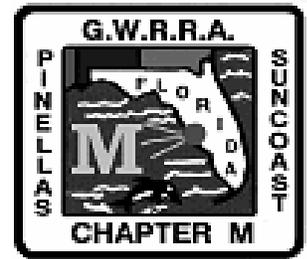




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**GENERAL GATHERING**

3rd Thursday Check online  
calendar for location  
Dinner @ 6:00 PM  
Meeting @ 7:00 PM

**KICK TIRES**

1st, 2nd, & 4th **Thursdays of  
each Month**

**Eat at 6:00**

**Meet at 7:30**

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## A Thought from our Chapter Directors

March is here! The Florida District Wing Gathering is only a couple of weeks away. We hope you have already registered! Come and have fun in Kissimmee March 17th thru March 19th. It is at the same place...Radisson World Gate Resort.

Chapter M always has fun and we are good at looking/acting silly at times (if our kids could only see us). We have a busy schedule planned...competitions, games, talent show, chapter challenge, banner, collage, scrapbook, mascot, etc. Thanks to everyone who has helped plan this activity and to those that are participating.

Remember the #1 Rule in Florida...have FUN.

Our March monthly General Gathering will be postponed one week due to the Florida District Rally.

Mark your calendar for March 24th at the Greek Town Grille Restaurant. We are still open to suggestions on locations for our new home. We need a separate room that will hold our numbers and so far Greek Town Grille is the only place we have found that is adequate.

Thanks to everyone who sold Goldwing tickets. The chapter moved 4190 tickets. That is over 3 times the amount sold by Chapter M last year. That is 9.3% (by one chapter) of the total tickets sold.

JOB WELL DONE Chapter M!

Start saving those chapter dollars for the next auction. The more you participate, the more you earn, the more you can buy.

PROUD TO BE AN M  
Tracy and Sharon



## FROM OUR ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Even with a short 28 day month, chapter members were quite

busy! Between the FL1-K2 Rally, Quaker Steak & Lube

Skills Challenge, FL2-G Chili Cook- Off Rally, the muscle

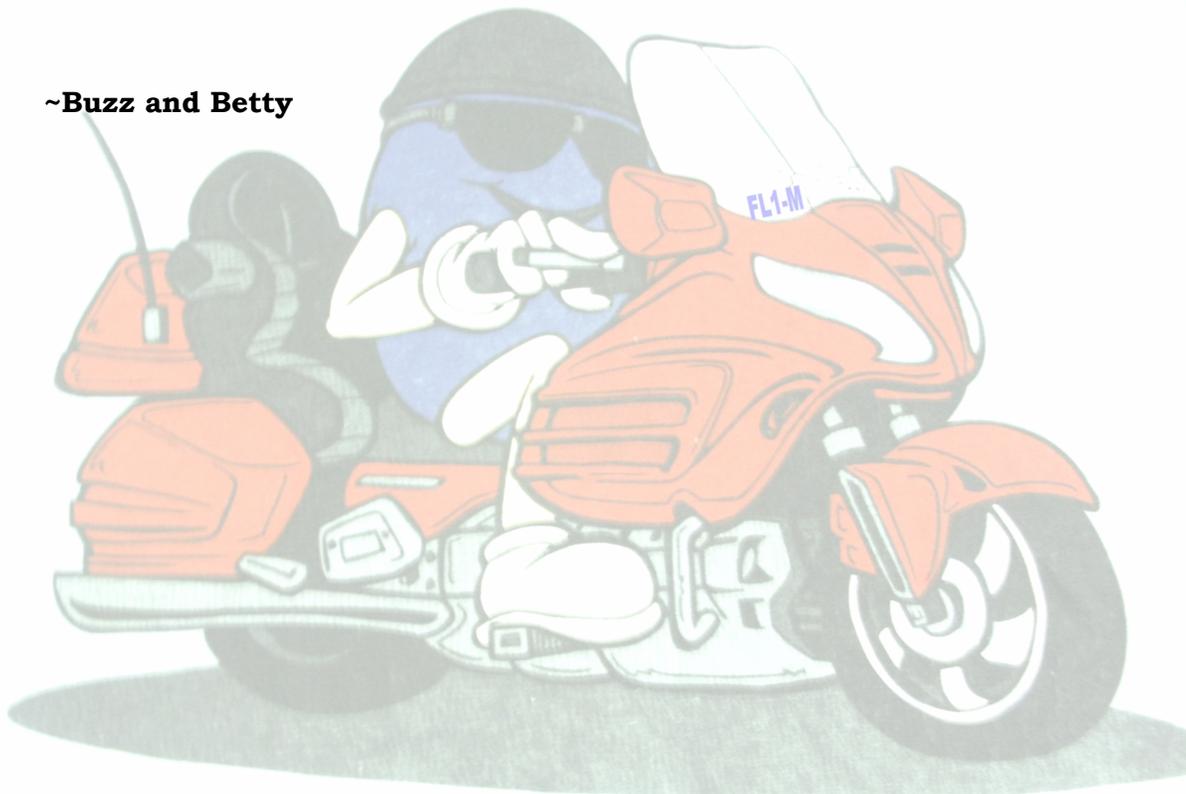
car show and the Lakeridge Winery ride there was something

for everyone! I am hoping everyone has or is making plans for

the Florida Convention March 17<sup>th</sup> – March 20<sup>th</sup>! A lot

of fun is always had by all there!!

~Buzz and Betty



### Proud & Happy To Be Old

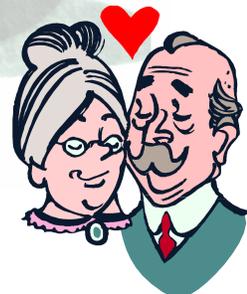
I can remember a saying from many years ago that went “I want to live fast, die young, and make a good looking corpse”. We all know that this won’t happen for me as I don’t live fast, don’t have a chance of dying young, and I don’t think any mortician is a wonder worker and they cannot make someone better looking than they are. What does this have to do with Rider Education? What it means is that we have lived to be an old biker. There aren’t a lot of old bold bikers as most of them died off at an earlier age.

Traveling on a motorcycle can be dangerous, but with proper training we can minimize the risks involved. Some of the other things we can do is to ride with full gear at all times and travel within our ability. What do I mean by this? As we get older we tend to look at life differently than when we were younger. Popping a wheelie may look cool, but we all know that many bad things can happen when there is only one wheel in contact with the pavement. When one is older we are not trying to impress the members of the opposite sex, therefore performing stunts and daredevil activities don’t mean as much. Peer pressure from an older group tends to lend itself to safer riding than what the younger generation will experience. I acknowledge that some will call me an old geezer for this behavior, but at least I am still around to hear these comments. I can also remember riding a motorcycle without a helmet, sometimes in shorts, and most of the time without proper foot and ankle protection. Now I won’t even move the motorcycle out of the driveway without having all of my safety gear on.

Now I know that the Gold Wing can go around in a circle much smaller than I am willing to attempt and you can scrape parts on the bike relatively easily. I do this sometimes, but most of the time is when I am on a practice facility where if something went wrong the major thing that would be hurt is my pride. Many of our instructors can do these types of activities without any problems, yet you will probably find that they will not do them on the road as the consequences can be significant.

As an old geezer we can take the time to smell the roses, now that we have reached an age where we have learned to appreciate life more than ever. All of us know of high school classmates that haven’t lived this long along with friends and relatives from earlier times. How many times lately have all of us taken a ride or trip in a car that had no set endpoint and no planned route? These are the trips where we take our time and enjoy the scenery. Remember it isn’t the destination that is important, but the ride is everything. This pertains to life along with riding a bike. Take the time to enjoy the wonders of this world and remember to enjoy the friends and family that are around us.

Ron & Kathy Jackson,  
Senior Chapter Educators



## MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT

- We wear our vest during GWRRA Functions to show our “Chapter/District/Region pride and unity”.
- You can customize your vest any way you want the only thing we ask is that you place the Chapter/District/Region Patch and the National GWRRA patches as shown.
- Officers need to have their “Chapter/District/Region Team” rocker over the front 4” patch and their Officer position rocker below the 4” patch. If you are an Assistant Officer the Assistant rocker goes below the Officer position patch.



Bill Miller  
Membership Enhancement Coordinator



## FROM OUR RIDE COORDINATORS

Hi All,

Tina and I, along with input from others are going to try some changes on a few rides each month starting with the April Calendar. These rides will be listed generically, such as Swamp ride, Back roads ride, etc. The direction and length of the ride will be determined a few days prior according to the weather report. The details will be announced at the kick tire. We hope that this adds a little excitement of the unknown and breaks up the boredom of going to the same places all of the time.

As always we look forward to any ideas from you for upcoming rides. To the snowbirds, if there are rides you would like to do in the fall please give your ideas to anyone on the team and they will see that Tina, Art, or I receive them.

Ride safe and enjoy.

Don & Tina



## **Gamble Mansion- Well maybe Micanopy Instead !**

**Our chapter had scheduled a ride Saturday to the Gamble Mansion, located in Ellington, Florida. Well the weather was absolutely perfect for a ride that would had taken us less than an hour..... so.... we unanimously decided that a longer ride was in the works for such a beautiful day. Rather than heading south across the skyway, we decided that we would head up towards Ocala and Gainesville. The illusive Micanopy, Florida would be our destination and of course there were ample back roads to make this an enjoyable ride. Twice before we attempted to make it to Micanopy but mother nature didn't cooperate, so we were deprived of finding the gems this small town had to offer. Maybe today would be different.**

**Even the normally heavy traffic in and around Clearwater was unusually light. The traffic lights were cooperative and we were caught by very few that were red. By the time we made our first pottie and hydration stop it was time to reduce our clothing by one layer. It was apparent that we weren't the only bike riders headed out to enjoy such a beautiful day. Not a mile went by without passing two or three bikes and in some cases giving a wave to a group of 10 to 15 bikers getting ready to ride.**

**The flat roads turned into rolling hills as we made our way northward into Brooksville and Inverness. It was almost noon time when we entered the city limits of Inverness. Our leader Dennis, suggested that we take time to grab a bite at one of the local Goldwing friendly dinning establishments. His suggestion of the Rexal Drug store got the thumbs up. It is one of the favorite stops we enjoy because of it's good food and "ole time" drug store atmosphere.**

**Upon arriving we found that we weren't the only GWRRA folks with the same idea. There already was ten to twelve wings already in the parking lot. As we entered, we were greeted by some of the folks from this areas local chapters who were taking a Road Captains course. They were using a room in the rear of the drug store for their training. The waitress did a super job of getting our orders right, even with the confusion Jerry tried to put on her.**

**Our tummies filled we jumped back on our bikes (figuratively speaking) and headed further northward toward Dunnellon. The highway had been recently paved which make for a smooth ride as we made our way over the beautiful hilly countryside. Traffic was still very light and it seemed that there were as many bikes on the road as there were cars. Our riding team became separated by a traffic light that had changed causing the tail gunner to stop. Once the light had turned green and he proceeded, a little old lady with silver hair managed to pull in between him and the rest of our group. She wasn't going to risk receiving a speeding citation so she kept her speed ten miles per hour below the posted 45 mph speed. A few miles down the road she found the road she was looking for and our tail gunner gradually caught the rest of the group.**

**About three miles from Dunnellon a voice on the CB crackled "I've got a problem and am going to stop !" Protocol calls for the tail gunner to pull over to provide assistance while the remaining riders continue to a safe location. That's great if the tail gunner isn't if one having the problem. Fortunately there wasn't any traffic in our immediate area so the other bikes pulled off onto the road and walked back to see what the problem was. Tires are suppose to be round - especially motorcycle tires. Unfortunately Jerry had a rear tire that was flat on the bottom.**

After checking out what might have cause the tire to go flat - and finding nothing, the next step was to get the bike and sidecar to a facility to have it fixed. Standing on the side of the road we called the area Honda shops. They were open but because the tire was an automotive type (due to the sidecar) they were unwilling to repair it. They suggested having the unit towed to local automotive tire repair facility. After a short discussion we decided that wouldn't be a good idea.

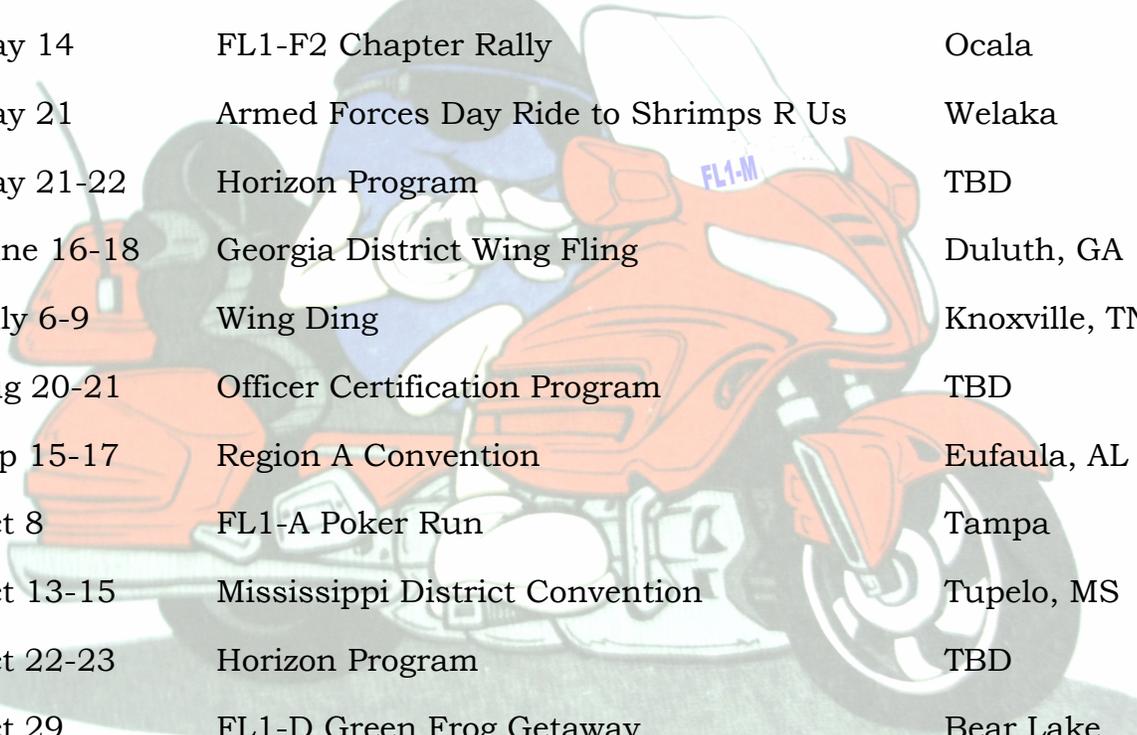
Rescue Plus to the rescue. Initially we contacted Rescue Plus to have the unit towed to the local Honda shop but after a brief discussion contacted them to have the bike towed back to a local trike shop in Clearwater where the work could be done correctly. I suppose that tow requirements should happen at intersections so that an exact location can be give as to were the disable vehicle is located. Giving GPS coordinates and two miles south of Dunnellon doesn't happen to be anywhere close to a street sign. Fortunately after some discussion we were able to convince them of our location and a tow truck showed up a short while later. Even with this glitch, Rescue Plus did an excellent job of meeting our needs. We were 98 miles from the repair shop, just two miles short of the mileage limit.

Fortunately we had a few empty seats so Jerry's wife hitched a ride back to the repair shop on one of the other bikes in the group. Jerry got to ride in the big truck with the driver. The elderly lady who slowed up Jerry was probably the waitresses sister who made the tire go flat and got him back at him. Micanopy is still illusive, so we'll have to plan another ride there.



**Feb 22, 2011**

**2011 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS**



Mar 17-19	Florida District Convention	Kissimmee
Mar 31-Apr 2	Alabama District Convention	Huntsville, Alabama
Apr 2	FL1-K Disabled American Vets Poker Run	Palm Coast
Apr 3	FL1-E2 Amer. Diabetes Poker Run	Ft. Walton Beach
Apr 3	South Florida Ride For Kids	Deerfield Beach
Apr 9	FL1-B Road Rally	Seffner
Apr 9	Ride For Kids	Jacksonville
Apr 16	FL1-W Green Eggs and Ham	Orlando
April 28-30	South Carolina District Convention	Charleston, SC
May 14	FL1-F2 Chapter Rally	Ocala
May 21	Armed Forces Day Ride to Shrimps R Us	Welaka
May 21-22	Horizon Program	TBD
June 16-18	Georgia District Wing Fling	Duluth, GA
July 6-9	Wing Ding	Knoxville, TN
Aug 20-21	Officer Certification Program	TBD
Sep 15-17	Region A Convention	Eufaula, AL
Oct 8	FL1-A Poker Run	Tampa
Oct 13-15	Mississippi District Convention	Tupelo, MS
Oct 22-23	Horizon Program	TBD
Oct 29	FL1-D Green Frog Getaway	Bear Lake
Oct 29	FL1-H2 Howl-O-Ween Harvest Picnic	Orlando/Christmas

# Special Days

## March

### Birthdays

Buzz Probus 6  
Bob Price 10  
Peter Pawlik 12  
Earl Rummel 16  
Bill Barbour 23  
JR Garrison 28

### Anniversaries

Kathy & Ron Jackson 1  
Christine & Stu Posner 5  
Maxine & Jim Jackson 8  
Sue & Paul Bowser 22

## April

### Birthdays

Ray Zurenda 3  
Roy Johnson 6  
Connie Johnson 9  
Stu Posner 14  
Mary Ann Claypool 20  
Roger Rubeck 20  
Bill Lattanze 25

### Anniversaries

Zee & Dave Morgan 13  
Betty & Buzz Probus 20  
Sue & Ken Stagner 28



# March 2011

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**Golf every Thursday at  
7am at ChiChi's Golf  
Course**

**on McMullen Booth.**

**All Welcome—Contact  
Buzz Probus if you  
would like to join our  
group for a morning of  
golf.**

## Schedule of Events For March

Mar 3 Kick Tire Cosmos Café 7:30pm 6800  
49th St N

Mar 5 Ride to Bike Week Daytona RM 7am

Mar 6 Honey Do

Mar 10 Kick Tire Village Inn 7:30pm Gulf to  
Bay

Mar 12 Strawberry Festival RM 9am

Mar 13 Rexall Drug Inverness RM 9am

Mar 17—19 Florida District Convention

Mar 20 Parksdale Farms—way home from  
convention

Mar 22 FL1-K2 General Gathering 7:30pm  
Parkside Café 49th St

Mar 23 Recruitment Quaker Steak and Lube  
6-9:30pm

Mar 24 General Gathering Greek Town Grill  
7pm

Mar 25 Ice Cream Run RM 6:30pm

Mar 26 Recruitment Barney's 10-2 Gandy  
Blvd

Mar 26 Barnhill's RM 5pm

Mar 27 Breakfast and ride to Spanish Point  
RM 9am

Mar 28 Team Meeting 7pm Park Royale

Mar 31 Kick Tire Wing House Gulf to Bay  
7:30pm



# April 2011

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## Schedule of Events For April

- Apr 1 Sunset Ride RM 7pm
- Apr 2 Trike Trailering Course Time TBD
- Apr 3 CPR/First Aid Park Royale 12pm-4pm
- Apr 6 Recruitment Quaker Steak 5:30pm
- Apr 7 Kick Tire Largo Park 7:30pm
- Apr 9 FL1-B Road Rally RM 7am
- Apr 10-14 FL1-M Cruise
- Apr 10 Pie Festival RM 10:30 am
- Apr 14 Kick Tire 60's West Diner Gulf to Bay 7:30pm
- Apr 16 Art in Park Time TBD
- Apr 17 Sleepy Hollow RM 9:45am
- Apr 20 FL1-D2 Meeting Spring Hill Time TBD
- Apr 21 General Gathering Cosmo's 7pm
- Apr 23 Recruitment Barney's 10am-2pm
- Apr 23 Dinner Quaker Steak 5pm
- Apr 23 Night Ride RM 6:30
- Apr 24 EASTER Honey Do
- Apr 25 Team Meeting Park Royale 7pm
- Apr 26 FL1-K2 General Meeting Parkside Café 7:30
- Apr 28 Kick Tire Big Jim's Ulmerton Rd 7:30pm
- Apr 30 Back Roads Ride RM 9am



## REGION A NEWSLETTER

As we enter the month of March, the Region "A" "rally season" officially begins with the Florida District Convention at the Radisson World Gate Resort in Kissimmee, FL March 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. This is always a First Class event with attendance over 1,000 and many vendors. Bill and Gina Berry and the Florida District staff have put together a great Convention at a great site. Come out and support this fun and entertaining event where they feed you ice cream on Thursday night, dinner on Friday night and a wonderful time in between it all. The theme is an 18<sup>th</sup> century "Old Time Rendezvous", which no one has tried in my memory. Nan and I will sure be there, along with most of the Region "A" staff, so let's kick off the rally season with a bang in Florida! See you there!

The next District Convention will be Alabama's in Huntsville at the Marriot Space Center hotel. It begins Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> and runs through April 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is really a historic site, adjacent to the Space and Rocket Center. Nan and I rode back roads with Jim and Sue Jackson last year to this Convention and are planning on the same this year. There is a good selection of vendors and the Space and Rocket Center next door is a really historic museum to see. It is within walking distance from the Marriot. Roy and Anita served a fantastic Bar B Q dinner last year. Dinner this year is on Thursday evening, with ice cream on Friday night. Nan and I look forward to attending the Alabama Convention and hope to see you there.

District Directors and Treasurers please remember that we need copies of your Chapter financial reports (it can be on a disc if you want) along with the original of your District financial report no later than the first week of March. We also need the original of the Treasurers officer paperwork (application and MOU) sent to us for processing so we can transmit it to the Home Office. All of your Chapter and District IRS filings (990N or 990EZ) should be accomplished by now. Please do not wait until the deadline of May 15<sup>th</sup> to get these filings completed. All the 990Ns can be filed electronically so there's no need for delay.

By now, everyone should have received their Passport Program book with their new Gold Book. This is a great new tool to encourage visitation at any and all GWRRA events, Chapter, District, Regional and Wing Ding. All you have to do is present the Passport book to the appropriate Director at any GWRRA event and have him/her stamp or initial the book in the provided-for space next to the event notation for credit. The guidelines are published in the Passport book on page 3. Let's encourage our members to participate in this fun and easy way to record their visitations to GWRRA events everywhere. We hope that it motivates our members to visit their neighboring Chapters and attend other GWRRA events. If you have any questions as to the Program's guidelines, we have a link on the Region "A" web site under the Membership Enhancement Program.

We just received the January Growth Management Report from the Home Office. The results are certainly encouraging! Region "A" moved into the positive growth territory for the first time in 18 months. On paper, we grew by a whopping 3.58%, with every District in the Region adding new members while retaining existing ones. Total Region "A" membership is back to 11,364 (in the over-11,000 range where we like it to stay) and our largest District, Florida is back over 5,000 to 5,124 total members. We just can't say enough about all the hard work that our District Directors, Membership Enhancement Program folks and the Chapter staffs did to help drive these numbers, (our recruitment efforts are fantastic) but we have one caveat; part of this increase in membership was driven by the addition of the former TRI members into the overall GWRRA membership base. As you will recall, TRI was closed effective the 1<sup>st</sup> of January. We have here an opportunity to keep our membership at this higher level by keeping the TRI folks as members of GWRRA. just a little work. Thanks

Please reach out to these people and invite them to be part of your Chapters and Districts.

This is a great opportunity to enhance our membership base with just a little work. Thanks!

Let's all make an effort to attend as many GWRRA events as you can in 2011. If we all do that, GWRRA the way we used to know it will come roaring back in both membership and enjoyment for the members. To that end, Nan and I look forward to seeing you at a GWRRA event somewhere.

Bob and Nan



## Florida District Newsletter

We are about 3 weeks away from our 2011 Florida District Rally/Convention!

We hope you have made plans to attend. Hopefully you'll be there for the entire event, but if unable to, we hope that you will at least participate on a daily pass.

For those of you wanting or needing seminar updates, Rider Education, First Aid/CPR, Leadership Training or whatever, check out the schedule posted on the District website.

Our theme "Old Time Rendezvous" takes us back in time to where having a reunion with friends was the important part of the event. Sure they had games and skills challenges. They may have even dressed up their mules for a mule show! No four legged mules at our Rally/Convention but we will have a bike show, games, and skills challenges, seminars, etc... that will be along the same line as what the rendezvous of old were about. It's all about having FUN, competing on a friendly basis, and being able to brag afterwards!

The District TEAM will start arriving on Tuesday. Our Vendor Coordinators, Dana and Jo Voight, will be staging the Vendors on Wednesday with the official opening of our 2011 Old Time Rendezvous starting at 8 AM on Thursday, March 17th. We will be all set up and ready for you to have some FUN!

On another note, we would like to talk about the Passport Program from GWRRA. As most of you have seen, they too, are trying to encourage visitation and participation within GWRRA. I'm sure we will see many Passports at the Rendezvous. Back in January, we instituted a new Florida Visitation Program that promotes visiting your GWRRA friends across the Sunshine State! Again, promoting FUN and visitation with a little friendly competition to spur you onward and forward! At the Rendezvous, any District TEAM member can sign the Visitation form or Passport. We'll certainly be glad to sign those forms and Passports!

We would like to thank Bruce Griffing and Mary Haight, District MECs, and to all the Chapter MECs for their hard work and efforts in getting the monthly reports in. A report from Bob Greer, Region A MEC, states that Florida and Region A as a whole have done great in the last reporting period. Region A had the Best Net Growth. Close to 2nd Place in Recruiting and fewer losses than any other Region. Florida had the Best Growth and least Losses in Region A! Way to GO! Keep up the great work!

In closing, we are glad that everywhere we travel we see you, our fellow riders and friends, practicing Rule #1. Come on out for the Old Time Rendezvous March 17-19 and have some FUN with us. See you soon!



Bill and Gina  
District Directors  
Florida - #1 District



## **All CHAPTER M RIDES LEAVE FROM**

**McDonald's at 7901 Ulmerton Rd, Largo, FL -33771-4012**

**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](mailto:dunbo@tampabay.rr.com) or call Sharon or Tracy Dunn at 727-544-2961. We would like to keep our records up to date.

### **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 or Evona Pawlik @ 727 517-3552 for details.

We are pleased to announce that our Goody Sales representatives have greatly increased the variety of apparel that you can now order. In order to view these items, please request that they show you the new attire catalogue that they have made up. You can also view these items by visiting our website and clicking on the "For Sale" button on the home page and then following the directions on the page that comes up. If you are viewing this newsletter on the web, just click on the the underlined text to access these items. <http://suncoastwings.com/Attire/attireindex.htm>





**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 picture 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 newsletter editor know so it can be removed.**



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