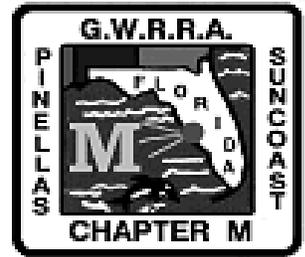




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**2011 FLORIDA DISTRICT
CHAPTER OF THE YEAR**



**2011 REGION A CHAPTER OF
THE YEAR**



GENERAL GATHERING

3rd Thursday

McCabe's

2233 Gulf to Bay Blvd Clearwater

Meeting @ 7:30 PM

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KICK TIRES

1st, 2nd, & 4th Thursdays

Eat at 6:00 Meet at 7:30

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We're so happy to decided to come play with us



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THOUGHTS FROM OUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS

The holiday season is upon us already!

Get ready to decorate your bikes and trailers for another busy calendar.

We have several new chapter members so we all need to share with them our tradition of lighted bike rides.

Help us spread the word and offer to help them decorate.

The Saturday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 24th) has become our annual bike decorating get-together at Curtis and Kim Palmore Rider Education bldg.

Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided by the chapter.

Please bring a dish to share.

The big event and probably the MOST important event of 2012 is our 30th anniversary party on Sunday November 11th.

Chapter M was 30 years old on June 1, 2012.

It was officially issued a GWRRA charter on June 1, 1982.

It is one of the oldest chapters within GWRRA.

We still have 2 active original Charter members, Curtis and Kim Palmore.

They are putting together a slide show with narration covering the 30 year history.

The Chapter will furnish ALL the food and drink except alcohol (BYOB).

It was decided to hold the party until now so that our northern members could be here to help celebrate.

Join us as much as your schedule allows over the next couple of months!

Just remember the December calendar is always a work in progress so check it frequently.

Tracy and Sharon



FROM OUR ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Hi folks,

We have made it through the hot summer months and are really looking forward to the pleasant temperatures that will allow us to enjoy lots of rides. Because of the heat in October, we were limited to just a few enjoyable rides. Early in the month, we attended chapter F L1 – A's rally in San Antonio. Not to be unexpected, quite a few of our chapter members did very well at winning lots of prizes. Later in October, we attended chapter FL2 – G's pancake breakfast in Fort Myers. As a result of that ride, Mary and Bill are now riding a beautiful 2012 Goldwing trike. And finally the last weekend of the month, we enjoyed a nice but windy ride to the multi-chapter goulash in Clewiston, Florida. For those who decided to spend the night in Clewiston, we had accommodations at the Clewiston Inn. Staying at the Inn was a enjoyable experience. It is a sister inn to the Jacaranda Inn in Avon Park. The Inn has quite a history, being initially built in the late 1920s and then having to be rebuilt in late the 1930s due to a fire. It was like taking a step back 80 years but with modern conveniences. The Inn is said to be haunted. One room and the dining area were supposedly visited by an unknown spirit. Wavy and I unknowingly had booked one of the haunted rooms but I guess we weren't his type or were too tired to be aroused by his shenanigans. During the early evening (after dark), while our group was playing dominoes in one of the common areas, the entrance door to the room opened and three young teenagers entered and carefully searched the closets for the hiding spirit. Apparently it had evaded them because they quietly left the area. As it turned out the ride and the overnight stay were very enjoyable.

We can look forward to November and the upcoming months to be cooler with much more enjoyable weather for the rides and activities that we have planned. Please check the monthly calendars on the chapter website. The published calendars for the month are updated on an ongoing basis in order to keep you informed.

Let's look forward to having fun together.

Paul & Wavy Begin

Assistant Chapter Directors





\$43,000 raised at Tampa Bay Area Ride for Kids

Motorcyclists brought \$43,057 in donations to the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation's final Ride for Kids event of 2012 yesterday. The Tampa Bay Area event supported young brain tumor survivors like Trinity, Chiara, Michael, Andriana and Gina. These Ride for Kids stars joined 275 other participants at the Heinrich Training Center in Lithia for a foggy ride through farms and orange groves. Skies were sunny when they returned, and the riders heard from the kids as well as a doctor who treats brain tumor patients.

The PBTf funds research that is changing how children are treated, said Dr. Stacie Stapleton, director of pediatric neuro-oncology at All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg. "We can now take a sample of the tumor, test it and tell the parents their child doesn't need radiation, that chemo will be the better treatment," she said.

Tampa Bay's top fundraisers were:

- **Individual:** Scott Koenig, \$2,974
- **Motorcycle club/chapter:** GWRRA FL-1M, \$10,867
- **Motorcycle business:** Hap's Cycle Sales, \$15,703

Special organization: In Memory of Aaron Jones, \$7,878

Theresa Molquentin won the drawing for a new Honda motorcycle. Other winners were Phillip Waquespack (AGV helmet), Sharon Dunn (Dunlop tire), Anna Tidd (Tourmaster luggage) and Helen Norman (Cardo Scala Rider).

The Tampa Bay Ride for Kids was organized by local volunteers, led by Norm and Margaret Van Dame, Jim and Rebecca Iverson, and Hayden and Anne Cameron. The 2013 event is planned for Sunday, Nov. 3.

About the PBTf Ride for Kids

Ride for Kids supports the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation (PBTf), the world's largest non-governmental source of funding for childhood brain tumor research. It also provides family support programs. We thank our presenting sponsor, Honda Riders Club of America, and our national insurance sponsor, GEICO. The next Ride for Kids events are on Sunday, April 14, in so and Southern California. Learn more at www.rideforkids.org or call 800-253-6530.

CHAPTER EDUCATORS

Hydroplaning

We talked about hydroplaning at our gathering and I would like to add to what we discussed then. Hydroplaning will occur on a trike before a 2-wheeler due to the contact patch size on a trike tires. Most trikes will run with car tires on the rear wheels, except for those that ride a Can-Am, but they still have car tires. Now car tires are good for use in rain, but the formula used to determine when hydroplaning will occur uses the weight along with the contact area and none of our bikes weigh as much as a car!

Now on our standard 2-wheel bikes the tires are rounded to assist in making our turns and this also decreases the width of the contact area, therefore we will not hydroplane until we have reached a higher speed. The word of mouth information that was given to me was that you could double the air pressure in your tires and this would be a safe speed. During my research I found many sources that disagree with this and that the actual speed will be lower than this. I won't give you the formula for this as it involves a square root and I don't think that many of you will do the calculations.

Now if you are one of the ones who rides with a car tire on the rear of your bike, your speed for hydroplaning will be significantly lower than us with motorcycle tires on the back, again this is because of the contact area.

For the trikes I was not able to find a reliable source that would give me a value on when hydroplaning can occur. I would suggest that since the 2-wheelers hydroplane at less than double the air pressure in the tires that trikes will be a lot less than this. I know that many trikes will only use 20 – 25 psi in the tires, therefore hydroplaning can occur at speeds less than 40 mph, this speed would also apply to anyone who rides with a car tire on their 2-wheeler.

Now if you do happen to hydroplane, do not apply brakes, but you will probably need to decrease throttle (especially if the rear wheel(s) is hydroplaning), otherwise you could over rev your engine. You will also want to try and hold your steering straight as when the bike stops hydroplaning you will need this to try and straighten the bike/trike out.

When riding in the rain or on wet roads your following distance must be greatly increased. A motorcycle can stop much quicker than a car on a dry road, but add water to the equation and all bets are off. On dry pavement we use the two-second following distance as the norm. At the very minimum, this distance needs to be doubled in the rain. I try to maintain a following distance that leaves me no doubt that should the vehicle in front of me lock up his wheels unexpectedly, I could stop safely and without evasive maneuvering. This distance should be further increased if towing a trailer. Your lane choice on wet pavement should be the same as it would be on dry pavement with the exception of track selection. The track you choose within the lane will depend on the road surface and condition. The center track should be avoided because of oil, grease, antifreeze and other lubricants dropped from vehicles making it slippery. When the rain first starts the road will be more slippery and the center track will be especially slick until the rain-washes some of the deposits away. The center lane is an option in some cases, but needs to be kept as a last resort.

This last paragraph was from an article written by former chapter educators Ed & Sandi Smoak.

Ron & Kathy Jackson
Senior Chapter Educators



MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT

Rider Education – Working hand-in-glove with such eminent organizations as the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) and the national association of State Motorcycle Administrators (SMSA), GWRRA Educators conduct informative and entertaining riding and classroom sessions to improve riding skills and safety. GWRRA's exclusive four-tier Rider Education Program encourages consistent ongoing training through commitment to safe motorcycling, frequently refreshed training in CPR and first aid skills, and ongoing study. Recognizing the realities of today's motorcycling, GWRRA is one of the few sources of skill and safety education for motorcyclists who operate trikes and/or who pull trailers. GWRRA conducts hundreds of seminars and training sessions through its volunteer corps of educators, and takes the message of being "motorcycle aware" to the general public through its exclusive and proactive public speaking volunteers in its Motorist Awareness Division (MAD).



CLEWISTON GHOULASH



Public Relations

Get ready to decorate your bikes this month as our lighted bike parades will begin on Dec. 1st. These rides let the community see us at our best and we love talking to them about our events and charities.

Plus they are FUN



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.

PLANNED CHAPTER CRUISES

December 20, 2012 Carnival Cruise Line 4 nights/Port of Call... Cozumel, Mexico leaves Tampa on 12/20/12 returns on 12/24/12

January 26, 2013 Carnival Cruise Line 7 nights/Ports of Call... Nassau, St. Maarten, St. Thomas leaves Port Canaveral on 1/26/13 returns on 2/2/13

April 13, 2013 MSC Cruise Line 7 night/Ports of Call... Nassau and 2 days in Bermuda leaves Port Everglades/Ft. Lauderdale on 4/13/13 and returns on 4/20/13

For more information contact Sharon Dunn home 727 544-2961 cell 727 687-0336

Tracy and Sharon



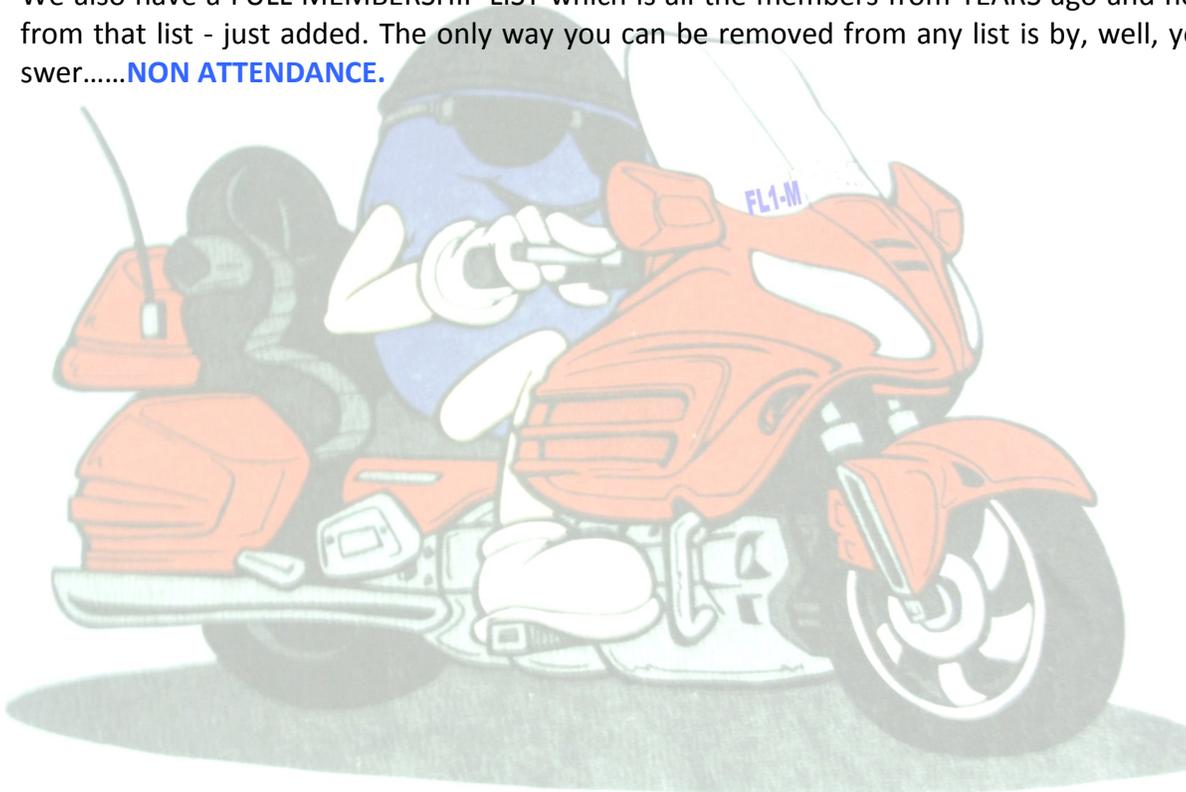
Active or In-Active????

What's the difference?? Well, for membership, it means that your name will be removed from the ACTIVE list after several months of non attendance to any Chapter calendar event . It doesn't mean that you have been removed from FL1-M membership - just the attendance/roster sheets.

If you attend a meeting after a long absence , then your name would be added back to the ACTIVE list again.

You are a member of FL1-M till we are told otherwise from you or GWRRA. Only YOU can remove your name from the list by non attendance or failure to renew your membership. Don't be offended if your name didn't show up on the Active Attendance sheet. It just means that you have missed quite a few of the past months and the list is only of the Current Active members.

We also have a FULL MEMBERSHIP LIST which is all the members from YEARS ago and nobody is dropped from that list - just added. The only way you can be removed from any list is by, well, you know that answer.....**NON ATTENDANCE.**



2012 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS

Oct 6	FL1-A Fall Festival	San Antonio
Oct 6	Green Frog Getaway	Pensacola
Oct 11-13	Mississippi District Rally/Convention	Biloxi, MS
Oct. 13	FL1-X Poker Run	Jacksonville
Oct.20	FL2-G Pancake Breakfast	Fort Myers
Oct. 20	FL1-H Biketoberfest Buffet Breakfast	Ormond Beach
Oct 27	FL1-A.R.E. Multi Chapter Ghoulish	Clewiston
Nov 10	Multi-Chapter Spaghetti Social	Jacksonville

2013 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS



Jan. 12	FL2-L Roaring Twenties Rally	Lakeland
Jan 19	FL1-O Annual Chilly Run	De Funiak Spgs
Jan 20	FL2-N Multi-Chapter Breakfast	Cocoa
Feb 2	FL1-G Happy Days Again Rally	Sanford
Mar 2	FL1-R Chapter Rally & Poker Run	Dunnellon
Mar. 21-23	Florida District Rally/Convention	Kissimmee
April 11-13	Alabama District Rally/Convention	Mobile
April 25-27	So. Carolina District Rally/Convention	N. Charleston
May 11	FL1-H2 Wing Spring Fling	Orlando
Jun 3-6	Wing Ding XXXV	Greenville, SC

Special Days

November

Birthdays

Richard Riel 1
Ken Stagner 6
George Schneider 9
Debbie Magness 12
Dennis Magness 20
Jeannie McCarty 27
Sue Bowser 30

Anniversaries

Roy & Jean Stevens 7
Ron & Pam Lantz 9
Ray & Pat Sorensen 11
Roy & Connie Johnson 18
Slinger & Nickey Sanderson 22

December

Birthdays

Ray Sorensen 1
Karen Brooks 7
Sharon Dunn 13
Chris Schwager 14
Dean Hauser 24
Wavy Begin 25
Annie Zulas 26
Jack Schwartz 27
Ron Jackson 28
Jerri Miles 29
Roy Stevens 30
Charlie Nolan 31

Anniversaries

Charlie & Judy Nolan 20
Bob & Pam Price 23
John & Carole Titus 27



November 2012

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**Golf every Thursday
at 7am at ChiChi's
Golf Course on
McMullen Booth.**

Schedule of Events For November

- Nov 1 Kick Tire Largo Central Park 7:30pm
- Nov 3 Honey Do
- Nov 4 Ride For Kids RM 7am
- Nov 8 Kick Tire Acropol's 1170 Starkey Rd 7:30pm
- Nov. 10 Beach Ride to Longboat Key Joe's Eats and Sweets RM 4pm
- Nov 11 Chapter FL1-M 30th Anniversary party Parkroyale 4pm
- Nov. 14 Breakfast ride RM 8am
- Nov. 15 General Gathering McCabe's Gulf to Bay 7:30pm
- Nov. 17 PLP Fletcher's Training Location 9am
- Nov 18 Florida Crackers ride RM 10am
- Nov 19 Team meeting Parkroyale 7pm
- Nov 22 NO KICK TIRE THANKSGIVING
- Nov. 24 Bike Decoration Fletcher Training 10am
- Nov 25 CPR/First Aid
- Nov 27 FL1-K2 General Gathering 6:30pm
- Nov 28 Breakfast Ride RM 8am
- Nov 28 Quaker Steak Recruitment 5-9pm
- Nov 29 Kick Tire Village Inn 2525 Gulf to Bay 7:30pm

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All December rides are subject to change. Please check e-mail for any changes.

Golf every Thursday at 7am at ChiChi's Golf Course on McMullen Booth.

Schedule of Events For December

- Dec 1 ERC/TRC Trailing Course
- Dec 1 Parade Park Royale 6:30 followed by Candy Cane Lane
- Dec 2 Indian Rocks Parade RM 11am
- Dec 4 Lantz, Pawlik, Claypool parades RM 6:30pm
- Dec 5 Eldorado, Country Park parade RM 6:30pm
- Dec 6 Kick Tire Winghouse
- Dec 7 Largo Central Park followed by Largo Mall RM 6:30pm
- Dec 8 Pinellas Park Holiday Parade TBA
- Dec 9 Chapter Christmas Party Parkroyale 1pm
- Dec 10 Paradise Shores, Sunshine Park parades Meet @ Steak and Shake Park St 6:30pm
- Dec 12 Avalon MHP followed by Quaker Steak RM 6:30pm
- Dec 13 Kick Tire Country Inn Pizza US 19 & 66St N followed by Hospice
- Dec 14 Oak Crest MHP followed by Jerri Miles parade RM 6:30pm
- Dec 15 Barney's recruitment 10-2
- Dec 15 Botanical Gardens TBA
- Dec 16 Gulf Beaches ride RM 6pm
- Dec 17 Team Meeting 7pm
- Dec 18 Gull Aire /Countryside Mall meet at Gull Aire 6:30pm
- Dec 19 St Pete Pier RM 6pm
- Dec 20 General Gathering McCabes 7:30pm
- Dec 20-24 Chapter Cruise

REGION A NEWS

The rally season has come to a close in Region "A" with the conclusion of the Mississippi District rally in Biloxi on October 13th. Of course there will still be Chapter events around the Region and the District officer meetings coming up in January, but the big District rallies are concluded. Nan and I attended each one and were impressed with how they went. Each was well attended and held at a good venue. Rallies, Poker Runs and other Chapter events are good team-building [exercises](#) and can be a useful measure of how things are going overall in that Region, District or Chapter. In order to host a successful event, a capable and dedicated staff must pull together and assemble a program that will attract a sufficient number of GWRRA members who enjoy themselves and want to return the next time that event is held.

The Mississippi District rally just concluded was held on the Coast in Biloxi at the IP Resort, Casino and Spa. This was a great venue with lots to do. The food service there was superb and it is conveniently located just off I-110 at Bayview Ave. There was a nice selection of vendors located immediately across Bayview Ave. from the IP and the facilities used by the Mississippi District were very nice. Attendance was good and they had quite a few really nice prizes. Our thanks and congratulations to Bobby and Lori Bryant (the Mississippi District Directors) and their staff for a fun and exciting rally. Jim Hodge fixed a great red beans and rice dinner at the St. Martin Community Center on Thursday evening. This was a genuine Cajun meal and it was followed by an escorted light parade back to the IP. Nan and I were judges, which was very difficult due to the large number of well-lit bikes. We're told by Bobby and Lori that they will be returning to the Biloxi Coast for next year's rally.

We have been informed by the Home Office that Chapter Chartering fees will be going up this year. Currently the Chartering fees are \$50.00 per year. This fee is used to pay the [insurance premium](#) for the 2 million dollar liability insurance furnished to GWRRA Chapters, Districts and Regions for their events and other activities. These fees have been at the current levels for many years. As we are all familiar in our personal lives, the costs of insurance of just about every kind goes up with each passing year. It was inevitable that the premium cost of the GWRRA liability insurance would rise at some point and that time is now. Effective with this collection, the annual Chapter Chartering fee will be \$100.00. This works out to an increase of about \$4.00 per month. We know that some folks will wonder at the \$50.00 increase, but please remember that this fee (which is basically an insurance premium) has not gone up in many years and the liability insurance is something we must have in order to host GWRRA events while protecting the GWRRA components (Chapters, Districts and Regions) in the event of an accident or other mishap. We're sure that given the choice between the premium increase or not having the insurance, the vast majority would choose to have [the insurance](#) in force. District Directors; please take the time to explain this fee increase to your Chapter Directors. Thanks!

We've asked the Chapters to send links (via e-mail) to all the GWRRA members on their ARL, even if they are not active members of that Chapter. You don't have to mail a hard copy or even send a pdf file; just send the link so that the member can open if they want. We're trying to get as many members as possible involved in their local Chapters, in hopes that it will make their GWRRA experience more enjoyable and they'll consider remaining a member. Both the member and the Chapter benefit when more folks get involved and participate.

Along those same lines, Chapters please do your best to make the new members feel welcome and wanted. Sometimes in the daily rush of events (family, jobs, etc) small things like this get lost. We know that most Chapters have a designated Sunshine or other person whose job it is to greet new members and welcome them into the group. Please do your best to make the new folks feel like they're wanted. Thanks!

We hope to see you at a GWRRA event somewhere soon,

Bob and Nan



Florida District News

It is the 20th day of the month of October and my article is due today! October has been a busy month around the state. There have been several events including two today - one on the East Coast, FL1-H, Daytona, and the other on the West Coast, FL2-G, Ft. Myers. I hope the folks in each area attended these events as I am sure they were following Florida's Rule #1, Have FUN! You are probably wondering why I was not at one or the other? Well, I had to do that bad four-letter word today called WORK! I apologize to both groups for not being able to attend. I wish I could have been there! I was able to attend FL1-A's event earlier this month. Great job Bud and Ginger and to their team! I also made it to Bobby & Lori Bryant's Beach Party in Biloxi. They have moved their Rally back to the beach and we had a great time there, too!

You may have noticed that it was not "we attended," because Gina had to take care of the Costume Shop and she also attended an ABWA Leadership Conference in Memphis. So many hats to wear! Wow, we all have really been busy this month. There are still events remaining in October: FL2-A, FL2-R, and FL2-E "ARE" jointly putting on their "world famous goulash" feast in Clewiston.

We do hope you get out and ride to these events and make it a FUN day for your folks!

Chapter Directors, a bit of business news for you and your Treasurers: we have just received word from Phoenix that the annual Charter Fee for each chapter is now \$100 for the year beginning 2013. Please send your annual Charter Fee of \$100 to the District Treasurers, Jim and Rebecca Iverson (1402 Tiller Way, Valico, FL 33594) ASAP. Some of you may have already sent in \$50 for the upcoming year. Please send an additional \$50 in as soon as possible to the District Treasurers. This increase is due to the Third Party Liability Insurance GWRRA provides us for our events. Most of you have seen rates go up for your home owner's, car, motorcycle, etc. The cost to provide the coverage for every Chapter in GW has to be huge. So just like our fuel for our rides have gone up over \$2 per gallon over the last few years so has the cost to insure our events. If you would like to discuss this with us, feel free to contact us by email or phone. We will try to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

We have held one of the area "brain storming" sessions for our NE Florida folks. Thanks to those who took the extra time to attend, and thank you for your input. We are planning several more of these roundtable sessions before the Region A Officers Conference with Bob Shrader and the other District Directors within Region A, and we hope to have some new ideas on Retention and Recruitment to present at the conference.

Assistant DD's, please get with us regarding a date to meet with your Chapter Directors and their teams. Time is running short!

Many of our Northern riders will be down before long, and we hope to see all of you out at an event and following Rule #1 of having FUN! Please check out the calendar of not only the District but also of other Chapters in your area. Attend their events - friends for FUN! With cooler air in November we surely will be able to get out more to ride and visit our friends and to have FUN!

In closing, November contains several important events in its 30-day period. Most think of Thanksgiving and it is a very special day to give thanks for the things we have (both tangible and intangible). There is also Election Day. Regardless of who or what you believe in, we as Americans should vote - exercising one of our most precious freedoms! Please vote on November 6. The day that will probably receive the least amount of attention is November 11th, Veteran's Day. Without the men and women who have served and continue to serve, we

would not have either an election day or a day to give thanks. Gina and I say thank you to those that now wear a uniform or have worn a uniform of this great country of ours - fighting for and protecting the freedoms we enjoy in the United States of America! Lastly, for me, November 13th holds a very important meaning. Gina and I will celebrate our 19th wedding anniversary this year. There are no words in any language that truly reflect the intensity of my love and feelings for the woman who has the keys to my heart. My life is blessed beyond measure because of the love of my life, my sweetheart Gina. I say to you, Gina, "Happy Anniversary with the promise of many more!"

Happy day - each and every day! Friends for FUN, safety, and knowledge! See you soon!

Bill and Gina Berry



All CHAPTER M RIDES LEAVE FROM

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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.



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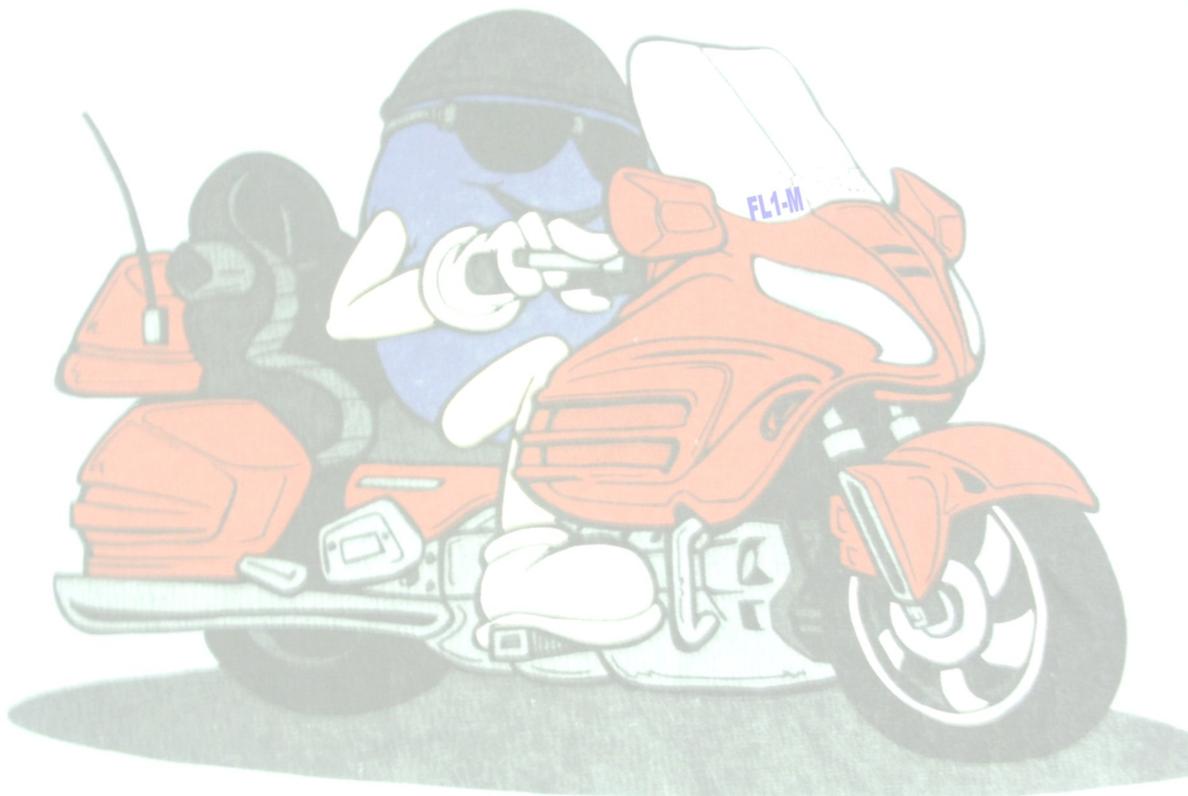
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