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GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOC.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all of our members who were able to help at, and support, our Bike Week Hot Dog Stand fund raiser at the New Smyrna Airport.

Harry Anderson.

February has been one of our normal busy months. Activities included: business meeting, lunch ride, kick-tire, horse shoes competition, Parking Lot Practice, and Bike Week.

2/5/08 - Meeting: Our monthly business meeting was held for the second time at Lizzies Bistro at 1851 Palm Bay Rd. We had a packed house with over thirty attendees. Ed and Jeanette Carr, Florida District Directors, drove down to appoint Bill Harris and Sharyn Hurst as the new Assistant Chapter Director. Various pictures from the meeting are also at the end of this article

2/16/08 – Ride: February included a lunch ride to the Tiki Restaurant in Ft. Pierce. Once the whole group was assembled, we had 14 bikes and 19 riders. The US1 & A1A trip to Ft Pierce was pleasant with spectacular views. In Ft Pierce, we discovered that parking was a premium due to an adjacent Art Show. The meals at the Tiki Restaurant were excellent. Afterwards, some riders returned to Brevard with Harry while others spent

Meetings - First Tuesday of each Month

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



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some time checking out the Art Show and purchasing those “just right” jewelry selections. An additional article on the ride with pictures is included elsewhere.

2/17/08 – Horseshoes: Dick Wilson organized a horseshoe competition at Wickham Park on Sunday the 17th. The turn-out was good and everyone had a great time.

2/19/08 – Kick-Tire: A Kick-Tire was held at a new Melbourne Restaurant name Squid Lips. Most people had an enjoyable experience; however, a few did have service problem. The turn-out was excellent with 30 attendees.

2/24/08 – PLP: Our first Parking Lot Practice (PLP) of the year was held on Sunday morning behind the shopping center at Babcock and Hibiscus. There were 12 members in attendance. We had four bikes and three trikes. Mike and Mo put on an excellent school. Pat and Deb assisted in setting up and running the activities. Everyone got to practice their tight turns, object avoidance, and trying to second guess Safety Educator Mike. Other activities included eating donuts, checking out the facilities at the adjacent McDonalds, and going for lunch afterwards. A collection of pictures is at the end of the article. For those of you who did not attend, remember a PLP is a great place to tune up your big bike skills. Most riders experience an improvement in bike handling during the short 2.5 hours.

2/29/08 – Bike Week: Late February in Florida means Bike Week is starting. This year the Chapter is again working the Hot Dog Stand at the New Smyrna Airport. Volunteers have signed up to work all 10 days plus the Thursday setup.

Bill Harris

INTERESTING STUFF

In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have "the rule of thumb. Yikes!

Many years ago in Scotland , a new game was invented. It was ruled "Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden"...and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV were Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the U.S. Treasury.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

Did you know that ?

2008 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS

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

GWRRA MOTTO: Friends For Fun, Safety and Knowledge

Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil?

A. Honey

Q. Which day are there more collect calls than any other day of the year?

A. Father's Day

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes.

When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase..... "goodnight, sleep tight."

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.

Safety Educator



Due to ??? Errors in email “reception”, the safety article was not received. We will put it in the April Newsletter.

Birthday's

Anniversaries

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



3/1

Terry & Steve Borrelli

3-4

Anne Bernat

3-12

Terry Doherty



A man asked his wife what she'd like for her birthday. "I'd love to be six again," she replied. On the morning of her birthday, he got her up bright and early and off they went to a local theme park. What a day! He put her on every ride in the park: the Death Slide, the Screaming Loop, the Wall of Fear-- everything there was! Wow!

Five hours later she staggered out of the theme park, her head reeling and her stomach upside down. Right to McDonald's they went, where her husband ordered her a Big Mac along with extra fries and a refreshing chocolate shake. Then it was off to a movie - the latest Star Wars epic, and hot dogs, popcorn, Pepsi Cola, and M and Ms. What a fabulous adventure! Finally she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed.

He leaned over and lovingly asked, "Well, dear, what was it like being six again?" One eye opened. The wife said, "You idiot, I meant my dress size!"

The moral of this story is: If a woman speaks and a man is actually listening, he will still get it wrong.

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Person asked a young engineer who was fresh out of MIT, "What starting salary were you thinking about?" The Engineer said, "In the neighborhood of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package." The interviewer said, "Well, what would you say to a package of 5 weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every 2 years - say, a red Corvette?" The Engineer sat up straight and said, "Wow! Are you kidding?" The interviewer replied, "Yeah, but you started it."

February Business Meeting



KICK TIRE
SQUID LIPS



Parking Lot Practice (2/24/08)





Ft Pierce Tiki Restaurant Ride

With the Super Bowl consuming the first weekend in February, the first February ride was scheduled on the 16th as a lunch ride to the Tiki Restaurant in Ft. Pierce. The Tiki Restaurant had been recommended by various people, so while our Snow Birds were still in town, it was selected as a destination for a short, easy ride.

The ride was set up with two start locations as we had done for the Stuart Ride back in the fall. The Melbourne riders assembled at the Front Street Park by the river in downtown Melbourne.

We departed Melbourne a few minutes after 9 AM and traveled down US-1 to the Barefoot Bay Winn-Dixie where we picked up the second group of south county riders. Once the whole group was assembled, we had 14 bikes and 19 riders. Many new riders and visitors were included in the caravan.



Because the roads we would be using were adequate for a group our size, we chose to ride in a single group. From Barefoot Bay, we rode south on US-1 to Sebastian where we cut over and enjoyed the view along Indian River Drive. After rejoining US-1 south of Sebastian, we continued down US-1 to Wa-



basso where we cut over to A1A. We continued south on A1A to Vero Beach where we stopped at the Jaycee Park for a quick break. We then rejoined A1A and followed it all the way to Ft Pierce.

At Ft Pierce, A1A cuts back to the mainland and rejoins US-1 for about a mile to enable traffic to get around the inlet. The north and south causeways connect the north and south barrier islands to the mainland. The restaurant is just a quarter mile south of the south causeway on the mainland side.



I had never been to the restaurant, so the Sunday prior to the Ride, Sharyn and I and Rex and Vickie Meyer rode down to Ft Pierce to scope out its location and the adjacent facilities. What we saw was pleasing. The roads were good and there was a large free parking area adjacent to the restaurant.

When we arrived on the 16th with 14 bikes, everything was different. No one had told us that they have an Arts & Crafts fair each Saturday IN the large free parking area. Parking was at a premium. After a short ride around the area, we found a grass strip big enough to park all the bikes. Carl rode closer to the restaurant and was lucky to find a handicap space.



Although we were a few minutes late (I had told them to expect us around 11), they were still able to seat us in a back area with an excellent view of the river. They offer a good selection of sea food and other styles. Sharyn's and my meals were excellent. Since the restaurant quickly filled up, some in the group did not get server immediately, but eventually everyone got fed.

After the meal, some riders said they needed to get back to Brevard. Harry led this group

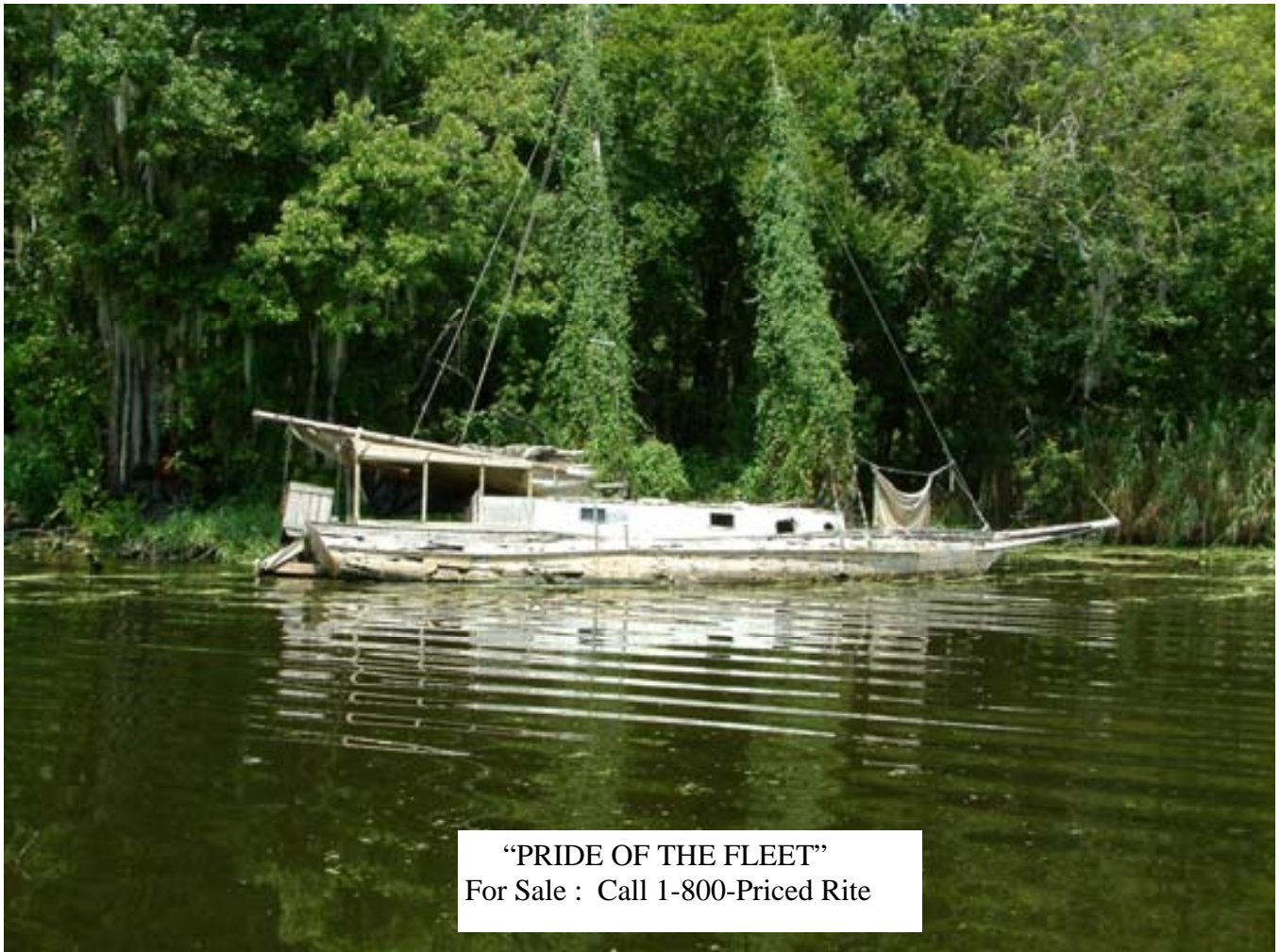
back home. Others decided to stay a while and check out the Art & Craft Show. After a detail inspection of ALL the vendors' wares, this group was also ready to head north.

I led this group back up US-1. At Sebastian, we made the mandatory stop at Baskin Robbins to finish off the ride. After the ice cream, everyone was on their own.

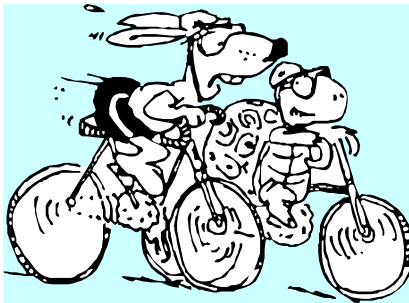
The ride was interesting and the food was excellent. The scenery along A1A and US-1 is some of the best in the nation. We often forget how fortunate we are to ride in this area year round. The ride was also very easy. It only covered about 130 miles round trip and included multiple stops coming and going.

Bill Harris
Ride Coordinator



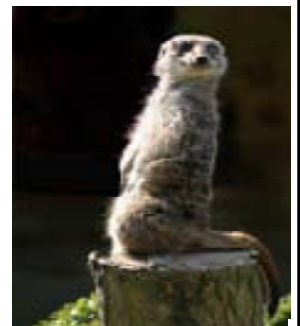


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MEMBER ITEMS FOR SALE

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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For Sale :
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