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3rd Thursday @ Stacey's Buffet
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Largo – Dinner @ 6:00 PM
Meeting @ 7:30 PM

KICK TIRES
1st, 2nd, & 4th
Thursdays of each Month
Eat at 6:00
Meet at 7:30

All RIDES LEAVE FROM
McDonalds at the corner of Nursery Road and US 19 North

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A Thought from our Chapter Directors

We hope everyone had a great Christmas! Our Lit Bike Rides sure were a great success again this year. Everywhere we went, the people would stop and look or honk their horns. We get more and more requests every year to go to different communities or drive by people's homes. Maybe next year we will do some mid-week rides so we can cover more territory. December is always a hectic month for the Chapter and this year was no exception. The Christmas Party was very well attended, as was Mingle & Jingle and the Lit Bike Rides. Then we all got to wind down quietly with Family and Friends through Christmas. Some of us did not get the time off we would have liked, but we enjoyed the season anyway. I really appreciate everyone stepping up and helping during these past couple of months while I have been so busy at work. They have assured me that next year will be easier and the "Fire Drills" will stop. We'll see!

2009 promises to be another great year. The District rally is right around the corner and plenty of rallies and events to attend will assure nobody gets bored. Remember to give your ideas for events and functions to Don & Tina so we can try and schedule them.

Until Next Month,
Rich & Lucy Schaad
Chapter Directors
FL1-M

Accident Scene Management

All of you are aware of the accident that occurred on the way to Mingle and Jingle in December. I am not going to discuss what happened, except to say that it was caused by a truck pulling out in front of the group that required the riders to practice their ERC with maximum braking and swerving. What I want to write is about how the members of our chapter performed.

The first riders at the scene pulled off the road and parked their bikes in a safe manner and then went to check on JR and Jeannie. There were several bikes in the front and they were a little further along when they received the call about a bike down. They did the correct procedure and found a safe place to pull over and then called on the cell phone to see what had happened. It is best if the riders in front do not attempt to return to the scene as they could become another accident.

A driver from one of the cars was already on the phone and calling 911 by the time we had parked our bikes. Jack went out and started directing traffic around the scene and Lisa (Jack & Janet's daughter) took pictures initially with her cell phone and then borrowed Sue's camera and recorded everything. A nurse came by the scene and wanted to remove Jeannie's helmet but our member's did not allow this to happen.

We did have with us the medical book with all of the information, however this was not needed since they were both conscious and could reply for themselves. This is a great tool that medical personnel could use in an emergency.

I know many of our members have participated in the Accident Scene Management seminar and everyone knew what to do and it is comforting to know that our members will be there if something happens.

Thanks to all of Chapter FL1-M for another great year and hope that 2009 will be even better for everyone.

Ron & Kathy Jackson

Senior Chapter Educators

Special Days

---------- January ----------

Birthdays

Lucy Schaad 6, John Henderson 8, Alice Gardner 8, Cathy Sweeney 10, Austine Barbour 15, Tracy Dunn 15, Alan Houston 16, Jim Jackson (Pops) 18, Paul Begin 20, Susan Bialeschki 20, Beverly Stephens 21, RalJean Stevens 22, Rich Schaad 27,

Anniversaries

Laurel & John Henderson 2, Brenda & Bill Baldwin 12, Pam & Frank Hardy 26

----------February ----------

Birthdays

Don Dillon 4, James Barnhart 5, Jimmy Dersey 7, Gary Murray 10, Karl Bobinger 13, Mike Lewis 15, Gean Garrison 17, Steve Toelken 18, Fred Hartley 19, Carole Titus 23, Summer Titus 23, Barbara Henry 27

Anniversaries

Carol & Garry Coles 2

A note from our Couple of the Year

It came as quite a surprise when Rich announced that Wavy and I were selected as Chapter M's 2009 couple of the year. We would like to thank our chapter members for bestowing on us this honor. Hopefully we can continue to represent Chapter M and GWRRA as well as have our predecessors. As ambassadors and spokespersons of GWRRA and Chapter M we will do our best to promote the three images of our organization – Fun, Safety and Knowledge.

Wavy & Paul Begin

2009 Chapter Couple of the Year

BUSY BEES

I guess the old saying 'Time flies when you are having fun' is true about this time of the year. A lot of the same good chapter members and their families still participate in rides, rallies, chapter meetings, etc. We also have a lot of new folks that have blended in very well with our Chapter M family and GWRRA. Just remember that all of us are GWRRA and Chapter M ambassadors. If you see a single or a couple motorcycling in the community where you live or work, you might suggest they come to a kick tire or monthly meeting as a guest. Also mention they can look us up on the internet at http://suncoastwings.com

Take a look at January's calendar for upcoming 2009 kick tires, rides and events as a start to another GREAT YEAR.

Betty & Buzz Probus
Membership

2009 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS

Jan. 10-11	CD Conference	Kissimmee
Jan. 17	FL2-L Chapter Rally	Lakeland
Jan. 25	FL2-D 4 Chapter Breakfast	Melbourne
Feb . 08	South Florida Ride For Kids	Pompano Beach
Feb. 14	FL1-T Poker Run	Inverness
Feb. 21	Instructor Certification Class	TBA
Mar. 12 – 14	Florida District Rally	Kissimmee
March 26-28	Alabama District Rally	Pelham, AL
March 29	FL1-E2 America Diabetes Assoc. Poker Run	Fort Walton Beach
April 4	FL1-B Road Rally & Fun Day	Seffner
April 4	Fl1-Q Relay for Life Poker Run	Milton
April 11	FL2-G Charity Poker Run	Fort Myers
April 18	FL1-W Green Eggs & Ham Poker Run	Orlando
April 30- May 2	South Carolina District Rally	Myrtle Beach, SC
May 9	FL1-F2 Poker Run/Motorcycle Rally	St. Petersburg
June 11-13	Georgia District Rally	Hiawassee, GA
Sept 19	FL1-A 15th Anniversary Picnic	Lutz
Nov. 14	Florida District Rider Ed Fair	St. Petersburg

Although not a GWRRA function, we have learned that Honda Hoot has been cancelled for 2009.

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year's Day	2	3 Italian Night & Bingo Park Royale 5:30 PM
4 Chapter Mystery Ride RM 9:45 AM	5	6	7	8 Kick Tire JJ Conch's 1885 US 19 North	9	10 Honey Do CD Conference
11 Jacaranda Restaurant RM 8:45 AM CD Conference	12	13	14	15 General Meeting Stacey's	16 Newsletter Articles Due	17 FL2-L Lakeland RM 8:30 AM
18 Breakfast on the Beach RM 8:15 AM	19	20	21	22 Kick Tire Biff Burger 3939 49th Street	23	24 Daytona Ride RM 8:00 AM
25 FL2-D Melbourne 4 Chapter Breakfast	26 Council Meeting 7 PM	27	28	29 Kick Tire Village Inn Gulf-to-Bay	30	31 Bowling Twedts Lanes 6:30 PM

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Super Bowl Manatee Ride & Lunch RM 9:30 AM	2	3	4	5 Kick Tire 4th Street Shrimp Store 1006 4th street	6	7 Ride to Cedar Key RM 8 AM
8 Honey Do	9	10	11	12 Kick Tire Tucson's 13563 Icot Blvd	13	14 FL1-T Poker Run Floral City RM 7 AM
15 Parksdale Farms Ride RM 11:30	16	17	18	19 General Meeting Stacey's	20 Desert Ride RM 7 PM	21 Casino Trip John's Pass Meet there
22 Honey Do	23 Council Meeting 7 PM Ruby Tuesdays	24	25	26 Kick Tire Ruby Tuesdays 2675 Roosevelt	27	28 Chapter Auction Park Royale 3:30

Feb . 08 South Florida Ride For Kids Pompano Beach
Feb. 14 FL1-T Poker Run Inverness
Feb. 21 Instructor Certification Class TBA

To put ads in this newsletter, you must be a member of Chapter M or GWRRA. Space permitting – New ads will be allowed to have a short paragraph of about 2-5 lines describing the item for sale, plus up to 3 colored pictures. The editor may adjust wording, and size of pictures will be adjusted to fit space available. If you want to continue running the item for sale, you must let the editor know and it will be edited to 1 or 2 lines and no pictures. Ads may be e-mailed or given directly to the editor. Once the item sells, please let the editor know so it can be removed.

Chapter M Wearable Art

Chapter M Shirts	**$ 15**
(Long Sleeved, short sleeved, golf, & tee's)	
10" GWRRA Patch, Black & Gold	**$ 12**
Flags - "M" & American	**$ 15**
Chapter "M" Patch	**$ 4**
Visitation Bars	**$ 2**
Visitation Bar Hangers	**$ 2**

GOODY SALES

If you want Chapter M shirts or patches, flags, decals, please call us ahead of time at 727-517-3552 . We will bring them to the kick-tire or General Meetings.

A limited number of Chapter helmet hangers are available. Please contact Pete Pawluk @ 727 517-3552 for details.

Please phone any changes in your address, telephone home/cell phone numbers or e-mail address to Rich Schaad – Cell-727-421-6083. We would like to keep our records up to date.

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