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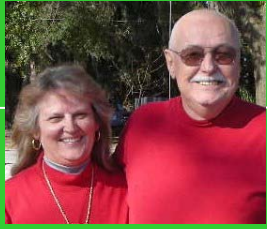
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Not much happened this month. There were a couple of social dinner rides, recruiting days and rides scheduled on the calendar. The weather must really be playing a huge part on participation. Jim and Marilyn were there every time. Steve made it a couple of times. Thank you for coming out and showing support. I must say, it was a pleasant surprise when we arrived at Gabriel's Subs on August 4 and found the turnout larger than usual. Jim, Marilyn, Kay, Gary, Brian, Connie, Kevin, Ted, Carolyn, James and myself. Most of them had been out riding their motorcycles West and North. Thank you all for attending and welcome home.

Is anyone attending the Region "A" Rally September 16 thru 18 in Eufaula, Alabama? James and I are already pre-registered and are excited to be traveling "out of town." For a change of pace, we are actually going to go somewhere and are looking forward to it. We have never been to the Region "A" Rally in Eufaula. We will be submitting the Scrapbook in the competition since it won first place at the Florida District Rally this year. Wish FL1-W luck!!

School is starting soon and FL1-W is showing their support by providing school supplies and clothing for Rock Springs Elementary. Check out the calendars in the back of this newsletter to find the next charity benefit. Your support is greatly appreciated!

On Saturday, August 21 there is a ride to visit the Tampa chapter for their Pirate Fest Rally. We hope you will plan attending. The ride starts from the Apopka Post Office with KSU at 9:30 a.m. Let's show FL1-A Tampa support by attending.

We want to point out that the Shriner's Sojourners will be performing the evolution of the American Flag from years in the past. It is quite a performance. It is well worth the time to watch and learn how the American Flag changed over the years to today's American Flag. You do not want to miss it, so put September 11, Chapter Gathering on your calendar to attend.

Until we ride again, ride safe and enjoy the ride
James & Patti, Senior CD's, #138360

Each month, a GWRRA "Area Run List" report is sent to the Chapter CDs and MECs so that new GWRRA members (those who joined in the previous month) can be contacted. This data comes from the GWRRA master database in Phoenix. In July, there were three new members listed in the zip-code area serviced by Chapter FL1-W, so I tried to contact them. I did get in touch with two of them and sent them information about our Chapter. The third name was Gary Hoop (of Tavares), whom I could not contact – so I hope he does not mind if I mention his name here. I talked to his wife, and she told me that Gary was on a motorcycle trip to Alaska with twelve other motorcycles. She told me to check a web-site if I actually wanted to know where he was.

According to the web-site, AlaskaBikeRun.com, the annual Alaska Bike Run is the World's Longest Group Motorcycle Benefit Run. The site posts: "Why not make a tax deductible donation to help deaf, deaf/blind or medically fragile babies? 100% of donations go to SKI-HI, an early intervention group." The run starts in St. Augustine, Florida and runs to Alaska and back each year. The group starts small, but adds bikes (that have pre-registered) as the group proceeds on the journey. This year bikes were joining from Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Tennessee, South Dakota and California. The 2010 run started on July 16 and should complete in St. Augustine on August 5.

The ride - and the web-site - are pretty well organized. The schedule and all the stops are planned ahead of time so all the riders know what kind of schedule they will be expected to keep (350-450 miles per day on back roads). To see info from the 2010 trip, go to AlaskaBikeRun.com and click on "DAILY UPDATES BEGINNING JULY 17, CLICK HERE". If you click on "2010 Schedule" on the left sidebar, you can see the schedule, a list of registered bikers, and a short bio on each of the bikers. I found it interesting reading material. It kind'a makes me want to drive to Alaska.

Speaking of which – Ted and Carolyn visited their 48th state, Ohio, on July 27th. That makes Paul & Diane, Ted & Carolyn, Gary Miller and Nolan & Ruth Polley to complete the 48 states.

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OCP Training

In January we were told as officers we had to go to Mandatory OCP Training. Our immediate response was I am a volunteer, how can you make me attend training? Well Brian and I attended our training in Sebring, July 24th-25th. We arrived on Friday afternoon in the rain, tropical storm Bonnie was going through Florida. We checked in and then I realized we had a friend of ours in the area. She moved to Avon Park about a year ago, she is an archeologist and took a job at the Air Force bombing range. We were able to have dinner with her Friday evening and then she took us out to the bombing range to drive us around and tell us about the history of the area and what she has found during her digs. It was very interesting and it was great to see her again.

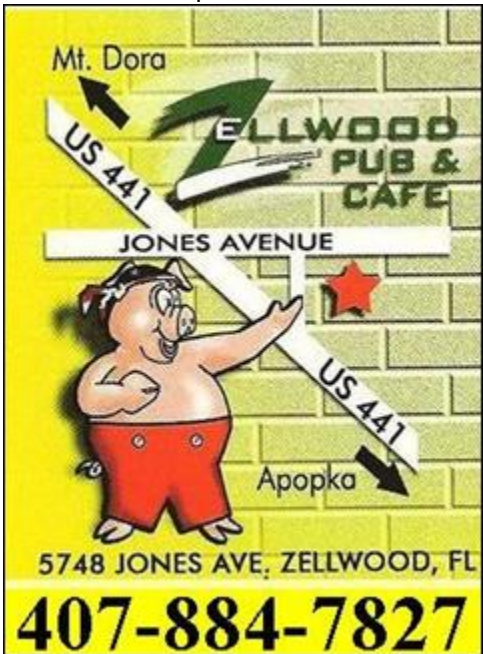
We woke on Saturday morning at 6:30 a.m., which defiantly is not me especially on my days off, to grab breakfast and register by 8:00 a.m. Breakfast was a waffle and apple juice, it was included in the room fee so what more could I ask for. We registered and chose a seat. We sat in those seats for about 30 minutes and then we were put into "teams", we were on team number ONE. There were four couples to a team. We had a couple from

Sarasota, DeLand, and Jacksonville. Then we got started with the actual training. We had several team building exercises which our team won by the end of the training. Rick, Madalena, and Dana took us through the modules and covered all the information we needed for the test. We adjourned for the day. We went to dinner with Dave and Marsha from the Sarasota Chapter. After dinner we went back to the room and went over our "study guide" for the test on Sunday morning.

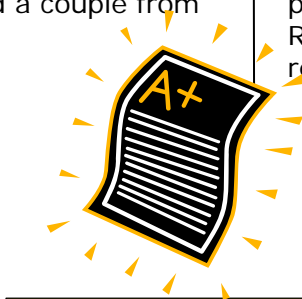
Sunday morning we woke at 6:30 a.m. again to pack, get breakfast and be back in training at 7:50 a.m. They gave the "Knowledge exercise" and asked us to leave the room when we were finished. Once we all got back together they informed us that we all passed but would not give us our grades, I'm ok with not knowing my grade, I just needed to know I passed ☺. We completed the training with Bill Berry thanking us for attending.

We went to this training because we were told we had to attend, but by the time we left we were glad we attended. We met some very nice people and we even learned some things too☺. Rick, Madalena, and Dana did a great job reviewing this information.

Ride safe and stay cool,
Brian & Connie Miller, ACDs
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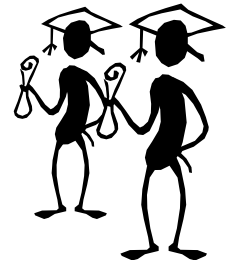
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Members Corner By Jim & Marilyn Pickup



From Bicycles to Motorcycles

It all started a long time ago, when I lived in Olean, New York. I rode some Whizzer motorbikes, a Cushman Scooter and a Czech 125 two stroke. All this was in the late 1940's, 1950 and 1951.



Some fun back in those days. I was not "allowed" to have a motorized two wheel vehicle of my own. My parents were afraid I would get hurt or something like that. Bicycles I did have, several of them. My first bicycle was a 24 inch model. At first I could ride the bike as I didn't know how. After I learned how to ride the bike, I would ride around with my

friends. Doggone nearly got kilt on that one. Riding with some friends on a sidewalk, they all went out a driveway into the street and I followed. The result of hitting a car was that the handlebars were straight but the front wheel was 90 degrees off to the right. We straightened the wheel and continued our ride....

Later I saved my money and bought a brand new Roadmaster 26 inch bike. It was real nice. It had a headlight and a tail light with a built in brake light that gave up the ghost after a couple months. The slip ring contact for the brake light on the rear hub wasn't very strong. I later had another 26 inch bike that was as light as possible and still had fenders and chain guard. I would leave high school after my last class for the day, ride my bike over the walk bridge in back of the high school to the steps where I carried the bike down three flights to the street. Then I would ride over to where I met the Buffalo Evening News truck. My job on the truck was to assist the driver in delivering the bundle of newspapers to the newsstands and for the boys who delivered their routes. When I got to the truck, I had to lift the bike up to put it in the back of this 2 ton truck that came to Olean every day.



I later bought a Raleigh bike with a Sturmey-Archer three speed hub. This bike I took to Syracuse after graduating high school in 1951.

In December 1958, I decided that I had enough of the ice, snow, freezing rain, etc. in New York State and I moved to Florida. I didn't have a job when I got here and now my parents with whom



I was living, said I could now have a motor scooter for transportation. I had to sell the station wagon I used to move to Florida, paid off the loan on the car and had enough money to buy a new 1959 Vespa 125 scooter. After about 10 months I had enough money to buy a car and then sold the

scooter.

Several years later, Marilyn and I bought a Lambretta 125 scooter. We thought that would be fun. HA! It wouldn't get out of its own way. Spit and sputter and carry on and would not get over 25 mph. Took it back to where I got it (I didn't know a motor scooter mechanic then and neither did the guy I bought the scooter from). We got our money back from the scooter and that ended the two wheel motor powered vehicles for a while.

In the early 1970's I bought a Sears 50cc motorcycle made by PUCH. It was fun but would not carry both of us. The next bike was a Honda CM70. That was Marilyn's bike.



Next, I bought a Honda Trail 90 that had a bad piston slap which I didn't know what that was but I rode it anyway. Next, I traded the 90 at the Honda shop on East 50 for a Honda CB175. I had more fun with that one. Marilyn was still riding the 70 at this point. Yamaha was holding a "Learn to Ride" program at the Eddie Stadium in East Orlando. I don't remember the whole name of the place. Here Marilyn learned how to ride a manual clutch bike. The CM70 was a three speed automatic clutch bike. After she learned how to ride a hand clutch bike, we bought a CB125. She liked that one so well that we traded it for a new CB125 and she rode that for a while.

A little while later I bought a Honda CB360 and gave the CB175 to our oldest son. Next Marilyn bought a Honda CB400 from a neighbor. We would go for rides around Central Florida on the 360 and 400 bikes.



In 1982 I bought a new Yamaha Maxim 750. Boy, I was really getting up there in the bigger, faster bikes. Marilyn felt left out and we found a Yamaha Maxim 650 at RC Hills bike shop on West 50. We traded the 400 for that. We noticed when the tag for the 650 came up for renewal that the registration was still saying the Honda 400. We went back to RC Hills and found that they never had the title to the 650. They had bought the bike from an Orlando Policeman who thought the bike was going to be scrapped. Seems he had laid it down and scratched up a few things, like the clutch lever, turn lights, a little bit on the engine cases. The bike wasn't really in such bad shape, oh yes, son, Phil was working at RC's at the time and he had checked it out and did some repairs on it. Now regarding the title to the 650, the Orlando Policeman was contacted by RC Hill and come to find out, the title was still at his Credit Union. As I said before, he thought the bike was going to be scrapped, parted out or whatever, and had never turned the title over to RC Hill. We finally got the title problem straightened out.



Long about November 1983, Marilyn and I decided to take a road trip with the Retreads. We went to "Mule Days" in Calvary, Georgia, a little town north of Tallahassee. We spent the day there and that afternoon we went to Thomasville, Georgia to a Days Inn where we had reservations. We must have had 20 people in our group. Somebody looked in the phone book and found a restaurant in downtown Thomasville. They called, made reservations and downtown we went. This was a Saturday afternoon and the townspeople must have rolled up the sidewalks at 3:30 that day. We found parking at the curb in front of the restaurant and went in. A couple wise guys in the group made a comment to the wait staff that if we didn't get good service, we were known to tear up the place. They put us in a side room off the back dining room. We were having a great time, ordered our food and were enjoying our meal when we discovered that a lot of the locals were being seated in the dining room and were staring at us. You know how bikers get when we get to telling stories get a little loud, well, we were getting loud. As we were getting ready to leave, the restaurant got so quiet you could hear a pin drop. LOL Back to Orlando was non eventful. Part 1 Written by: Jim Pickup, #027891



AUGUST BIRTHDAY's!

Shirley Amos - 10
Herb Stanfield - 16

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY's

Paul Andberg - 3
Sue Larson - 10
Ray Vargas - 17



Birthday Celebrations from the July Chapter Gathering



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Richard Avery - 25
Lance & Elise Lowery - 28
Randy & Mary Sparks - 28

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Ken & Mary Ann Long - 12
Nolan & Ruth Polley - 19
Paul & Diane Andberg - 21

GWRRA EVENTS CALENDAR

- Aug 14 FL1-J Sock-Hop - Jacksonville
- Aug 21 FL1-A Pirate Fest Rally, Tampa**
- Sep 11 FL1-Q Zippity Doo Dah Funday, Milton
- Sep 16-18 Region "A" Rally, Eufaula, AL**
- Oct 2 FL1-H Poker Run, Daytona**
- Oct 9 FL1-X Chapter Rally, Orange Park**
- Oct 14-16 Mississippi District Rally, Tupelo, MS
- Oct 23 FL2-G Pancake Breakfast, Ft Myers
- Oct 24 FL1-M Strike Out Brain Tumors Bowling Event, Clearwater
- Oct 30 FL1-H2 Howl-O-Ween Harvest Picnic**
- Nov 6 FL1-D Green Frog Getaway, Pensacola
- Nov 7 Tampa Bay Area Ride For Kids, Brandon
- Nov 13 FL1-L2 County Fair & Poker Run Brooksville
- Dec. 11 FL1-S Mingle & Jingle, Zephyrhills**

(Bolded Events indicate FL1-W attempt to attend)

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MEMBER JOIN DATES for August
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Parking the Wing

As the saying goes—"The ride's not over until the wing is parked." Is there just one rule to parking a motorcycle? No. There are no absolute rules when it comes to parking your ride in a safe manner.

There are however, a few tips:

- Its summer time and asphalt can become nearly the consistency of quick sand. Be sure to use a foot under the side stand. Even new or poor quality asphalt may not hold up against the side-stand weight of a wing. Attach a string onto the foot to facilitate picking it up after you've climbed aboard.
- Park using the side stand. This gives the motorcycle 3 points for stability. The center stand only gives the machine 2 points of stability.
- Parking at a 45° to the roadway and flow of traffic helps motorists see the parked bike. Bikes parked parallel to the roadway are far less visible. If you can't park at a 45° angle, you probably shouldn't be parking there anyway.
- Look at the ground before you park. Watch for "No Parking" signs, markings on the pavement, or even debris on the ground that could cause your feet to slip while sitting on the bike or reverse maneuvers. Remember, a lot of accidents happen while parking.
- Park away from intersections, away from corners, away from large vehicles that may back into the bike, and not directly under large trees. Trees have been known to drop branches and, of course—birds love to roost in those trees after eating.

Ride Safe!
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A New Communication Tool...

One of the most difficult things to accomplish, in an Association of our size, is having effective communications (keeping everyone on the same page and informed). For years we have had "Divisional" Newsletters. They were full of valuable information, which very few actually read or could even find. I can't tell you how many times I wrote educational articles that contained important information addressing current issues. I had limited success in getting the information out. I knew this was due to the amount of questions I continued to receive on the topic I addressed with my article. I'm sure the same holds true for the other program administrators.

Now that I'm Director of GWRRA, I have an opportunity to improve our communications. The International TEAM has come up with this new GWRRA Newsletter called the "Insight". It will combine informational articles from all three programs into one Newsletter. Additionally, the link to this Newsletter will reside on the Home Page of the GWRRA website, as well as a link from each Program's website. Also, we will send out email blasts to all of the Officers with a link to download it directly. Our goal is to get this information to the people that need it the most, our Chapter Officers. I would like to thank Rick and Madalena Buck, from Region A, for accepting the responsibility of being the editors of the "Insight".

While we're on the subject of communication, we have made another change to the Home Page of the GWRRA website. We have added a quick link button at the bottom of the page to reach our GWRRA Officer Connection webpage.

This page contains valuable information that all Officers need to refer to. I'm amazed when I co-instruct an OCP, how many Officers have never visited or know where to find this very important information. It appears to be one of the best kept secrets of GWRRA. This new link on the main page will make it much easier to access the site.

Communication is a major key to our success. If anyone has additional ideas on how we can improve our efforts, please let us know. Communication is also a two-way street. I would love to see Directors, Educators, Trainers, and Membership Enhancement Coordinators send us information on your successes so we can share it with others. By sharing the wealth, we can improve Chapter Life for everyone. So send us your success stories.

This is a step in the right direction toward improving our Association and building on our success. Be a leader, and help us make this a communication resource that all can benefit from.

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Final Thoughts on the Great Northwest Motorcycle Trip

We rode 9,330 miles on this trip. We started by going to Wing Ding in Des Moines, Iowa. We stayed a week at Wing Ding with Kevin and Claire Lang. We had a great time. This was our first Wing Ding.

We visited 30 states and provinces along the way. Some states we rode through more than once, Idaho for instance, we went through the bottom on Idaho when visiting with Mike and then the top of Idaho when we were heading up to British Columbia, and we rode through Georgia and Florida just to get out of, and then into, our home state. They were in order of our trip: FL, GA, AL, TN, KY, IN, IL, MO, IA, NB, SD, WY, MT, ID, OR, WA, BC, AL, SK, MB, ND, MN, WI, MI, OH, PA, WV, VA, NC, SC. We were gone 40 days, from June 23 to August 1, 2010. Ted and I have also ridden our bikes in all of the lower 48 states! We have also ridden our bikes in 6 Canadian provinces.

We have tried different clothes, bags, cooling and heating systems, and packing configurations as we have traveled. Each time we are slimming down the list and becoming more efficient at what we do carry. This The Great Northwest MC Trip has been the most efficient in those terms. Our first, The Great Southwest MC Trip, we had everything but the kitchen sink strapped somewhere on us. Last year's trip, The Great Northeast MC Trip, we went with friends and had a great time, but we still had too much stuff. This year we had to take some stuff to Wing Ding, but then we shipped it home along with some purchases. We did the same thing again once we were at our son's and daughter-in-law's home. Our motto now is, less is better!

We were plagued with failures of one sort or another. The big one was Ted's front tire going flat while on I-29 out of Sioux City, SD. Valve stem let loose. He did a great job of pulling off the side of the road safely. I had the left front fork seal let go, spraying me with fork oil, while going down the road in Cochran, PA. Ted's GPS Zumo 550 stopped working. We think it is a loose wire. My CB talk switch works intermittently, along with a cord connector problem. Ted's CB will only work off of the passenger cord. The Tire Pressure Monitor System on both bikes stopped working completely. Yikes!

Ted and I have gotten better at documenting our trips. We got a GE A735 camera at KMart on our first trip when we were at my brother's place in Mississippi on that first southwest trip. I used it and it took a beating. I used it on the northeast trip too, and again it took a beating. I used it on this northwest trip and it again took a beating. It is the best camera! This year I got a new laptop that I can take with me instead of trying to rely on hotel computers - thank goodness! The laptop is a MacBook Pro and fits right into my saddle bag. And I learned how to

upload pictures to my blog from the camera to the laptop. It is so much nicer and I'm pleased with the results. These two pieces are definitely worth the space they take up.

Overall, we had one great trip! The best was seeing our kids, Eric and Summer, and grandkids, Bridger and Noah. That's Bridger

on my computer. Noah is just a little over two months old so this was the first we had a chance to see him. Also, we were able to visit with so many people we hold dear, both family and friends. It was great to see everyone, but not long enough. We attended our first Wing Ding. That was pretty exciting, and



to do it with great friends, Kevin and Claire, was the best. We saw a lot of fabulous country and met some fellow travelers along the way. They always seem to spice up a trip as we all share road stories. The weather was tremendous on the most part. We rode mostly in the 70's. We layered up for mornings and were usually in before it got cold at night. As far as altitude is concerned, we got up to almost 11,000 feet to see snow along the road at Beartooth Pass in Montana. There were other opportunities as well to see snow along the road and feel the cold, but Beartooth as the tallest. Rivers were also notable. We crossed the Mississippi a number of times, and one time it looked like a creek. I just know we were close to the headwaters. We also crossed the Yellowstone, the Gallatin (where I learned to fly fish), the Snake, the Missouri, and the Ohio. Some great bridges were crossed by our wings, but the crown is the Mackinac Bridge going from Lake Superior to Lake Michigan. We had such a fabulous motorcycle vacation! Now I'm just left with the memories and



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Wing Ding 32 concluded July 3rd in Des Moines, Iowa after a glorious 5-day successful run. Nan and I, along with members of the Region "A" staff and most of the District Directors and staffs attended. We all had a fantastic time. The venue in Des Moines was excellent as were the hotel accommodations.

We worked our usual assignments at Ticket Sales and Poker Run in Hall A of the Veterans Memorial Auditorium. We offered the customary range of tickets for sale, including a Daily 50-50 that was drawn Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons at 5:00 PM. The Des Moines chapter had prepared three poker runs but one of them had to be cancelled due to flooding of some of its key roads. The other two went ahead without any problems.

Total Wing Ding 32 attendance was 8,280. We had a great time with our Ticket Sales and Poker Run duties; we sold more tickets than the previous year at Tulsa and we had plenty of Region "A" volunteers to make it work. Each volunteer received a neat volunteer badge and a ticket for the after-closing-ceremonies Ice Cream Social.

Nan and I would like to extend our profound THANKS to each member of our great Region staff along with all the District Directors, staffs and delegates from Region "A" for their hard work and enthusiasm while selling tickets and staffing the poker run. We all seemed to have lots of fun and the delegates were enjoying themselves as well. These duties cannot be accomplished without the invaluable assistance of our volunteers. We can't thank you enough for all your hard work and dedication to GWRRA and Region "A".

We'd like to recognize those Region "A" staff folks who worked in Rider Education, Leadership Training, Membership Enhancement, Medic First Aid and Motorist Awareness. These folks had their own program duties in addition to Ticket Sales and Poker Run which kept them quite busy staffing tables, conducting seminars and working the riding ranges. A big thanks to all you folks as well.

Region "A" had the notable distinction of having the International Chapter of the Year for the second year in a row. This year, FL1-H (Daytona Beach) captured that title. They were recognized

during opening ceremonies with reserved seating up front and a nice plaque. Last year, chapter MS-O (the Cheerios) was awarded this distinction. Congratulations to FL1-H (Gerald and Grace Wells, CD) for exemplifying the best in the Chapter of the Year program.

In addition, several Region "A" staff members and District staff folks were awarded distinctions. They are as follows: Ray and Cindy Erickson were awarded the Motorist Awareness Coordinator of the Year, Nate and Danelle Kinion (Florida MA Coordinators) were presented the Motorist Awareness Merit Award, Roy Degler (Assistant Ride Educator for GA) received a Ride Educator Merit Award as did Jerry Hill (Ride Educator for SC-E). Dave and Sharon Aikens were presented the National Excellence in Leadership Training Award. These are just a few of the examples of hard work and dedication that the Region, District and Chapter staffs have demonstrated in the last year. Congratulations to you all for your outstanding achievements!

As we write this, our Region "A" rally at Lakepoint Lodge is only a couple of months away. Our pre-registrations are running ahead of last year and the Lakepoint Lodge has been filled to capacity for several months. There are still camping spots available and plenty of rooms at our nice over-flow accommodations nearby. You've got time left to pre-register and join us for what promises to be a really FUN event. Flyers are available on the Region website.

With the above in mind, District Directors it's time to begin thinking about your responsibilities at the rally and what kind of volunteer staff you'll need to handle your assignment. Please also remember that each District is requested to bring five (5) game prizes and some goodies for the Hospitality Suite. The Region will also supply food for the Hospitality Suite.

Thanks!

We look forward to seeing you at a GWRRA event soon,

Bob & Nan Shrader, Region A Directors



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COUPLE OF THE YEAR 2010
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Paul and Margueuite Storey are the Chapter Directors for the New Zealand Chapter, which encompasses the entire country. They spoke about riding 5 hours to their Chapter Gathering and that they do not have interstate highways and that all their riding is back road riding.

Kevin and Claire Lang
#247828



No More Boring Pictures – By Jim Gorski

Hey it's raining, what's new in July in Florida

Perfect time to take 20 minutes, read your digital camera's instruction manual pages describing how the **self timer** works, don't just read it **PRACTICE IT** until you can do it quickly without having to refer to the manual. This feature allows you and your rider to be part of many pictures while you travel without try to enlist someone else to take their time to take YOUR pictures. Trust me, get comfortable in this simple step and you will reduce your stress level and frustrations on your journeys, not to mention Chapter gatherings, and family functions. Once you've mastered the Self Timer operation, consider purchasing one of those mini tripods to stabilize your camera or use some Velcro on the bottom of your camera and on the top of your Butler big Gulp Mug. Place it on the highway, a bench, maybe even a fence post; but be sure to consider the wind velocity and stability when selecting this prop.

Let's move to the Right, or the Left?

The title says it all! Let's get off center, not out of balance just a different perspective. It's not a secret that serious amateur photographers and professionals alike have adopted a photo technique dividing the viewfinder into thirds, whether vertical or horizontal, many boring pictures can be made more interesting by taking that bike and rider and moving it to the left or right of center and allow the viewer to see the background. The bike and rider take up one third and the scenic background takes up remaining two thirds giving the viewer an interesting picture with depth versus just a happy face in the center of a picture while the viewer

struggles to look around the center of attention, and see what actually is in the background.

Use Signage for Titling and Defining

As we travel the summer months, it is easy to show we entered Arizona (or you pick the state), by filling almost the entire frame with a picture of the AZ Hwy Dept's Generic Welcome sign -----BORING, better to put the bike and rider, in the left one third, the mountains in the background in the middle third and the Welcome sign in the right third Or whatever order might allow you to have the front tire pointing to the signage. Capture signage describing National Parks or monuments to help tell your story upon your return. With Digital cameras, you cannot take too many "titling" or "story telling" pictures which will aid in composing your photo album. Some of these photo "techies" using PhotoShop or similar software have been able to creatively blend some of the pictures into, next to, or over the actual scene itself.

In summary, gather pictures of signage, trying to incorporate some background of what the sign may be describing and move it off center to include the point of interest.

Learn how to use the self timer, more importantly USE IT!

Have an extra one or two memory cards and extra batteries. Now go out there and have fun, and record some of that fun!!



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Hello, One and All!

Don't you just love the wonderful August weather in Florida. It's hot and we have a 50% chance of rain. That's a Florida summer forecast! We are back from Wing Ding and what a great time we had! The weather was fantastic and the venue perfect. Over 8200 people "met in the Middle: Des Moines, IA". We would like to thank all of you from Florida who gave up part of your time to work the Ticket Sales and Poker Run tables. We estimate that approximately 100 folks from Florida were in attendance at Wing Ding! Great to see the best District in GWRRA represented so well! Congratulations go out to FL1-H, Daytona, for being recognized at Opening Ceremonies as the International Chapter of the Year! Nate and Danelle Kinion were awarded the first ever District Motorist Awareness Coordinator of the Year. Unable to attend Wing Ding, the Medic First Aid Merit Award for MFA Instructor with the most classes taught was presented to Tina Prince, FL2-L, at their last Gathering. What can we say...Florida folks ROCK! You make us proud!

At the end of July well over 200 leaders or soon to be leaders in the Florida District attended and passed the Officer Certification Program (OCP). We would like to thank all of you who have given of your time and, in some cases, your finances to attend this program. Also, our thanks go out to Rick and Madelena Buck for their leadership and training in ensuring everyone who chooses to be certified has not only completed the one and half day intensive but has successfully passed the exam!

On another note, most of you are aware of the ever increasing costs of mailing anything these days. The District's newsletter is a very expensive part of the budget. Because of the timing last month, we elected to only provide an electronic version of the newsletter on the District website. We would like to continue saving the cost of postage and printing the newsletter. As always, you the membership are the main concern. Chapter Directors, if you would like to continue receiving the newsletter through "snail mail", let us

know. Otherwise, we will send out an email with the link to the current District Newsletter on the District Website as it is ready. We will also send you notifications of District Calendar Events. If your event is on the District Calendar, go to the District Website (click Events) and check to see if there is a link for your flyer next to your event. If there is not, please provide a PDF of your flyer immediately. Our District Webmaster, Howie Taylor, will then post a link next to your listing. Interested parties and Chapter Directors then can easily print out flyers for their Chapter members of upcoming events. We will keep you posted and in the loop on "new" news throughout the District!

Rally season is beginning and the Region A Rally/Convention is coming up September 16-18 at the beautiful Lakepoint Resort Lodge & Convention Center in Eufaula, Alabama. We hope to see you all there. It will be an "All American Homecoming!" Be sure to check out the schedule coming up for the many events scheduled in the fall lots of opportunities to have FUN and support your fellow GWRRA friends!

In closing, we would like to say we have attended several events throughout the state over the last month and we are proud to say that the #1 Rule for Florida is being observed! Having FUN is #1 in Florida!



FL1-W Apopka Reaches Out to the Community

Children School Supplies

Chapter FL1-W came through with school supplies for the children. We took them to Rock Springs Elementary where they were well received. Judy was grateful to us (all of you) that donated to help the children at RSE. She assured us this would help the children get a start for the new school year and that every little bit helps. Go Rockets!



Bobby Brayton spoke about battling pancreatic cancer since November 2009 and how there is nothing to support this cancer research. He talked about a Charity Ride "**Hanky Panky Poker Run**" benefiting Pancreatic Cancer Research on November 6, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. Meeting and leaving from the K-Mart parking lot, 810 Saxon Blvd, Orange City, Florida. We certainly want to wish Bob the best and that we will be there to show support for this important cause.



High Mileage Contest Reminder (from National News but applies to FL1-W)

The High Mileage Contest was started at the beginning of the year 2010 and runs thru December Chapter Gathering for FL1-W. Everyone should have received one of the booklets for jotting down your trips and mileage. If you did not get one, please get one.

It is just as it sounds. The Member who has driven the most number of miles in this timeframe on his or her motorcycle or trike between these dates will be honored as the winner of the first GWRRA High Mileage Contest for FL1-W Apopka Members.

It is an honor program, meaning that you are taken at your word and you provide the mileage.

Some of the simple rules as mentioned previously are:

Open to current GWRRA Members only

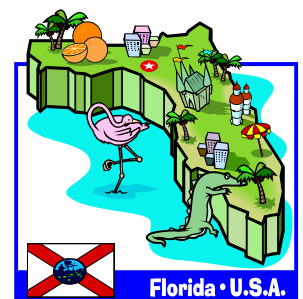
Mileage is to be calculated on a single bike or trike and not cumulative from multiple vehicles

This contest is for the pure fun and enjoyment of riding. It has seen much success in other organizations, so let's have fun with it and, remember, we are all on the honor system.

You know you're a Floridian if....

- You never use an umbrella because you know the rain will be over in five minutes.
- A good parking place has nothing to do with distance from the store, but everything to do with shade.
- You can tell the difference between fire ant bites and mosquito bites.
- You're younger than thirty but some of your friends are over 65.
- Anything under 70 degrees is chilly.
- You know that anything under a Category 3 just isn't worth waking up for.
- You dread love bug season.
- Flip-flops are everyday wear. Shoes are for business meetings and church!
- You have a drawer full of bathing suits, and one sweatshirt.
- You get annoyed at the tourists who feed seagulls.
- You've worn shorts and used the A/C on Christmas and New Years.

Provided by Kevin Lang (Email)





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1	2	3	4 Social Dinner Ride Gabriel's Sub 3006 Edgewater 407.425.9926 6:30p	5	6	7	
8	9	10 Recruit Saferide.com Eustis 11:30a	11 No Social Dinner Ride (Cancelled for the summer)	12	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid white;"> <p>Rock Springs Elementary "Pee Wee" Donations (K-1st grade)</p> <p>ALL Sizes Underpants Shorts Long Pants Socks</p> </div>		
			14 Chapter Gathering Perkins Rest 4:30p 989 W. OBT Apopka 32712 407.464.1075 MeetEatRide	18 Social Dinner Ride Pizza Hut 436 & Sheeler 883 E. 436 Apopka 407.886.1729 6:30p			19 Old Town Bike Ride Kissimmee Meet: 6:30p KSU: 6:45p
			21 RIDE FL1-A Pirate Fest Tampa 11:30-2:30p Indoors \$12 Meet: 9:15a KSU: 9:30a	22 POOL Party Russell Home 210Ambergate Longwood 11-3p	23	24	25 No Social Dinner Ride (Cancelled for the summer)
29 RIDE Swamp House Grill Meet: 12 noon KSU: 12:15p	30						
<div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p>Sr. Chapter Directors James Benson (407-617-6853) Patti Sloat (407-617-6854)</p> </div>							





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Social Dinner Ride Chili's 1634 W. OBT Apopka 407.880.4957 6:30p	2 Recruit Porkies BBQ Apopka 6:30p	3	4 Ride FL1-H2 Visit Meet: 5:30p KSU: 5:45p
5 Swim Angel "Claire Lang" Women's Triathlon	6 	7 Recruit Saferide.com Meet: 11:30a Eustis	8 No Social Dinner Ride (Cancelled for the summer)	9	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Coalition for the Homeless Deodorants Flip flops Socks Underwear Diapers </div> <div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> American Flag Presentation by Sojourners Unit 373 of the Bahia </div> <div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Region "A" Rally – Eufaula, AL </div>	
12 Mt Dora Ride Meet: 3:45p KSU: 4p			15 Social Dinner Ride Patsio's 1409 SR 436 Casselberry 407.657.8404 6:30p	16		
19 			22 No Social Dinner Ride (Cancelled for the summer)	23 Team Meeting Perkins Rest 989 W. OBT Apopka 407.464.1075 6:30p	24	25 Recruit Champions Powersports 11:30a
26 Skydive of Deltona Ride Meet: 9:45a KSU: 10a	27	28	29 Social Dinner Ride Patio Grill 2900 Orlando Dr (17/92) Sanford 407.322.3000 6:30p	30 Recruit Porkies BBQ Apopka 6:30p		

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