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KICK TIRES

1st, 2nd, & 4th Thursdays

1st –Village Inn-2525 Gulf to Bay

2nd– Country Skillet-2829 Roosevelt Blvd

4th—Rotating –See calendar

Eat at 6:00 Meet at 7:00

VISIT US ONLINE AT

suncoastwings.com

2011 & 2013 FLORIDA DISTRICT CHAPTER OF THE YEAR *

2011 REGION A CHAPTER OF THE YEAR *

2011 1st RUNNER UP INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER OF THE YEAR *

GENERAL GATHERING

3rd Thursday -Cozy Corner

1700 S Missouri Ave

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Eat at 6:00 Meet at 7:00

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Chapter Directors Message

It's "Back to School" and Chapter FL1-M proudly supported Pinellas County kids once again with your generous donations of school supplies and clothing. The Chapter collects donations at our General Gatherings for Clothes to Kids throughout the year. Then during August, we collect school supplies. Ruth Hicks has processed over 600 garments for this year's big Back to School push! Thank you all for your continued support! Thank you, Ruth, for all your help with the clothing!

Chapter M's annual Rummage Sale on August 13 generated over $900 which will go directly to our charities. Many thanks to everyone who worked the sale. You guys are the greatest! We want to specially thank Joe and Patty Traylor who volunteered the use of their trailer again this year. Be sure to check out Kim's photo story on the Rummage Sale in this month's Newsletter.

The Team has put together a nice variety of events for FL1-M's October calendar, which kicks off our peak riding season. Please take time to look over the calendar now so that you can plan ahead to participate. One of October's highlights is an overnight ride to Clewiston, Florida, to attend FL2-A's, "Wingtoberfest" at John Stretch Park in Lake Harbor on October 7 and 8. Please see the flier for Wingtoberfest on the next page for registration details.

Another highlight in October is Region A's "Steel Pony Rally" at Lakepoint Lodge in Eufaula, Alabama, the 27th through 29th. Several in the Chapter plan to attend this event. If you have never been to this Rally, it is a wonderful chance to meet GWRRA members from the entire Region and to enjoy the beautiful Lakepoint State Park and Lodge. The flier for Region A is included in the next page or two of this Newsletter for your convenience. We hope you will join us!

So, do your maintenance check, shine up that chrome and get your riding gear ready! The nice weather is almost here and we hope to see **YOU** at some of these **FUN** rides and events!

Ride Safe, Ride Aware,

Curtis and Kim Palmore,

Chapter Directors

Chapter FL1-M Clearwater

RIDER EDUCATION

Tar Snakes

First let us define what a tar snake is. This is when the DOT uses tar to seal the cracks in the road surface. Since the cracks are typically not in a straight line and the tar itself is black the common terminology is to refer to these are tar snakes. The tar may not contain any component to increase tire traction, although some states do have some material added to increase friction. Other states add some material (such as sand) to the surface while the tar is still liquid. What all of this implies that unless you get off of your motorcycle and check the tar snake you will not know how the DOT handled this road repair.

Your best option in this instance is to assume that there is NO friction additive in the tar and to adjust your speed accordingly. It is much better to enter a corner at a lower speed and have plenty of friction available rather than enter at a higher speed and find out that you don't have any friction reserve and that you are now sliding through the corner. Road rash is typically what happens, but if a vehicle is coming at you the results might be much worse.

So far we have not considered what happens if the road is wet. The normal surface already has less friction available and the tar strips are further compromised.

Most riders like to enter corners at a speed that gives the thrill of leaning the bike into the corner, but we need to be aware if the tar snakes are present. Also remember that even though it is not raining if you are riding somewhere where there are hills (not many of these in FL) water can be running across the road and this can be a surprise (maybe not a good surprise) while you are in the corner. Best bet for all concerned is to be cautious entering a curve when you are not familiar with the road. Sometimes the tar snakes might just be in the corner and not in the straight road you were just on.

Ride safe and keep the rubber side down

Ron & Kathy Jackson, Assistant Chapter Educator

BIG NEWS!!

NEW RAFFLE TICKET SALES INCENTIVES ANNOUNCED FOR FL1-M!

CHAPTER FL1-M TO AWARD PRIZES FOR TOP TICKET SALES!

1ST PLACE TICKET SALESPERSON - 500 CHAPTER $
2ND PLACE TICKET SALESPERSON - 300 CHAPTER $
3RD PLACE TICKET SALESPERSON - 100 CHAPTER $

EVERYONE IN CHAPTER FL1-M IS ELIGIBLE TO WIN!!!

The fine print: Genuine Chapter FL1-M Dollars will be awarded in February 2017 following completion of GWR-RA raffle ticket sales for the Florida District Rally as an incentive to sell tickets for all current participants of Chapter FL1-M only. Note that this offer expires immediately in the event of flood, fire, famine, locusts, plague, earthquakes, hurricanes or other natural or manmade disaster (such as our printer failing to work or our computer crashing), which may impede the printing of required Chapter Dollars. Proceeds of this Award are to be spent solely at Chapter FL1-M's Annual Auction in February 2017 to purchase things you don't need but just can't live without. Nothing in this incentive notice may be construed to constitute winning real money!

GOLDWING TICKETS

The Chapter has 3500 Goldwing tickets to sell. Please contact Tracy and Sharon Dunn for tickets. We will have them at the kick tires and General Gathering.
The Chapter needs your help to sell them and the new incentives (in addition to the free book for selling 10 books) are listed below……
If our northern members would like tickets mailed to them….please send us a email with correct mailing address and number of tickets requested.
Remember that these ticket sales pays for all of your Rider Education (CPR/First Aid, ERC, TRC etc.) in the state of Florida.

If you will notice on the ticket stub, (the short stub you keep and put in the barrel), you will find a line marked *"SOLD BY"*. When each ticket is sold the person selling it needs to put their name on that ticket. When the prize winning tickets are pulled at the rally, the person that sold the winning bike ticket will receive a cash prize of no less than $200.00. (Depending on the amount of tickets sold it may even be more.) The $1000 winning ticket and the $500 winning ticket sales person/s will also receive a cash prize, (to be determined).

Any and all chapters selling 1500 or more tickets will have their annual charter fees paid for by the district which is $100

Submitted by Tracy and Sharon Dunn

FL1-M September

All riders meetings (RM) unless otherwise noted will be at WaWa's at US 19 and Roosevelt

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Chapter Golf meets @ Chi Chi's Tee Time 7 AM Each Thursday AM 3030 N McMullen Rd.				1 Kick Tire Village Inn 2525 Gulf to Bay Eat at 6 PM Meet at 7 PM Wing Ding Billings Montana	2	3 Honey Do
4 Honey Do	5 Labor Day Brunch Ride Fred's Market Riverview RM 9 AM	6	7	8 Kick Tire Country Skillet 2839 Roosevelt Eat at 6 PM Meet at 7 PM	9	10 Scrap Book Session Park Royale 1 -- 5 PM
11 Scrappers Luncheon DTBA	12	13	14	15 $$$ Visitation FL2-B2 Sarasota RM 4 PM	16	17 Barney's $$$ Recruitmennt 10AM - 2 PM Country Pizza Inn at 3 PM
18 Honey Do	19	20	21 $$$ Quaker Steak N Lube Recruitment/ ticket Sales 5:30 - 9 PM	22 Kick Tire Chapter Gathering Cozy Corner 1700 S Missouri Eat at 6 PM Meet at 7 PM	23	24 Tarpon Dinner Ride RM 5 PM
25 Honey Do	26 Breakfast Ride RM 8:30 AM Team Meeting 7 PM Park Royale	27	28	29 Kick Tire Carmelita's 7705 Ulmerton Eat at 6 PM Meet at 7 PM	30	

Special Days

September

Birthdays

Katie Claypool 13

Betty Probus 14

David Morgan 17

Dennis Cox 18

Frank Hardy 21

Wayne Ruth 29

Rob Hunt 30

Anniversaries

Pat & Paula Tunney 2

Jerry & Nancy Costell 16

Jack & Janet Holzer 16

Vic & Judy Vecchitto 18

Curtis & Kim Palmore 19

Ron & Chris Schwager 24

Chuck Miller 28

October

Birthdays

Chuck Miller 3

LeRoy Dibble 6

Bob Sanderson 9

Barb Pattison 12

Bill Zulas 12

Pamela Richards 13

Nancy Costell 17

Darlene Hunt 20

Anniversaries

Bill & Margie Miller 13

Bob & Jeannie McCarty 20

Bill & Annie Zulas 30

RUMMAGE SALE PHOTOS!

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE SCOOP!

Not only did we clean out our closets, drawers and garages of a bunch of stuff, we helped our community by generating over $900 at our August 13 Rummage Sale. The proceeds will be given to Chapter M's charities—Clothes to Kids and Toys for Pinellas. We also donated over 600 garments to Clothes to Kids and about 100 pieces for the homeless! And Goodwill picked up whatever didn't sell! So all the way around, the sale was very worthwhile.

Patty Traylor joked that the Sale was a chance for us to swap junk! As the old saying goes, "One man's junk is another man's treasure!" Here she is with some of her booty.

We couldn't have done it without the support of our dedicated Chapter M volunteers, many of whom worked set up on August 12 and also helped with the sale on the 13th. THANK YOU ALL!!

Tracy sold a lot of Gold Wing raffle tickets!

I'm NOT asleep! I'm just resting my eyes!

Paul Begin wore Wavy's shirt and covered her name with masking tape!
PAUL
Wavy

WE **ARE** FAMILY

Here's another example of what makes Chapter FL1-M such a great chapter! Margie Miller sent the email below to thank the guys who built a ramp at their house so Bill could come home from the hospital. Within just a few days of Margie's request for help the ramp was ready for Bill.

You know they say that the nicest people ride Hondas and that a GW chapter is a family. That is certainly true of Chapter M. When I asked for help to build a wheelchair ramp at our house so Bill could come home the result was amazing.

Last Friday the following M'ers spent all day building that ramp in the heat.

They were: Curtis Palmore, Ron Jackson, Jr Garrison, Jim Jackson, Bob Reynolds, Jerry Costell, John Jalamo, Glenn Duncan, and Lee Duncan.

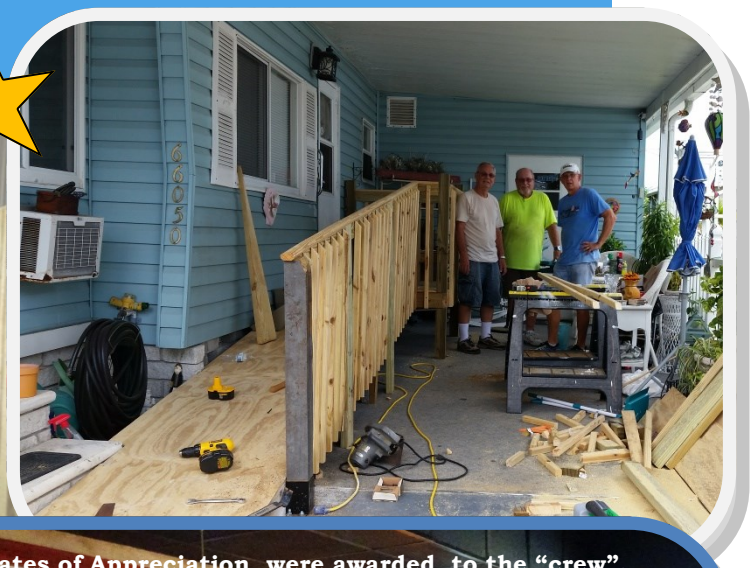
Then on Sunday Curtis, Ron, and Paul Begin came back and spent all day putting up the railings. Pop came to supervise.

Curtis was back again on Monday to do some finishing touches.

It is a beautiful ramp and so strong that a hurricane couldn't blow it away.

I can't thank you all enough. We love you all.

Margie



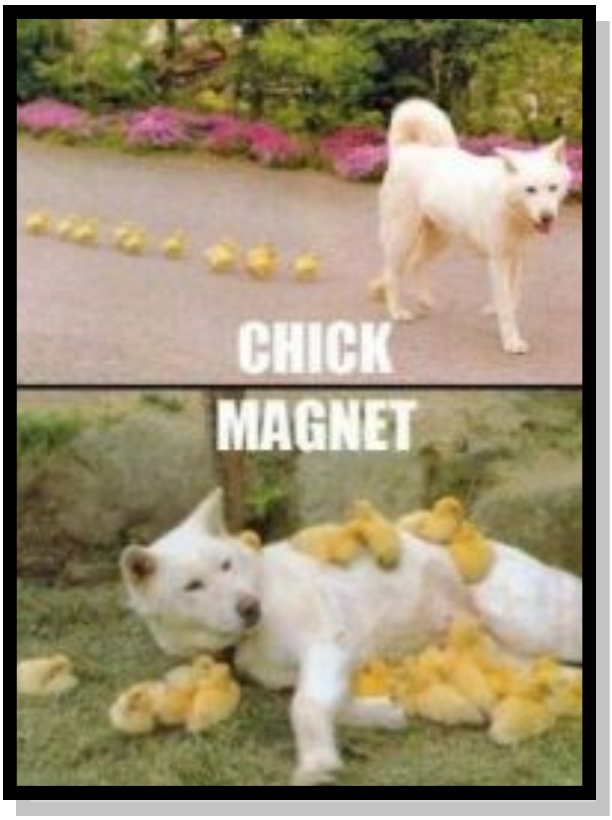
Thanks, Guys!!

Submitted by Kim Palmore

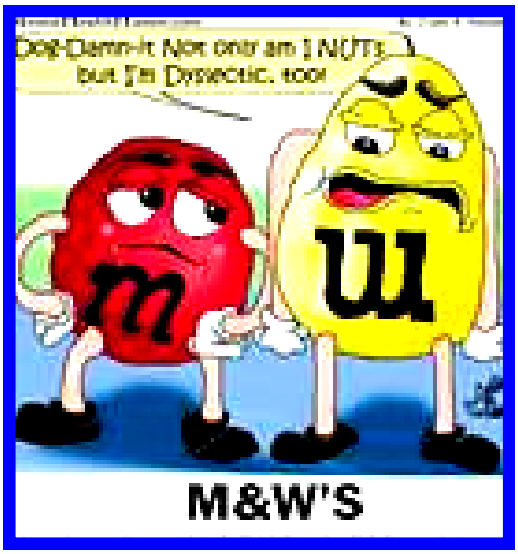
Chapter FL1-M Funny Papers

No fair! I've got the heavier end!

Submitted by Kim Palmore



Not quite like Chapter M's own Chick Magnet, Jim "Pops" Jackson, but still pretty darn cute!



And we've all been here!

(Well, at least the gals have!)

Public Relations

Don't forget that we are still collecting clothes for Clothes for Kids. This is a year round endeavor by Chapter M.

GOODY SALES

FOR PICTURES OF AVAILABLE ITEMS AND AN ORDER FORM GO TO suncoastwings.com. All orders should be given to Mary Ann Claypool on the order form on the website.

FLORIDA DISTRICT AND REGION A NEWSLETTERS

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http://www.gwrra-regiona.org/news/Newsletter/Anewsjsep16.html

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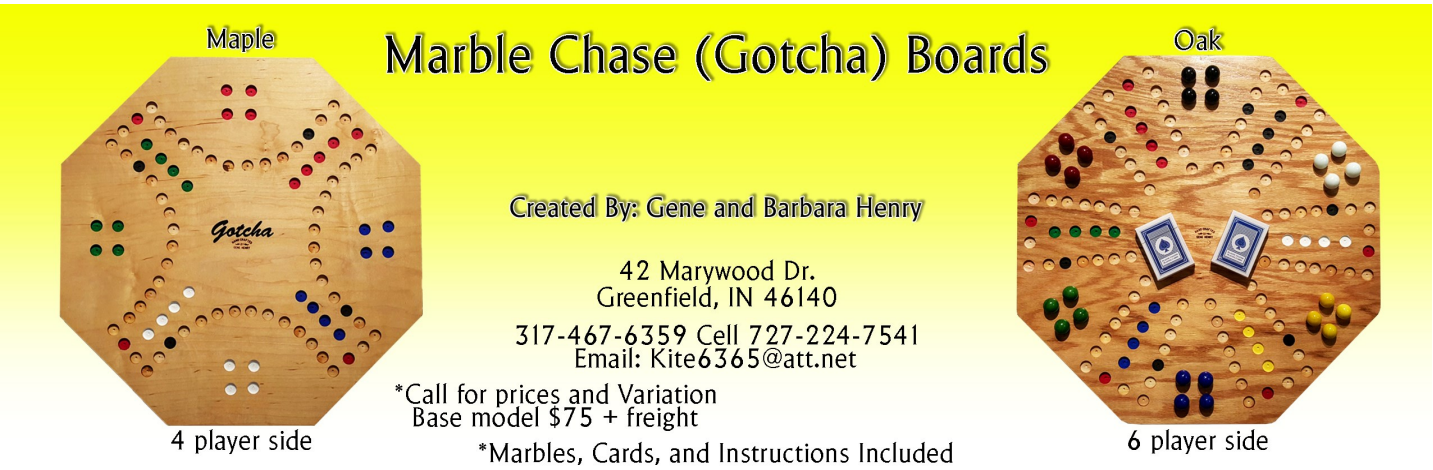
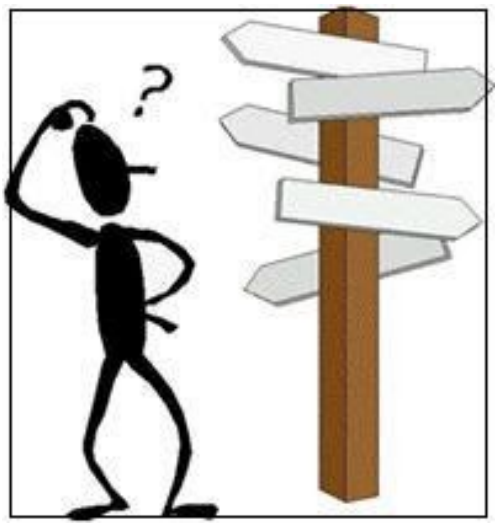


2016 FLORIDA and REGION GWRRA EVENTS

Oct 8	**Green Frog Getaway**	**Pensacola**
Oct 8	**FL2-A Wingtober Fest**	**Lake Harbor**
Oct 13-15	**Mississippi District Rally**	**Gulfport, Ms**
Oct 22	**FL2-G Pancake Breakfast**	**Fort Myers**
Oct 27-29	**Region A Rally**	**Eufala, AL**

2017 FLORIDA and REGION GWRRA EVENTS

March 23-25	**Florida District Rally**	**Orlando**



Chapter "M" Money Disbursements, per person

$1.00

Member can collect $1.00 after signing in on the sign-in sheet, at each event.

ALL of the disbursements listed below will be given out by the activities coordinator or an alternate, at the event or as soon after the event as possible.

$1.00

Attending Chapter M functions, where there is a sign-in sheet (Kick tires, M gathering, team meetings, rides, etc) and wearing M&M (non-chapter) attire or any GWRRA Rally shirt.

$2.00

Attending Chapter M functions where there is a sign-in sheet (Kick tire, "M" gatherings, team meetings, rides, etc) and wearing a Chapter M shirt with a 10" GWRRA patch or a vest with a 10" GWRRA patch.

$10.00

Attending a different Chapter functions/Rally and wearing Chapter M attire with a 10" GWRRA patch on a shirt and/or vest.

Participation in any Chapter challenge.

When a member volunteers at any District Convention, Region Convention or Wing Ding for working the games, volunteers as an instructor for training, helping with vendors or representing Chapter M in an event (Talent show, Coy Selection, Chapter Pride, Best Dressed, Bike shows, etc.)

Any Double point visitation and wearing Chapter M attire with a 10" GWRRA patch on a shirt and/or vest.

$20.00

Attending any District Convention and wearing Chapter M attire with a 10" GWRRA patch on a shirt and/or vest.

Any participation in a Triathlon or race event sanctioned by the Chapter Directors. (Chapter attire is NOT required)

3. A Chapter member submitting an article for the newsletter (except the CD and the RE)

$30.00

Attending any Region Convention and wearing Chapter M attire with a 10" GWRRA patch on a shirt and/or vest.

$50.00

Attending the International Wing Ding and wearing Chapter M attire with a 10" GWRRA patch on a shirt and/or vest.

The Chapter Director may give out chapter money for special awards, recognitions, etc. that he/she deems appropriate. $$$ on the calendar means extra Chapter dollars.

ANY disputes over the distribution of Chapter M money's will be resolved by the Chapter Director or his/her designate on a case by case basis.

REMEMBER THE #1 RULE IS TO HAVE FUN.

All CHAPTER M RIDES LEAVE FROM

All rides (including Breakfast rides) will leave from WAWA's at the southeast corner of Roosevelt and US19

PLEASE HAVE A FULL TANK OF GAS

If you have changes in your address, telephone home/cell phone numbers or e-mail address send them to dunbo@tampabay.rr.com or call Sharon or Tracy Dunn at 727-544-2961. We would like to keep our records up to date.

TO LEARN ABOUT CRUISES PLANNED BY CHAPTER MEMBERS PLEASE GO TO THE FLM-1

WEBSITE VIA THIS LINK

http://suncoastwings.com/Cruises/cruise.htm

FOR SALE

Paul and Sue Bowser of Chapter FL1-M are selling their motorcycle trailer. Please call them if you are interested at the number below.

$ 3000

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