separation of the colonies from Great Britain. Thomas Jefferson's draft was presented to Congress on June 28, 1776. One of the most enduring myths about Independence Day is that Congress signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. It was actually signed by the committee on 2 July 1776 and officially adopted on July 4, 1776. Congress ordered that all members must sign the Declaration of Independence and they all began signing the "official" copy on August 2, 1776. In January of the next year, Congress sent signed copies to all thirteen states. The first celebrations consisted of thirteen gunshots fired, once at morning and again as evening fell. Philadelphia celebrated the first anniversary with an official dinner for the Continental Congress, toasts, 13-gun salutes, speeches, prayers, music, parades, troop reviews, and fireworks. Ships were decked with red, white, and blue bunting.

In a remarkable series of coincidences John Adams and Tho-



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Meetings - First Tuesday of each Month
Currently meeting at : MeMaws on Babcock in Palm Bay.
Eat, Chat and Mingle at 6:00pm. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm

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Thomas Jefferson, two founding fathers of the United States died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the United States' 50th anniversary. Of the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence they were the only two to become president.

So as you gather with family friends and neighbors take a moment to reflect on the day a few Americans said enough is enough we declare our independence. To all my family, friends and neighbors I close with Happy 4th of July and birthday America.

Ride safe and long

Charlotte



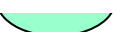
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Ever wonder how blondes remember their Passwords?

During a recent password audit, it was found that a blonde was using the following password:

MickeyMinniePlutoHueyLouieDeweyDonaldGoofy

When asked why such a big password, she said, "It had to be at least 8 characters long."



2010 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS

(May 24, 10)

Jul 24-25	Officer Certification Program	Sebring
Aug 21	FL1-A Pirate Feast Rally	Tampa
Sep 16 – 18	Region "A" Rally	Eufaula, AL
Oct. 2	FL1-H Poker Run	Daytona
Oct. 9	FL1-X Chapter Rally	Orange Park
Oct 14 – 16	Mississippi District Rally	Tupelo, MS
Oct 24	FL1-M Bowling Event	Clearwater
Oct. 30	FL1-H2 Halloween Harvest Fun Day	Orlando
Nov. 6	FL1-D Green Frog Getaway	Pensacola
Nov. 13	FL1-L2 Poker Run & Fun Day	Wesley Chapel
Dec. 11	FL1-S Mingle & Jingle	Zephyrhills

2011 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS

Jan 15	FL2-L Mardi Gras Rally	Lakeland
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The end

GWRRA MOTTO: Friends For Fun, Safety and Knowledge

A man comes home from the office and tells his wife he had a frustrating day at work.

"Ahhhhh, tell me all about your day honey," his wife says.

The husband looks at her and says, "Well.. I just did."

Be Alert for this Norwegian Computer Virus.....

VARNING: MinnySoda Compewtr Virus

Ve haf just sent you da NORVEGIAN VIRUS. Since ve do not haf any programming experience and do not know how to actually damage your computir, dis Virus verks on da honor system. Please forward dis Virus to eferyvone on your mailing list and den manually delete all of da files on your hard drive.

Tank you for your cooperation, Sven and Ole

Safety Educator

AND NOW A WORK FROM CAPTAIN SAFETY...

Hit or Miss

Living in Florida has its advantages and disadvantages when it comes to riding the ultimate touring motorcycle – The Goldwing. One can ride all year long as long as you don't mind heat during the summer, though the nights are wonderful, and the three cold days during the winter (sorry, had to rub it in a little).

Now about some of those afternoon and evening rides. Though they were gone for a few years, the afternoon thunderstorms have returned with the regularity of clock work. It seemed like for the last couple of years they were gone, but this year has brought them back as of late.

I have ridden in just about every condition imaginable. Rain, wind, shine, snow, sleet, and hail, though that last one really leaves a mark. But, there is one condition that I refuse to participate in. That would be lightning. I will avoid riding in it at all cost.

Mind you, there was a time when I rode all year long since the Wing was my mode of transportation. If it was raining, snowing, lighting, or tornadoes, I would look like the lone idiot out on a bike to the general population. To other bikers, I was brave, or just that poor soul. Oh well, I rode on and proud. Then I started thinking, which is a dangerous thing... and luckily doesn't happen all too often.

Since I have a little bit of electrical background, I knew that rubber was an excellent insulator, and understanding this fact like many of my fellow foul weather riders, I knew that I was protected by a good few inches of rubber. As long as I didn't have a flat tire going down the road, I was protected from a lightning strike by those trusty Dunlops. Boy, was I DumLop headed...

Also with my vast electrical background, I also knew that plain ole breathing air was a very good insulator. Why, that is why goose down or polyfil coats insulate you from the cold in the harsh Florida winters (sorry, couldn't resist again). Air is also a good insulator of electricity. Many old capacitors were merely two metal plates separated by an air



gap.

Two and two for some reason over the years, start to add up, though slowly I might add. The realization starts to form. If rubber is a good insulator, and air is also a very good insulator, then why does lightning strike? The air should be stopping it from striking at all. Therefore, if air can't stop it, I expect my tiny weenie DunLops to phase it one little bit. The average lightning bolt can travel up to 10 miles before striking ground through one of the best insulators,... and I expect my tiny weenie, weenie, weenie .00000473 miles worth of tiny weenie, itty bitty, solid rubber Dunlop tires to protect me. At this point we are not even going to talk about the twin lightning rods....

Now for the facts. Remember rubbing your feet on the carpet in the winter time and then slowly moving your finger closer and closer to a metal door knob until a short blue arc would spring from the finger to the knob. Remember? Surely I wasn't the only bored kid. Honestly, I still do it. I know, I know, but I'm still a kid....

That electrostatic spark was only a few thousand volts. Sounds large doesn't it? And it is, as it demonstrates the power of static electricity. 10,000 volts will generate a spark approximately one inch. Now, can you imagine how many volts there are required to travel up to 10 miles? ...Millions... Therein, is why riding a motorcycle in a lightning storm is probably not the brightest thing to do. Chances are good that you won't be stuck, but the chances are much less if you take appropriate cover. That's what you'll find me doing.

T-CLOCK CHECK : Tires and wheels, Controls, Lights and electrics, Oil and fluids, Chassis, Kick-stand.

Don't ever be fooled that the rubber tires will protect you from a lightning strike. Simply, lightning could care less about how good your Dunlops are. It is going to go right around them, or through them, just like they were as thick as a butterfly's wings. Unfortunately, the lightning has to go through you to get to the tires.

I have gone on way too long to go into all of the lightning safety facts that there are to talk about, but if you want to know more, check out the National Lightning Safety Institute on the web. It is interesting reading.

So remember, ride safe, and ride often. But more than that, ride smart.

Just a side note, you are fairly safe in your car if it has a full metal top. Convertibles? Nope. Fiberglass Corvettes? Nope. Play it safe and smart.

Mo...

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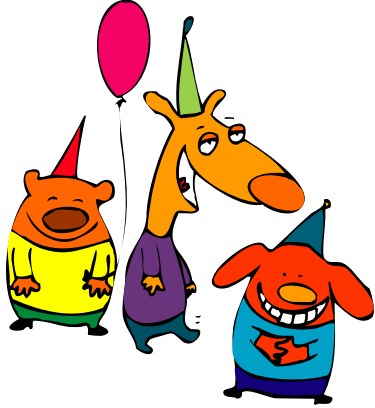
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Saving on tires..... Just one at a time.....



Birthday's

Anniversaries



7/17 **Gary & Roselie Jones**
7/29 **Charlie & Ellen Jones**
7/31 **Bill & Debie Brown**

7/2 **Larry Hicks**
7/7 **Richard Wilson**
7/8 **Jim Milucky**
7/8 **Garry Wunderlick**
7/21 **Sandy Bent**
7/22 **Don Tosti**
7/24 **Carol Girard**
7-25 **Mike Mercer**
7/25 **Bill Harris**
7/26 **Ray Moyer**



Barbara Walters, of Television's 20/20, did a story on gender roles in Kabul, Afghanistan several years before the Afghan conflict. She noted that women customarily walked five paces behind their husbands.

She recently returned to Kabul and observed that women still walk behind their husbands. From Ms. Walters' vantage point, despite the overthrow of the oppressive Taliban regime, the women now seem to walk even further back behind their husbands, and are happy to maintain the old custom.

Ms. Walters approached one of the Afghani women and asked, 'Why do you now seem happy with an old custom that you once tried so desperately to change?'

The woman looked Miss Walters straight in the eyes, and without hesitation said, 'Land Mines.'

Moral of the story is (no matter what language you speak and where you go):

BEHIND EVERY MAN, THERE'S A SMART WOMAN

Chapter Meeting @ MeMaw's





New England Eatery Lunch Ride

June 26th



Pictures from Mike and his cell phone.

June Events _____ - Without pictures!

June 5th Ride to Lakeland

June 6th Breakfast Ride to East Lake

June 15th Kick Tire—Burgers in Old Downtown Melbourne

The authorities were leading a priest, a drunkard and an engineer to the guillotine. They asked the priest if he wanted to face up or down when he meets his fate.

The priest said that he would like to face up so that he will be looking toward heaven when he dies. So, they raise the blade of the guillotine, release it and it comes speeding down and suddenly stops just inches from his neck.

The authorities take this as divine intervention and release the priest.

Next the drunkard comes to the guillotine. He also decides to die face up hoping that he will be as fortunate as the priest. They raise the blade of the guillotine, release it and it comes speeding down and suddenly stops just inches from his neck.

So, the authorities release the drunkard as well.

Next is the engineer. He also decides to die facing up. They slowly raise the blade of the guillotine when suddenly the engineer shouts, "WAIT!!!... I think the problem is right there where the cable is binding!!!"

If you ever testify in court, you might wish you could have been as sharp as this policeman. He was being cross-examined by a defense attorney during a felony trial. The lawyer was trying to undermine the policeman's credibility...

Q: "Officer -- did you see my client fleeing the scene?"

A: "No sir. But I subsequently observed a person matching the description of the offender, running several blocks away."

Q: "Officer -- who provided this description?"

A: "The officer who responded to the scene."

Q: "A fellow officer provided the description of this so-called offender. Do you trust your fellow officers?"

A: "Yes, sir. With my life."

Q: "With your life? Let me ask you this then officer. Do you have a room where you change your clothes in preparation for your daily duties?"

A: "Yes sir, we do!"

Q: "And do you have a locker in the room?"

A: "Yes sir, I do."

Q: "And do you have a lock on your locker?"

A: "Yes sir."

Q: "Now why is it, officer, if you trust your fellow officers with your life, you find it necessary to lock your locker in a room you share with these same officers?"

A: "You see, sir -- we share the building with the court complex, and sometimes lawyers have been known to walk through that room."

The courtroom erupted in laughter, and a prompt recess was called. The officer on the stand has been nominated for this year's "Best Comeback" line -- and we think he'll win.

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



May I have your attention please!.....

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