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OUR MONTHLY GATHERING IS BACK!

**Saturday, July 18, 2020
Eat @5:30P Meet @7:00P**

**PACH'S PLACE
601 S Dale Mabry, Tampa
(Inside the Tahitian Inn)**

Editor's Note: Look in this newsletter for a GWRRA membership number. First person who emails me gets his/her name put into a drawing for a NICE prize at our Christmas party. There can only be 12 names in the pot, so chances of winning are good!

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SENIOR CHAPTER DIRECTOR



**Senior Chapter
Director**

Joke of the Month

A man called a lawyer and asked, "How much would you charge for answering three simple questions?"

"Nine hundred dollars," the lawyer explained.

"Nine hundred dollars!" the man exclaimed.

"That's a lot, isn't it?"

"Yes it is," said the lawyer. "Now, what's your third question?"

Quote of the Month

Don't forget to invite more people to join our wonderful Chapter. New folks are welcome and are our life blood for the future.



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Chapter FLI-A Tampa "A" Team Gold Wing Road Riders

July is one of my favorite months. I was born in July so that is my first reason but also it is the month we celebrate the 4th of July. It is one of my favorite holidays and all the memories of the picnics and fireworks are embedded in my mind. It is a great day to be thankful to be American and celebrate our freedom.

Speaking of the 4th we have a very fun three-day overnighter planned to Ft. Myers. We will celebrate together and be thankful for not only living in this beautiful country but also thankful for making it through the first six months of 2020. It has been a challenge for us all and we have stayed well and stayed together. It doesn't get much better than that.

This past month the Mini Closing Ceremonies were performed at the FOP in Seffner. Our very own Dominick and Diane DeSiato were named the new Florida District Couple of the Year! They have done a fantastic job of representing our Chapter and will do the same for the District. Congratulations to Dom and Diane! Our fantastic Chapter won the Wanderer. I thank each and every one of you that made that happen. The Wanderer will be discontinued, I am sorry to say, but we have the distinction of winning the last one!

We have had a great number of good rides during the week with little or no rain, good dinner meets on Friday night, fun weekend rides and just plain fun being together.

Our ride to Brooksville Bike Rally was fun. We didn't stay too long at the rally but we supported them and our bikes looked good lined up with all the other bikes. We did manage to find some tasty ice cream after lunch and the rally.

Vicki and I are hosting a birthday party for ourselves and of course you are all invited. We plan to have a great time and lots of laughs. Please don't forget to let us know if you are coming.

We will have our first gathering since February and I think we are all looking forward to it. Cathy, from Pachs, will be ready for us and it will be good to get back to a normal pattern. I do think there will probably be some brown bags in the near future!

I hope you all saw the wonderful article Guenter wrote for Wing World. It sure is great to open the magazine and have our Chapter highlighted. Thanks to Guenter.

The tickets are in for the \$10,000 to be given away at next year's Florida District Rally. Debbie has them and will be distributing them to you real soon. Please remember the proceeds go to the training we receive through the Rider Education program.

Stay well and see you real soon. Happy 4th of July!!

Nan

ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTOR



**Assistant Chapter
Director
Bud & Ginger
Marion**

Well to start, I want to congratulate Dominick & Diane on being selected the new District Couple of the Year! What an honor for our Chapter and for them. I know they will do an excellent job representing our Chapter and the District of Florida in their new position.

Let me tell you we had quite a scare last week as our boss was extremely ill and everyone in the company was very concerned that it may be the Covid 19 virus. We all made a big issue of letting him know he needed to be tested before he continued working at the main office, and to our luck he did test negative, thank God. But let me say for a few days we were all on pins and needles around the company, quite a scare.

We had planned on attending a Chapter function for the first time but with the possibility we had been exposed, we decided not to come. We are planning on attending the Fourth of July weekend getaway, and I will be at the auction for sure. Ginger has other plans for the day, so she will miss that.

I see from all the photos that everyone is having a lot of fun; we sure miss being out and about, but every time we start to think things are starting to get back to some what normal, we see there is another flare up, with a lot more cases. We try to be as safe as possible wearing masks. We have to deal with so many people that we are extremely cautious about protecting ourselves, and the Chapter, by staying home. We don't like not being there, but we would not want to infect the Chapter should we become exposed.

We are going to start riding again. We miss you all and our bike.

Bud & Ginger



**Membership
Enhancement
Bruce Schlimme
Vicki Cummings**

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT



Another month has gone by and still not able to have a gathering, but wait — we will have one July 18th at Pach's! I'm very happy that we have been able to ride every week and have lunch and Friday night dinners.

We have GWRRA membership pamphlets and I would encourage people to get some from us and pass them out to riders you see on the road. We have a wonderful chapter and a lot of great people in it. We have rides every week and GWRRA Zoom classes that benefit everyone. We have taken a few and find them educational and interesting.

Being a Gold Winger also means helping people in need. On the Wednesday ride, Bruce helped a lady jumpstart her truck with a battery pack he had in his trike. That's the way to show the motoring public that we too are safe and caring motorists!

Bruce & Vicki

RIDING IN THE HEAT



Dominick & Diane
Desiato
District
Educator

We had a great Mini Closing Ceremony at the FOP Lodge in Seffner on Saturday, June 13th. We finally drew the winning raffle tickets and made many fun announcements. The first-place raffle ticket winner, Glenn Weaver, is from nearby Ruskin and was happy to take the cash. He said it would "come in handy." As a matter of fact, he is cashing the check as I type this. I know this because I just got an alert from the bank. The second-place winner, Eva Valentine, is the District Director of GWRRA in Washington. She bought the ticket on the Wings and Wavers cruise we took in February. The ticket was sold by Rose Cobb of Ocala FL1-F2. Which goes to show you, you should bring tickets everywhere you go. You never know. The third-place winner was Gail Curione, from Ocala and the ticket was sold by Ocala FL1-F2. All the winners were very excited to be chosen. A big congratulations to Ocala FL1-F2 for selling 7,010 raffle tickets. Outstanding! Keep up the good work and thank you again for supporting GWRRA Education through raffle ticket sales.

It's time to begin riding again. I find it interesting that we here in Florida are already altering our riding routine due to the heat, while we have members in northern states that are just pulling their bikes out of winter storage. ATGATT (All The Gear All The Time) is the only safe way to ride. I have heard it said: "cover any part of your body you want to keep." That includes covering exposed skin from direct sunlight to prevent the possibility of getting skin melanoma. Having scars from where skin cancer has been removed looks just as bad as severe road rash scars. I know the argument: "It's too hot to wear all that gear." Obviously expounded by someone who has never had a serious encounter with the pavement. I tell folks that it may be hot to wear all the proper riding gear but it is a lot hotter when you are in the emergency room and the nurse is scrubbing road debris out of your skin with a scrub brush and betadine solution (the orange stuff). There *ARE* summer riding jackets. The summer mesh jackets give you good air ventilation while providing proper protection. Wearing only a tank top under a mesh jacket works well. Having less material under your arms allows you to stay cooler. A person sweating a little under a mesh jacket dehydrates less than a person whose skin is exposed to the hot air blowing past their exposed skin. Compare the drying factors between the hot air blowing over your exposed skin while riding a motorcycle with how an electric hand dryer blower works in a restroom. Same effect.

Remember these hot weather riding tips: Don't ride in the hottest part of the day. Make frequent stops and hydrate often.

Ride safe,

Dominick & Diane



LOOK WHERE YOU WANT TO GO

You have probably have heard that line before. Looking alone does not give your bike magical powers to wind up where you want it to be. Riding in a straight line does not take a whole lot of skill but riding through curves takes on a whole other set of rules. Adjust your speed before you enter a curve. Usually you will be slowing down from the speed you were traveling on the straight-away. You will be downshifting to the proper gear you think you will need. You should pick a gear that will allow you to gradually accelerate through the curve. You want your tires pushing down on the roadway for maximum traction in a curve. Any braking, downshifting, letting off on the throttle or pulling in the clutch while in the curve only increases your chances of losing traction and going down.

Precise steering input is of utmost importance. You need to press forward with the palm of the hand on the handgrip in the direction of the curve to initiate a lean. You must constantly adjust the amount of pressing with your hand based on the severity of the curve. Some curves get tighter as you enter and other curves open up on the way out.

Look for debris in the roadway or broken pavement. This will alter the path of travel you originally might have thought you were going to take. Look for animals. Look as far ahead as you can see while in the curve. Don't focus on oncoming traffic or the edge of the road or the guard rail. Don't focus on pot holes. If you stare at these things you will drift towards them and possibly hit them.

So, there is a little more involved with getting where you want to go than just looking. Looking and applying proper riding techniques will get you there.



**Skills Enhancement
Coordinator
Dominick
Desiato**

Dominick & Diane



FROM OUR MEMBERS

LONNIE AND CAROL PARHAM

Lonnie and Carol met in January of 1980 while they both were working for Lonnie's stepdad and Mom. Carol had just started working there the past week. They started dating in May and by October, Carol moved in with Lonnie along with her son Shane (age 7) to Dallas, GA. Lonnie's son, Michael (just turning 4) was in the household as well and soon began calling Carol, Mom. Nice blended family. Lonnie's older son, Russell (age 12) would visit for the summer and Christmas and moved in 4 years later when he turned 16.

Empty nest syndrome started around 1996 after Shane and Russell moved out to start their own lives and Michael moved into a group home. August 1997 was when we got involved in GWRRA after Carol saw an ad in the Atlanta Journal for a group meeting the next weekend. As they say, the rest is history.

We have served in several different positions within the organization starting with Carol doing the phone tree (remember that) for Chapter GA-B-2 in Douglasville, GA. Lonnie was assistant Rider Educator for awhile and Carol was Chapter Treasurer. We then became Chapter Directors in 2000 and joined District Staff as Assistants in 2001.

Along with all those activities, we became part of the Atlanta Ride for Kids (Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation) helping out with parking at the end point and eventually took over all end point duties and joined the Atlanta Task Force.

We owned our own business, furniture repairing and refinishing, mainly dealing with moving companies. Lonnie and crew did the actual work in people's home and in our shop and Carol ran the office. Lonnie retired in 2006 and Carol was more than happy to join him in retirement. After retirement we really tried to figure out how we ever had time to work full time and do all the extracurricular activities we did. Guess we were just younger and had more energy during that time.

2015 found us entering another chapter of our lives with us moving to the Tampa Bay area of Florida. We knew several people in the Tampa Chapter and chose to make that our home chapter. We love the chapter and all the people in it. We love doing the Wednesday rides, Friday nite dinners, poker runs, punch card runs, picnics, etc., etc.

We were blessed to be chosen as the Couple of the Year for 2019 and although we did not compete to go to national, we enjoyed representing the chapter as COY for the year.

Now that you know a little about us, why not write a bio on YOU and submit to Joanne (our wonderful newsletter editor) so you can be featured next month.

Ride safe,

Lonnie & Carol

June Jaunts



You will have to ask
Nan what she was
doing with the bowl!
Who got that bowl?
Make sure you wash
it! :)



Just a sampling of the GREAT stuff available at our annual picnic/auction!



Rider Ed Classes



Friday Night Dinner Ride

2020 Upcoming GWRRA Events

October 1-3	Alabama Monster Mash	Eufaula, AL
October 8-10	Georgia 2nd Come Ride With Us	Dillard, GA
October 15-17	Mississippi Medieval 210227 Madness	Gulfport, MS
November 7	FL1-K Palm Coast Celebrating ALL Veterans	Flagler Beach
November 8	Florida District Ride	Crescent City to Cedar Key



John Taylor	July 10
Vicki Cummings	July 13
Bob Lehmann	July 14
Russell Skals	July 15
Nan Shrader	July 17
Paul Lewis	July 25
Ginger Marion	July 31



Keith and Barbara Huskey

July 13

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.

Dean & Joann Hauser
Russell, MaryAnn & Caity Skals



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<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>2</u> <u>Triple Over-</u> <u>nigher to Ft.</u> <u>Myers. KSU</u> <u>McDonalds @</u> <u>Faulkenberg &</u> <u>60 @ 10:30AM</u>	<u>3</u> <u>Ft. Myers</u>	<u>4</u> <u>Ft. Myers</u> 
<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> <u>Weekday Ride</u> <u>KSU RaceTrac @</u> <u>SR 56 @</u> <u>10:30AM</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> <u>Dinner @ Bally-</u> <u>hoo, 7604 Ehr-</u> <u>lick Rd.</u> <u>Meet there @</u> <u>7PM</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>12</u> <u>Ride to Lake</u> <u>Harris Hide-</u> <u>away. KSU Race-</u> <u>Trac @ 175 &</u> <u>SR50 @ 10AM</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> <u>Weekday Ride</u> <u>KSU RaceTrac @</u> <u>SR 56 @</u> <u>10:30AM</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> <u>Dinner Ride to</u> <u>Nova Pizza, 997</u> <u>Main St, Safety</u> <u>Harbor. KSU</u> <u>McDonalds @</u> <u>FL & Bearss @</u> <u>7PM</u>	<u>18</u> <u>Monthly Gath-</u> <u>ering, Pach's,</u> <u>601 S Dale</u> <u>Mabry. Eat @</u> <u>5:30P, Meet @</u> <u>7P</u>
<u>19</u> <u>Vicki & Nan's Birth-</u> <u>day Party @ Vicki's.</u> <u>RSVP. Meet there @</u> <u>1PM. Lunch pro-</u> <u>vided, BYOB & bath-</u> <u>ing suit</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> <u>Weekday Ride</u> <u>KSU RaceTrac @</u> <u>SR 56 @</u> <u>10:30AM</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> <u>Dinner @ Mis-</u> <u>sion BBQ, 5602</u> <u>W Waters Ave.</u> <u>Meet there @</u> <u>7PM</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>26</u> <u>Ride to Cala-</u> <u>dium Festival.</u> <u>KSU McDonalds</u> <u>@ Faulkenberg</u> <u>& 60 @ 8:30AM</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> <u>Weekday Ride</u> <u>KSU RaceTrac @</u> <u>SR 56 @</u> <u>10:30AM</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u> <u>Dinner @ Papa</u> <u>Joes, 6244</u> <u>Spring Lake</u> <u>Hwy, Brooks-</u> <u>ville 251908.</u> <u>Meet there @</u> <u>7PM</u>	
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