

Chapter Director



Hello Wings of Wesley Chapel,

We hope everyone has a safe and wonderful holiday season as this is the time of year that you should spend as much time as possible with your friends and family.

Although December has been a busy month for all, it didn't keep this group from riding!

In the first week, we traveled to see an "Articulating Bridge". The bad news is that it was under construction. The good news is we did find some great places to have future picnics as the scenery was beautiful. We then experienced our first ever Ruskin Tomato Festival. It sure was full of tomatoes! Next, we took a short ride to FL1-S (Zephyrhills) for their annual Mingle Jingle where we always have a lot of FUN.

Lisa and I were thrown a curve ball this month as we learned how to adapt and overcome at our last Chapter Gathering. We apologize for any inconvenience that you, the Participants and Visitors alike, may have incurred. Due to a miscommunication, we were not able to hold our Gathering at our usual location. Upon your arrival at the Lexington Oaks Clubhouse, you were given directions to Vallarta's Mexican Restaurant. However, it all worked out and we appreciate the staff at Lexington Oaks for contacting and confirming arrangements with Vallarta's. We would also like to thank Vallarta's for being so accommodating and taking on an unexpected, but very appreciative, group of "Gold Wings" on such short notice (and going above and beyond).

The ride to Ybor City for an unforgettable breakfast at

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 Steve Ponder to get your tickets to buy or sell

Le Creperia Café was ooo la la! Lisa and I love this place and remember now why we wanted to go back. Our Kick Tire at Doc's Pub & Grill turned out to be a good time. We found lights too!

The Chapter Christmas Party was full of some good food, fellowship, and even some interesting surprises. The gift exchange was a lot of FUN (there sure was a lot of "stealing" though). Rudolph also left some gifts for a few chosen Participants and I think they were surprised!

A few announcements were also made during the party. The first one was Kay Durham honored as the PegAss of the Year. Bob Fox & Judy Murphy were also honored as our 2012 Individuals of the Year. Last, but definitely not least, our 2012 Couple of the year... Steve & Pam Ponder! Congratulations to all of you! The next year will truly be an experience for you to enjoy.

Don't forget to make your reservations for the District Convention coming up in March. It is always a lot of FUN and who knows, you might come away with a 2012 Gold Wing.

Lisa and I want to thank all of you for your support over the past year and hope, in our commitment to do our job, we have succeeded in making your time with Wings of Wesley Chapel, full of FUN, Safety and Knowledge.

As always...RIDE SAFE AND HAVE FUN

Jeff & Lisa Duffey



Assistant Chapter Director



Greetings,

It's hard to believe that the year is almost over and the holidays are upon us!

The Chapter had a great turn out for the Christmas Party and it was obvious that everyone had an excellent time. The gift exchange was hilarious with Greg and Rick fighting for control of the elusive Nerf Multi-Barrel Grenade Launcher, which, by the way, ended up with Rick running for the exit door with Greg in fresh pursuit. Kay, Madalena, Aimee, Adrienne, and Jill all had difficulties holding onto their gifts as someone else was always "stealing" what they had for their own. That's what makes this Chapter so special, we have FUN...ALWAYS!

Aimee and I had our second Mid-Week Lunch Ride on Wednesday, December 21st. The night before the ride, Aimee and I were hoping that someone else would show up at the KSU so we wouldn't be riding by ourselves. Well, to our surprise, 12 bikes with 16 Participants showed up for the ride. We had 15 Chapter Participants and one guest rider, Mr. Dick Banks (a friend of Greg's).

It was great to see folks who haven't been on a Chapter ride in a while out enjoying the excellent weather, fellowship, and some really cool roads to ride their Gold Wing on...not to mention lunch at Cracker Barrel. Thanks to everyone who came out to Donny's Mid-Week Lunch Ride!

Don't put it off any longer!! Now is the time to make your reservations for the District Convention in March, 2012. We still have eight rooms available out of the 20 rooms we have blocked off. Remember, to get the special pricing available to us, the Wings of Wesley Chapel. Reservations must be made no later than February, 22nd. Call April Trantham (Group Sales Department) at the Ramada Maingate and let's fill all of our rooms! All of the information you need is provided in the front page of the website. Keep in mind that we need to fill all 20 rooms to get the Hospitality Suite for free.

Aimee and I would like to wish everyone a Wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!!!

Donny & Aimee Peters



Master Tour Riders

Grand Master
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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Carl Brenn
Rick Buck
Madalena Buck
Lee Cargill
Frank Corradini
Jeff Duffey
Lisa Duffey
Kay Durham
Dave Epler
Adrienne Epler
Lynn Everhart
Joey Everhart

Matt Forman
Bob Fox
Bob Groff
JT Martin
Maria Martin
Paul Matz
Sharon Matz
Rick Meredith
Judy Murphy
Doug Newman
Peggy Newman

Donnie Peters
Aimee Peters
Greg Peterson
Steve Ponder
Pam Ponder
Jim Siebel
Chuck Smith
Shirley Smith
Howie Taylor
Karen Taylor
John Wilson

Membership Enhancement



We are very excited to start our third year with GWRRA and the Wings of Wesley Chapel, with the opportunity to put more miles on the bike this year than last.

Sharon and I have already pre-registered for our Florida District Convention (March 22-24)

and booked our hotel room. This is your opportunity to find those hard to find items that you have seen on someone else's bike or seen another rider wearing. This will be our third District Convention and each time we find that unique item we are not able to do without. I have some Chapter activities planned for our Hospitality Room that I hope everyone will want to participate by joining in and being a part of. I will put out the details for our team events during the March Gathering.

GWRRA is celebrating their 35th Anniversary (1977-2012), which was started by seven people who shared a common interest in riding their motorcycles. They went on to establish an association that would allow freedom from regulatory membership and yet provide benefits superior to those available from other, more "ordinary", motorcycle groups. This association is built on four simple ideals; to promote safety and skill enhancement, friendship, the positive image of the motorcycle rider, and FUN.

This anniversary year, GWRRA is announcing a change to their longstanding Find-A-Friend Program. This program will begin January 1, 2012 and run through December 31st. It is open to all Members. Here are some details about the program:

- For every five (5) new Memberships (households) you recruit, you will receive a gift certificate with the

- equivalent value of a Family Membership - \$55.
- You must recruit new members only, not renewals.
- Each membership (household) counts as "ONE" regardless of the number of family members in the membership.

Upon achieving the count of 5 New Memberships (households), Members have the option of redeeming certificates for any of the following:

- GWRRA Membership renewal
- GWRRA Official Merchandise
- Wing Ding Registration
- Chapter Charter Fees

If you are interested in more details about this exciting new change to the Find-A-Friend program, Jeff Duffey and I will have the official press release with us on the scheduled Chapter rides.

We wish everyone a happy and prosperous new year.

Paul & Sharon Matz

January Birthdays		
Michael Hummell		2nd
Frank Corradini		9th
Dave Epler		9th
Ali Houshmand		18th
Madalena Buck		19th
Bobsie Skelton		19th
Cindy Waite		20th
Carl Brenn		21st
Lisa Duffey		21st
Jeff Duffey		26th
Karen Davidson		30th

GWRRA Renewal		
Lee & Pat Cargill		01/12
Reg Causey		01/12
Doug & Peggy Newman		01/12
Carl & Nancy Brenn		02/12
Ali Houshman		02/12
Steve & Pam Ponder		02/12
David & Barbel Skelton		02/12
Bobby & Cindy Waite		02/12

January Anniversaries		
Matt Forman & Judy Murphy		3rd
Ron Brown & Carol Fleurant		17th
Bob & Barbara Groff		24th
Doug & Peggy Newman		24th

Team Riding (aka - Group Riding)

The fun, pleasure, and the enjoyment of riding your motorcycle in a group with other GWRRA friends is an important part of what GWRRA is all about. It's also exciting! If you have never ridden with a group before, this manual will help you become comfortable with team riding. However, any kind of team riding is very different from individual riding.

Team Riding Techniques and Procedures

Large groups of motorcycles (more than 5-7) may have a negative impact on safety traffic flow and are more difficult to coordinate. Consequently, it has been found that it is safer to break the large group into more manageable teams. The optimal team size is considered to be 5 bikes, but should never be more than 7. Each team rides apart from the other teams during the ride. It is suggested that with more than one team, a minimum distance of a quarter mile (approximately 15 second separation at 60 mph) be maintained between the teams on expressways or highways. On two-lane roads this distance may need to be increased. This allows better assimilation of the team(s) into the flow of traffic. Have you ever tried to pass a group of 25 motorcycles? A team consisting of 5 motorcycles is more easily dealt with by the other motorists we share the road with, is easier to maintain visual control over, and is better at coordinating the ride.

Team Management

Each team should have a Drag Rider and a Lead Rider. The Lead rides at the front of the formation (Bike #1) while the Drag rides at the back (Bike #5).

These two positions should be equipped with functioning CB radios. Their responsibility is to communicate, coordinate, and maneuver the team in formation safely through traffic, as a unit. The Drag and the Lead have joint responsibility for the safety of the team and safe conduct of the ride.

A Good Team Member. . .

1. Assumes a responsibility to ride with and work with the other Team Members for the safety and protection of the whole team while on the road, and especially, while in traffic.
2. Maintains steady speed and spacing. Yo-Yoing or straggling behind disrupts the rhythm and efforts of the other team members, and reduces the benefits of riding as a Team.
3. Stays alert and announces to the other Team Members any obstacle, condition or potential situation which could become hazardous to the Team or a Team Member.
4. Will be aware of the other team members and maintain the formation (staggered) and a safe riding distance (spacing) between team members. Spacing will be determined by the road, weather conditions, and visibility. "HOLES" left in the formation (large spacing gaps between team members) invites aggressive motorists driving at faster speeds to cut into the formation, which may result in tailgating our teammate ahead of us. This creates a very dangerous situation. Each team member must protect the other by maintaining the appropriate spacing.

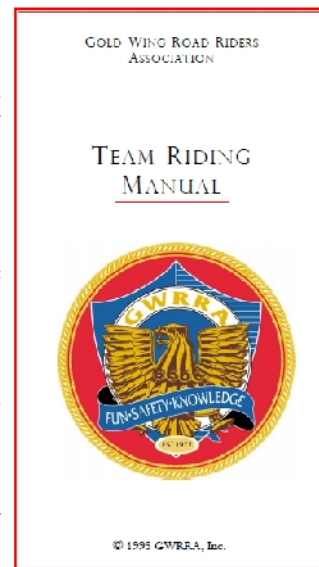
REMEMBER: Pace yourself 1-second stagger, and 2-seconds following distance behind the bike directly in front of you. However, during darkness or inclement weather, a 2-second stagger and a 4-second following distance should be maintained to provide an extra margin of safety.

Team Separation

Each team should be separated on the expressway or highway by no less than 15 seconds allowing sufficient room for other vehicles to safely pass a team. Distances between teams traveling on two-lane roads may need to be greater.

Entering a Parking Lot

The Team should assume a single file formation behind the Lead. If necessary, the Lead will "loop" the parking lot seeking an area large enough for the whole Team to park side by side. All Team Members should remain in single file at or near the entrance, but off the road to avoid obstructing the flow of traffic, until the Lead locates suitable space for all. If the Lead determines there is insufficient space for all Team Members to park at one location, the Lead should signal this to the Team and each Team Member should seek their own parking spot.





Couple of the Year

Steve & Pam Ponder



Individuals of the Year

Judy Murphy

&

Bob Fox



PegAss of the Year

Kay Durham



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