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OUR MONTHLY GATHERING IS
Saturday, November 21, 2020

NEW LOCATION:

MISSION BBQ
5602 W Waters Avenue
Tampa

Eat @6:00P Meet @7:00P

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
WWW.FL1A.ORG

Editor's Note: Look in this newsletter for a GWRR membership number. First person who emails me gets his/her name put into a drawing for a NICE prize at our Christmas party.

Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge

SENIOR CHAPTER DIRECTOR



Senior Chapter
Director

Joke of the Month

What can you not see, even though it is always before you?

The future!

Quote of the Month

If the bike isn't braking properly, you don't start working on the engine!

Pumpkin Muffins

1 box of Spice Cake Mix
1 Can of pumpkin puree
Nuts or raisins if you want to add them

Mix all together and drop by heaping tablespoons into greased muffin cups.

Bake at 350 for 18 to 22 minutes or until knife comes out clean.

Makes about 18.

Happy Thanksgiving! Even with all the craziness of 2020 the year has gone fast and Thanksgiving is upon us. We have a lot to be thankful for. We have managed some really nice long rides, short rides and car rides this past month. Ten of us went to North Carolina and had a fantastic time. Some of us rode to the Georgia Ride In. Our trip was cut short by a hurricane, but it didn't stop us from getting to Mississippi. It was the only District Rally that was held this year in the southeast. It was fantastic to get back on the rally scene again. Hopefully next year rallies will be held and we will be back to normal!

Mission BBQ worked out very well for our Monthly Gathering. I sure appreciate the manager letting us in on such short notice. The food is good, reasonably priced and plenty of parking is available.

Thanks to Jake and Joanne for keeping the Chapter on track when we were gone. We can always count on them. Michael, Lonnie and Carol's son, had a nice birthday celebration at Papa Joe's with the Chapter. Bob and I are sorry we missed it.

November will be another great month for the Chapter. We will be leaving on the 7th to ride to Palm Coast to stay overnight and then attend the Florida District Ride In Event on the 8th. The Ride In last year was really great and I am sure this one will not disappoint.

We have the Car Show that will be held at Wiregrass on the 15th. Dom and Diane will be showing their beautiful Mustang. Afterwards a dinner ride is planned. We have listed some restaurants for our Friday night dinner meets that we haven't been to in a long time or have never been to. Orange Cycle Creamery is on the calendar for our usual Sunday night treat. Weekday rides every week are always fun and since we are getting into the non-rainy season I am sure they will be well attended.

We have lots going on so join in and have some fun with us.



Nan

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT



MEC
Bruce
Schlimme
Vicki Cummings

Hello fellow covid-19 survivors! This month we have had a lot going on — rallies, hurricanes, and good times with the Chapter. The Georgia rally was cancelled but they did offer different area rides; there was a lot of rain but we still had fun! The Mississippi rally was like old times — Chapter A won lots of money (Bob won a hefty 50/25/25), good talent show and door prizes.

This month is the Fall Ride-In which should be fun, so come out and ride with us!

Also, do not forget to get out and VOTE if you haven't already.

Hope you all have a Happy Thanksgiving!!

Vicki & Bruce

FROM OUR MEMBERS John and Margaret Baxley

John was born and raised in Gainesville (a true Gator) as an only child. He served in the Air Force as a heavy equipment operator stationed at the 750th Radar Squad semi remote in the Mojave Desert, CA, Oxnard AFB CA, Osan AFB, Korea and Dow AFB Bangor, Maine. This prepared him for a career as a tractor-trailer driver working for Shell Oil and Coca Cola. He has three children, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Margaret was born and raised in Akron, Ohio with five brothers. She spent her career working as an administrator in a large law firm in Akron serving as the accounting manager. At attorney orientation she told them "I get all the money and I spend all the money." She has a step-daughter and three grandchildren.

On April 1, 2019 John was sitting in a rocking chair outside Cracker Barrel waiting for his table when Margaret walked by and said hello. After a three hour lunch he walked her to her car and followed her to be sure she got on the right road through the construction. That was the beginning of a wonderful relationship. We were married on April 10, 2020.

Now we enjoy riding the Gold Wing trike, boating, golfing, and going to the gym. We love to travel and are planning several trips in the next year and like to be always on the go.

RIDES & RIDING CLASSES



**Dominick & Diane
Desiato
District
Educator**

Hello to all! We hope everyone is well. We had an opportunity to attend the Georgia Rally on October 8th. We rode the Thursday afternoon ride. It was well organized, safe, and a lot of fun. There were more rides and activities planned for Friday and Saturday. Unfortunately, Hurricane Delta was forecasted to make land fall on Friday. We decided to ride back home to Tampa on Friday morning with the uncertainty of what the weather would be as the hurricane got closer. As it turned out, we just missed the rain generated by the outer bands that stretched into Georgia. After a short two-day rest at home we got back on the bike and rode to the Mississippi Rally which started on October 15th. The Rally was well organized and much fun. There were many good seafood restaurants to visit in the area. We took a wonderful narrated group ride and were able to see many beautiful sites as well as the remnants of damage from previous hurricanes. Some things were rebuilt and other houses and businesses were gone forever.

MFA Classes are on hold until next year. Riding Classes can be scheduled anytime you need one. Chapter Directors and/or CSEAs should check the Levels Status of their members to determine who might need a Riding Class. I can send a copy of your Chapter Members' Levels Status to any Chapter Director upon request. You then need to canvass your members to see who wants to take a class including: What kind of class? 2-wheel, trike, or sidecar? What day of the week does the group want? A tentative date? What location — Largo, Ocala, Orlando, Eustis, Melbourne, Jacksonville, or Ft. Myers? All communications referencing the classes should be between Chapter Members and their respective Chapter Director and/or CSEA. I would prefer that only Chapter Directors and/or CSEAs communicate with me about classes. I will need the name and member number of those who wish to take the class so I can properly check their Level Status requirements to ensure they are taking the appropriate class.

Please know that we are here to assist you with your training needs.

Ride safe,

Dominick & Diane



BOOTS



**Skills Enhancement
Coordinator
Dominick &
Diane
Desiato**

Why do we wear boots when riding a motorcycle? How about looks? Do we want to look like Arnold Schwarzenegger in the Terminator, or maybe Nancy Sinatra? (If you understand those two references you just showed your age.) If you look at the reason given in the Basic Riding Course Workbook given by MSF it states: "Sturdy, over-the-ankle boots help protect you from many riding hazards, such as stones and hot engine parts. Rubber-soled boots with low heels provide a good grip on the pavement and help keep your feet on the footrests. In a fall, boots help provide protection against foot and ankle injuries."

I would like to expound on the reasons stated by MSF. Sturdy high lace-up boots can also give your ankles added support. The older you get the less strong your ankle muscles are and the more brittle your ankle bones are. Added support from your boots can be helpful with simple functions such as putting your foot down to support your motorcycle when you stop. Over-the-ankle boots can help ensure your footwear stays on your feet in the event of a crash. We all have built-in involuntary reflexes. One of those involuntary reflexes is, that if we fall, such as being ejected from our motorcycle in a crash, we tend to want to upright ourselves quickly. Where we should have allowed ourselves to tumble for a while, we instead try to plant our feet and stand up. If your footwear does not extend over your ankle bones securely, it can easily be pulled right off your feet and your final resting place will be shoeless, having caused more foot injury along the way.

Many riders wear footwear they consider comfortable for when they reach their destination and they will be walking around. This usually means the footwear is inadequate for the protection needed as stated for motorcycle riding. Might I suggest that you wear appropriate motorcycle footwear when you are riding and bring a second set of comfortable shoes you can change into when you arrive at your destination.

Keep the rubber side down on your tires and your boots.

Ride safe,

Dominick & Diane



October Outings



Upcoming GWRRA Events



November 8, 2020	Florida District Ride	Crescent City to Cedar Key
January 1, 2021	First Ride of the Year— “Shrimps R Us”	Welaka, FL
March 18 - 20, 2021	41st Gathering of the Wings Florida District Rally Get Your Leprechaun on for Shenanigans!	Altamonte Springs, FL
March 25 - 27, 2021	“Mardi Gras Madness” - Louisiana District Rally	Houma, LA
June 29— July 3, 2021	Wing Ding 42	Springfield, MO
Sept. 16 - 18, 2021	3rd Annual “Come Ride With Us” Georgia District Riding Rally	Dillard, GA



Susan Ralph
Sandra Potts
Arianna Li (Prado)

Nov 11
Nov 27
Nov 27



Bob & Nan Shrader

Nov 29

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.

None this month





NOVEMBER 2020



<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<u>1</u> <u>Picnic Lunch Ride to "Find the Turkey"</u> <u>KSU McDonalds @ FL & Bearss @11AM</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> <u>Weekday Ride</u> <u>KSU RaceTrac @ SR 56 @ 10:30AM</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> <u>Dinner @ Olive Garden, 8306 Citrus Park Dr. Meet there @ 7PM</u>	<u>7</u> <u>Ride to Palm Coast for FL District Ride-In</u> <u>KSU Flying J @ SR52 & I75 @ Noon</u>
<u>8</u> <u>Florida District Ride-In</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> <u>Weekday Ride</u> <u>KSU RaceTrac @ SR 56 @ 10:30AM</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> <u>Dinner @ Anthony's, 13020 N Dale Mabry Meet there @ 7PM</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>15</u> <u>Car Show & Dinner Ride. KSU RaceTrac on SR 56 @ 1PM</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> <u>Weekday Ride</u> <u>KSU RaceTrac @ SR 56 @ 10:30AM</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> <u>Dinner @ Winners Grill, 6254 Gunn Hwy Meet there @ 7PM</u>	<u>21</u> <u>Monthly Gathering @ Mission BBQ, 5602 W Waters Ave. Eat @ 5:30PM, meet @ 7PM</u>
<u>22</u> <u>Ice Cream @ Orange Cycle Creamery, 212 E Tarpon Ave, Tarpon Springs. Meet there @ 7PM</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> <u>Weekday Ride</u> <u>KSU RaceTrac @ SR 56 @ 10:30AM</u>	<u>26</u>  Happy Thanksgiving	<u>27</u> <u>Dinner Ride</u> <u>KSU McDonalds @ FL & Bearss @ 7PM (IF ENOUGH INTEREST)</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>29</u> <u>Bob & Nan Anniversary Ride.</u> <u>KSU McDonalds @ FL & Bearss @ 10:30AM</u>	<u>30</u>					

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

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