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KICK TIRE @ WENDY'S

Chapter Gathering/Meeting -See the Monthly Calendar for Details

Every Friday @ 6:00 PM 3001 E. Silver Springs Blvd

Visit our chapter website at: www.fl1-f2.org



Rick and I heading North to see the family for a couple of weeks—so the newsletter is going out a little sooner, and a little quicker. Check out that Staff Car! Couldn't go to

SummerTime and the Living is Easy.

a more deserving person! :)







Notes: Happy Fourth of July! Safe Vacation Travels Everyone!! Kingdom of the Sun Concert - July 18th - Come Join Us!! Watch Your Emails For Updates and Cancellations!! Ride Safe and Stay Healthy!

Ride Safe and Stay Healthy!!

July	2021 Hor	orse Country Cr	rse Country Cruisers Ride & Event Calendar	vent Calendar	July	2021
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29 <u>Mike O'Neal Ride:</u> Brown Bag Lunch: Russell Skovers; Shell 10AM: Dan	30 LaHacienda 5:30PM Meet There	1	2. Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00PM	3 Breakfast Ride to Ted's Restaurant in Citra: Lowes: 8:30AM Dan
4 Fourth Of July Holiday	3	9	7 Team Meeting YMCA @ 6 PM	00	9 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM	10 Off-Duty Tavern fo Lunch: 1011 NE 14 th St. 11:30AM: Meet There
11	12	13 Lunch Ride to Blue Gator in Dunnellon: Shell: 10:30AM: Ralph	14	15	16 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM	17 Breakfast Ride to Rose Garden in Astor: Lowes: 8:30AM: Ralpl
18 KOS Concert @ MTI: 1614 E. Fort King St: 2:30PM: Meet There China Lee Afterwards	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
25 Breakfast Ride to Golden Spoon (SR 200): Shell: 8:30AM Steve	26	27 Mike O'Neal Ride: Brown Bag Lunch: Russell Śkoygtg; Shell 10AM: Ralph RSVP El Mezcal 6PM	28 E1 Mezcal: Mexican Cuisine: 5:30PM: Meet There	29	<u>30 Kick</u> Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM	31 Breakfast Ride to Greg's <u>Haystax;</u> Umatilla: Lowes: 8:30AM Dan/Ralph
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Q	7	8 RSVP to Barb by 6PM for Sammy's	9 Sammy's Italian Restaurant: SR 200: Dinner 5:30PM: Meet There	10 Newsletter Deadline	11 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM	12
13 Ride Ozello Trail: Brown Bag Brunch at Fort Island Trail: Shell: 8:30AM: Ralph	14	15 Gathering Meeting Golden Corral: Eat at 5:30PM Meeting at 6:30PM	16	17	18 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM	19 Ride to Tumpike Mike's in Summer Glen: Shell: 10:30AM: Jim
20 Father's Day	21 RSVP to Barb for Oakwood 6PM	22 Oakwood Smokehouse Lady Lake: 5:00 PM: Meet There	23	24	25 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM	26 Lunch Ride to Cove Pub and Grub Inverness: Shell: 10AM: Dan
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Lowes 4600 Silver Springs Blvd Publix US 27 & 49th Ave

Race Track 475-A & 484 Winn Dixie US 441 & SR 326

Chapter Director's Message Ralph A. Lambert

I usually start this document not knowing where I am going with my comments. That's an odd way to do things for someone like me who makes extensive plans for everything else. LOL...

Even as I write this I am making plans to travel back to Maryland to visit with friends and family. I normally pick the dates I will be there and then start contacting people I want to



visit to pick visit dates that work for them. This eventually evolves into a very full calendar/ schedule.

Every once in a while someone will say, "Well call me when you get here and we'll figure something out".. My response usually is, "No – we need to plan now cause by the time I get there the schedule will be full.." LOL.. I like things that happen spur of the moment too... I know I'm weird.. LOL.

Anyway, all is proceeding well. We are back to normal more or less with our chapter activities and most of the wonderful GWRRA events that were cancelled last year are back on. We announce those events with details and flyers regularly - BUT – we also would like to refer you to our website: www.fll-f2.org. Steve and Sophie have done a wonderful job of updating our site and including links to all the surrounding District Websites. Soooo – you should be able to find any information you are looking for from our own site.

NOW – as an added incentive we are offering a prize of five Gold Wing Tickets if you locate your GWRRA number on our website and contact Steve within the time limit. Say Again??? Beginning with this month's Gathering a chapter member's GWRRA # will be posted anonymously somewhere on the FL1-F2 website. If you find your number and call Steve before the next Gathering date then you win – it's that simple.. See Steve or me if you are still confused..

Speaking of Gold Wing Tickets - in Rose's absence I have the chapter stock of Gold Wing Tickets should you need more. We have won the award for most tickets sold twice now – wanta go for three times?? LOL..

Another new idea is we are going to begin rewarding folks who give of their time to write articles for the newsletter. The way this works is you will receive two ride lotto tickets for each article that you write and is published in the newsletter. This will begin this month at the Gathering for the July drawing. So, if you are asked to write a newsletter article – keep in mind that there is a reward being offered if you agree to do so.

Lots of our members are traveling. Many go away this time of year anyway and others are making up for lost travel from last year. Rose and George, Mike and Sue, Paul and Jane, Linda and Frank to name just a few. Others like myself, Fred and Joanne etc. will be traveling in the near future. Safe Travels Everyone!!

Back to planning – lol... We have plans developing for our Christmas Party and for another Ice Cream Social this fall. As mentioned last month we also have dates set aside for a First Aid/CPR class on October 30th and a Motorcycle Tech Day at Steve and Sophie's home on October 23rd – so pencil these into your long range calendar and we'll get you more detail as we get closer to those dates. I think that brings us up to date so I shall sign off for now.

Checkout the Chapter Calendar of Events and Come and Join Us in Some Great Fun!

Take Care - Ride Safe and Stay Healthy!!

Membership Enhancement

MEC Report Fred Spoering

Hello everyone, Another month and things are looking better as far as places opening up and getting back to normal. We're heading full blast into summer weather and a lot of our rides will start to be breakfast rides and meet there for dinner. Website is looking good, Steve and Sophie doing a great job and Amy doing outstanding work on the newsletter. Quite a few of us are traveling again, some on short trips others for the summer. Safe travels to all. Have a great July.



July GWRRA membership Anniversaries

Roy Ostermann	Member since 2014	7 years
Harold Brown	Member since 1990	31 years
Bob Phillips	Member since 1996	25 years
Donna Pelissier	Member since 2019	2 years
Beverly McCarthy	Member since 2008	13 years
Terry Watson	Member since 2019	2 years
Roger Harrington	Member since 2019	2 years
Warren Richter	Member since 2016	5 years



Florida District Educators Raffle Tickets and Rear Tires

Hello everyone! Holy Mackerel it's June! We recently returned from the Tennessee Rally and boy did we have fun riding those mountains. As soon as we got back we taught a TRC in Ocala that was enormously successful. We have also rolled out MFA (yea!) and 4 classes were taught in May with more on the way.

That being said, a few chapters have not yet requested Raffle tickets. You wanted more classes when we took this position and we are giving you more classes. But that comes with a price. Please do your part and sell Raffle Tickets so we can continue to teach our Members for free. Not only is it fun to get a chance to win \$10,000.00, but it gives you a chance to talk up GWR-RA. Free training also motivates you to continue to take classes, which in turn keeps your skill level up and gives you a chance at self evaluation. We are all getting older, is it time for three wheels? Only YOU can answer that. So if you have not yet requested tickets, please send me an email requesting them. For those already selling, KUDOS to you!

REAR TIRE SELECTION

Many Gold Wing (and other brands) riders choose to put a car tire on the rear of their two-wheel bikes. Their reason usually is that they get more miles out of a car tire and it costs less. There is an old English expression: "Penny wise pound foolish. "This means while you think you are saving a little money the consequences of doing so might be more expensive in the long run. What will the cost be if you crash your motorcycle and injure yourself?

The design features and rubber composition of car tires as compared to motorcycle tires greatly differ. A car tire has a flat profile and rigid sidewalls because a car tire is not meant to lean. Motorcycle tires have a softer rubber compound for better grip given the limited amount of rubber that is actually touching the road at any given time. The sidewalls are softer so the motorcycle tire will roll with the lean angle of the bike so the amount of tire contacting the road is the same throughout the lean in curves.

A car tire has about six inches of rubber making contact with the road when you are driving in a straight line. When you lean a two-wheel motorcycle with a car tire into a curve you put the rear tire on its edge with now only about 1-1/2" of rubber making contact with the road. Centrifugal force is working against your rear tire trying to push the rear of your bike out of the curve. Only just a little bit of sand or water could cause you to lose traction and down you go. The rear stock motorcycle tire for a Gold Wing has about 3" of rubber making contact with the road when you are traveling in a straight line. When you lean into a curve, because of the softer sidewalls and wrap-around tread pattern, there is about the same amount of rubber in contact with the road throughout the curve. Centrifugal force is still trying to push the rear tire out from under you but you have softer composition rubber gripping the road. With the car tire rubber being a harder compound, and riding on the narrow edge of the tire in a lean, there is a much greater chance of losing traction and good-by motorcycle and you. You may say: "I've been using car tires on the rear of my motorcycle for years and nothing bad has happened." Maybe the reason for that is you are not a very aggressive rider. If that is your riding style, then that is great for you alone. Some riders choose to ride more aggressively. Circumstances can constantly change when you ride a motorcycle. At any given moment you might have to brake or swerve to avoid a crash harder than you have ever have done before in the middle of a lean in a curve. Combine that with the limited amount of available traction you might have with that car tire at the wrong moment, and down you could go.

I hope with the information I have just given you might rethink using a car tire on the rear of your bike. If you still choose to use a car tire at least now you are fully aware of the dangers of doing so. Don't pass on the suggestion to others to use a car tire unless you tell them about the potential dangers of doing so. No motorcycle manufacturer, reputable dealer or tire store will recommend putting a car tire on the rear of a two-wheel motorcycle.

ATGATT- Not just a motto, but a way of life!

Ride Safe!!

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	Upcoming Florida GWRRA Events	
June 3 - 5, 2021	"Sweet Dreams and Nightmares" South Carolina District Rally - CANCELLED	Clemson, SC
June 29 - July 3, 2021	Wing Ding 42	Springfield, MO
Sept 2 - 4, 2021	"Wings Over the Smokies" North Carolina District 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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Early Registrations help our District!

We'd love to receive yours soon!!!

The 42nd Florida District Gathering of the

Wings is

March 17 - 19, 2022







July Anniversaries



Rick & Amy Jenkins	1st
Ron & Chris Johns	14th
Vinny & Marie Napoleone	18th
Kirstie & Cesar Ventresca	20th
Jim & Sharon Stigall	26th





July Birthday Stars!



Birthdays

Harold Brown	2nd
Eric Pangburn	6th
Bob Phillips	7th
Donna Pelissier	7th
Jim Tallon	10th
Val Roobol	10th
Bruce Dix	17th
Beverly McCarthy	17th



Missed June Birthday Stars!



Cesar Ventresca	15th
Dawn Brosdahl	24th







At the last Gathering Ralph Wilcox was in the hospital and Mary was at

the Gathering. She received a call from the hospital and rushed off because they had moved him to the ICU. But, all turned out well in the end and Ralph left the hospital and moved to Encompass Rehab. Dear God, Please Give our dear friends Mary and Ralph a Break! Late Update: Ralph is being discharged on Thursday....



Asking for our GoldWing extended family to please send prayers / positive thoughts for "Uncle" Al as he will be having another angioplasty procedure on his "R" leg June 8th) @ 7 AM. We're praying for positive results and hoping this will alleviate the pain he is still experiencing. As always thank you & Bless all!

Judy & "Uncle" Al

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Jim Van Dandt



Two Men serving Cake at Kick Tire.
What a treat!
4 Birthdays celebrated at Wendy's!
Plus the free small Frosty we get
From Donna just for being there.

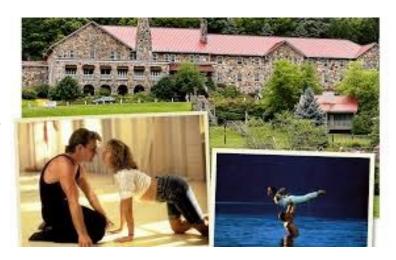
Man, Mountain and Machines by Dorothy Serio

On June 22nd, Jim and I departed Ocala heading to our favorite place in North Carolina. We have been renting the same chalet cabin just outside of Murphy, North Carolina for the past 9 years now. We were so very fortunate to find such a lovely house perched at the top of a mountain. All paved roads to the place, gated community and use of a 2 car detached garage.

With our trike in tow we were looking forward to riding the mountain roads and enjoying our vacation. We rode some familiar roads but each day we would deviate from the normal ride and find backroads that we have never ridden before. Our travels found us some of the most interesting pastures, farms and sites to see.

We managed to catch glimpses of some of the local wildlife...several beavers, wild turkeys and a lot of deer and an occasional brown bunny. Riding the roads, smelling the wild laurel, breathing the crisp mountain air was so refreshing that it made all the worries in life fade. On day 8 of our vacation we left Murphy and relocated to Hendersonville, NC. We had lunch with our dear friends Marion Duncan, Andy Katz and Marion's sister.

Andy was staying in Maggie Valley and rode over for the day. Marion graciously gave us use of her darling place for the rest of our vacation stay. On Memorial Day we rode out to Bat Cave, Chimney Rock and Lake Lure(the place where the movie "Dirty Dancing" was filmed).



It was remarkable to see

how many little communities recognized and celebrated all the fallen soldiers that gave their lives so we could be free. Their sacrifices did not go unnoticed! It brought tears to our eyes as we drove past so many white crosses adorned with the names and wars that these brave men and women who fought for our freedom! They may all be gone but not forgotten!

On Tuesday we drove our trike over to Maggie Valley to meet up with Andy and attend the Sling Shot Rally. We were disappointed in the little amount of vendors that were present. We had expected more but were at least glad that Jim finally saw and heard the exhaust that he wanted to put on our Sling Shot. After Andy had a little modification done to this Sling Shot, we ate lunch at a little sandwich shop close by.

We then decided to go on a ride. We drove south out of Maggie Valley, got up on the Blue Ridge Parkway and rode over to where it begins just outside of Cherokee We rode through Cherokee, got back on the Parkway making our way East. We then took a 2 lane backroad that led us from one turn right into another winding our way back to Waynesville.

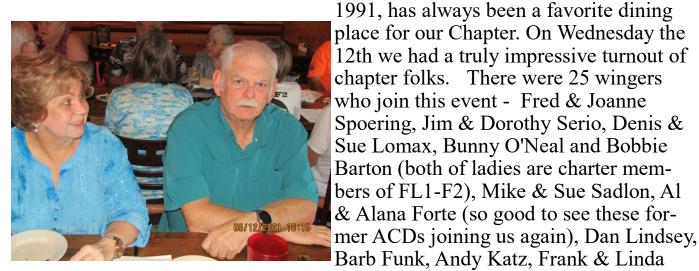
I was so glad that both Andy and Jim thought it was a great ride! We spent the next couple of days exploring the roads around Henderson-ville. We loved the area and can't wait until we can visit again. We can't thank Marion enough for sharing her vacation home with us!





Pasta Faire by Marion Duncan

Pasta Faire, the unique Italian Restaurant in Belleview that opened in



Hojnacki, Marion Duncan, Rick & Amy Jenkins, Mike and Mary Schroeder, Steve & Sophie and Mom Lydia.

There was another large party in the 'back room' when we arrived but our server 'Troy' was prompt in getting our beverages and bringing out the fresh bread and wonderful dipping oil.

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Many of us were looking forward



to the regular menu and were quite surprised that, apparently due to the number in our party, we were advised when we got there that we would have to order from a limited 'special' menu. The selections on the limited menu were fairly descent and reasonably priced (\$12) however some had been looking forward to making their favorite choices off the regular menu. Our server was questioned about this and we were told we had to order from the special menu. The manager was also questioned and he also said we had to order off the limited menu but then reluctantly, begrudingly agreed to allow a few to order off the regular menu.

Everyone did seem pleased with their choices and the atmosphere was fun and friendly.... and loud until our food arrived, LOL.



The next time we schedule a dinner ride to Pasta Faire (and we will because it is a favorite) we will make certain we have the availability to order from the regular menu, regardless of the number in our party.





















RIDE TO CRACKERS IN CRYSTAL RIVER, FL By ELLEN BOLLAS

On Saturday, May 22, 2021, 19 of us, in 12 vehicles of all types left Shell station for a nice ride to Crackers in Crystal River, FL.

We had a beautiful morning for a ride and arrived upon opening at 11:00 a.m.

Those in attendance were Ralph Lambert, Marion Duncan, Jack and Maggie (guests), Mike and Sue Sadlon, Alan and Jayne Vantol, Dan Lindsey, Andy Katz, Ron and Chris Johns, Ellen Bollas, Dave McPherson, Michael Schroaden, Fred and Joanne Spoering and Sar and Kirstie Vantresca.

Our waitresses were Sheri and Christ and they did a great job taking care of us.

The portions were very large and I think that between us we had most everything on the menu. Some of the selections were salad with grouper on top, potato skins, wings, French dip sandwich and many more. The food was fabulous.

We dined inside in the air conditioning as it turned into a rather hot day. Many of us ventured outside for a great view of Pete's Pier and the waterfront area.

The ride back was through Dunnellon and some split off in a different direction home.

If you have never been to Cracker's you should really consider putting it on your must eat list.

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