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Horse Country Cruisers

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Happy Valentine's Day



CHAPTER MEETING

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Notes: Happy New Year! Come Join Us on The First Ride of the Year to Shrimps R Us!!
Watch Your Emails For Updates!! Ride Safe and Stay Healthy!!

January 2022		Horse Country Cruisers Ride & Event Calendar			January 2022	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28 <u>Mike O'Neal Ride:</u> <u>Brown Bag Lunch:</u> Loves: <u>Mike</u>	29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>	1 st Ride of the Year: Shrimps R Us (Feast): Loves: 9AM: Ralph
2	3	4 Ride Through Forest to Ruby Tuesday in the Villages: Loves: 10AM: Mike	5 Team Meeting YMCA @ 6 PM RSVP to Jayne: El Mezcal 6PM	6 El Mezcal Restaurant 5:30PM: Meet There	7 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM	8 Chapter Conference via Zoom at Steve and Sophie's: Brown Bag: Time TBD
9 Ride to Steamers in Cedar Key: Publix: 10AM: Craig Goodwill	10	11	12 Ride to Gator Joe's: RaceTrac: 10:30AM: Ride Leader TBD	13	14 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM	15 RSVP to Barb 6PM
16 Ride to Papa Joes in Brooksville: RaceTrac: 10:30AM: Jim/Ralph	17	18 <u>Gathering/Meeting Golden Corral:</u> Eat at 5:30PM Meeting at 6:30PM	19 RSVP to Barb for Hotdog Cookout	20	21 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM	22 Hot Dog Cookout at Paul and Jane's in Old Town: (Bring a side dish or dessert): 9AM: Publix: Ralph/Mike
23	24	25	26 Lunch Ride to Reds: Shell: 10:30AM: Ride Leader TBD	27	28 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM	29 Ride to St. Augustine: Loves: 9AM: Mike
30 Oakwood Smokehouse: Lady Lake: 11AM: Meet There	31					

BP Gas US 441 & SE 52nd St
 Shells (*Kangaroo*) SW 60th Ave & SR 200
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**Notes: Florida State Fair 10th – 21st. Group Riding Class on the 22nd. Get Educated - Come Join Us!!
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February 2022		GWRRA FL1-F2 Ocala Chapter: Rides & Events Calendar February 2022				
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 Oakwood Smoke-house: Lady Lake: 11AM: Meet There	31	1	2 Team Meeting YMCA @ 6 PM	3	4 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM	5 Appleton Museum SR 40: Free Admission Food to Purchase: 11AM: Meet There
6 Breakfast Ride to Rose Garden: Yard Art Emporium afterwards: Lowes: 8:30AM: TBD	7	8	9 Brooklyn Backyard BBQ: 5:30PM: Meet There	10	11 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM	12 Lunch Ride to Crump's Landing: Homosassa: Shell: 10:30AM: Jayne
13	14 Valentine's Day	15 <u>Gathering/Meeting Golden Corral:</u> Eat at 5:30PM Meeting at 6:30PM	16	17	18 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM	19 Pine Run Breakfast Ride: Shell: 8AM: Mike
20	21	22 Group Riding/Road Captain Class: Safe Ride School 2133 SW 484: Register with Paul: Time TBD	23 <u>Mike O'Neal Ride:</u> Brown Bag Lunch: Russell Stovers: Shell: 10AM: Mike	24	25 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM	26 Chili Dump at Paul and Jane's in Old Town Bring Chili to Share (Sides & Desserts OK) Publix 9AM: Mike
27	28 Brown Bag Lunch Ride through Horse Country: Lowes: 10AM: Mike	1	2	3 Florida Strawberry Festival, Plant City: RaceTrac: 8AM Carpool: Mike	4 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM	5 Strawberry Festival McPherson Complex 601 SE 25 th Ave: 9AM to 5PM: 8 AM Set-up: Meet There

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Florida District Educators Level's Classes Available

Hello all,

We hope you had a joyous holiday. We hope the New Year will be full of great new rides and experiences.

Florida District Riding and MFA Classes are available upon request to maintain your Levels status. For ARC and TRC Classes—contact Dominick at Dominickfde@gmail.com. For MFA Classes—contact Claudia at rvega19854@gmail.com.

We conducted 3 ARC Class Groups on December 18 in Ft. Myers, FL. A total of 17 Members successfully completed the courses. A special thanks to Members of FL2-G for their assistance in securing a Riding Site and cleaning off the lot for painting. The New ARC Course is now painted at that location and will be used for all future classes. We think you will enjoy the New ARC Course.

December 31, 2021, is the end of the Grace Period for not having to take the Classroom Section of a Riding Class. As of January 1, 2022, we will return to the regular rotation of a Classroom Portion being included every other Class. To remain current in the Levels Program, Riders must take a Riding Course every 3 years. When a Classroom Section is included, your next Riding Course that requires the Classroom will be 6 years from that date. Whether or not a Member is required to take the Classroom Portion is determined on an individual basis.

The procedures for requesting a class will be conducted in the following manner: A Chapter Director or CSEA can survey their group to see which of their members want to take either the ARC or TRC. They should also decide on a tentative date for the class. This information is to be forwarded to me so I can check on the availability of a riding site. If all is agreed upon, I would then want the CD or CSEA to collect and hold a \$30.00 deposit, which is refundable upon completion of the course. Visiting Members from out-of-state who are not also listed as a Member of a Florida Chapter will be required to pay a \$50.00 non-refundable fee for a Riding Course. If a Chapter does not have enough members to fill a class, I will advertise the Class on Group Works to get enough members to fill the Class. I also take individual member requests, which I will keep in a file and use to fill in any openings in a class.

Florida is in need of Rider Instructors for both the ARC and TRC Riding Courses. It is both rewarding and fun to teach these classes. You, as an Instructor, will learn invaluable safety information and riding techniques that you will pass on to your fellow GWRRA Members. If you are interested in becoming a Rider Instructor, please contact me and I can advise you how to proceed. We are here to assist you with your training needs.

*Ride Safe!!
Dominick & Diane*

Our Motto...

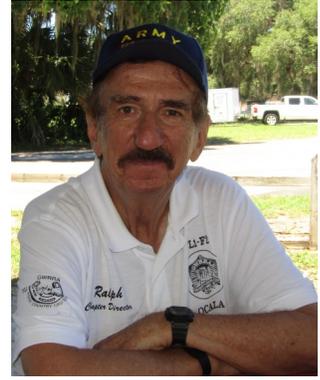
"Safety is for Life"

Our Mission...

"To Save Lives Through Quality, World Class Education"

Chapter Director's Message

Ralph A. Lambert



“If you aren’t having fun then you are wasting your time!!” LOL...

Happy New Year!! I guess you have heard that one already. LOL.. I always try to say something profound or at least important in my Chapter Director’s Message; otherwise, the message is just an announcement of upcoming events. Since this will be my last CD Message to the chapter, there is even more pressure to make this message “extra profound.” LOL... Whatever “Extra Profound” is? Almost sounds like a seasoning for a salad or a steak.. LOL..

Being the Chapter Director is a unique experience. That is worth repeating.. **Being the chapter director is a unique experience.** The decisions you make as chapter director are yours to make and the consequences are too. Now, it’s only chapter business, so mistakes generally are low in consequences. Everyone who has held a responsible leadership job has figured out this much of the puzzle. What is a pleasant surprise about the job of Chapter Director is the satisfaction and gratification that comes with the job. When the decisions you make produce positive results and folks come and have fun there is a real positive reward. A good feeling if you will. It’s not a quantifiable thing – but it is there and it is real.

Watching folks laugh at the Christmas Gift exchange or dressing up in silly costumes for the Rally Skit (wearing a bra) – lol – “Greetings Earthlings” - lol. Or how about planning a ride along backroads to a delightful destination and then riding it with a large group on a beautiful day. It doesn’t get any better than that. And there are plenty more positive experiences that I could mention. Marion said one time, “We do silly very well.” And she was right. Fun and laughter are what it is all about. The rest is just paperwork.

The chapter membership and especially the Team have supported me throughout the last four years and I cannot thank them enough for that support. We have had countless fun rides and events and made 100s of memories that we will all remember and cherish. I would hope that the Team will continue to extend that same support to Jayne as she travels down this enjoyable road. I worked for a boss many years ago – and he was an excellent writer and he said, “anything you write should be like a bikini, long enough to cover the subject but short enough to be interesting.” Lol... And on that note I will conclude this message.

This part of my life’s journey has been a pleasure thanks to all of you. Best of luck and health to you!! Say good night Ralph!! “Good night, Ralph.”

Take Care - Ride Safe and Stay Healthy!!

Upcoming Florida GWRRA Events

January 1, 2022	"1st Ride of the Year" Shrimps R Us	Welaka, FL
January 8, 2022	"ZOOM" Chapter Conference	Remote Zoom Call
March 17 - 19, 2022	"Wizard of Oz" 42nd Gathering of the Wings Florida District Rally	Altamonte Springs, FL
June 2 - 4, 2022	"Wingin' on the Red Carpet" South Carolina District Rally	Anderson, SC
June 28 - July 2, 2022	Wing Ding 43	Shreveport, LA
Sept. 15 - 17, 2022	4th Annual "Come Ride With Us" Georgia District Riding Rally	Dillard, GA
Sept 29 - Oct 1, 2022	"Hawaiian Family Reunion" Alabama District Rally	Eufaula, AL
Oct 14 - 16, 2022	"Tailgating in your Home Town" Mississippi District Rally	Gulfport, MS

FUN in Florida is # 1



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Peck's Old Port Cove On the Ozello Trail Sunday, November 21, 2021 Submitted By Kirstie Ventresca



We've learned the scenic route now (avoiding 40 and most of 200) to get to the Shell on 200 and after a cool start the morning warmed up nicely. We arrived in plenty of time for coffee, chat and ride lotto, we're getting the hang of this! It was great to see several people had returned after summer in more northerly places.

In total there were 13 bikes (a variety of 2 and 3 wheeled Wings plus a Yamaha V Star, Honda VFR, Moto Guzzi Norge and Moto Guzzi V7iii), 2 cars (the faithful Mercedes staff car and a Nissan Rogue, well Andy has had his truck sooo long it was time for a change, lol!) 22 people were ready to ride by the 10AM set off; Mike Schroader, Andy Katz, Mike & Sue Sadlon, Ralph Lambert, Brenda Swenson, Paul & Jane Davis, Marion Duncan, MaryAnn Markle (Marion's friend, it was also nice to see again), Ken Diedrich, Sue Keer, Bruce Dix, Bob Campshure, Fred & Joanne Spoering, Jody & Dawn Brosdahl, Jim & Dorothy Serio, Sar Ventresca and me. Despite the large group, the ride towards the Gulf went seamlessly and we all arrived smiling after riding the curves of the Ozello Trail. I think Mike and Sue were particularly happy to be out riding together again as Mike had bounced back from a recent injury.

For anyone who hasn't been, Peck's Old Port Cove is a seafood restaurant overlooking the water, actually on the Ozello Trail. We were seated on a long table and a smaller table right by it, choosing indoors as it was a little breezy. Service was very efficient with drinks being replenished and the free onion string appetizers swiftly appearing. I think everyone got what they ordered pretty much at the same time considering the size of the group. We had a Caesar salad and a blackened 'catch of the day' grouper, coleslaw, hush puppies and fries. Not huge portions, it's rare we don't take away a doggy bag but it was all very good! I didn't hear any complaints and it went very quiet for a while so I think everyone enjoyed their meals.

We enjoyed the curves in the other direction as we left the restaurant and headed home. Whoever decided on the speed advisory signs along the Ozello Trail didn't ride a solo motorcycle! The grin factor increases the more 'enthusiasm' that's applied but I guess they have to warn people as an error of judgement in a couple of places and you might give the 'gators an unexpected snack.

A great day out, as always. Looking forward to the next!



Lunch Ride to the Airport Restaurant & Gin Mill December 4, 2021 Submitted by Dawn Brosdahl



It was a balmy 47 degrees when we started our ride to Deland. Burr! It was a fantastic turn out with a group of 19. In attendance were: Brenda Swenson, Ken & Gretchen Diedrich, Michael Schroeder, Dawn & Jody Brosdahl, Mike & Sue Sadlon, Bruce Dix, Ralph Lambert, Jim Sexton, Carol Hill, Sar & Kirstie Ventresca, Ron Johns, Paul & Jane Davis. We also had a couple of guests join us for this ride, Connie & Brent Hair. After a safety briefing with Ralph Lambert leading, we started our journey with all but 4 people. Mike and Sue were our sweep until we were joined by Paul, Jane, Carol and Jim at the 314A intersection, whom then took over the sweeping position.

Even though it was a bit chilly, we had a wonderful ride. As always, we encounter some very brief separations do to lights, traffic etc. Once we arrived at the airport, we had a little brief delay as our fearless leaders couldn't quite figure out how to get to the restaurant as they had made changes since the last time it was visited. Eventually after turning around and going through a few parking lots, we found it!

They had a back room with tables and chairs ready for us. As I remember hearing, most everyone had a good meal. Of course, there is always someone who draws the short stick. This time it was Ralph. They didn't make his order at all. So naturally, he was the last to get his food and felt like he had to eat like it was his last supper so as to not hold up the group.

Following lunch, several members went directly home while others continued to ride. Thanks again everyone for a great ride. Until we meet again!!



Lunch Ride to 4 Rivers BBQ December 14, 2021 Submitted by Carol Hill



Hello everyone:

Three days since our Christmas Feast and now off to Gainesville to eat more. We all wonder where has the year gone.....as for me, it's gone to my belly, butt and hips!!! I can't believe I'm alone in this dilemma!!! So, we gathered at Publix with a planned ride led by Mike and Sue Sadlon with Jim Sexton as sweep. We had a total of six bikes, three 3 wheelers and one car. Those in attendance for the ride included: Andy Katz, Pat and Ron Day,

Bob Campsure, Bruce Dix, Dave Hutchison, Steve McCarthy, Dave Candage and myself. Paul and Jane Davis met us there for lunch. Dave Candage is a new prospect for our chapter. He recently relocated from Maine and is now living in Williston. Pat and Ron drove their newly acquired 2003 Mustang Convertible.....pristine!!

Weather was cool and overcast, ideal for riding. Mike led a leisurely ride through the horse country roads of Marion County and a roll through the historic town of Micanopy. We safely arrived for lunch. There was only a short line to order. We sat together at same large table, perfect timing before lunch crowd. This was my first visit to 4 Rivers BBQ and multiple sides are very tasty. Of course, Mike managed to negotiate a complimentary sampling of desserts for our pleasure. This is why Mike has been duly appointed Person Of The Year!!!!

Ride often, ride safely and enjoy!!!!



Full Moon Ride December 19, 2021 Submitted by Ron Johns



It was a dark and stormy night—not! The evening started out a bit cloudy, but the weather cleared and we had the full moon off and on during the entire ride. Even when we had cloud cover, it was a bright night. It was on Sunday evening, December 19, that a small group of us met at Lowe's for the last full moon ride of 2021.

Neal and Kathy Rehse, on their trike, provided tail gunner services for Mike—ride leader on his two-wheel Goldwing; Craig Goodwill on his yellow trike; and Ron Johns in his Slingshot.



Mike led his typical scenic ride through the Forest. Those curvy, hilly roads offer some of the best local riding that there is to be found. Enjoying those roads under a full moon just makes it that much better. If you haven't tried one of these rides, you should put it on your "must do" list. A pitstop halfway through the ride provided a nice break. Mike always plans for those. Thanks Mike, and Horse Country Cruisers for another fine ride. The 70-degree temperature throughout the evening was more comfortable than anyone could hope for in mid-December. (Do you think Mike has anything to do with ordering up such fine weather for his rides?). Hope you can join us on the next fun ride.



First District Ride — Shrimps R Us January 1, 2022 Submitted by Jayne Van Tol

We started the ride from Lowe's and rode to Shrimps r Us for the first district ride of the year. It started out chilly and was beautiful weather by the time we arrived for our feast. Thanks to Marion, Bunny, Dan and Barb we had 4 tables for the Ocala chapter. There was a total of 25 of us that dined.

Ralph led and Mike swept the ride with a total of 13 bikes and 2 cars. The chapter members that partook in the feast were Jim & Dorothy Serio, Barb Funk, Dan Lindsey, Marion Duncan, Mary Ann Dillion, Bunny O'Neal, Bruce Dix, Sar & Kirstie Ventresca, Mike Saumier, Mike & Sue Sadlon, Jerry & Brenda Valenta, Brent & Connie Hair, Ralph Lambert, Ken & Gretchen Diedrich, Alan and myself.

While we were there, Mike Sadlon recruited new people to our chapter! David Candage who met up with us on the ride and Noel & Sue Cullen from Palatka. Welcome to our chapter!

After we all had our fill of shrimp, salad, chicken, hush puppies and cheesecake, we got down to business. Eleven lucky people won \$100 during the 50/50 including Dan Lindsey! I'm sure that came in handy on their cruise! Congrats!!

Everyone had a great time meeting up with old friends and making some new ones too! It was definitely a great start to our New Year!

Ruby Tuesday January 4, 2022 Submitted by Jim Sexton

Happy New Year to everyone, with the latest news about all the snow and cold I am glad I live in Florida. With family in town thru the New Year, I missed the first ride of the year. But I didn't miss the ride thru the Forrest to Ruby Tuesday.

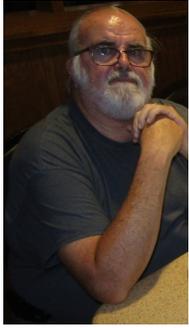
With our ride leaders, Mike and Sue Sadlon, we left Lowe's after a lengthy safety briefing, Sue was trying to get Mike on the bike for the ride, all kinds of hand signals was given to Mike. LoL Eight bikes in all, with Mel Harris as our tail gunner and Noel Cullen, Dave Candage, myself, Bruce Dix, Andy Katz and Brenda Swenson. We left Lowe's only to have our Ride Captain Having no CB communications to the tail gunner, something about the Blue Tooth Paring to the Blue tooth CB...is that right Mike. I like my wired connections.

It was a beautiful ride thru the Forrest, one of Mike's favorite roads. We arrived at Ruby's Tuesday, was seated after a short delay and Linda Hojnacki joined us for the Mike.. I mean Ruby's Tuesday lunch special.

Great price \$5 burger or cheese burger plus fries and, of course, the \$5 dollar margarita's. All had a great lunch and good time and then it was time to ride home, Mike had the CB working again and we all followed the leader until it was time for some to go different direction.

Lets all stay happy and healthy for this New Year, see you all soon.





Membership Enhancement January MEC report By Fred Spoering

Hello everyone,

The Christmas party went well. I'm sure everyone there had a good time and enjoyed themselves. Food was good and there was plenty of it. Hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas and New Year's celebrations with friends and family. We were up in Maryland for Christmas at my daughter's house and got home just before New Year's Eve. Have a great rest of the month.

GWRRA February Anniversaries

Dave Hutchinson	Member since 1982	40 years
Mary Wilcox	Member since 1991	31 years
Ralph Wilcox	Member since 1991	31 years
Joyce Brugman	Member since 2000	22 years
Sharon Stigall	Member since 2001	21 years
Sandy Boone	Member since 2007	15 years
Jim Sexton	Member since 2008	14 years
Kathy Hoelzer	Member since 2016	6 years
Joe Nazario	Member since 2016	6 years

A couple that Rides together.....



Stays together....

February Anniversaries

Michael & Mary Schroeder 14



February Birthday Stars!

Jim Sexton	1
David Hutchison	3
Mary Wilcox	7
Ralph Wilcox	8
David McPherson	8
Joyce Brugman	9
Gretchen Diedrich	12
Sharon Stigall	13
Joe Nazario	22
Sandy Boone	23

If we have missed anyone or your information is incorrect, please contact Sharon Stigall at 352-489-0995 or skstigall@gmail.com

STEEMERS Cedar Keys January 9, 2022 Submitted by Craig Goodwill



Twelve motorcycles and 14 riders attended the ride to Steemers at Cedar Keys. Craig Goodwill took lead, with Jim Sexton as the sweep/tail gunner, Alan and Jayne VanTol, Michael Schroder, Jody and Dawn Brosdahl, Ron Johns, Bruce Dix, Sue Keer, Bob Campshure, Andy Katz, and Kristie and Sar Ventresca rounded out the group.

Everyone met at the Publix on 27, had a short meeting discussing the route and travel requirements for the safety aspects.

There was perfect weather that day for a motorcycle run, light breeze, plenty of sun, and very little traffic. We traveled 27N to 326W to 19N to 24W on into Cedar Keys.

Everyone had a great lunch, enjoyed the view of the Gulf of Mexico, great conversation and we were all seated together at a long table. We arrived just in time, before the lunch crowd took over.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS UPCOMING EVENTS

Subject to change

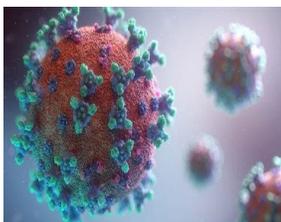
Hot Dog Party	January 22, 2022	RSVP to Barb, more information to come. Bring a side to share. There may be a volunteer band. Bring some ones to put in the donation kitty. Bring a lawn chair, too.
Florida State Fair	February 10-22, 2022	Tampa, Florida
Chili Dump	February 26	Make a pot of your homemade chili and bring it to share. Limit the spices for those who can't tolerate, please. If you like spaghetti or rice with your chili, please have that in a separate container. Can bring from a restaurant, such as Wendy's. Bring a lawn chair, too.
Kingdom of the Sun	March 5-6, 2022 April 30, 2022 May 1, 2022	More information to come.
Hobo Stew	March 23, 2022	No Dinty Moore, please. No seafood or game. Bring a lawn chair, too.
Ice Cream Social	April 23, 2022	Bring a brown bag lunch and then enjoy ice cream dessert. Bring a lawn chair, too.

If you would like to contribute with ideas for rides, places to eat, hosting something, etc., please contact one of the team members. We are always looking for volunteers and help.

We have a great Chapter and exceptional members. We are grateful and thankful for everyone and their contributions.

To submit articles for the newsletter, please send in a Word document only to cathyobrewer@gmail.com. Word documents are the best format and is the easiest way to add to the newsletter.

Also, let me know if pictures were taken by Mike and that he will be submitting them. If you are submitting pictures, that's great just add them to your article.



Covid/Health Updates

We did have someone who attended the Christmas party come down with Covid. Please keep them in our prayers. They are doing better. Be safe. If you know of anyone who is ill or needs our prayers, please let us know. That nasty cold is also going around. Be careful.

Christmas Party, December 11, 2021

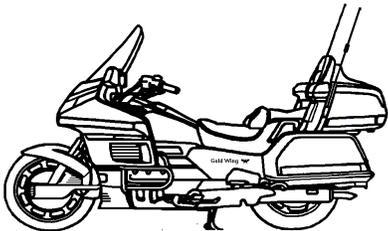


Need Welding Work Done? Submitted by Craig Goodwill

After I arrived home from the November 2 ride to Olsteens in St. Augustine, where my heel-to-toe broke, I looked online for used or new a heel-toe shifter and floor boards and found the cheapest was \$250. I remembered that I had some welding done on our driveway statues at Smith's welding.

I called the shop and they said bring the part down and they would see what they could do. I took the part on a Friday and got a call the following Monday to come and pick up my repaired part, They do excellent work and very reasonable (\$40) to fix the shifter. (See photos.)

I highly recommend them for any of your welding needs.



NEED HELP WITH YOUR GOLDWING?

There is a help section for your questions already on the web page. Some of us would like assistance on where the best place is to get tires, specialty paint jobs, etc. Let's help each other out.

Submit your questions to the Feedback section on the webpage and someone will get back to you with help and answers. www.fl1-f2.org

Asking everyone to check the Feedback section often so our members aren't left hanging out there without your input.

Also, an excellent place to look for answers is www.goldwing.com.





Valentine's Day is a time to celebrate romance, love and kissy face fealty. But the origins of this festival of candy and cupids are actually dark, bloody — and a bit muddled.

Though no one has pinpointed the exact origin of the holiday, one good place to start is ancient Rome, where men hit on women

by, well, hitting them.

Those Wild And Crazy Romans

From Feb. 13 to 15, the Romans celebrated the feast of Lupercalia. The men sacrificed a goat and a dog, then whipped women with the hides of the animals they had just slain.

The Roman romantics "were drunk. They were naked," says Noel Lenski, a historian at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Young women would actually line up for the men to hit them, Lenski says. They believed this would make them fertile.

The brutal fete included a matchmaking lottery, in which young men drew the names of women from a jar. The couple would then be, um, coupled up for the duration of the festival — or longer, if the match was right.

The ancient Romans may also be responsible for the name of our modern day of love. Emperor Claudius II executed two men — both named Valentine — on Feb. 14 of different years in the 3rd century A.D. Their martyrdom was honored by the Catholic Church with the celebration of St. Valentine's Day.

Another VERSION

Some scholars have suggested that St. Valentine's Day became popularly associated with love and romance because celebrating the feast day was an effort to Christianize the celebration of "Lupercalia," a Roman pagan fertility festival celebrated around the same time of the year.

It is also interesting to note that those Xs we use to symbolize kisses also have a religious significance. This act of placing an X with a signature goes back to the medieval legal practice of placing the sign of St. Andrew's Cross – an X – by a signature to symbolize honesty and trustworthiness. In those days, contracts would not be considered valid unless a St. Andrew's Cross appeared. Both parties would kiss the document near the cross to signify compliance. As centuries elapsed, the X became the symbol of a kiss.

Whatever the true origin of Valentine's Day, enjoy the chocolates, dinners, and romance of the day.

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