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THE SCRATCH SHEET

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Horse Country Cruisers

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It's That Time of Year Again!



HalloGivingmas



CHAPTER MEETING

Chapter Gathering/Meeting –
See the Monthly Calendar for Details

KICK TIRE @ WENDY'S

Every Friday @ 6:00 PM
3001 E. Silver Springs Blvd

Visit our chapter website at: www.fl1-f2.org

If you like this,
Contact me for more
Christmas Gift Ideas!



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Notes: Roadside Cleanup and Veteran's Celebrations - Plus Other Great Events - Come Join Us!!
Watch Your Emails For Updates!! Ride Safe and Stay Healthy!!

November 2021 Horse Country Cruisers Ride & Event Calendar November 2021					
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
31 Halloween 	1 	2 All Day Beach Ride to St. Augustine: Lowes 8AM: Mike	3 Team Meeting YMCA @ 6 PM	4 	5 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00PM
7 KOS: Veteran's Light the Stars Concert: Veteran's Mem. Park: 6:30PM: Meet There	8 	9 YMCA Veteran's March to Veteran's Park: \$15 incl. dinner: 5PM: See Mike details	10 	11 Veteran's Day Ride: for Freebies: Lowes 10AM: Mike Program: Vet. Park too.	12 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM
14 El Mezcal for Dinner: 5:30PM: Meet There	15 	16 Gathering/Meeting <u>Golden Corral:</u> Eat at 5:30PM Meeting at 6:30PM	17 	18 	19 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM FL2G El Myers Rally: RaceTrac: 11AM: Contact Jayne
21 Ride to Peck's Old Port Cove & <u>Ozello</u> Trail: Shell 10AM: Mike/Ralph	22 	23 Mike O'Neal Ride: Brown Bag Lunch: Ft. Island Park: Shell 10AM: Mike/Ralph	24 	25 Thanksgiving 	26 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM
28 Ride to The Freezer <u>In Homosassa: Shell:</u> 10:30AM: Mike	29 	30 	1 Team Meeting YMCA @ 6 PM	2 	3 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM
4 Ride to Deland Airport Restaurant and Gin Mill: <u>Watts</u> <u>Stadium: Lowes:</u> 10AM: Mike/Ralph					

BP Gas US 441 & SE 52nd St
 Shells (Kangaroo) SW 60th Ave & SR 200
 Lowes 4600 Silver Springs Blvd
 Publix US 27 & 49th Ave
 Race Track 475-A & 484
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Notes: CPR/First Aide Classes on the 30th and Motorcycle Tech Day on the 23rd. Come Join Us!!
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October 2021		Horse Country Cruisers Ride & Event Calendar				October 2021
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 3 Oakwood Grill Lady Lake: Rib Special: Meet There: 11AM	27 <u>Mike O'Neal Ride:</u> <u>Brown Bag Lunch:</u> <u>Russell Stagers: Shell</u> 10AM: Mike	28 <u>RSVP for</u> <u>Carrabba's 6PM</u>	29 <u>Carrabba's</u> <u>5:30PM Meet There</u>	30 <u>Alabama District</u> <u>Rally: Monster Mash</u> <u>Eufula, Al</u>	1 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00PM	2
3 Oakwood Grill Lady Lake: Rib Special: Meet There: 11AM	4	5 Lunch Ride to Ruby Tuesday Villages: Lowes: 10:30AM: Mike	6 Team Meeting YMCA @ 6 PM	7	8 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM	9
10 Breakfast Ride to Greg's Haystack: Eustis: Lowes: 8:30AM Mike/Ralph	11	12 RSVP to Barb for Angelo's 6PM	13 Angelo's Inverness: Meet There: 5:30PM	14	15 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM	16 Lunch Ride to Crafty Bastards Pub; Gainesville: Publix: 10:00AM: Jim
17 James Bond Movie: No Time to Die: Regal Hollywood 16: 2:10PM: Meet There: Dinner Afterwards	18	19 <u>Gathering/Meeting</u> <u>Golden Corral:</u> Eat at 5:30PM Meeting at 6:30PM	20 RSVP To Steve for Tech Day	21	22 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM	23 Motorcycle Tech Day: Noon - 4PM @ The Rabau's Home; Bring a Side Dish
24 Lunch Ride to Renegades Lowes: 9:30AM: Mike 31 Halloween	25	26 <u>Mike O'Neal Ride:</u> Brown Bag Lunch: Russell Stagers: Shell 10AM: Mike/Ralph	27	28	29 Kick Tire Wendy's 6:00 PM	30 GWRRA CPR/First Aide Class: YMCA 9:00AM

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Chapter Director's Message

Ralph A. Lambert

Welcome back to all our Snowbirds returning from a summer of touring the north-country. Good to have you all back home again!!

Next, let me welcome Jayne Van Tol as our New Assistant Chapter Director (ACD), effective October 1st. Jayne is replacing Rick and Amy Jenkins who are stepping down from that role. Jayne is also our nominee to become the next Chapter Director (CD) replacing me – lol - effective next April 1st 2022, subject to the approval of the District Director. Rick will continue to be our Historian and Coordinate the Strawberry Festival. If you recall Rick put together our winning Scrap Book which took First Place at the District Rally this year. Amy will be stepping down as our Newsletter Editor at the end of this year – so we need a new newsletter editor. Please help us out here and consider taking this position. Talk to Amy and she will give you the scoop on the job. Let me take this opportunity to Thank Rick and Amy for all that they have done for the Chapter in their official capacities. THANK YOU!! We are going to miss Amy's terrific newsletter.



Lots of stuff is happening – it is that time of the Year -- So Here Goes:

We have a **Motorcycle Tech Day** this coming Saturday the 23rd at Steve and Sophie's home. Come work on your bike or just hangout and socialize. The chapter will be providing fried chicken as a main dish with all of us bringing side dishes to fill out the menu. Please also bring your own drink. Activities will begin at noon. Please let Steve know what you want to work on so he can make a space for your project.

Registration is winding down for the First Aid/CPR Class on October 30th at the YMCA. We have a morning class which may be full by now – BUT there is an afternoon class that still has space. Please contact Marion Duncan right away to sign-up. You will need a \$30 refundable check to secure your spot.. If you have not given her your check yet then you need to do so right away..

FL2G Fort Myers Chapter is holding a Rally on November 20th. This is one of our neighboring Florida Chapters so let's go visit them and enjoy a great event. The plan is to leave on Friday the 19th (around 11AM) and stay over for the rally on the 20th. These overnight trips are great fun because we have a chance to have a nice ride (about 4 hours) and then check-in to a nice Motel, and then out to dinner with lots of fun and conversation. How is it we never run out of things to say? Please contact Jayne Van Tol (207-739-0342) if you are interested in going to this event. I'm going.. (see the flyer in this newsletter).

Our **Christmas Party** will be happening December 11th – with a Pot Luck Dinner and CRAZY Gift Exchange. Contact Dorothy Serio to let her know what side dish you wish to bring and whether you can come early to help set-up or will stay after to help clean-up.. I'm doing both. Many hands make short work. (see the flyer in this newsletter).

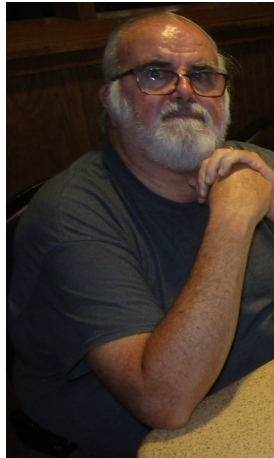
Skymed will be presenting their products at the November Gathering so be sure to be there. They offer big discounts to our group for emergency transportation coverage. We have many events happening around the District along with our own happenings and these events can all be accessed via our website: www.fl1-f2.org. Steve and Sophie have done a wonderful job of updating our site and including links to all the surrounding District Websites.

We are also offering a prize of five Gold Wing Tickets if you locate your GWRRA number on our website and contact Steve within the time limit. So, go have a look and if you find your GWRRA number call Steve right away and tell him where on the site you found it.

Also, If you have something to sell we have a "For Sale Section" – call Steve to find out how to get your items for sale posted.

Take Care - Ride Safe and Stay Healthy!!

**Membership Enhancement
November MEC report
By Fred Spoering**



Hello everyone, Cooler weather is upon us and you'll see more lunch rides than breakfast rides, but will still keep them mixed. We have a new shirt vendor now. As before, we had trouble with nylon and the wicking type shirts. If you bring your own shirt, it has cotton or blended shirts. As always, you can still order the shirts from the vendor and will already be printed. If you need shirts, I can be reached either online at fud11735@aol.com or by phone, 352-300-3568.

November GWRRA Anniversaries

Rolf Olsen	member since 2008	13 years
Pat Day	member since 1995	26 years
Sue Lomax	member since 2003	18 years
Warner Malson	member since 1997	24 years
Greg Stevens	member since 2016	5 years



Upcoming Florida GWRRA Events

Sept 30 - Oct 2, 2021	<i>"Monster Mash"</i> Alabama District Rally	Eufaula, AL
Oct 21 - 23, 2021	<i>"Pajama Party"</i> Mississippi District Rally	Gulfport, MS
Nov 11 - 13, 2021	Louisiana District Ride-In	St. Francisville, LA
November 20, 2021	FL2-G, Ft. Myers Rally / Silent Auction At Sunsports Cycle & Watercraft	3441 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33966
January 1, 2022	<i>"1st Ride of the Year"</i> Shrimps R Us	Welaka, FL
March 17 - 19, 2022	<i>"Wizard of Oz"</i> 42nd Gathering of the Wings Florida District Rally	Altamonte Springs, FL
June 28 - July 2, 2022	Wing Ding 43	Shreveport, LA

Follow the Yellow Brick Road
to the Emerald City (Altamonte Springs)
March 17-19, 2022

FUN in Florida is # 1



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Florida District Educators

Level's Classes Available & Slow Control of Your 2-Wheel Wing



Hello all,

An MFA Class was conducted on Sept. 19th in the Tampa area. There were 20 Members present including myself and my wife, Diane. The class was taught by GWRRA Members Claudia Vega and Ron Jackson. The Class was exquisitely presented and enjoyed by all that were in attendance. Our last Riding Class was conducted on July 27th in Ocala. It was a hot one so we will hold off on scheduling any more Riding Classes until the end of October or beginning of November. I am compiling a list of Chapters or Members that would like an ARC or TRC when we resume scheduling. Send me an email if you want to be put on the list. The money generated from the sale of our Raffle Tickets by you pays for these Training Classes.

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

SLOW CONTROL OF YOUR 2-WHEEL WING

As Florida District Educator I am getting plenty of opportunities to interact with our Members when it comes to Rider Training. One important aspect of Gold Wing Riding Training is knowing how to control your 2-Wheel Wing at slow speeds. This would include any slow tight turns as well as slow U-turns and even riding slow in a straight line while in slow moving traffic.

I have talked with many of our Members about slow riding techniques and have concluded that many Members do not know the proper technique to use to control the Gold Wing during slow maneuvers. There are publications and videos that will explain how to ride a motorcycle slow but I have not seen any material that specifically addresses the Gold Wing.

What I am about to suggest to you on how to ride your Gold Wing slowly did not come from any one source. It is a combination of riding techniques I have learned over the past 29 years with information supplied from MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation), IPTM (Institute of Police Technology and Management) and our own GWRRA Riding Curriculum.

To properly ride any motorcycle slowly and under control you must first totally change your natural mental process. When you drive a car it is natural and instinctive to go for the brake pedal if you feel you are moving too fast to make a turn. That braking process is reactive. When we use the rear brake on our motorcycle to control our speed during a turn, the braking process must be proactive. That means if you know you are getting ready to make a slow tight turn you must begin the process by first applying the rear brake pedal before you even begin to move. You then will begin to apply enough throttle and release the clutch into the friction to pull the bike forward against the drag of the rear brake. The bind

Florida District Educators Level's Classes Available & Slow Control of Your 2-Wheel Wing

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you put between the rear brake and clutch in the friction zone with throttle, will stabilize the motorcycle and help prevent it from tipping over. If you are in the process of making a slow tight turn such as a U-Turn this method of operating the rear brake and clutch will cut down the diameter (overall distance) it will take to complete the turn. If during this process you feel like your bike is getting ready to tip over, apply even more throttle, release more clutch, and apply more rear brake pedal. A clue that you need more of this action is the fact that you feel like your bike is starting to tip over. If you have a DCT Model Gold Wing your method of control would be applying throttle against the rear brake as needed. In either case do not put any fingers on the front brake lever and do not use the front brake during slow maneuvers. If you hit the front brake during a slow tight turn your front end will dive down and your bike will tip over.

The method I have just described works best on a motorcycle where the rear brake pedal application is independent from the front brake. When you are able to only apply the rear brake, the front wheel stays light enough to turn easy. As you know our Gold Wings have Linked Brakes. That means that when we attempt to apply only the rear brake, the Linked System applies one side of the front brake also. This creates a little more challenge to making a tight turn. If one side of the front brake is also being applied the front forks will compress down placing more drag (traction) on the front tire. I will take more muscle on your part to turn the front wheel, but turning tight is still doable.

I know what I have just described might sound strange. To better illustrate my point lets speak in car terms. What I have just told you to do is to put on your car's emergency brake and then apply the accelerator to make a turn. That doesn't make any sense if you are driving a car but, it is exactly the method you want to use to control your Wing at slow speeds. Working the rear brake against the clutch and throttle also works when you are in stop & go traffic riding real slow. You will be able to ride your Wing slow in a straight line without continuously having to put your feet up and down or dragging your feet on the ground.

You can try this technique I have described on your own in an empty parking lot or wait and join me at one of our Riding Classes.

*Ride Safe!!
Dominick & Diane*



CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 11th 4:00pm to 9:00pm?

Foxwood Farms Community Center

4705 NW 20th St.

Ocala, FL

Turkey and Ham will be provided by Chapter

Covered Dish Pot Luck

Dinner at 5:00pm

50/50 Drawing

Awards at 6:00pm

Crazy Gift Exchange (optional) at 7:00pm

Bring a \$15 to \$20 gift and get in on this fun exchange

Due to Covid 19 all gifts must be new and unopened.

FL2G Rally/Silent Auction



Come have fun and spend your money

Come Join Us

November 20, 2021

11AM-2PM

Rain or Shine

Sunsports Cycle & Watercraft Inc.

3441 Colonial Blvd., Ft. Myers FL 33966

Grand prize and 50-50 Drawing

The silent auction will consist of hundreds of Goldwing parts both new and used as you know from our past rallies. There will also be tools and a large assortment of other items.

2 hot dogs, a bag of chips, soft drink/water - \$5.00 per person.



A couple that Rides together.....



Stays together....



November Anniversaries



Tony & Judy Howe	2nd
Wayne & Barbara Broadfield	6th
Greg & Billie Sue Stevens	8th
Dick & Carol Huffer	11th
Cary & Suzanne Miller	27th



November Birthday Stars!



Rolf Olson	3rd
Pat Day	10th
Ellen Bollas	11th
Sue Lomax	12th
Warner Malson	15th
Jody Brosdahl	25th
Greg Stevens	28th

Trike for sale

2006 1800 Goldwing 36000 mi

\$18,000.00 OBO

Dennis or Sue Lomax 352 / 873-1623

All the basic Goldwing accessories plus

Lehman Monarch II trike conversion
Passenger audio/CB controls
Dual USB power port

Ride sofa seat
Butler Cup holders
X -Grip Phone holder

J&M Digital Music Player
Markland back rest
Pingel easy Shift electric shift



1975 Mooney M20E Chapparral

\$79,900

Contact Barb Funk

More Info at: shorturl.at/gS38

New Port Richey, FL USA





2 3-way jackets
New Condition.
Med. & Lg.
\$50.00 Each

Gold Wing Accessories For Sale

Dennis or Sue Lomax 352 / 873-1623



- NEW! Never used
- Leather vest w/
Concealed Pocket
- Size 48
- Originally \$59.99
- Yours for \$40



- Denim jacket
- Gold Wing patch on back.
- Large
- \$15.00



- Two pair Leather Chaps
- Brand new—used once.
- Men's size Extra Small & Small.
- Welcome to try them on.
- \$25.00 each.



1st Ride of the Year
January 1, 2022
SHRIMP "R" US

765 3rd Avenue Welaka, Florida



Price: \$17.00 per person All You Can Eat Buffet

Time: Lunch begins at 12:00pm

What: Shrimp: fried, grilled, steamed, garlic baked chicken, red potatoes, fritters, coleslaw, salad w/dressing, cocktail sauce, sodas, iced tea, bottled water, cheese cake for dessert.

For more information, please contact your ADD

ADD Northeast Geno Jette
904-276-7488

ADD East Central Harry Anderson
321-952-1448

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Please RSVP Head Count to Geno by December 21st, 2021

RSVP Early—Save Your Space in Line!
Your Armband will be waiting for you!

You can Pre-Pay and miss the Pay Line!

Make Check payable to: GWRRA-FLORIDA DISTRICT
MAIL TO: Geno Jette: 114 Canis Drive East, Orange Park, FL 32073

Please Print

Your Name: _____ **#** _____ **x \$17.00**

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Cell Phone: _____

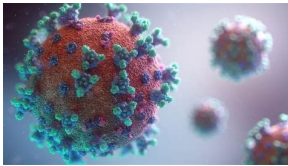
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PLEASE say an extra prayer
for all our Chapter Members

Prayers and Well Wishes are needed for Paul
and Donna Pelissier.

They had an accident with their CanAm.
They are ok with some injuries but - OK!!



Covid Updates

- Dan and Barb had mild cases of covid and have been able to recuperate at home.
- Linda and Frank Hojnacki Recovered earlier this year from Covid.
- Val Roobol was in West Marion Hospital with Covid
- Paul and Jane Davis recently contracted Covid. Paul has been readmitted to the hospital for an infection.

If I have missed any, I apologize. Two members of my high school class passed away from Covid just 3 weeks ago. This stuff is so unpredictable. Stay safe!!!!

Ride to Crafty Bastard's in Gainesville Submitted by Ralph Lambert

On October 16th at 10:00AM - Fifteen of us gathered at the Publix parking lot off of US 27 for a ride to Crafty Bastard's Restaurant in Gainesville. Included in this motley crew were Dawn and Jody Brodsdahl, Jim and Dorothy Serio (our ride leaders), Andy Katz, Betty Arnold and Ray Gangluff, Jim Sexton, Richard Burmeister and Brenda Swenson, Mike and Sue Sadlon, Yours Truly, and Neal and Kathy Rehse (our sweepers). We were riding 9 machines, 5 two wheelers and 4 three wheelers. Say that three times fast – lol...

This was Jim and Dorothy's ride. Meaning they picked the restaurant and planned the ride route and led it -- And they did a terrific job. Mike and I had nothing to do but just enjoy the ride. This was a ride that Jim and Dorothy had planned several months earlier and it got rained out. So here we were going for it again.. We had our usual photo op and then riders meeting in the parking lot and Jim and Dorothy went over the route briefly with everyone.. They sounded like future Ride Coordinators or even Chapter Directors as they went over the details.. LOL...

The route was all backroads and nice ones at that. Gainesville is an hour's ride away anyway so you have to be efficient in your thinking to make a nice ride and not turn it into a ride that is too long. Remember now - this is a bunch of hungry people riding for a meal so no delays are tolerated!! LOL.. The route back was even better and since we had full stomachs everyone was content to take the long way back. I clocked just over 150 miles total from my house to Publix and the ride to Crafty Bastard's and back home again.

This restaurant is right on NW 39th Ave in Gainesville so without driving directly through downtown Gainesville which is a zillion traffic lights you have to go west before heading south and that's what we did for the return trip.. The temperature was perfect – high seventies going and low 80's coming back home with no rain!!

The food was very good and the servers were very efficient. They even brought us, at no cost, a casserole meal that had been an extra order. I forget what the dish was called but it was very good as we passed our plates for a shared portion.. I got the Reuben sandwich with fries and only ate half of it - Taking the rest home for a re-heat later.. lol..

It really was a picture perfect event and Jim and Dorothy really did a great job making the arrangements and leading the ride.. Thank You Again!!

Come on out everyone and join us – you are missing all the fun!!

Take Care, Ride Safe and Stay Healthy!!

Mikey O. Brown Bag Lunch Ride to Russell Stover's

Submitted by Ron Johns

On Monday, September 27th, we met at the Shell station and Mike and Sue Sadlon led eight of us on a fine Brown Bag Lunch Ride. Our group consisted of seven vehicles—four 2-wheelers; two Slingshots; and one car.

Jim Sexton provided tail gunner services for: Mike & Sue; Andy Katz; Bunny O'Neal; Sar and Kirstie Ventresca; Ron Johns.

Mike followed Ralph's patented ride to Russell Stover's, through some very nice, lightly-traveled, scenic county roads. If anyone would like detailed route directions, Let Mike, Ralph, or me know and we can email them to you.

During Mike's pre-ride meeting, I was alarmed to learn that Ralph wouldn't be joining us, already missing those brownies that he always brings. But, not to make you feel bad, Ralph, but we didn't even miss them. Kirstie baked a delicious banana bread that included cranberries and walnuts. I was so full that I had to really cowboy up to make room for the customary ice cream after lunch. Then, Mike led us home on a different, equally scenic route to the Ocala area.

Thanks Mike and Sue, Jim and Horse Country Cruisers for another fine ride. And thanks to Russell Stover's for allowing us to use their facilities. Hope you can join us on the next fun ride.



Culvers Lunch Ride

Submitted by Ron Johns

On , a beautiful cloudless, sunny Florida morning, 15 of us met at Race Trac for a lunch ride to Culvers in the Villages: Jim Sexton, Andy Katz, Ralph Lambert, Bunny O'Neal, Marion Duncan, Fred and Joanne Spoering, Neal and Kathy Rehse, Jack and Maggie Villa, Moe Arneja, Michael Schrader, Ron and Chris Johns. Jayne and Alan Van Tol met us there, since they live nearby. Ralph led the ride over the typical scenic route that he plans. The temperature was 81 with a light breeze, perfect riding conditions.

If you're unfamiliar with Culvers, it's a family-owned restaurant chain based in Wisconsin. They are well known for their Butter Burgers, frozen custard, and cheese curds. The service is always fast, courteous.. Till now, the nearest Culvers were in either the Villages or in Gainesville. Now, we have our own that just opened here in Ocala, right by Bojangles. That will make it easier for we displaced midwestern people who have experienced separation anxiety from Culvers.

Ralph, being the leader he is, set the pace by ordering his frozen custard before his meal. The rest of us just had wait impatiently, watching him enjoy this treat, till our meal was finished and we could go back and order our custard. Lesson learned.

The ride back was equally enjoyable with a few scattered white clouds.

I hope to see many of you on the future rides.



Renegades on the River Lunch Ride Submitted by Ron Johns

We met on the morning of November 24 at Lowes for a scenic ride to Crescent City. Cloudless blue skies and cool temperatures greeted us as we got organized and received the ride briefing from Mike, our ride leader.

Eleven bikes, 14 riders rode together with Mike & Sue Sadlon leading; Fred & Joanne Spoering sweep□ing. In addition, enjoying the ride: Bruce Dix, Dorothy & Jim Serio, Don Ford, Bob Campshure, Andy Katz, Michael Schroeder, Kirsti & Sar Ventresca, Ron Johns. Paul & Jane Davis rode to meet us at Renegades.

Paul didn't know that Mike was taking us on a 2-1/2 hour (including two pit stops) scenic ride, so they had arrived and finished lunch by the time we got there. The ride was so pleasurable with many gentle sweepers, good pavement, and little traffic that I asked Mike to jot down the route for anyone who might want to duplicate it. From Lowes: R on SR 40; R on CR 314A; R on SE 182nd Ave Rd; L on CR 42; L on SR 19; R on CR 445A; R on SR 40; L on Emporia Rd.; L on CR 3; L on US 17; L on CR 308B; L on CR 309; R into Renegades on the River. They were expecting us and we were seated at one long table on the outside deck, enjoying the Florida November temperatures.

A small pond just off the deck provided entertainment for us watching the many turtles and one alligator as they sunned themselves. Speculation ran rampant about whether they raised their own gators for the gator tails on the menu.

Our orders were taken and delivered in a timely manner (considering there were 14 of us that still needed to eat lunch). More time for conversation. I know, from my seat, I learned a lot about motorcycle racing as well as the best place to see an elaborately decorated horse farm near Ocala.

Compliments to our waitress; she did an excellent job. Everyone seemed to be happy with their meal and the ones I could see certainly looked good. For the ride home, Mike took a more direct route, with a stop in Palatka for fuel. I broke off from the group, not needing gas, and headed out, hoping to get home by a certain time (didn't make it, but oh well).

The ride home was exceedingly pleasant with a few scattered clouds, warm-but-not-hot temperatures, and little traffic. I could just set the cruise control, sit back, listen to Sirius, and enjoy this extraordinary day. I thought ahead to Thanksgiving Day and counted my blessings. For this trip, I had dialed up Willie's Roadhouse on Sirius, billed as Texas Honky Tonk music. Lo and behold, to make the day even better, they played one of my favorite songs, Roy Clark's classic "Thank God and Greyhound You're Gone".

It just doesn't get any better than this Mike. Thanks.

Carrabbas
by Fred Spoering

Had a meet there dinner ride to Carrabba's on October 29th. We all met at 5:30, attending were, Andy Katz, Marion Duncan, Dan Lindsey, Barb Funk, Mike and Sue Sadlon, Steve and Sophie Rabau and Mom Lydia, Neil and Kathy Rehse, Moe Arneja Dawn Brosdahl, Jim Sexton and Joanne and I. They set us up and the back room and conversations were many. When the food arrived, it went quiet, which is always good, no one had complaints. Everyone, enjoyed the conversations, fun and food, all in all a very nice night.

Sammy's Italian Restaurant
Michael Schroeder

On Wednesday, September 8th., 19 Horse Country Cruiser chapter members met for dinner at Sammy's Italian Restaurant just west of Ocala.

Dan, Lindsey and Barb Funk, Any Katz, Ralph Lambert, Bunny O'Neal, Jim and Dorothy Serio, Marion Duncan, Denis and Sue Lomax, Steve & Sophie Rabau and MommaLydia, Curt and Cathy Stuart, Michael Schroeder, Roy and Carol Ostermann, Joe Pasucci, and Mel Harris were all in fine spirits. And why not? Great company, great conversation along with great food served courteously and efficiently cannot be ignored. A few of our intrepid members even rode their motorcycles in weather that threatened rain.

Ruby Tuesday Ride by Dorothy Serio

On Tuesday morning October 5th seven of us left for a great lunch ride. In attendance was our Ride leader Ralph Lambert, Dave Hutchison, Moe Arneja, Fred and Joanne Spoering, Jim Serio and myself. We had quite a variety of vehicles: 2 two wheel bikes, 2 trikes and one 4 wheel.

We left Lowe's parking lot with a comfortable 82 degrees. After riding on one of our favorite twisting roads, we turned onto Hwy 42 heading towards our lunch destination. Dave Hutchison pointed out to us an eagles nest alongside the road. Unfortunately we had already passed that point and did not get a glimpse of the nest. It just gives us something to look forward to on our next trip along the road.

Upon our arrival at Ruby Tuesday's in the Villages, we were informed that there would be a 45 minute wait, Seems like more than just us wanted to take advantage of their \$5 sandwiches. Ralph went across the street to inquire how long a wait there would be at Panera Bread. Much to our surprise there was only a couple of minutes. Since we were all hungry and did not want a long wait, we migrated across the street to Panera Bread.

We were all able to get our food, find adequate seating in just a few minutes. The food was delicious! Everyone seemed to enjoy the sandwiches and especially the soup!

Although we were disappointed about missing our \$5 burgers at Ruby Tuesday, we all decided to put that location on a future calendar date.

Upon leaving most of us all broke off and found our own journey home.

What a wonderful way to spend a lovely day. Great ride, great food, great friends!

Cheddars Dinner by Dorothy Serio

A few of us met at our local Cheddar's restaurant for dinner on Wednesday, August 11th.

There was Ralph Lambert, Marion Duncan, Andy Katz, Mary Wilcox, Barb Funk, Dan Lindsey, Jim Serio and myself.

What started out to be the promise of a good meal left us all very disappointed. The only positive thing about the evening was the friendship, good conversation, good drinks, a few laughs and a good time.

Unfortunately the meals fell short of our expectations and left most of our party a little disappointed. We all did enjoy the tasty rolls that was served to our table.

They were light, fluffy drizzled in honey butter and would almost melt in your mouth. Yum! Sad to say but most of the meals had some aspect that made our night out a rather unpleasant experience.

Oh well, you win some and some you don't want to repeat.

Needless to say we all agreed that this was one of the places that we would not be adding back on to our calendar. We do, however, look forward to our next dining experience!

Ride to Greg's Haystax

Submitted by Ralph Lambert

On October 10th eleven of us gathered at the Lowes for a Breakfast Ride to Greg's Haystax in Umatilla. Mike and Sue had recently returned from the north-country so I asked Mike if he wanted to lead. He said sure and in usual Mike fashion he put together a terrific route down CR 314A to 182nd Ave Rd., to CR 42 – all terrific motorcycle riding roads.. Great job Mike!!

Riding today were Mike and Sue Sadlon (leading), Andy Katz, Jim and Dorothy Serio, Mel Harris, Craig Goodwill, Richard and Brenda Burmeister, Ron Johns and yours truly (sweeping). After the usual conversation in the parking lot we did a brief riders meeting and headed out for breakfast. I know we always seem to ride to eat.. Not sure why that works out so well but it does.. Actually, we often ride, do something else, and then eat. Anyway – we were hungry so we were gone promptly at 8:30AM..

The fleet of vehicles consisted of Mike and Sue on their latest generation red Gold Wing (2018), Andy Katz with his custom painted Slingshot, Ron Johns with his white Slingshot and what looked like a new roof (I will have to ask him about the roof), Jim and Dorothy on their blue Gold Wing trike, Craig on his yellow Gold Wing trike, the Burmeisters on their white Gold Wing trike, Mel on his Gold Wing trike, and me on my 2015 silver two wheeled Gold Wing.. Nowadays the trikes out-number the two wheelers.

The morning temperature was perfect and the sun was out – so we were happy campers. Along this route is a section of National Forest so it is very pretty countryside in addition to nice curvy roads.. This is also a perfect length ride. In exactly one hour we were there and walking into the restaurant. They knew we were coming – we always alert the restaurant that we are coming.. Better for us and for them.

It was a great ride and at the restaurant they seated us immediately and took our orders. Very soon after our breakfasts were served. I got the simple eggs, sausage, home fires and biscuit – it was very good too.. We had some great conversation – as always – swapping stories and telling jokes. Lol.. Finally, it was time to head back home and we returned along CR 450 to CR 42 a very nice and slightly different route than the way we came.

When we arrived at CR 25 and CR 42 – Mike pulled into the gas station there and we divided the group into two groups, said our goodbyes and headed off in different directions.. Jim took the lead and I swept for Jim as we continued along CR 42 toward Southwest Ocala.

Absolutely Perfect Ride.. You Have Got to Come on Out and Join Us – 2 wheels, 3 wheels or 4!!

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