

Chapter Director



With the New Year in full swing, so have been our rides for all of January.

The Breakfast Ride, on January 1st, started off to be a little chilly. Okay, cold for you Floridians, but it warmed up nicely for the second half of the ride. The Mystery ride always proves to be interesting. We started in San Antonio and ended up in Howie-in-the-Hills and Lake Harris. It was a 4 hour round trip with lunch and, oh! What a beautiful day! Got to love this Florida weather!!!!

At our Gathering, we had a good turnout and as always the food was great as was the fellowship. We also had the pleasure of one of our own, Bob Groff (former District Rider Educator), give us a very informative presentation on Hypothermia. Thanks Bob!!

On January 7-8, while some of the Core Team and a few Participants went to the Florida District Chapter Conference in Lakeland (to learn more about what it means to be a "Team Member"), Bob took riders for a Lunch Ride to Reds. He said the pancakes were the biggest ones he had ever seen. Lisa was disappointed that she missed that ride because she said, "as many times as we have rode by there, it is always crowded, so it must be good". I guess we may have to make plans to go there again somewhere down the road! Besides, we want to know if Bob was exaggerating the truth a little bit about those pancakes.

On Sunday, the 8th, there was a Ride to Nowhere (Really?). This one is still a secret because we didn't hear anything about it. I guess when you go nowhere, there's not going to be anything said anyway!! On the 12th, Donny had his Mid-Week Ride and we will let him comment on that one.

On the 14th, a group of us went to the FL2-L Fireballs, Cowboys & Indians Rally. This was one FUN time to be had by all. Our own ACD, Donny Peters, and Chapter Participant, Carol Fleurant, won the Chapter Challenge for Wings of Wesley Chapel in the Limbo contest. Boy, can those two go down low.... (No pun intended), well...maybe just a little one. Great job you two!! Then Adrienne walked away winning one of the 25, 25, 50 raffles and the Grand prize! Congratulations Adrienne.

Pam's Ride to Brunches was a short but curvy ride. It was definitely worth it. The food, service, and fellowship, were exactly what we ordered.

Our Friday night Dinner Ride to Mykonos's in

Brooksville was a pleasant ride. The weather was just right. The food was good and we even had a few deer sightings on the way home.

Saturday, the 21st, we had a full house for the Medic First Aid class that was taught by our own Steve & Pam Ponder. This was a very interesting, knowledgeable, amusing, and entertaining class. Proof is in the pictures on our website!!

On Sunday the 22nd, our Picnic Ride to the Locks was a picture perfect ride. While eating our lunch sitting around Lake Weir, it was a little cool to take a dip; however, it didn't keep Greg from finding a tree...a BIG TREE to climb. Yes, we have pictures of this too!

As of this writing, the Kumquat Festival, Multi-Chapter Breakfast, and Bike Night at Beef's, are still left for the end of the month. We look forward to seeing you there and having good weather to ride. Let's finish out the month just as we started!!

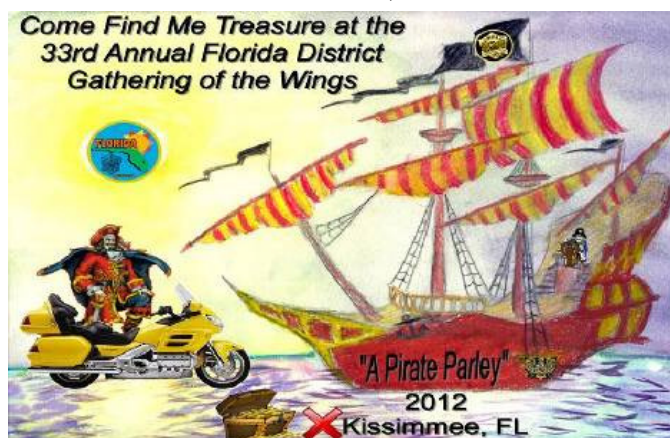
We have a few reminders:

1. We are going to be planning an overnight ride and are looking for ideas of places to go. Put on those thinking caps and give us your thoughts! FUN!!!!!!
2. The District Convention is now only a month away. Be sure and make your reservations! As of the last update, there were only 2 rooms left. Looking forward to seeing you there! You won't want to miss out on this FUN!!!!!! Super Bowl Party at Matt & Judy's house! Please let Judy know you are coming and what you might bring. More FUN!!!!!!

Until next month, ride safe & have FUN!

Jeff & Lisa Duffey

March 22 - 24, 2012



Assistant Chapter Director



Greetings to the Wing of Wesley Chapel,

We are very excited to start our second year as Members of GWRRA and Participants of the Wings of Wesley Chapel. We can't wait for the opportunity to ride with the group and experience everything that being a Member of GWRRA has to offer. We have booked our hotel and reservation for the District Convention coming up in March and also for Wing Ding 34 in Fort Wayne, Indiana which is coming up in July 4th - July 7th.

We missed the Chapter Gathering in January because we took the entire family for a winter ski vacation in the northeast. What an adventure, 5 kids (4 of which are teenagers) plus Abby and the two of us. 2 vehicles and about 1500 miles to the Pocono Mountain ski areas of northeast Pennsylvania. It was a great ride up and we drove through a hundred towns and cities we would like to visit on the Gold Wing. To name just a few we will be heading back to on the Wing will be the Civil War Battle fields of Antietam in Maryland, Harpers Ferry in West Virginia, Gettysburg in Pennsylvania and a rally neat city in Virginia called Staunton. The kids picked up skiing with one day of instructions; the next day they were passing me on the way down from the top of the mountain. The weather was cold. One day it was 7 degrees at the ski lodge, probably a few degrees colder at the top of the mountain, but everyone had a great cold weather experience. Did I mention it's nice to be back in sunny Florida!!!!

Donny's mid-week lunch ride will be headed northwest to Monkey Island with a great lunch at the Yardarm

restaurant. If you are retired, self employed or just have a week day off, come out and ride with us. Our next ride will be February 15th, KSU North at 10:00 a.m. We will be heading West with lunch at Captain Jacks in Tarpon Springs.

January 14th, we rode to the FL2-L Rally in Lakeland, and Jeff volunteered me (Donny) into putting two teams together for the Chapter Challenge. I am proud to announce that Wesley Chapel was victorious taking first place in the LIMBO contest. It was great FUN and everyone had a good laugh. January 20th was a dinner ride to Mykono's in Brooksville. We had 13 motorcycles show for the ride! The restaurant had a room already set up for us, and the food was excellent. So was the conversation!!

We hope to see everyone at the February Chapter Gathering, until then ride safe and have FUN as a Member of GWRRA!!

Donny & Aimee Peters



Master Tour Riders

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Bob Groff
Barbara Groff

Master
Lynn Everhart
Joey Everhart
Madalena Buck
Rick Buck
Karen Taylor
Howie Taylor
Adrienne Epler
Jan Meredith
Rick Meredith
Shirley Smith
Chuck Smith
Pam Ponder
Steve Ponder

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Rick Buck
Madalena Buck
Lee Cargill
Frank Corradini
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Lisa Duffey
Kay Durham
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Adrienne Epler
Lynn Everhart
Joey Everhart

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Sharon Matz
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Judy Murphy
Doug Newman
Peggy Newman

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Greg Peterson
Steve Ponder
Pam Ponder
Jim Siebel
Chuck Smith
Shirley Smith
Howie Taylor
Karen Taylor

GWRRA Levels Program

Submitted by: Rick Buck

Over the last several months, people have had many questions about the Levels Program a number of which have been asked to me. I personally am glad to see that people are interested in the program and have a desire to increase their knowledge. Since I have received a lot of questions myself, I asked the Chapter Director if I could put an overview of the program in the newsletter.

In my opinion, the Levels Program sets logical steps for Riders/Co-Riders to increase their knowledge when it comes to safety and riding. Each level in the program has a set of standards to achieve. None of the standards are too tough! With each level, you will increase your knowledge and become a safer rider.

Madalena & I have been part of the program since October 2005, just 2 months after joining GWRRA and becoming part of with the Wings of Wesley Chapel. By March of 2006, we qualified as Level III. A year later we advanced to Level IV (Master Tour Rider) and this March will become Senior Master Tour Riders. During this time we have taken 3 ERCs and CPR & First Aid courses along with numerous seminars. If I wasn't part of the Levels Program I probably would not have done this.

I encourage you to look at the Levels Program information. This will give you a overview of the program. When you have a question or want to move forward let the Chapter Rider Educator, Chapter Director or myself know and we will get you moving.

The following information was taken from the Rider Education Program Manual.

The GWRRA Rider Education Levels Program is intended to make the motorcycle environment safer by reducing injuries and fatalities by increasing motorcyclist skills and awareness through education and training. The Rider Education Levels Program does not propose to have all the answers. However, our close-working relationship with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF), as well as additional GWRRA programs and studies, has provided a wealth of information for use in establishing a comprehensive Rider Education Levels Program. Through Commitment, Education and Application we can reduce our accident rate significantly. Thus, we do our part to aid in Member Retention. Listed below are several benefits of a fully implemented GWRRA Rider Education Levels Program:

- Increased rider knowledge
- Increased rider safety skills
- Prevention of accidents
- Reduced injuries
- Reduced fatalities
- Improved general public image of motorcyclists
- Enhanced enjoyment of motorcycle riding

Rider Education Levels Program

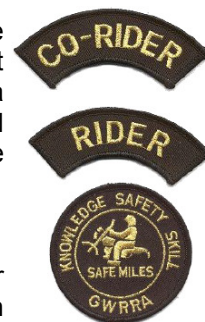
The program has been divided into four (4) progressively achievable levels. Both the Rider and the Co-Rider are eligible for, and indeed encouraged to participate in, obtaining each of these levels. The program structure is as follows:

Level I (Save Miles) - Safety by Commitment

Represents the commitment of the Rider and/or the Co-Rider to practice and encourage safe motorcycle operation whenever they operate their motorcycle. Safety begins as a state of mind that can only be attained through total commitment. Every successful accomplishment begins with a commitment to reach the intended objective. This is true of the Rider Education Levels Program and includes a promise to learn for the benefit of Rider, Co-Rider, friends and family, and others on the road.

Rider/Co-Rider Requirements

The requirement for Level I is current membership and the expressed commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to strive for and practice safe riding. They are encouraged to display these patches as an outward sign of that commitment



Level II (Safety by Education)

Level II is also referred to as Tour Rider. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to be safer motorcycle riders by taking approved motorcycle riding courses at regular intervals. GWRRA has chosen several educational training programs for the Riders and Co-Riders such as GWRRA Rider Courses and Sanctioned PLP programs, the MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) programs, the CSC (Canadian Safety Council) programs, and other approved programs.



Rider Requirements

- Be enrolled in Level I of the Rider Education Levels Program and have 5,000 safe miles.
- Have a current motorcycle license endorsement as required in the member's home state/province.
- Have completed an approved on-bike Rider course within the past three years. Submit a completed Rider Education Program Levels Application

Co-Rider Requirements

- Be enrolled in Level I of the Rider Education Levels Program and have 5,000 safe miles (8,000 km).
- Have completed an approved Two-Up Rider course or GWRRA Co-Rider seminar within the past three years.

Level III (Certified Tour Rider) - Safety by Preparedness

Represents the commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to be prepared in the event of an accident to give aid and possibly save lives. This is achieved by becoming knowledgeable in First Aid or CPR through training and by carrying a first aid kit on their motorcycle at all times.

CERTIFIED CO-RIDER

CERTIFIED TOUR RIDER

Rider Requirements

- Be enrolled and current in Level II, having completed a formal approved on-bike Rider Course (a sanctioned PLP is not allowed to be used for this Level) within the past three years.
- Maintain current First Aid or CPR or Medic First Aid certifications.
- Carry a First Aid kit on the motorcycle.

Co-Rider Requirements

- Be enrolled and current in Level II of the Rider Education Levels Program, having completed an approved Two-Up Rider course or GWRRA Co-Rider seminar within the past three years (a sanctioned PLP is not allowed to be used for this Level).
- Maintain current First Aid or CPR or Medic First Aid certifications.

Level IV (Master Tour Rider) - Safety by Enhanced Commitment and Preparedness

Level IV is the most prestigious level within the Rider Education Levels Program and is referred to as Master Tour Rider/Co-Rider. It represents the highest level of commitment by the Rider and/or Co-Rider toward safe riding and preparedness. This commitment is shown by a demonstrated history of safe miles, continuing education and current certification in both First Aid and CPR. These Master Tour Riders/Co-Riders are the finest example to everyone of the highest level of commitment to safe motorcycle operation and preparedness.



Rider Requirements

- Be a participant in Level III of Rider Education Levels Program and have been current in Level III for at least one full year.
- Have ridden a minimum of 25,000 safe miles.
- Be current in both First Aid and CPR certifications.
- Wear proper riding apparel at all times while riding. Proper riding apparel, a.k.a.: proper riding "gear" will include, at a minimum, a DOT approved helmet, eye protection, full-fingered gloves, over-the-ankle foot protection (boots preferred), with the balance of the body fully covered (leather or abrasion-resistant attire preferred; denim accepted.) Jackets or shirts should be a single piece of apparel and not be modular (i.e., not "riding sleeves"). Some have coined the acronym ATGATT standing for All the Gear, All the Time.

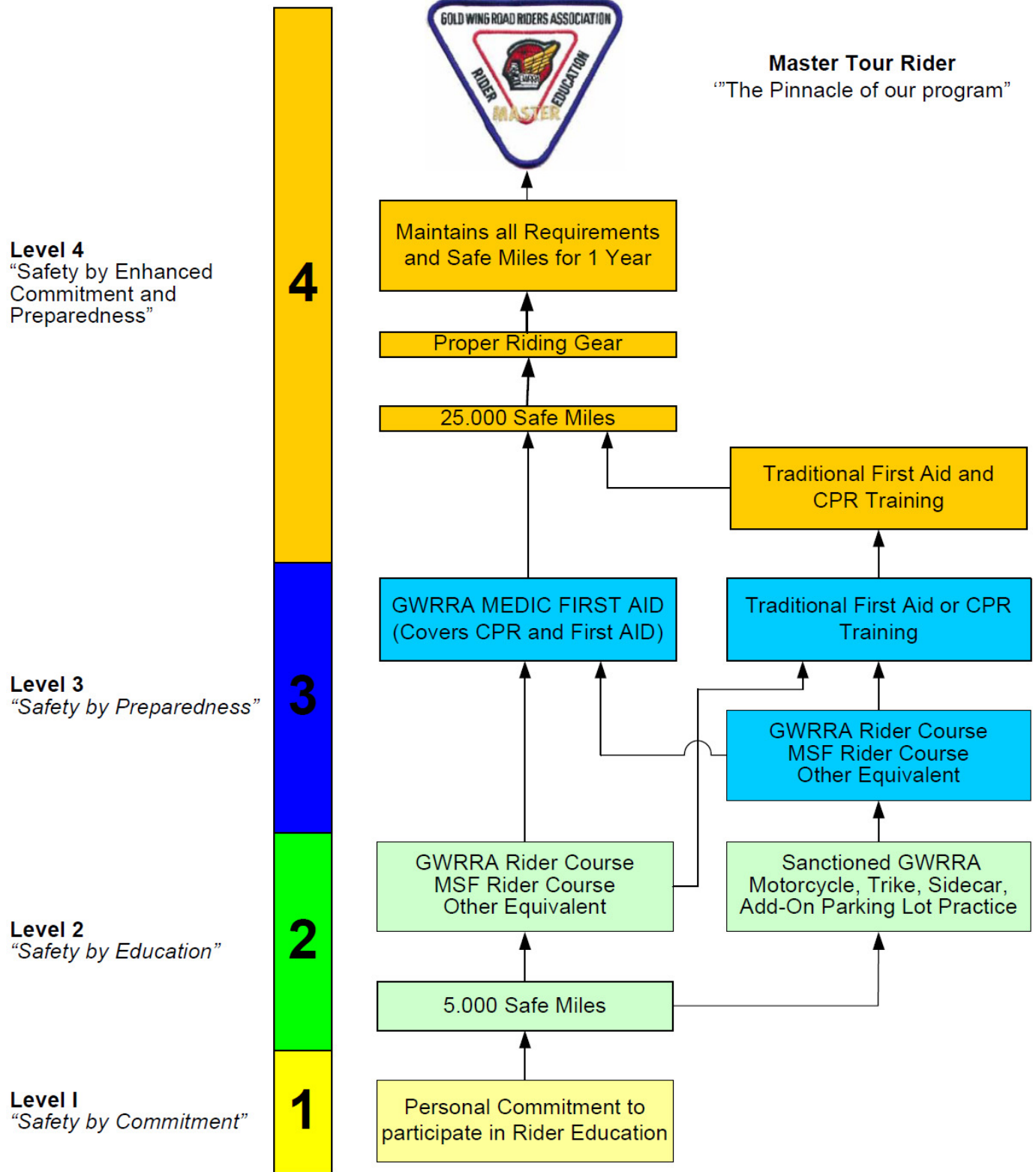
Co-Rider Requirements:

- Be a participant in Level III of Rider Education Levels Program and have been current in Level III for at least one full year.
- Have ridden a minimum of 25,000 safe miles (40,000 km).
- Be current in both First Aid and CPR certifications. Wear proper riding apparel at all times while riding .



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Membership Enhancement



With this being GWRRA's 35th Anniversary year, we are excited to tell you of the Membership Loyalty Program that is taking place during 2012. For each new Member (and for those who renew their membership during this year), you will receive free Loyalty

Saving Coupons. These loyalty saving coupons are valued in the hundreds of dollars and will help you save money on products purchased from some of the GWRRA advertisers in our Wing World magazine. Some of the participating advertisers are:

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- Boostaroo: Your home for audio amplifiers and headphones.
- GWRRA Official Products: For all of those items you see listed each month near the back of your Wing World Magazine (jackets, shirts, patches, belt buckle, hats, etc...).

Your coupons will arrive in your new Member and renewal Member packets throughout this year. For those who are Lifetime Members, or have renewed for multiple years, you will also receive yours by mail.

Now to touch upon the current recall on the Gold Wings. We received our notification, from American Honda Motor Co. Inc., in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act, announcing the safety recall on all GL1800's model years 2001 through 2012. Every Gold Wing has a secondary master cylinder which may cause the rear brake to drag. This could increase the risk of a crash or may generate enough heat to cause a fire. A local authorized Honda motorcycle dealer can be called to make an appointment to have your ride inspected for that defect, which should take about 30 minutes. If they determine that

your master cylinder needs replacing, they will call Honda for a replacement part which may take several days. If unsure who may be an authorized dealer, please call Honda Motorcycle Customer Support at 1-866-784-1870 or you may go online to the following website: <http://www.powersports.honda.com>. This whole process is to be free of charge (provided your bike has not been modified in such a manner that it would require additional labor or additional parts to make the repair).

We hold our Florida District Convention yearly. This is one of the opportunities GWRRA uses to recruit new Members. This Convention allows Members to have access to vendors. Providing you with an opportunity to have a one-stop shopping experience for parts and products not carried in stock at most Honda dealerships. For all of us in the Rider Education Levels Program, it provides the chance to attend those educational classes (which are free of charge) that we need to attend in order to advance to our next level.

We are coming down to the wire on making our reservations for our District Convention March 22-24. This Convention allows us that time to see all of those friends and extended family that we may not have seen since last year. We extended our family of friends and have had a great time doing it. We have met so many wonderful and interesting motorcycling enthusiasts! Our first Convention we only attended for two days. We came over on a Friday after work and enjoyed all the FUN for that evening. Then Saturday, we enjoyed all the vendors, classes, new friends, and the Closing Ceremony. Sharon and I hope you will join us for all of this FUN.

Paul & Sharon Matz

GWRRA Renewal		
Carl & Nancy Brenn		02/12
Ali Houshman		02/12
Steve & Pam Ponder		02/12
David & Barbel Skelton		02/12
Bobby & Cindy Waite		02/12

Couple of the Year



First things first! Thank you so much for the honor of selecting us as the Chapter Couple of the Year. We can't say thank you enough for this extreme honor. You have honored us and now we are going to do our best to make you guys proud of us as we plan on taking part in the District Couple of the Year selection.

As the Chapters Couple of the Year, we will try to be goodwill ambassadors for our Chapter. We are going to have a great time filling this role. We would really enjoy having all of you come with us as we travel.

Our first goal will always be to have FUN. We can't wait to get started! See you soon and once again, thank you so much for this great honor.

Pam & Steve Ponder
Couple of the Year

We are getting ready for the District selection to be held at District Convention (March 22-24). We have been talking to Ms. Peggy about setting up our vests. We have been talking to Rick & Madalena about the selection process and we have done the research and studied the questions for the interview portion. We hope you will all come out and support us at the District Convention.

If any of you have any additional information or input as we prepare for this selection, we will gladly listen to any suggestions.

Gold Wing Raffle Tickets are available!

Sun Sports Cycle & Watercraft, Inc. of Ft. Myers, FL, along with the Florida District, are the sponsor of the Gold Wing Raffle Grand Prize give away.

Proceeds from the Raffle Tickets sales go to support FREE Rider Education in the Florida District. Contact Pam Ponder to get your tickets to buy or sell



February Birthdays	
David Skelton	3rd
Pam Corradini	16th
Rick Meredith	24th
Thomas Treadwell	26th

February Anniversaries	
Bob & Diane Fox	8th
Bruce & Myra Leinholt	26th

Quote of the Month

The statistics on sanity are that one out of every four Americans is suffering from some form of mental illness. Think of your three best friends. If they're okay, then it's you.

~ Rita Mae Brown ~

- A day without sunshine is like night.
- On the other hand, you have different fingers.
- 42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot.
- 99 percent of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
- He who laughs last; thinks slowest.
- Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
- The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese in the trap.
- A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.
- If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments.
- OK, so what's the speed of dark?
- When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now.
- How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges?
- What happens if you get scared half to death, twice?
- Why do psychics have to ask you your name?
- Inside every older person is a younger person wondering, 'What the heck happened?'

Names of the Colors

Women

Men



Wing of Wesley Chapel (FL1-L2)

February 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						Paquette's Historical Farmall Museum KSU: 9:30am NORTH
5 Parking Lot Practice Time: 9:00am Zephyrhills Super Bowl Party Matt & Judy's House		6 Chapter Gathering Lexington Oaks Golf Club House Eat: 6:00pm Meet: 7:00pm	1 8	2 9	3 10	4 11 Chapter Visitation FL1-G (Deltona) 50's/60's Sock Hop KSU: 9:00am NORTH
12 Florida State Fair Ride KSU: 8:30am SOUTH		13 14	15 Donny's Lunch Ride KSU: 10:00am NORTH	16 17	18	The Cove Ride KSU: 12:30pm NORTH Team Meeting
19 Old Town Kissimmee Ride KSU: 9:00am NORTH		20 21	22 Roving Kick Tire Coffee River Café 6:30pm	23 24	25	Chapter Visitation FL2-G (Ft Myers) Chili Cook-off KSU: 8:00am SOUTH
26 Greg's Ride to Somewhere KSU: 9:00am SOUTH		27 28	29			

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