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Florida District 2020 #1 Newsletter

Congratulations to Debbie Brunelle for her winning caption for May's picture of Chevy:

That sure smells good, are you going to share with me—Pleeease!



Here's June's picture. There are a number of ways you could caption this.

Please email or text me with your caption!

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WWW.FL1A.ORG**

**Gathering held at Mission BBQ, 5602 W Waters Ave, Tampa
Saturday, June 19, 2021 @ 7PM**

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SENIOR CHAPTER DIRECTOR



Senior Chapter
Director

Nan Shrader

Joke of the Month

How did Betsy like her work?

Sew, sew.

Quote of the Month

The brand is not important, the fact that you ride is.



June is busting out all over! While I am sure most of us cannot believe it is already June, I will have to say we have had a lot of good times so far this year.

Towards the end of April we attended the Tennessee Rally. We won First Place in the Chapter Costume Contest and First Place in the Chapter Shirt Contest. Way to go Chapter FL1-A! We rode to Cades Cove and saw three bears, turkeys, rabbits, deer and a couple of elephants and giraffes! While our ride home was difficult after Vicki's accident, we all did what we had to do, pulled together and got home safely. Everyone handled themselves with extreme professionalism and calm. We are all praying for Vicki's quick recovery.

Our weekday rides have been great with no rainouts. Dinners on Friday are always a fun time and everyone seems to enjoy them. Our weekend rides have also been rain free and a good time is always had.

Our Auction/Picnic did not disappoint. Lots of money, and I mean LOTS of money, was spent. There was a \$600,000 piece of luggage, a million dollar vacuum, and I believe a million and a half was spent for a cushion seat and some bowls! I can't forget the tasty food that everyone brought either. It was a great time and we are now off to another year of riding and collecting money to spend next year on "stuff."

We have some nice events coming up on the calendar. Punch card rides, picnics, a Florida Mine ride, Orange Cycle Creamery, dinner rides, tubing, and who knows what else will be added to the calendar.

Wing Ding is coming up quickly. We have a nice ride planned out to Springfield, Missouri and a nice scenic ride with some stops along the way home. Bob and I are in charge of Ticket Sales the entire time at Wing Ding so we will get to see most everyone who attends because we all want to win! Wing Ding is always so much fun and a wonderful time to see folks that we haven't seen in a long time. With COVID canceling Wing Ding last year this year will be extra special for a reunion with long time friends.

Congratulations to Debbie Brunelle for composing the caption for Chevy's picture last month. Keep those captions coming.

Next month I will report on Jensen Beach (maybe)! Anyway, stay safe and see you on the next ride. **HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!**

Nan

ASST CHAPTER DIRECTOR



Assistant Chapter
Director
Vicki Cummings

Editor's Note: Carol Parham, the ACD's ACD, wrote this month's article.

To say the last few weeks have been crazy is not even touching the surface of what has been going on with our beloved Vicki.

First of all, Vicki would like to say **thank you** to everyone for the thoughts, prayers, cards, calls, texts. She is on the mend and will be joining all of us again as a group very soon.

Our chapter members who attended the TN Rally had a fabulous time. We had a very enjoyable ride up to TN then we all enjoyed the rally, the vendors and all the restaurants. We had a ride day on Saturday and went to Cades Cove. We took a great route there and back. We saw bears, turkeys and butterflies. Also, lots and lots of CARS. People are definitely tired of being INDOORS.

As we left out Sunday morning to Dublin, GA for the night, we had a great day for a ride. We had just stopped at an overlook just outside of Cherokee and it was the perfect spot for a group picture. We mounted up again on our trusty iron horses and we were off. Beautiful day for a ride, just chilly enough to have on an extra layer but not cold by any means.

About a mile or so outside of Cherokee, I heard Nan say "Everybody stop, Vicki crashed." We were second in line behind Dominick and Diane, so we did a U-turn and raced back to where Vicki was. We were only going about 35 MPH and thankfully there was no oncoming traffic. I have not seen Lonnie move so fast in a long time getting off the bike and racing to Vicki's bike. We were unaware she had been ejected before the bike left the roadway. Bob yelled that Vicki was up the road where he was and all I remember is running up and sliding into "home plate" right beside her. I didn't know I could run that fast either! She was talking and could move all limbs so we knew that was a good sign. Vicki asked for someone to take her gloves off; I think so she could feel my touch and the touch of whomever was on the other side of her.

When the ambulance came, I moved so they could get her on a backboard and as soon as they got her in the ambulance, I told them I was coming with her. Nope, due to COVID, they could not allow that.

We regrouped as a chapter at the welcome station just south of the site of the accident and it was decided that Lonnie would drop me off at the hospital and then he would rejoin the group as only one person would be able to stay with Vicki. I was so very thankful that Lonnie and I had changed our plans at the last minute because of incoming rain to GA, right where we had planned on going. God knew where I needed to be so he sent the rain to west GA that day.

The hospital staff were great and when they determined that Vicki needed to be flown to the trauma hospital in Asheville, NC. They made arrangements for me to be taken by taxi. That was a long 1 ½ ride for me.

ASST CHAPTER DIRECTOR (Cont'd)

I can only say good things about the staff at mission hospital in Asheville. We were finally able to leave there on May 7th, five days after the accident, with the wonderful help of Skymed. They took care of all the arrangements and Vicki and I were transported to Bayonet Hospital in Hudson.

Vicki had back surgery on Wednesday May 12th and was released from the hospital on that Friday. She is at home healing and "trying" to follow doctors orders. I think everyone understands how difficult that is for both Vicki and me.

I am so glad my best friend is healing and looking forward to riding again. I know it will be some time before she is ready for riding but Bikes to Trikes will have her bike fixed up good as new by then.

Again, thanks for all the prayers and understanding about limiting calls and texts while we were in Asheville. I was very busy taking care of Vicki and she was in no shape to carry on a conversation with anyone!

Please continue prayers for Vicki as she heals.

Carol



Membership Enhancement Coordinator
Bruce Schlimme

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT



May is almost over and we have been riding every week now for quite awhile. With Jensen Beach and Wing Ding coming up fast there will be a lot of riding going on.

Be on the lookout for new members in your travels and don't forget to have fun!

Ride Safe and keep the shiny side up.

Bruce



RAFFLE TICKETS & REAR TIRES



District
Educator

Dominick & Diane
Desiato

Hello everyone! Holy Mackerel, it's June! We recently returned from the Tennessee Rally and boy did we have fun riding those mountains. As soon as we got back we taught a TRC in Ocala that was enormously successful. We have also rolled out MFA (yea!) and four classes were taught in May with more on the way. That being said, a few chapters have not yet requested Raffle Tickets. You wanted more classes when we took this position and we are giving you more classes. But that comes with a price. Please do your part and sell Raffle Tickets so we can continue to teach our Members for free. Not only is it fun to get a chance to win \$10,000, but it gives you an opportunity to talk up GWRRA. Free training also motivates you to continue to take classes, which in turn keeps your skill level up and gives you a chance at self evaluation. We are all getting older; is it time for three wheels? Only YOU can answer that. So if you have not yet requested tickets, please send me an email requesting them. For those already selling, KUDOS to you!

REAR TIRE SELECTION

Many Gold Wing (and other brands) riders choose to put a car tire on the rear of their two-wheel bikes. Their reason usually is that they get more miles out of a car tire and it costs less. There is an old English expression: "Penny wise pound foolish." This means while you think you are saving a little money the consequences of doing so might be more expensive in the long run. What will the cost be if you crash your motorcycle and injure yourself? The design features and rubber composition of car tires as compared to motorcycle tires greatly differ. A car tire has a flat profile and rigid sidewalls because a car tire is not meant to lean. Motorcycle tires have a softer rubber compound for better grip given the limited amount of rubber that is actually touching the road at any given time. The sidewalls are softer so the motorcycle tire will roll with the lean angle of the bike so the amount of tire contacting the road is the same throughout the lean in curves. A car tire has about six inches of rubber making contact with the road when you are driving in a straight line. When you lean a two-wheel motorcycle with a car tire into a curve you put the rear tire on its edge with now only about 1-1/2" of rubber making contact with the road. Centrifugal force is working against your rear tire trying to push the rear of your bike out of the curve. Only just a little bit of sand or water could cause you to lose traction and down you go. The rear stock motorcycle tire for a Gold Wing has about 3" of rubber making contact with the road when you are traveling in a straight line. When you lean into a curve, because of the softer sidewalls and wrap-around tread pattern, there is about the same amount of rubber in contact with the road throughout the curve. Centrifugal force is still trying to push the rear tire out from under you but you have softer composition rubber gripping the road. With the car tire rubber being a harder compound, and riding on the narrow edge of the tire in a lean, there is a much greater chance of losing traction and good-bye motorcycle and you. You may say: "I've been using car tires on the rear of my motorcycle for years and nothing bad has happened." Maybe the reason for that is you are not a very aggressive rider. If that is your riding style, then that is great for you alone. Some riders choose to ride more aggressively. Circumstances can constantly change when you ride a motorcycle. At any given moment you might have to brake or swerve to avoid a crash harder than you have ever have done before in the middle of a lean in a curve. Combine that with the limited amount of available traction you might have with that car tire at the wrong moment, and down you could go.

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RAFFLE TICKETS & REAR TIRES (Cont'd)

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

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

Ride safe,

Dominick & Diane



PROTECT YOUR 6

Motorcycles getting rear ended has increased over the years despite the fact that tail and brake lights have become brighter. This is due to the fact that most modern bikes come with LED lights on the rear. Plain and simple the reason for the increase in motorcycles getting hit from behind is due to distracted drivers.

I thought I would review some factors that might help you be a little less vulnerable. When you are riding you must scan behind you as routinely as you are scanning ahead and side to side. Speeds on the interstates have become ridiculous. I heard a recent local Sheriff report that on the interstate citations were being written for speeds of around 100 mph. One of those tickets was for 155 mph. If you are traveling 70 mph and some fool comes up on you at over 100 mph the results could be disastrous.

When you are stopping leave yourself enough distance between you and the car in front of you so you have an escape path should you notice the car coming up behind you is not stopping. Install a flashing brake light module to your stock brake light(s). If you do not have a brake light flasher module installed on your bike you can manually pump the brake lever to flash your stock brake light. The only problem with relying on that method is that if you have to stop in an emergency, you do not have enough time or distance to pump your brake lever. The additional modulator is your best bet. Another thing to consider is that we often drop a gear to reduce our speed without touching the brakes. That means you are not giving any kind of warning to the car behind you that you are slowing. You could also get hit from behind if you only engine brake.

There are add-on brake light modulators that also have a motion sensor built-in. That means that your brake light will flash even though you didn't actually touch the brakes while engine braking. One such modulator is manufactured by STS Smart Brake Module, if you would like to see what I am referring to.

Leave yourself plenty of following distance between you and the traffic in front of you. That way if the traffic in front of you stops short you will not have to stop as fast, thus reducing the chance of getting rear-ended. Remember, a motorcycle can stop faster than a car can and the car behind you is probably tailgating you anyway.

Hope these suggestions are helpful.

Ride safe and watch your 6,

Dominick & Diane



**Skills Enhancement
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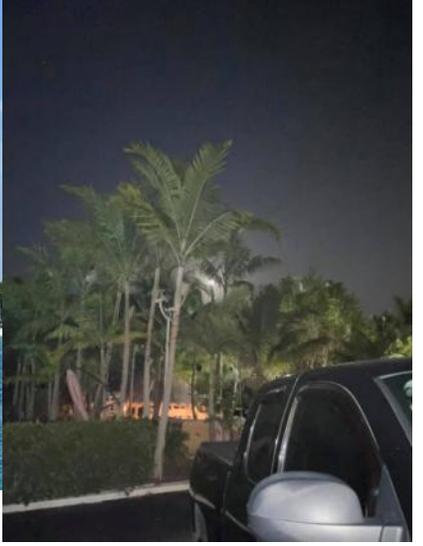
JUNE 2021



<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<u>June 20th</u> 		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> <u>Weekday Ride</u> <u>KSU RaceTrac @</u> <u>SR52 & I75 @</u> <u>10:30AM</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> <u>Dinner @ Co-</u> <u>dys, 11202 W</u> <u>Hillsborough</u> <u>Meet there @</u> <u>7PM</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>6</u> <u>Punch Card</u> <u>Ride. KSU Race-</u> <u>Trac @ SR52 &</u> <u>I75 @ 10:30AM</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> <u>Weekday Ride</u> <u>KSU RaceTrac @</u> <u>SR52 & I75 @</u> <u>10:30AM</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> <u>Dinner @</u> <u>Tampa Joe's</u> <u>9316 Anderson</u> <u>Road. Meet</u> <u>there @ 7PM</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>13</u> <u>Florida Mine</u> <u>Ride. KSU</u> <u>McDonalds @</u> <u>SR60 & Faulken-</u> <u>berg @ 10AM</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> <u>Weekday Ride</u> <u>KSU RaceTrac @</u> <u>SR52 & I75 @</u> <u>10:30AM</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> <u>Dinner @</u> <u>Whiskey Joes,</u> <u>7835 Bayview</u> <u>St, Port Richey</u> <u>Meet there @</u> <u>7PM</u>	<u>19</u> <u>FL1-A Gathering</u> <u>Mission BBQ</u> <u>Eat @ 6PM</u> <u>Meet @ 7PM</u>
<u>20</u> <u>Orange Cycle</u> <u>Creamery, Tar-</u> <u>pon Springs.</u> <u>Meet there @</u> <u>7PM</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> <u>Weekday Ride</u> <u>KSU RaceTrac @</u> <u>SR52 & I75 @</u> <u>10:30AM</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> <i>Wing Ding</i> <i>Springfield, MO</i> <i>Through 7/3</i>	<u>30</u> <i>Wing Ding</i> <i>Springfield, MO</i> <i>Through 7/3</i>			

Gathering held at Mission BBQ, 5602 W Waters Ave, Tampa

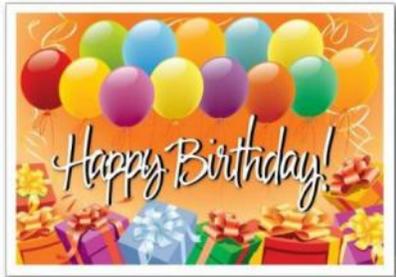
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Upcoming GWRRA Events



June 29— July 3	Wing Ding 42	Springfield, MO
Sept. 16 - 18	3rd Annual "Come Ride With Us" Georgia District Riding Rally	Dillard, GA
Sept 30—Oct 2	"Monster Mash" Alabama District Rally	Eufala, AL



Sheila Taylor

June 5



John & Sheila Taylor

June 8

Joe & Sandra Potts

June 8

Paul & Tina Lewis

June 12

Dean & Joann Hauser

June 13

Mark & Debbie Lussier

June 21

Joe & Jan Mazza

June 21

Happy GWRRA Birthday!

If only one person is listed, his/her spouse joined on a different date and will be listed during the appropriate month.

Don Freeman

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