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The Corona Virus is too Serous to Take Lightly.
Protect Yourself!
We Can't Afford to Lose ANY of you!

Have You Been Here

CHAPTER MEETING

3rd Tuesday of the month
Golden Corral, 2111 SW College Rd
Eat @ 5:30 PM – Meeting @ 6:30 PM

KICK TIRE @ WENDY'S

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

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Notes: Dine and Cruise in Daytona Beach on the 4th; Ice Cream Social on the 19th; Tampa Rally on the 25th; Two Special Kingdom of the Sun Concert Events on the 24th and the 26th – Come Join Us for Great FUN!!

April 2020 Horse Country Cruisers Ride & Event Calendar April 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	*30*	*31*	1 Team Meeting YMCA@ 6 PM	2	3 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM	4 Dine & Cruise: $30 Daytona Beach: Lady Dolphin: See Barb 12:30PM: Meet There
5	6 **Mike O'Neal Ride**: Brown Bag Lunch: Shell 10:30AM: Ralph	7 Lunch Ride Catfish Johnnys: Shell: 10:30 AM: Ralph RVSP to Barb for La Hacienda 5:30PM	8 La Hacienda for Dinner: 5:30PM: Meet There	9	10 **Good Friday** Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM	11 Lunch Ride Yalaha Bakery & Music: RaceTrac: 10AM: Ralph/Fred
12 **Easter Sunday**	13 Newsletter Deadline	14 Ride Great Outdoors: ½ Price Burgers Publix: 10:30AM: Mike	15	16 South Carolina District Rally; Clemson SC →	17 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM	18 →
19 Lunch @ Gathering Table in Chiefland & Ice Cream Social at Paul & Jane's in Old Town: Publix 10AM: Ralph/Mike	20	21 **Chapter Gathering** Golden Corral Dinner @ 5:30 Meeting 6:30 PM	22	23 Ride to Gores Landing, Salt Springs & DB Pickles: Meet @ Warhorse HD: 9:45AM: Tony	24 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM KOS Jazz with Harry Watter's Trombone: MTI: 7PM Meet There Leesburg Bikefest →	25 Ride to FL1-A Tampa Rally (11-3): 9:00AM: RaceTrac: Ralph →
26 Kingdom of The Sun Concert: MTI 1614 E. King St: 2:30PM China Lee Afterwards	27 Senior Fishing Derby: Tuscawilla Park: 800 NE Sanchez Ave. Ocala: 9AM-Noon: Meet There	28	29 Chop Stix Café Gainesville: Winn Dixie: 10:30AM: Steve	30 Tennessee District Hill-Billy-Hoe-Down →	*1 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM*	*2* →

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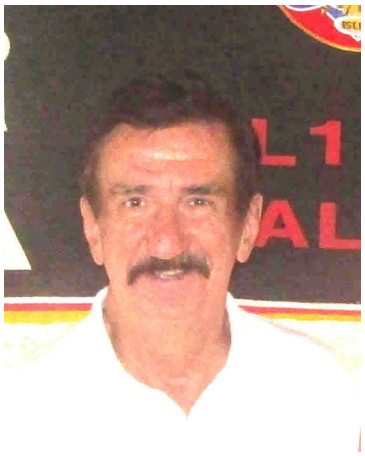
Chapter Director's Message

Ralph A. Lambert



The Ocala Strawberry Festival for 2020 is history. This is a huge event that supports Habitat for Humanity and it's FUN. The antique car show was terrific and there were hundreds of vendors selling everything under the sun. The Chapter sold more than 1,250 Gold Wing Tickets at the Festival and that's a record. Job Well Done Everyone!! If you have never attended this event then you need to come. It happens every March. I won't say more because there is an entire article about this event elsewhere in this newsletter.

The District Rally is almost here (March 19th thru the 22nd) and we have both our Person of the Year (Rick Jenkins) and Our Couple of the Year (George and Rose Cobb) competing at the District level. Let's wish them the best of luck in that competition. While we are on the subject the District Rally is a terrific event – one you must do..

Our Gold Wing ticket sales have **Hit New Heights Setting Records For The Most Tickets Sold by Our Chapter Ever!! "Marathon Man" – Harold Brown has set all kinds of personal sales records too. Way to Go Harold!!** -- Please complete your sales efforts and return any unsold tickets ASAP - to Our Wonderful Treasurer – Rose. We must account for all the tickets – so it is very important to get all unsold tickets returned. Remember, Gold Wing Ticket sales pay for our Rider Education Program and much more. The drawing for the New Gold Wing will be at the District Rally – Good Luck – Someone will win a New Gold Wing…

In May we will begin transitioning the newsletter editor's job from Denis Lomax to Amy Jenkins. Denis and Amy are already working together toward this transition. Also, coming is a change in the Webmaster; Steve and Sophie Rabau will be taking over the webmaster's job – exact date is still to be determined. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR MAKING THIS HAPPEN!! We need to thank Denis for his tremendous efforts over many years to make the website and the newsletter a success.. **THANK YOU DENIS!!**

The Florida District Director has issued a notice regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Barb emailed that notice to everyone just recently. At this time, we will be continuing our normal activities. We do recommend that anyone who is sick should not participate in events where they could infect others. All the warnings regarding the virus recommend washing your hands frequently as a measure to reduce the spread of the disease. As Bill says in his notice – We are all huggers – but given the circumstances we understand if you would prefer not to Hug.. We won't take it personally. LOL.. If we each take precautions we should all weather this storm..

Everyone please check-out the March AND April Calendars for all the fun events we have scheduled and come on out and join us!

Take Care, Stay Healthy, Have Fun and Ride Safe!!!

District Educators

Dominick and Diane DeSiato

Wow! What an honor to be selected to serve as Florida District Educators. We were so sorry to hear of Rick Northrop's unexpected illness. We wish him a speedy recovery and continue to keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

I guess some introduction is in order for those of you who do not know me or my wife, Diane. Diane and I are retired from the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. Diane served for 29 years with her last assignment being the Coordinator for the School Crossing Program scheduling 273 Crossing Guards. I served for 40 years with my last 22 years being a Motorcycle Officer. I was a Florida State certified Police Motorcycle Instructor and Motorcycle Crash Investigator. I also competed and still do compete in Police Motorcycle Competitions. I have been an MSF Instructor since 1996 and still continue to teach today. I am certified by the MSF to teach BRC & BRC-2 two-wheel motorcycle courses as well as Trike, Sport Bike, Can-Am Spyder and Slingshot classes. I am also certified by Evergreen Motorcycle Training to teach Side Car Classes. Diane was also an MSF Motorcycle Instructor and would assist me with classes.

While I was a Florida State Motorcycle Crash Investigator, I got to see the unfortunate side of riding. It was after investigating numerous motorcycle crashes I realized one of the major findings in the Hurt Report to be true. Most motorcycle crashes could be avoided if only the rider knew what to do to prevent the crash. It was those crash investigation experiences that motivated me to begin to teach riders. Hopefully through my teaching I could prevent some of the preventable crashes from occurring.

We joined GWRRA 5 years ago after we retired. I am in the process of becoming a certified GWRRA Rider Course Instructor. I will be attending an Instructor's Class on May 30th to become GWRRA ARC certified instructor and another Instructor's Class at Wing Ding in July to become GWRRA TRC certified. I am assisting members now on getting two new ranges certified for our use. One will be in Clearwater and one in Jacksonville. Many of our members need riding classes to maintain their current Levels status. There are also many MFA CPR classes in progress at this time. They are not just for maintaining Levels, but could save the life of a loved one. Check the District Website and Group Works for class listings information.

We are excited about our new position with the Florida District of GWRRA. We have been receiving a lot of welcomed support from Staff and Members which is greatly needed and appreciated. Riding has always been our passion and teaching safe riding our goal. We hope to meet more of you at the 41st Annual Florida District Gathering of the Wings on March 19th-21st in Altamonte Springs.

Ride safe, Dominick & Diane

Robinson's Seafood

By Steve, Sophie & Ralph

What? A Beautiful Sunny and Crisp Saturday Chapter Ride

Where? Robinson's Seafood in Cedar Key, FL.

When? Saturday, February 29th 2020

Attendee's; Ralph Lambert, Ron Johns, Marion Duncan, Bruce Dix, Ken Dietrich, Jim & Carol Sexton, Jim & Dorothy Serio, Andy Katz, Alan & Jayne Van Tol, Bunny O'Neal, Fred & Jo-anne Spoering, John Stemple, Warner Molson, Dan Lindsey, Bobbie Barton, Steve & Sophie Rabau & Lydia Camacho (AKA, Mom)

Our Horse Country Cruisers group road escapade to Robinson's Seafood restaurant in Cedar Key, Florida. There were 10 bikes and 3 cars for a total of 23 people. The route meandered through the western part of Marion County and into Levy County. The day was sunny and a little cool at the start but warmed up later. Ralph led the ride with Dan in the tail gunner position. At the restaurant we met up with members of FL1-Y, Gainesville Gator Country Wings. Unfortunately, there was insufficient seating in the dining area so we had to sit in separate rooms. However, we all managed to enjoy good food and great conversation which was lively during our waiting time for the food and after the meal. The groups split up after Lunch, some road into town with Ralph, others returned home with Dan leading the ride and others to a shop at a produce stands along the way back home.

Ralph escorted, four bikes and five people into Cedar Key's pier: Ken Dietrich, Bruce Dix, and Jim and Carol Sexton headed into Cedar Key after lunch to check-out the Gulf of Mexico to make sure it was still there and behaving itself. You never know with the strange viruses going around these days the Gulf could have evaporated… LOL…!!!

Anyway, these strays took the side trip into to town. In town they found a huge crowd – AKA no place to park. Finally locating parking, the group walked around town checkout the restaurants for future journeys and the local shops for their various goods. It was pretty breezy on the water front. And the good news is -- the Gulf of Mexico was still there – the tide was very low however… After about a half hour of touring the downtown area the strays headed back to the bikes and home… We believe everyone had a good time and are looking forward to the next chapter adventure!

Great Ride, Great Friends and Great Lunch!!

Ride to Corky Bell on the St. Johns River

Submitted by Ralph Lambert

At 10:30AM or a bit earlier eleven of us gathered at the Lowes Parking lot on SR 40. Our event for today was a ride for lunch to Corky Bell's in East Palatka. Corky Bell's is well known for their delicious and bountiful entrees and today was no exception. So, off we went heading east on SR 40 to CR 314 north to SR 19 into Palatka. Then onto SR 20 and then US 17 and over the St. John's River bridge to the Restaurant. Which, by the way is directly on the river. Had it been a warmer day we would have been eating outside – but since the temps were in the 50's outside - we opted for an inside location. In attendance on the ride were eleven chapter members: Marion Duncan, Dan Lindsey, Andy Katz, me, Mike and Sue Sadlon, Dave and Vicki Hutchison, Ron Johns, and Jim and Dorothy Serio. Joining us at the restaurant were Dan and Sharlene Schultz for a total of thirteen. We have slowly become a chapter with more trikes than two wheelers. Today was no exception. Mike and Sue and myself were the only two wheelers. Dan Lindsey, Andy Katz, and Jim and Dorothy were on Gold Wing Trikes and Ron Johns on his blue Can-Am Spider. The rest were in four wheelers.. No matter - everyone got there and most importantly we had fun..

The ride over was very nice – a bit chilly – so we were all eager to be inside once we got there - but still a great ride.. Anyway, the restaurant was unable to take our reservation over the phone but assured us they would fit us in and they did. After a few minutes we were seated and orders were taken quickly. I got the salmon patties (my favorite). I did not keep track of what others got but all said their food was terrific and the portions were huge. I brought half of mine home to eat later. I do know that Dan Lindsey got a HUGE burger which took two hands just to pick it up. Being a "macho" Marine he insisted it was a small slider – LOL… Marion, Andy and I sat together and we had a chance to talk about everything under the sun.. You would think that we would eventually run out of conversation – but that just doesn't happen. LOL… We do the two C's very well: "Calories and Conversation" LOL.. Andy mentioned that he did not care much for warm water catfish – he liked the northern/cold water species better. And then to our surprise, he ordered catfish and afterwards he said it was very good… Corky Bell's seafood is some of the best around – so you just can't go wrong.

When it came time to head back home – I announced that we would return a slightly different route heading back south on SR 19 to CR 310 and then south on CR 315 to west on SR 40 and into Ocala. All these are nice two lane country roads and except for the occasional slow poke – which we had going to the restaurant we moved along pretty well. The ride home was warmer and we all had full stomachs so it was a very comfortable ride..

We do these rides regularly so come on out and join us..

Take Care, Stay Healthy and Ride Safe!!

Solomon's Castle Ride

by Dorothy Serio

On Friday, Valentine's Day we rode our trike to visit with Jim's sister, Bunni and her husband Jeff in Valrico, Florida. It was quite a chilly and very windy ride down. We had reservations for a Valentine's dinner at Brios (an Italian Tuscan Grill at the Tampa International Mall). The dinner was fantastic...huge servings, lovely decor and and great prices.

Saturday morning, we hopped on our trikes and met Jim and Bunni's younger brother, Jay and his wife Deniese. Also joining us was her nephew, Ricky and his wife Nikki. We left Valrico for a ride to Solomon's Castle. We never knew that this place existed.

Ricky was our guide for the day and what a fantastic job he did. The ride to the castle took about an hour and what nice 2 lane backroads it was. The aroma from the orange blossoms in the enormous orange groves filled the air. The temperature had risen some and with the aroma in the air it made us realize that spring was right around the corner making the ride very enjoyable.

Solomon's Castle was fantastic! It was once the private home of Howard Solomon. He was an internationally renowned artist who had a nack for using unusual items to create his art. He recycled EVERYTHING! We took a guided tour that led us through many rooms of the castle that had his artwork on display. He was truly a gifted man! It was an incredible experience!!

GWRRA & Chapter Goodies For Sale

10” Black Patch Griffin design Blk	$12.00
10” Black Patch Griffin design Red	$12.00
4” Vest Patch Griffin design Blk	$5.00
4” Vest Patch Griffin design Blk	$5.00
Chapter Visitation Bars	$2.00
Golf Shirt (Orange or White) S/S	
Small - X Large	$18.00
XX Large	$21.00
XXX Large	$24.00

Florida Patch	$4.50
Region “A” Patch - New Design	$3.50
USA Travel Map Patch	$4.00
Ride for Kids Flag (undated)	$5.00
Chapter Visitation Bar Hangers	$3.00
Tee Shirts (Orange or White) S/S	
Small - X Large	$8.00
XX Large	$12.00
XXX Large	$15.00

Ocala Habitat for Humanity Strawberry Festival 2020

By Marion Duncan

Our Chapter made a great showing at the 2020 Ocala Strawberry festival…. Guess you could say we had a "berry good time". This festival is an annual Marion County event and raises funds to support Habitat for Humanity's mission to provide dignified housing solutions.

The day started out with about 15 chapter folks arriving at "O dark 30" – 6:30 AM to be exact! The weather was cold with the temp right at 39, so they were bundled up. We have to really applaud Mike Sadlon and Andy Katz who came on their bikes at that time of the morning at that frigid temperature. The other early birds were our illustrious leader, Ralph Lambert, Dan Lindsey, Fred Spoering, Rick Jenkins, Harold Brown, Marion Duncan, Sue Sadlon, Ralph and Mary Wilcox, Ken and Gretchen, and Rose and George Cobb. We had two 'booths' and after some logistical confabulation, raising of the canopies and staging of Andy's & Mike's bikes, we were set up and ready to go. Without a doubt the primary attraction at our booths was those two bikes. Andy made a sign that gave some vital statistics about his beauty and Mike's shiny red Wing garnered a lot of compliments.

We had our concerns that the attendance may not be what it had been in the past due to the temperature and the recent virus concern but, wow, we didn't need to worry. The attendance was certainly robust. A bit later Paul & Jane Davis and Paul "Pepe" & Donna Pelissier showed up and jumped in to help. The Pauls (Davis & Pelissier) tag-teamed at Harold's table and corralled passers-by, offering them a chance to win a new GoldWing motorcycle or the option of taking $10,000 – the mention of money was enough for some to buy more than one ticket. Mike, Rose and Harold were true to form in being the ultimate sales people that they are. Many of the festival goers were drawn to our booths by the bikes – I mean who could miss those beauties. Something that was interesting was those n the Chapter who insist they are not salesmen….. you couldn't tell it

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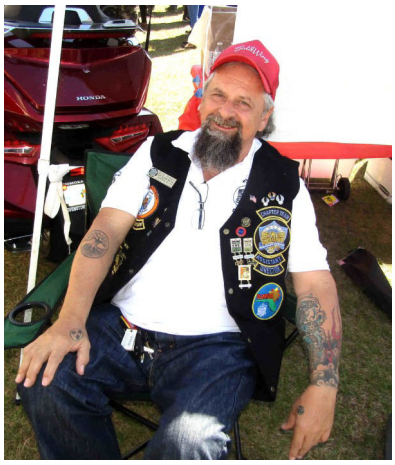
from all the sales pitches going on Saturday. I guess if you have a passion for something then you have no trouble selling it. Sue Sadlon and Mary Wilcox manned the cash box while Jane and Donna were the go-between for Harold's sales. These four ladies were careful to make sure the tickets included the 'sold by' information and that the contact number was legible. The chapter folks worked like a well oiled machine.

We must acknowledge Ralph and Andy's creativity in selecting the breakfast food of the day…. Strawberry Ice Cream!! Throughout the day other chapter members visited our booths. It was nice to see Pat & Ron Day (they had their antique vehicles in the car show), Steve, Sophie and Lydia ("Mom"), Greg Stevens, Marie Nardone and Gerald Buscemi.

At the end of the day everyone was exhausted but elated that a total of 1,270 GoldWing Raffle tickets were sold! Great job everyone!



Marion County Local Food Bank

We have revised our request…
Instead of specific items
Please bring whatever you find "On Sale"
Seasonally related, where possible

Our goal is to deliver to all of the Marion County food banks at least once a year.
Donations will be collected at every Chapter Gathering.
You can also give your donations to Diane Farkas or Alana Forte.

Please check that donated items do not have expired dates.

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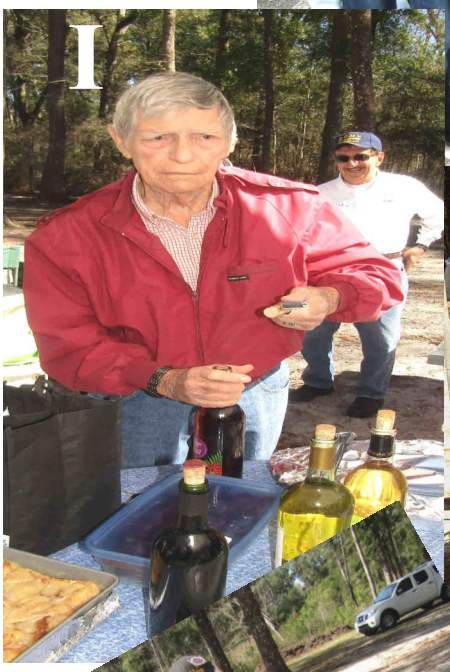

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES	
Ron & Colleen Stringer 7th.	**Denis & Sue Lomax 9th.**
Fred & Joanne Spoering 19th.	**Joe & Nancy Pascucci 30th.**
Paul & Donna Pelissier 30th.	
APRIL BIRTHDAYS	
Dan Lindsey 1st.	**Sandy Doudt 1st.**
Naida Rasbury 10th.	**Judy Howe 12th.**
Bunny O'Neal 15th.	**Ralph Lambert 16th.**
Cathy Goodwill 16th.	**Abby Saltz 18th.**
Red Robinson 21st.	**Mary Ann Johnson 29th.**

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2020 Florida GWRRA Events		
Cancelled	***Florida District Gathering of the Wings***	***Cancelled***
April 25th	**FL1-A (*Tampa) Celebrate American Freedom***	**San Antonio**
May 9th	**Coast to Coast Florida District Ride**	**TBA**
May 25-Jun 5	**Wingers & Waves 12 Day Alaska Cruise**	**Alaska**
Jun 30th - July 4th	**Wing Ding 42**	**Springfield, MO**
Nov 7th	**FL1-K (*Palm Coast*) *Celebrating All Veterins***	**Flagler Beach**

6th Annual Wingers N Waves Cruise

5 Day, 2 ports, Key West & Cozumel
Submitted by Rose Cobb

George and I went on our first Wingers- cruise in 2019. We had so much fun jammin' 50's & Jamaican style we decided to go again this year. This 6th Annual cruise had over 300 in our Wingers-N-Waves group from across the United States and Canada. Also onboard were 700+ Golden Girls fans and everyday was a celebration.

Our good friends Wayne & Marianne Shunnamon from South Carolina and Linda Greeley from Arizona (with sister Nancy) joined us on this cruise.

The organizer Deanna Cisson makes sure to plan informal and more organized gatherings while onboard. Daily meet and greets took place just prior to our evening dining time.

It just happened to be "Fat Tuesday" when we were in Key West, so based on our son's recommendation we went to Fat Tuesday's. Never have I seen so many types of frozen Daiquiris…I was offered samples, so naturally I had to try a few before I decided which to purchase.

Our only excursion planned was a Glass Bottom boat tour in Key West. The wind was up and the water was a little choppy, but we enjoyed the boat ride out to the corral reef.

Albert= Dorothy
Deanna= Sophia

The first of two really fun themed evens was "Thank You For Being a Friend ~ 80's" bash. We had punk rockers, various Golden Girls and even Michael Jackson (Cindy Bryant- former NC District Director). First prize costume went to Blanche Devereaux (Nan from Tampa, FL). George and I didn't dress up for this event, but we had a blast visiting with Wingers from all over.

Michael Jackson!

1st Place
costume contest
Blanche Devereaux look alike

In Cozumel, we had a very interesting Garra Rufa "fishy" Ictiotherapy. Say that three times really fast. It tickled while the fish performed their duties, but I enjoyed it. Wonder if we can purchase those fish here?

The second themed event was a "Groovin' to the 60's" get together. Decked in our PEACE sign pendants, nicely poofed-up afro's and Hippie attire, George & I did a "raffle within a raffle" selling Florida District Rider Education tickets. Altogether we sold over $500 worth of tickets. There were so many groovy costumes. The best costume went to a couple who put a fun hippie twist on their chapter colors—too groovy man!

We would love to have more of our chapter friends join us for the 7th Annual Wingers-N-Waves cruise. More information to follow!

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