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Horse Country Cruisers

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## CHAPTER MEETING

Chapter Gathering/Meeting –  
See the Monthly Calendar for Details

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Thank you Mary Wilcox.....

Also - For the COLOR version of  
this newsletter, check out the web or  
the email version!



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**Notes: Happy Mother's Day To All The Moms. Watch Your Emails For Updates & Cancellations.**

May		2021	Horse Country Cruisers Ride & Event Calendar				May	2021
SUNDAY	MONDAY		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
23 Ride & Ice Cream Social Old Town: Riders Meet @ Publix 9:30AM Ralph/Mike	26		27 Mike O'Neal Ride: Brown Bag Lunch Ride Shell: 10:30AM: Ralph RSVP El Mezcal: Barb	28 El Mezcal Mexican Restaurant: SR 200: 5:30PM Meet There	29	30 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00PM	1 Pancake Breakfast Old Spanish Sugar Mill Deleon Springs (car-pool) Lowes: 8:30AM	
	3		4	5 Team Meeting YMCA @ 6 PM (Wear Chapter Shirts & Vest - Photo Op)	6	7 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM	8 Breakfast Ride to Gathering Table: Chiefland: Publix: 8:30AM: Dan	
9 Mother's Day Symphony 7:30PM & Fireworks: Wendy's Bring Chair: Meet There	10 Newsletter Deadline		11 Lunch Ride to Ruby Tuesday: The Villages: Lowes: 10AM: Mike RSVP Pasta Faire 6PM	12 Dinner at Pasta Faire: Bellevue: 5:30PM: Meet There	13	14 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM	15	
16 Breakfast Ride to Shrimp's Landing: Inglis: Shell: 8:30AM: Ralph	17		18 Gathering/Meeting Golden Corral: Eat at 5:30PM Meeting at 6:30PM	19	20	21 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM	22 Lunch Ride to Crackers Bar & Grill: Crystal River: Shell: 10AM Mike/Ralph	
23	24		25 Mike O'Neal Ride: Brown Bag Lunch: Shell 10:30AM: Ralph RSVP for Brooklyn 6PM	26 Brooklyn Backyard BBQ: 5:30PM: Meet There	27	28 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM	29	
30	31 MEMORIAL DAY							

BP Gas US 441 & SE 52<sup>nd</sup> St  
Shells (Kangaroo) SW 60th Ave & SR 200  
Lowes 4600 Silver Springs Blvd  
Publix US 27 & 49<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Race Track 475-A & 484  
Winn Dixie US 441 & SR 326

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**Notes: Happy Easter!! Watch Your Emails For Updates and Cancellations Due To COVID...**  
**Rumor Has It That The Easter Bunny Has Not Been Vaccinated!! LOL – Stay Healthy!!**

April 2021		Horse Country Cruisers Ride & Event Calendar				April 2021
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 Ride to Swampy's Bar & Grille in Dunnellon: Shell 10:30AM: Fred	29 Newsletter Deadline	30 Lunch Ride to Ruby Tuesday: The Villages Lowes 10AM: Mike	31 Lunch Ride to JB Boondock's Howey-In-The-Hills: RaceTrac: 10:30AM: Ralph/Mike	1 April Fool's Mystery Ride: Lowes: 10:30AM: Mike	2 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00PM	3 Ride to Cinnamon Sticks: Shell: 8:30AM: Mike/Ralph
4 Easter Sunday	5	6 Lunch Ride to Ruby Tuesday: The Villages Lowes 10AM: Mike	7 Team Meeting YMCA @ 6 PM	8	9 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM	10 Ride to Margarita Grill in Homosassa: Shell: 10:30AM: Ralph
11	12 Newsletter Deadline	13 Rsvp to Barb for Little Joey's: 6 PM	14 Little Joey's in Ocala: 5:30PM: Meet There	15	16 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM	17 Roadside Clean-up BP 441 & 52nd St: 8AM Meet There: Break-fast at Marion's After
18 Ride to Swampy's Bar & Grille in Dunnellon: Shell 10:30AM: Fred	19	20 Gathering/Meeting Golden Corral: Eat at 5:30PM Meeting at 6:30PM	21	22	23 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM	24 Breakfast Ride to Red's: Shell: 8:30AM: Dan
25 Brown Bag Ride & Ice Cream Social: Old Town: Riders Meet at Publix: 9:30AM: Ralph & Mike	26	27 Mike O'Neal Ride: Brown Bag Lunch Ride Shell: 10:30AM: Ralph Rsvp to Barb for El Mezcal: 6PM	28 El Mezcal Mexican Restaurant: SR 200: 5:30PM: Meet There	29	30 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM	1 Pancake Breakfast Old Spanish Sugar Mill Deleon Springs: (car-pool): Lowes: 8:30AM

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## Chapter Director's Message

### Ralph A. Lambert



The Florida District Rally is in the history books and it was a huge success!! Thanks to Bill and Cheryl and the District Team for hosting such a terrific event. We won the most Gold Wing Tickets sold for the second year in a row - with 5,110 tickets sold -- thanks to the efforts of Harold Brown and Rose Cobb. Congratulations to both of them. So, next year's tickets will be Ocala ORANGE!! HURRAY!!! Also, Harold Brown sold the winning ticket (\$10K) to his neighbor, Gary Young. Congratulations to Gary as well. And -- we're not done yet -- Linda Hojnacki sold the \$1,000 winning ticket to her friend. Way to go gang -- you did it.. By the way, if you sell a winning ticket you also get a prize (\$200). So, way to go Linda and Harold.. You are buying dinner!! LOL...

Also, at the rally we won the Scrapbook Contest -- thanks to the efforts of Rick Jenkins. Rick put a lot of effort into getting the items together for the scrap book.. Way to go Rick. Our skit took 2<sup>nd</sup> place and we had a ton of fun doing it. Congratulations to the skit cast and crew: Narration by Jayne VanTol; Cast: Sue Sadlon, Ralph Lambert, Paul Davis, Jane Davis, Amy Jenkins, Rick Jenkins; Stage Hands: Mike Sadlon, Donna Pelissier; Set Design: Paul Pelissier, Director/Producer Marion Duncan. What started as a children's story turned into a skit that was great fun to perform. Thanks to Marion for hosting our rehearsals at her house, and feeding us.

COY baskets and other prizes were won by many. Sue Sadlon, Marion Duncan and Bunny O'Neal to name a few. There were lots of vendors and Jayne had her New trike pinstriped by Mountain Man. Mountain Man is a custom bike painter who has been painting our bikes for many years. He pinstriped my 1500 Gold Wing back in 1999 at the Maryland Rally and then he painted murals and pinstripes on my 2015 Wing four years ago in Virginia. Thank You - Mountain Man for staying with GWRRA and making our bikes look terrific.

Mike Sadlon received an award for his efforts in recruiting new GWRRA members. Way to go Mike. Mike, Rose and Harold are for sale to any chapter than can pay the price. I'll take a million dollars each -- checks made payable to Ralph Lambert. LOL... Actually, truth be told I would not sell any of them for any price!! (They might sell me -- but not the other way around.. LOL..)

Every once in a while someone will say -- "Well Ocala is doing well because you have the Villages in your ARL." The truth be told we are doing well because we have a great team and we have stayed focused on doing the right things for our members. It's not about me the CD or our location near the Villages -- it's about how we greet new members, how we treat our existing members, what activities/events/rides we have happening and how we stay focused on FUN. We aren't just chapter members -- we are friends -- even family. Doing the CD's job is easy when you have the likes of Marion, Mike, Sue, Rose, George, Dan, Barb, Rick, Amy, Steve, Sophie, Harold, Fred, Joanne, Paul, Jane, Jayne, Allan, Bunny, Jim, Dorothy, Andy, Linda, and Frank etc. helping you. I can't say enough about them.. You All Are The Best!!!

OK -- My 15 minutes are up.. LOL...

Checkout the Chapter Calendar of Events and come and join us in some Great Fun!

Stay Safe and Healthy!!



## ACD Perspectives

### Amy Jenkins

I am blown Away. Mary Wilcox offered to write the “All About You” column, She stepped right in and did a crazy good job.



Dan Lindsay offered to be written about, And they both did an amazing job! Thank you Mary and Dan. I think Mary even has the next few months already lined up.

It has been very helpful with people submitting their articles in Times Roman, 12 Point. It helps the newsletter look a little more cohesive if they are all the same font. And it saves me some time, it all adds up.

If the article is short, try using 14 point, as 12 is a bit small for some people to read.

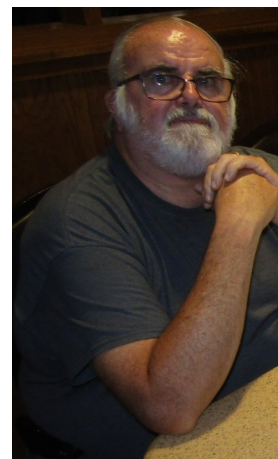
Another thing I like to do is put a line space between paragraphs and indent (tab) the first line of the paragraph. It helps with readability. If the authors of the articles could submit them that way, it would be a big time saver also.



## Membership Enhancement MEC report

### By Fred Spoering

Hello everyone, The March 16th Chapter meeting was back at the Golden Corral. Been a year since it closed. We had a decent turn-out and nice too see people starting to get comfortable with getting together again. We're still scheduling a variety of rides, meet there's and some Brown Bag lunch rides. Below is the list of people with May Birthdays and their years in the GWRRA. If you have a Birthday and dont see your name, it means my list is incomplete and contact me to get added.



### May Anniversaries

Wayne Broadfield	Member since 2005	16 years
Kathylee Johnson	Member since 2017	4 years
Rose Cobb	Member since 2017	4 years
George Carson	Member since 2011	10 years
Denis Lomax	Member since 2003	18 years
Larry Johnson	Member Since 2012	9 years
Ken Diedrich	Member since 2019	2 years
Fred Spoering	Member since 2013	8 years
Barb Funk	Member since 2010	11 years



# Florida District Rider Educators

## Florida District Rally Results

April 2021

Wow! Where has the time gone! It's April already! We just returned from the amazing Florida District Rally. A good time was had by all!

There were many out of state chapters and visitors. Everyone agreed we needed to get out and start socialization again. Of course following CDC guidelines. I think all the out of state chapters wanted to see how we do it and if it was successful. It was and we met so many fun and interesting people.

Diane and I were very busy at the Rider Education table trying to answer all your questions and help you with your levels status. We also sold over 20,000 Rally Tickets to support Rider Ed programs. Thank you for working hard to sell the tickets. This has been a challenging 12 months. The Rally tickets will be Orange again next year as FL1-F2 (Ocala) sold a whopping 5110 tickets. Outstanding job ! They also sold 2 of the 3 winning tickets.

Mr. Gary Young won \$10,000 and was very excited. His birthday was the day after the drawing and he wanted to Trike his bike but couldn't afford to do it. Now he can !! The ticket was sold to him by Harold Brown of FL1-F2 (Ocala). Jerry Davis won \$1000.00 and oddly enough has a birthday soon as well. He's was very happy and is going to go visit his out of state son with the money. Guess who sold the ticket? Yup, Linda Hojnacki of FL1-F2 (Ocala). Great job!

The \$500.00 winner is Brian Shad of New York and the ticket was sold by Jeanette Carr of FL1-K. Oh, and by the way the 3 members who sold the winning tickets get \$200.00 each. So go out and sell those tickets. It could be money in your pocket and you get the benefit of Rider Ed courses at no cost to you. Congratulations to all !!

Ride Safe !!

Dominick and Diane

## Upcoming Florida GWRRA Events

April 17, 2021	Florida District "Panhandle Ride-In"	Mossy Head, FL
April 29 - May 1, 2021	"Hillbilly Hoe Down" Tennessee District Rally	Pigeon Forge, TN
June 3 - 5, 2021	"Sweet Dreams... and Nightmares" South Carolina District Rally	Clemson, SC
June 29 - July 3, 2021	<i>Wing Ding 42</i>	Springfield, MO
Sept 2 - 4, 2021	"Wings Over the Smokies" North Carolina District Riding Rally	Waynesville, NC
Sept 16 - 18, 2021	3rd Annual "Come Ride With Us" Georgia District Riding Rally	Dillard, GA
Sept 30 - Oct 2, 2021	"Monster Mash" Alabama District Rally	Eufaula, AL
Oct 21 - 23, 2021	"Pajama Party" Mississippi District Rally	Gulfport, MS
Nov 11 - 13, 2021	Louisiana District Ride-In	St. Francisville, LA

# FUN in Florida is # 1



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## May Anniversaries



Chuck & Marie Ramsey	20th
Roy & Carol Ostermann	22nd
Ron & Valarie Roobol	22nd
Bob & Ann Lutton	24th
Jim & Dorothy Serio	25th
Craig & Cathy Goodwill	28th



## May Birthday Stars!



Wayne Broadfield	3rd
Kathylee Johnson	3rd
Rose Cobb	4th
Mert Seamon	6th
George Carson	8th
John Stemple	13th
Jane Davis	14th
Richard Saltz	14th
Marie Napoleone	15th
Denis Lomax	17th
Larry Johnson	17th
Ken Diedrich	17th
Wanda Travis	23rd
Fred Spoering	23rd
Barb Funk	25th
Sue Sadlon	28th
Vicki Hutchison	29th



THINKING OF YOU

Warner Malson reported that John while still in the hospital and scheduled to go to rehab, took another fall.

Please keep them in your prayers.

Please keep Rose Cobb's brother Stephen in your prayers. He's been life flighted to the University Hospital in Columbia, Missouri with complications from Covid.

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## **Welcome New Members!**

### **Jody and Dawn Brosdahl**

Email: brozzy3344@msn.com Rides: 2005 Yamaha Midnight Star 1700, 2 wheel. 30 Years riding. Originally from Thornton, Iowa. Dawn is a receptionist and Jody is a tech service specialist. Interests include restoring old cars, collections hot-wheels, being with family, home improvement projects, and working with their Westie Lilly.

Love to ride motorcycles all over “this beautiful Country”

### **George and Brenda Murphy**

Email: geminrough@aol.com or murphybrenda234@gmail.com. Rides: GL180 2 wheeler, and GL1800 Trike.

Originally from West Virginia and Tennessee. Retired.

### **Steve Black and Sandy Erickson**

Email: nesteve@hotmail.com Rides: 2008 Goldwing. Lives in the Villages. Originally from Philly. **Occupation: Magician!!!!**

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# ALL ABOUT YOU—Dan Lindsey

Written By Mary Wilcox

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Dan is known for wearing a Marine Corps hat whenever not wearing his riding helmet, but he has worn many hats on his long career. He started wearing a Marine Corps uniform hat, then through the years—a service station worker, Base Club manager, Drill Instructor, OCS instructor, Recruiter, Landscaper, Concrete truck driver, Volunteer fireman and EMT. His hat of choice since retirement is a motorcycle helmet.

In 1973 after his first tour of military service, Dan moved to California and took a job at a service station. A co-worker had a 450 Chopper, and Dan's riding desire started, so he bought a CB 350 and started riding. At the end of 1973, Dan became a service station manager in training, but the Gasoline War in 1974 and shortage of gas, made Dan decide this wasn't for him, and he returned to Active Duty in the Military.

Dan started out at Camp Pendleton, then went to Okinawa, and then started his many positions in the Marine Corps. He and Shelia lived in many places during his Military career in the Marines. In 1992 Dan retired after 23 years of service. He told Shelia that she moved with him all the years of military service, so she could decide where they would live their civilian life—she chose Kentucky to be near family.

He became a Landscape Foreman and then a truck driver for a Concrete Co. But, Dan being Dan decided he wasn't doing enough for his Country, and he became a Volunteer Fireman for 7 years, and during the last 2 years became an EMT.

Dan has been an owner of various bikes—a CB 350 , CB 450, 1978 Goldwing, 83 Aspencade, 87 Aspencade, his only new bike, and now has a 2006 Goldwing and a 2008 Goldwing Trike. Dan laughed when he told us about a call Shelia made to him. In 1983, she called him and told him she saw a 1978 Goldwing and thought it was a Really Nice Bike.

Being a husband, Dan asked if she was telling him to get it—She replied NO, just telling you. WELL, Dan went straight to the Honda dealer, bought the bike and rode it home. He had never ridden a Goldwing before, but had to learn overnight, because he had to take his motorcycle permit test the next day. Dan chuckles when he talks about the test—I didn't



Who IS this handsome young man?  
Why, none other than our own Dan Lindsay.

do very well with the test, but I “Sweet Talked” the lady telling her that I had been in the service, and hadn’t ridden in a long time. HE DROVE OFF WITH HIS LICENSE.

Dan stopped riding in 1989 after an accident landed him in hospital for 10 days. A semi-truck changed lanes hitting a car and that caused the car to hit Dan, demolishing the bike. However in 2009, Dan saw too many motorcycles and the desire to ride got back in his blood, so his new ride was an 1800 Goldwing.



Dan had a few riding memories---. #1-He had a close call on a ride to Sturgis, an antelope crossed in front of him and fell on the road, when it got up its leg hit the bike’s tire, but the bike stayed up. #2—Dan invented “Motorcycle Seat Belts”- In 1989, Dan took his 13 year old daughter, Erin, on his bike, from California to visit relatives in Mississippi. She kept falling asleep and slipping off her seat. Being the Good Dad, Dan got bungee cords, wrapped them around his daughter securing her to the bike. Needless to say, He got many looks and stares as he rode down the highway. #3—He had an “Iron Butt Ride”. In 1978, Dan got a call that his father had a stroke and wasn’t doing well in the hospital in Memphis, Tenn. Dan couldn’t get a plane for days, so at midnight Dan left Yucca Valley, California on his bike. He drove 24 hours straight stopping only for gas and pit stops, finally taking a short nap on a park bench. Well, 32 hours after he left, Dan walked into his Dad’s hospital room.

Dan and Shelia moved to Ocala in 2000 to be near and take care of her Mother. In 2009, Dan heard about a motorcycle meeting, and decided to check it out. He met Jim, Joe, Frank, Big Jim, Jolene and Jack, and that started his relationship with FL1-F2. In his first year, He was “Person of the Year”, and then became Assistant Chapter Director for a few years giving it up to care for Shelia.



Dan always had Shelia as his Riding Companion, until her illness made it impossible for her to ride. Dan gave up his chapter position and gave her his full attention and devotion until she passed. Shelia was his greatest cheerleader to ride and buy motorcycles. Dan has a daughter, Erin and 3 granddaughters who live in Louisville, Ky. He also had a brother, Eddie who was a GWRRA member.

Dan’s Motto is—ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE, and if there’s anything the military needs-I’m there.

Dan says motorcycle riding is his RELAXATION & ESCAPE

**THANK YOU DAN—A TRUE AMERICAN PATRIOT**



## Margarita Grill Michael Schroeder



Saturday, April 10th, GWRRA Chapter FL1-F2 ventured forth on a glorious Wheels and Meals ride/drive west to the Margarita Grill in Homosassa.

New chapter member, Steve Black from Philadelphia joined members Fred and Joanne Spoering, Mike and Sue Sadlon, Bob and Suzanne Campshure, Bunny O'Neal, Barb Funk, Dan Linsey, Bruce Dix, Neal Rehse, Ron Johns , Mike Schroeder all aptly led by our own redoubtable Ralph Lambert acting as Road Captain with 5 motorcycles, 3 trikes, a Slingshot and two SUV'S in tow.

The Margarita Grill was a terrific venue nestled along the Hall River with a modest marina and clever Tikki bar on the property. Great food and of course the regaling of ride and bike stories was immensely enjoyed by all. This all was topped off by our forever faithful Dan, aka "The Marine", writing on the establishment's wall with his own markings using an indelible red pen whilst standing on a ladder. Pretty cool. Just don't EVER offer to pass him mustard for his burger...

P.S. Barb does not recommend the grilled octopus appetizer.





# Lunch Ride to Ruby Tuesday

Submitted by Ron Johns

Sunny skies greeted twelve of us on March 23 for the lunch ride to Ruby Tuesday in the Villages. We met at Lowes: eight vehicles—two 2-wheelers, 2 Slingshots and 4 Goldwing trikes. The Horse Country Cruisers welcome all riders, whether they have 2, 3, or 4 wheels.

Mike and Sue Sadlon led, Fred and Joanne Spoe-ring were tail gunners for the scenic ride through the forest (I think it's Mike's favorite road): Bob Campshure and Suzanne Rudolph; Andy Katz; Jim and Dorothy Serio; Don Ford; Bruce Dix; Ron Johns. It's very smooth



with new pavement and many easy sweepers to keep it interesting. In fact, Mike likes it so well that he planned to do a section of it twice. When we reached Highway 42, he turned around and stopped. In a new wrinkle, he asked Bob, on his two-wheeler, to lead Andy and I in our Slingshots back to the blinking light (which takes us through those nice sweepers.) We were able to move a bit faster than the trikes can safely go.

Thanks to Mike's diligence, he's always on top of the specials. Ruby Tuesday, on Tuesday, offers their sandwiches for \$5, including fries or tots. Also the fish-bowl-size Margaritas are only \$5. What a bargain! I can speak for the cheeseburger. It was cooked exactly as ordered (I find that unusual in burgers), and it was very tasty but at least twice as much as I needed for lunch. I just cowboyed up and powered through it (skipped dinner that night.) The service was excellent as well.

During lunch conversations, we learned that Bruce had just purchased his FOURTH Mini Cooper. But there's hope for him. He actually admitted that he had a problem. If he works hard enough at it, we may one day greet a recovering Mini Cooper addict. After lunch, we split into two groups for the trip home, with Fred leading our group.

This chapter, I'm sure, is far above most. The Ride Captains continue to plan a fantastic variety of rides that should please everyone. And this time of year is the best—no searing summer heat and pretty scenery. The road ditches are full of purple wild-flowers. I saw one entire field of them. I hope to see you on one of the many future rides planned.



# Mikey O. Brown Bag Lunch Ride to Fort Island Park Trail

Submitted by Ron Johns

On Tuesday, March 9, Ralph Lambert led thirteen of us on a fine Brown Bag Lunch Ride. Our group consisted of ten vehicles—three 2-wheelers; five Goldwing trikes; two autocars (Slingshots).

This is an especially nice ride with twisty roads leading to the park (not as twisty as Ozello Trail, but almost as good.) The last time we were there, the wind was unbelievable—cold too, blowing off the water. Thankfully, it was just the opposite this time. Sunny skies and perfect temperatures promised to reward us as we gathered at Shell for the ride. Ralph led and Fred and Joanne Spoering provided tail gunner services for:

Mike  
& Sue  
Sadlon;

Dorothy & Jim Serio; Bruce Dix ; Jim Sexton; Andy Katz; Neal Rehse; Paul Davis; Ron Johns.



While we enjoyed lunch, many park patrons milled around the bikes in the parking lot with curiosity and admiration. The usual energetic lunch conversations were enhanced with Sue's cookies and Ralph's signature, delicious brownies.

As we were preparing to leave, I had a disconcerting experience. You know how sometimes when you see something disturbing and you just can't un-see it after that? Well, it happened right there in the public parking lot. Bruce turned up the volume on his polka music, and Mike, wearing his helmet, proceeded to dance to the music while everybody watched.



Of course, as if the cookies and brownies weren't enough, we left there and rode directly to Russell Stover's for ice cream. After that over-the-top indulgence, Ralph led us home on those beautiful back roads we enjoy in the Ocala area.

Thanks Ralph, Fred and Joanne and Horse Country Cruisers for another fine ride. And thanks to Russell Stover's for allowing us to use their facilities. Hope you can join us on the next fun ride.



## Ride to Ruby Tuesday Submitted by Ralph Lambert



led the ride and I did the sweeping.

After riding for a little over an hour we took a ten minute break at the Shell station on CR 25 and CR 42. A welcome break. Immediately, Andy was on the phone – we were not sure if it was with his broker or his bookie?? LOL... Turned out to be with the Polaris Dealer because his radio was not working again. After the break we were off again – this time headed directly for the Villages. As we turned onto US 441 there was an accident – Not good. We inched by the scene of the accident and pulled into Ruby Tuesday's parking lot.

When we arrived inside we were told it would be a 35 minute wait so we headed for the bar. Sue ordered a flavored margarita – I want to say raspberry but that might not be right. Anyway it came in a bowl shaped glass. As usual we all chatted and joked around and then finally our table was ready.. The restaurant was not full by any means but they claimed they were understaffed hence the wait. COVID has been hard on local businesses..

Next - Jeannie, our Harley riding waitress, gave us the low down on the menu of \$5 specials – burgers, cheese burgers and some other sandwiches were all \$5. Except for Richard and Dan who got burgers the rest of us ordered the fish sandwich which Bruce claimed was so good. Bruce was correct – the fish sandwich was delicious. Dorothy ordered a margaritas as well. Dorothy said it was delicious. It was a beautiful day but we all were thirsty so we had water all around the table - I stuck to my usual coke. We waited a while for our food but it was worth the wait. I am repeating myself but I have to say again that the fish sandwich was really good. It came with fries and when the check arrived the amount was \$5.35 (not counting the coke). They can't be making much money at that price. Everyone left happy and full.



As we headed back home we decided to forego US 441 which is always a traffic nightmare so we headed down a couple of back roads to CR 25 and then we split up at CR 42. Jim and Dorothy took the lead on CR 42 and Mike and his group stayed on CR 25. Outstanding lunch ride – well done Mike and thanks to Jim and Dorothy for leading the second group back home. Well Done Everyone!! Again – I recommend the fish sandwich!! LOL..



## Little Joeys



## La Hacienda March 10



## **JB Boondocks**

### **Barb Funk**

On Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> a small group of members left the Race Trac on CR 484 and headed out for another great ride in gorgeous weather.

Our “Fearless Leader” Ralph, accompanied by Neal Rehse, Dan Lindsey, Barb Funk, Andy Katz, Richard Burmeister, Brenda Swenson, Bruce Dix, Jim Sexton and Carol Hill, led us on a back roads tour of Marion County. This was much to our advantage as the Interstates were backed up everywhere due to accidents. We caught a little bit of extra traffic as people getting off of I-75 and the Florida Turnpike were trying to find new ways to their destinations, but we still made our destination on time. This was a special ride for me as I was seeing new roads that I’ve never traveled. So much to see, including a couple of new lunch stops for the near future.

We arrived at JB’s and our tables were waiting for us. I love any restaurant on the water and this one is a go to again. Great lake views from the porch room. Service was good and so was the food. Ralph ordered the fried shrimp special and took at least half home for dinner. The shrimp were humongous! Bruce tried the other special “Froggy Legs”, a lot of them, and pretty darn good according to him. No complaints from anyone about the food.

Several quests were just arriving as we were leaving and our group drew a lot of looks and comments. They sure thought we were living right, and it looked like a fun way to do it. Of course Andy’s new Sling Shot got a lot of attention. They had never seen a bike like that and had lots of questions. As we left the parking lot you could hear “GO GATORS”.

It was a perfect ride home with only Bruce losing control of his bike as we passed Russell Stover’s. It automatically turned straight into the parking lot. He just couldn’t pass up that ice cream.

# Copper Monkey Lunch Ride

Submitted by Chris Johns

On March 14th, a beautiful sunny Florida day, 21 of us met at Publix on Hwy 27 for a ride to Newberry for lunch at Copper Monkey West: Mike and Sue Sadlon, Bruce Dix, Marion Duncan, Barb Funk, Dan Lindsey, Martha and Don Ford, Dawn and Jody Brosdahl, Jim and Dorothy Serio, Andy Katz, Kathy and Neal Rehse, Alan and Jayne Van Tol, Fred and Joanne Spoering, Ron and Chris Johns. We had two wheelers and three wheelers, including three Slingshots.

Copper Monkey West is the typical pub/bar that serves food. Their menu is varied and generally excellent. Despite the Covid restrictions, we were able to split up to three tables & enjoy ordering from the menu. Their Steakburgers are legendary—1/2 pound burgers with some interesting names such as: Monkey Burger, Newberry Road Burger (no, it's not road kill), Monkey's Uncle Burger, Frizzled Monkey Burger. They also offer Monkey Tails (chicken strips) and wings.

And, the best part, the excellent service matched the food.

One of the roads to the restaurant was extremely rough, with lots of bumps and potholes. So, most of the group welcomed a different route back to Ocala. Ron and I returned the same way and found the westbound lane to be smoother than the eastbound lane.

The day continued for eight members who returned to Ocala to enjoy the music of the Kingdom of the Sun Concert. Arriving five minutes before the music started were: Sue & Mike Sadlon, Jody & Dawn Brosdahl, Neal & Kathy Rehse, Dan Lindsey & Barb Funk. Ron & Pat Day, Ralph & Mary Wilcox and Pat & Jack Carson joined the group at Marion Vet Park.

The concert was well attended with shaded seating all around the park to enjoy the music featuring songs from all the great Disney Show productions.

After the concert, some continued to the China Lee Buffet while some tired members went home to rest and get ready for the FL1-F2 gathering on Tuesday.

It turned out to be a great day with lunch at a new destination. I hope to see many of you on the future rides.



## **RIDE TO CINNAMON STICKS**

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On Saturday, April 3—2-2 wheel bikes, 2-3 wheel trikes, 2-Can Am Spyders and 1-4 wheel car with 11 riders met at Shell for the ride to Cinnamon Sticks.

By the looks of the riding gear everyone was wearing, you would have thought it was a ride up north in the winter. Everyone agreed that it was cold, but being Florida it would warm up. Ralph led the ride with Fred being the Sweeper, but before we left,

Ralph asked if we wanted to go straight or take a scenic route. Everyone chose a straight shot to eat, so off we went going down 200 then turning onto 41. There wasn't much traffic, so we had a nice ride.

We arrived and were quickly seated since Ralph had called the night before and made a reservation. Everyone was deciding what to order when Mike noticed the soup of the day was chili, and he thought about having chili for breakfast, but wound up ordering a fruit parfait instead.

Good Food and Good Conversation was enjoyed by all. Ralph



and those who didn't have to go straight home decided to take the scenic route home since it had warmed up. T

Those attending were Fred Spoering, Andy Katz, Jim and Dorothy Serio, Dan Lindsey and Barb Funk, Ralph

and Mary Wilcox, Mike and Sue Sadlon, and Ralph Lambert.



## **March Gathering Golden Corral**





## Robinsons Restaurant in Cedar Key

by Fred Spoering



On Saturday, March 27th, we took a ride to Cedar Key. Its a smallish seafood restaurant and fish store all in one. We met at Publix on 27 and 49th street and left promptly at 10.30. There were 21 of us that left Publix in an array of vehicles. 4 two wheelers, 6 trikes, 2 Slingshots and one staff car.

Riding were: Andy Katz, Ralph Lambert, Myself and Joanne, Mike and Sue Sadlon, Neal Rehse, Steve and Beverly McCarthy, Don Ford, Dan Lind-

sey, James Tallon, Bob and Suzanne Campsure, Jim and Dorothy Serio ,Dave,and Vicki Hutchinson and following in the staff car was Marion Duncan and her friend Maryann. Ralph led the ride and Dan was tailgunner.

We went our usual roundabout ride out 27, then a few lefts and rights and ended up on 19, made a right, headed north about 15 miles and came to 24 and made a left toward Cedar Key. Restaurant comes before getting into the main area of town. when we arrived, we were met by Paul and Jane Davis, Bob and Ann Lutton, Rick and Amy Jenkins, Paul and Donna Plessner and Jim Sexton. now a total of 30.



We took up whole back room plus a couple of booths in other room. Lunch orders came out pretty fast considering we filled up almost the whole restaurant. After the lunch, we split into two groups, Mike and Sue Sadlon led a few riders into the main part of town and rest of us followed Ralph back towards home. Turned out to be a nice day for the ride and I'm sure everyone enjoyed it.



## Honoring Our Veterans Submitted by Ralph Lambert

On March 29<sup>th</sup> we gathered at Lowes for a ride to Mission BBQ where they were honoring Vietnam Veterans with free sandwiches. Since we don't miss many meals and none that are free – LOL - we added this event to our already crowded calendar.. Mike and Sue Sadlon were our ride leaders for today. Also, along for the ride were Dan Lindsey, Bob and Suzanne Campshure, Jerry Buscemi, Ron Johns, and myself. Meeting us at the restaurant were Dave Hutchison, and Dorothy and Jim Serio.



Mike had a great ride planned with all sorts of backroads taking us along 314, 314A and 182<sup>nd</sup> St. Rd. to name just a few. All nice curvy roads and most have been repaved recently so easy riding at speed.

We wandered around the country side for over an hour enjoying the moderate temperature (72 degrees), partial cloud cover and beautiful countryside. No rain was expected and none happened - in-spite of the clouds overhead..

I took the sweeper position and we really had a great ride. Finally we made a pit stop at the Circle K station at CR 42 and CR 25. This was a welcome break.

After the break we headed for Mission BBQ. We arrived about 11:45AM and there were lots of people there. The line was out the door – but it did not take long to move through and order our food. While we waited in line they were giving away some free samples of brisket and pulled pork. I went for the brisket and it was delicious. So I ordered the Brisket Sandwich which was free with my veteran ID – which was Army Veteran's hat - lol.. No, they did not check ID's. I also ordered a drink and some delicious French fries which I told Mike were cold. Actually, the fries were delicious but Mike hates cold French fries hence the lie..

We were spread out at several tables around the restaurant but no worries it all worked out fine.. My sandwich was absolutely delicious and I was stuffed by the time I finished it and the COLD fries. There was a military color guard and they marched and the National Anthem was played over the PA system. Very patriotic. They were also giving out Vietnam Veteran Pins – nice pin with a Presidential Citation to go with it. I am going to attach my pin to my Chapter Vest..

Mike took lots of pictures which should be nearby.. Wonderful ride and event. Thanks Mike!! Come on out and join us when you are ready!!



Take Care - Ride Safe and Stay Healthy!!



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