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GOLDWING ROADRIDERS ASSOC.

Chapter Directors Highlights

Words from Lynn

NEWSLETTER TIME!!!!!!!!!!!! AGAIN!!!! Boy this month went fast didn't it?

Seems like I just wrote an article... Oh well.....
Let's start with the meeting----- what can I say? As you all know the CoCo chapter paid us a visit and it was really nice to have them. We hope to make a visit to them in the coming months. Their meetings are held on a Wednesday evening, but it makes for a nice ride.

Down to rides---- There weren't too many long rides this month, just the one to DeLeon Springs. Thirteen bikes started the trip... eleven finished the trip. Seems Mike Mercer had his alternators go out halfway there and with Harry as escort, had to come home. Also understand Bob Bickman took a little scenic cruise to see some of Florida's foliage. Anyway, all of those who made it really had a great time. (are there any other rides, besides great?)

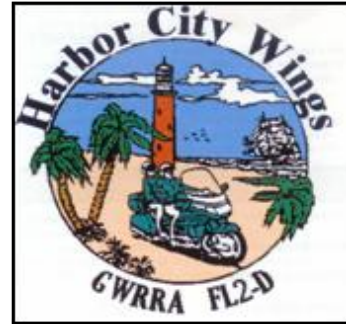
Hit a little kick-tire bump at Jason's. only 12 people. But that is o.k. We understand, not everyone can make it all the time. The last trip, was three bikes.....three men..... Larry Hicks, Mike Mercer, and Harry Anderson made a visitation ride to the Titusville chapter meeting on Sunday morning, April 22. The bonus being they also went with the Titusville chapter to help escort "THE WALL" from Merritt Island to Wickham park. They had a beautiful day for it.

On Monday evening, April 23, ten of us attended the opening ceremonies of the Vietnam Veterans Reunion held at Wickham Park. There we presented our "Vietnam Service Ribbon" floral memorial from FL-2D. I am so sorry some of you couldn't make it as this year the presentation was done at 6 pm. But you can see it just the same on the photo page.

Well, sorry to say but it is that time of year again. Our snowbirds are "flying" north. We will miss you all and hope to see you in the early fall or winter.

You know... getting back to writing articles... (here it comes) we would really like for more of you to try and write a little something for the newsletter. It doesn't have to be fancy... it could be on something close to your heart... it could be a trip you have taken (Paul and Mary Jo) maybe a ride you took and really enjoyed. Or even why and how you joined GW. The writing doesn't have to be fancy and it really doesn't take that much time.. So come on, submit something for the next newsletter...O.k.????

Carl had the 'OTHER' knee Cleaned out" recently and on last check he was doing fine. Hope you are up and riding soon



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Carl.

Richard and Linda Mitts will be leaving in June for their trip out west. We do wish them a safe and wonderful time. Hurry back guys and TAKE PICTURES....

Gotta get this to press (aren't you glad). See you at the meeting...

Ride Goldwing Proud...But above all Ride safe
Lynn



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2007 FLORIDA GWRRRA EVENTS

- 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



TO TRIKE OR NOT TO TRIKE,
THAT IS THE QUESTION OR AT LEAST
IT WAS UNTIL A MONTH AGO.

A DISCUSSION LIKE THIS WAS
NOT AN EASY ONE. IT TOOK ME AT
LEAST TWO OR MORE YEARS TO
MAKE.

PAT AND I TALKED ABOUT THE
EXPERIENCE AND THE REAL NEED.
WELL, THE NEED OUTWEIGHED THE
MONEY.

WE ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE
SAFETY AND THE PAIN FROM RIDING
ALL DAY ESPECIALLY ONE OF CHAR-
LIE'S ALL DAY GPS RIDES. NO OF-
FENCE CHARLIE, BUT I WAS IN A LOT
OF PAIN. THIS HELPED ME MAKE UP
MY MIND.

I NEEDED TO DO IT OR GIVE UP
RIDING AND THAT WAS NOT AN OP-
TION. I COULD NOT GIVE UP THE
FRIENDS WE HAVE GROWN SO
CLOSE TO, AND THE GWRRA, CAP-
TAIN SAFETY, OR THE RALLIES, AND
THE TRIPS WITH ALL OF YOU, WHICH
WE WOULD TRULY MISS.

ENOUGH ABOUT ME, OTHERS
HAVE MADE THIS MOVE TOO FOR
VARIOUS REASONS, SOME FOR
HEALTH, OTHERS FOR SAFETY OR
FOR FUN. AND IT IS FUN.

SOME SAY YOU MIGHT MISS
THE LEANING. I PERSONALLY HAVE
BEEN RIDING SINCE 1957 SO THIS IS
A NEW EXPERIENCE FOR ME.

NOW, TO MAKE IT SAFER, I AM
LOOKING FORWARD TO TAKING A

TRIKE COURSE ASAP TO LEARN TO
RIDE THIS EVEN BETTER AND SAFER.

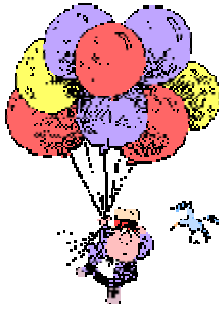
I FIND RIDING IN A GROUP IS
NOT A PROBLEM. THE TRIKE ACCEL-
ERATES AND STOPS AS WELL ANY
OTHER BIKE AND PARKING WITH A
GROUP, I DON'T HAVE WORRY ABOUT
IT FALLING OVER.

I AM SURE THAT IT WAS THE
RIGHT DISCUSSION FOR ME, FOR
SAFETY AND HEALTH. ALSO, I FIND IT
TO BE A LOT OF FUN.

MIKE AND PAT
SR. CHAPTER EDUCATORS FL2-D

MO AND DEB DALTON
ASSISTANT CHAPTER EDUCATORS

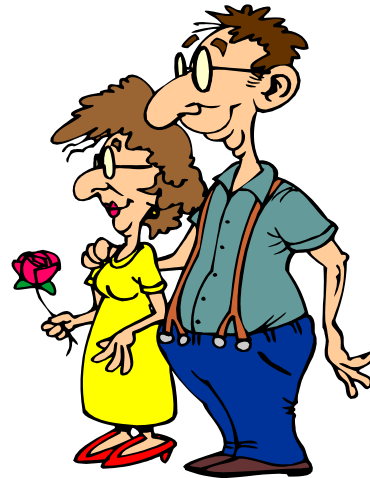
Birthday's



- 5/3 Steven Chilberg
5/4 Jeff Lee
5/4 Kevin Perry
5/10 Cathy Perry
5/25 Deb Dalton (Porter)
5/30 Mike Duquette

Anniversaries

- 5/5 Paul & Mary Jo Dane
5/10 Paul & Carol Moore
5/31 Ray & Rachel Moyer



Lumber yard

Some men in a pickup truck drove to a lumber yard. One of the men walked into the office and said, "We need some four-by-twos." The clerk asked, "You mean two-by-fours, don't you?" The man said, "I'll go check," and went back to the truck. He returned shortly and said, "Yeah, I meant two-by-four." "All right. How long do you need them?" The customer paused for a moment and said, "I'd better go check." After a while, he returned to the office and said, - "A long time. We're gonna build a house..."

New Truck

One day, Jimmy Joe was walking down Main Street when he saw his buddy Bubba driving a brand new pickup. Bubba pulled up to him with a wide grin. "Bubba," said Jimmy Joe, "where'd you get that truck?" "Bobbi Sue gave it to me," Bubba replied. "She gave it to you? I knew she was kinda sweet on ya, but a new truck?" said his skeptical friend. "Well, Jimmy Joe, let me tell you what happened. We were driving out on County Road 6, in the middle of nowhere. Bobbi Sue pulled off the road, put the truck into 4-wheel drive, and headed into the woods. She parked the truck, got out, threw off all her clothes and said, 'Bubba, take whatever you want.' So, I took the truck!" "Bubba, you are one smart man!" said Jimmy Joe. "Them clothes woulda never fit you."

Age doesn't always bring wisdom. Sometimes age comes alone.



FYI— Traffic lights

About those traffic light signaling devices.....

Some time ago, I asked if anyone had used one of those add on devices that attach to the bottom of the cycle. They are supposed to “trigger” stop light signals when you are waiting for a light to change.

The article I came across basically said, don’t bother with them. They don’t work. That authors suggestion was to put your kick stand down on or about the “sensor”.

The latest copy of “Motorcycle Consumer News,” had an article about the same issue. Of course the problem is that a motorcycle frequently doesn’t trip the signal light when there is a loop detector buried in the pavement. There just doesn’t seem to be enough metal there, so you sit at the light, the cars start piling up behind you and you can’t get the *#*## light to change.

In this latest article, the author, visited with a traffic system specialist who explained how they are set up. In this case, there is a loop of copper wire buried about 3” under the pavement. Electric current is sent through the loop making it an electromagnet. Once a car of motorcycle drives over the loop, the metal in the vehicle disturbs the magnetic field, tripping the detector and sending a signal to the traffic light to turn green.

The interesting thing is that the most sensitive area in a loop is not directly above the wire, but about a foot away, either on the inside or the outside. They describe it as a doughnut shape with a dip in sensitivity right over the wire. Frequently there is a dead spot directly over the center of the loop.

So.... Where do you stop to get the max affect of your small piece of sheet metal and plastic on two wheels? Their test indicate that the leading end of the loop is either a foot into the intersection, or a foot behind the inner line for

the crosswalk which they call the “limit line”. What all of that means is that the ideal place to stop with your front tire is about 10 inches behind the cross walk line. In this position, the frame and engine of your cycle will be in a good position over the detector loop.

They claim it is a myth, that the underside of the bike has to have a lot of iron in it. Anything big enough to cause a disturbance in the magnetic field can trip the detector.

Of course, after all of this “information”, I don’t know if Melbourne observes the same set up, for their traffic lights but now I have something else to try. Besides, as we travel around through other towns, we can test our “new system”. I don’t know about you but I sure hope this helps.

May your ride be a steady stream of greens..... Richard Mitts.

‘ Waiter! There’s a dead spider in my soup.’
‘ Yes, I know, sir. It’s the heat that kills them.’



STRAWBERRY RUN



CHAPTER PHOTOS



Your telling me that Carl got the last one!

I think I'll get another one for the ride home.

THE WALL



CHAPTER PHOTOS



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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		

JUNE 2007

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3	4	5 Business Mtg Barnhills—7PM	6	7	8	9 Ride to Lake Placid
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