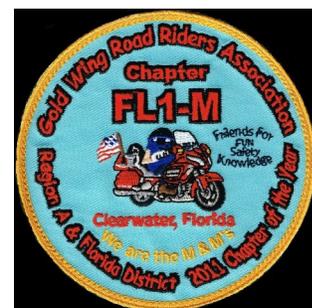




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KICK TIRES

1st, 2nd, & 4th Thursdays

**1st -Village Inn-2525 Gulf
to Bay**

**2nd- Country Skillet-2829
Roosevelt Blvd**

**4th-Rotating -See calen-
dar**

Eat at 6:00 Meet at 7:00

**VISIT US ONLINE AT
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**2011 & 2013 FLORIDA DISTRICT
CHAPTER OF THE YEAR ***

**2011 REGION A CHAPTER OF THE
YEAR ***

**2011 1st RUNNER UP INTERNA-
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3rd Thursday -Cozy Corner

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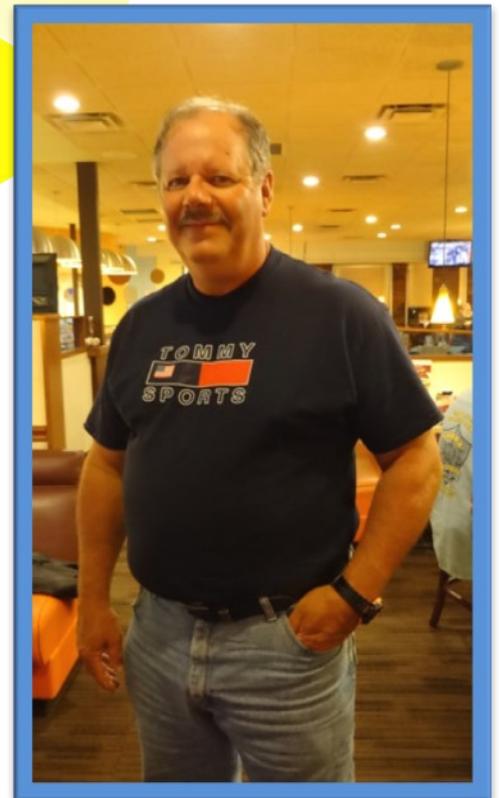
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NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Welcome to Chapter FL1-M!

Glenn and Joanne Duncan are former K2 members. They are enthusiastic GWRRA members and love to ride their Gold Wing. Glenn has already jumped on board Chapter M's Team as Assistant Triathlon Coordinator to help Mary Claypool organize and support the triathlons. A warm welcome to you both!



Wayne Ruth is a GWRRA member who rides a VTX 1800 Honda. He was introduced to Chapter M through his neighbors in the Paradise Island Park, Fran Read and Ken Hale. And talk about a small world, Wayne and Cathy Sweeney grew up in small towns just a few miles apart in New Finland! Wayne's wife, Ann, has also joined the Chapter. We look forward to meeting you Ann!

PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS TO OUR CHAPTER M FAMILY



A Message from Your Chapter Directors

Happy Valentine's Day!

Well, it's that time of the year again when Chapter M's Snowbirds are here, the weather is beautiful; and the calendar is bursting with lots of rides and **F u n** activities!

January has been a very busy month for Kim and me. We appreciate your patience as we adjust to our new role. There may be a hiccup or two as we get our bearings, but we will do our best. We hope to continue to grow Chapter M and have as much **F u n** as possible while doing so! We appreciate everyone's support and enthusiasm.

With the help of the Chapter M Team, a variety of activities have been organized for February and March, and all should find something of interest to do each week.

Many of our members plan to attend the District Gathering of the Wings, March 17-19, to be held at the International Palms Resort in Orlando. We've reserved a block of rooms for Chapter M. If you wish to attend the Rally and haven't yet reserved a room, please contact Kim as soon as possible. If you've never attended a District Rally, it is a great opportunity to learn more about GWRRA, to get to know your fellow Chapter members better and to meet folks from all over the State. The Rally Schedule has been included on the next page for your information.

The theme for this year's District Rally is "**America – Land of the Free – Home of the Brave.**" Plans for the District Rally Talent Show are now in full swing with several practice sessions scheduled. We will also participate in Chapter Pride and are forming a team for Chapter Challenge. So come join in the **F U N**!

We hope to see YOU there!

Curtis and Kim Palmore
Chapter Directors
Chapter FL1-M





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37th Annual Florida District Gathering of the Wings

HOME OF THE BRAVE

March 17—19, 2016

Florida's Rule #1....Have FUN

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| <p>HOST HOTEL New Location</p> <p>International Palms Resort AND CONFERENCE CENTER</p> <p>Phone</p> <p>Rate: \$89.00 (includes breakfast)</p> <p><small>Group: Florida Goldwing Riders Association Leadership</small></p> <p>6515 International Drive Orlando, FL, 32819</p> <p>Number : 407-351-3500</p> | <p>March 17—19, 2016</p> <p><u>For Additional Information</u></p> <p>Florida Senior District Directors Bill & Gina Berry (863) 860-4484</p> <p>Rally Coordinator Cliff Hotchkiss (407) 883-1168</p> <p>45+ Vendors on site</p> <p>Vendor Coordinators Dana & Jo Voight (239) 707-4667 fdvc@comcast.net</p> <p>For most up-to-date information Visit: www.GWRRFlorida.com</p> | <p><u>Gold Wing Raffle</u></p> <p>GRAND PRIZE New Gold Wing or \$10,000 Cash Sponsored by</p> <p>SEMINOLE POWER SPORTS seminolepowersports.com</p> <p>1200 Rinehart Road Sanford, FL 32771</p> <p>407-322-3253 800-843-5118</p> <p>& GWRRR Florida District</p> <p>2nd Drawing: \$1,000 Cash 3rd Drawing: \$500 Cash <i>Need not be present to win. Proceeds for Florida Rider Education</i></p> |
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TENTATIVE RALLY SCHEDULE

| Thursday, March 17, 2016 | Friday, March 18, 2016 | Saturday, March 19, 2016 |
|---|--|--|
| 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Registration 8:00 am - 6:00 pm Vendors Open | 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Registration 8:00 am - 6:00 pm Vendors Open | 8:00 am - 1:00 pm Registration 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Vendors Open |
| Activities: Hospitality Room , Indoor Games, Seminars, BINGO, Couple of the Year Social, Sit down meal, Costume Contest | Activities: Hospitality Room , Indoor Games, Seminars, BINGO, Medic First Aid/CPR, Poker Run, Talent Show, Ice Cream, DD Challenge, Lighted Bike Show sponsored by JD Lighting | Activities: Hospitality Room , Indoor Games, Seminars, Couple of the Year Selection, BINGO, Medic First Aid/CPR, Poker Run, Collage/Diorama/Scrapbook/Banner/Mascot Judging, Chapter Pride, Closing Ceremonies start at 5 PM |

To register: <https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B-I3J2a4MpsFTDF3MHJ1TU56UVU/edit>

FL1-M

February

ALL Riders Meetings (RM)
will be at WaWa's
US19 and Roosevelt
unless noted otherwise

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|---|
| | 1 District Practice Paradise Shores 7 PM | 2 | 3 \$\$ Quaker Steak & Lube 5:30 - 9 PM | 4 Kick Tire Village Inn 2525 Gulf to Bay Eat @ 6 PM Meeting @ 7 PM | 5 | 6 Honey Do |
| 7 Superbowl Sunday Chapter Auction Pot luck 1 PM Auction 2 PM | 8 Breakfast Ride RM 9 AM District Practice Paradise Shores 7 PM | 9 | 10 \$\$ Quaker Steak & Lube 5:30 - 9 PM | 11 Kick Tire Country Skillet 2839 Roosevelt Blvd Eat @ 6 PM Meeting @ 7 PM | 12 Dinner Theater Reservations Only \$36.00 Cash/Checks Only 4 PM | 13 Peck's Ozello Trail Crystal River RM 8:45 AM |
| 14 Valentine's Day Parksdale Farms RM 10 AM Ride to Follow | 15 | 16 District Practrice Paradise Shores 7 PM | 17 \$\$ Quaker Steak & Lube 5:30 - 9 PM | 18 Chapter Gathering Cozy Corner 1700 S Missouri Eat @ 6 PM Meeting @ 7 PM | 19 | 20 Barney's \$\$ Recruitment 10 - 2 PM Surprise ride to follow |
| 21 ERC/TRC Training 7:30/12:30 | 22 Breakfast Ride RM 9 AM Team Meeting 7 PM Park Royale | 23 | 24 \$\$ Quaker Steak & Lube 5:30 - 9 PM | 25 Kick Tire Que Pasa Mexican Cantina 10478 Roosevelt Blvd St. Pete Eat @ 6 PM Meeting @ 7 PM | 26 | 27 Lipizzaner Stallions Myakka City RM 7:45 AM |
| 28 Sadie Hawkins Ride Prepared by our ladies \$\$ RM 9 AM | 29 Leap Day | | | Chapter Golf meets each Thursday AM at Chi Chi's 3030 McMullen Rd. Tee Time 7 AM | | |



Anti-lock Braking Systems (ABS) Can, but are NOT designed to help you stop faster!

By: James R. Davis

Despite the general impression that ABS equipped vehicles can stop faster than those without, in general this is not true. ABS is primarily intended to help prevent the loss of control (caused by locked brakes), not to in some magical way make the brakes more effective at stopping the vehicle.

The reason ABS is not particularly effective in terms of braking ability on dry surfaces is that it is generally pretty easy to avoid locking the brakes anyway. So, I suppose, there are those that will argue that ABS helps you stop faster on slippery surfaces even if not on dry ones.

In fact that is not always true either. There are tests that show improved stopping performance (for cars and trucks) on WET surfaces, where drivers are more apt to overuse their brakes to the point of locking them, but there are several other studies that demonstrate absolutely convincingly that braking distances increase with ABS over non-ABS equipped vehicles when riding on loose gravel or snow covered surfaces. (This, because gravel and loose snow piles up and tends to create a 'dam' in front of a locked wheel where a rolling wheel tends to ride up and over a much smaller 'dam'.)

But 'maintaining control' is a good thing by itself, right? Surely that is good enough reason to require every vehicle to have ABS equipped brakes, right?

Nope.

In February of this year (1996) the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration announced it had dropped the federal safety standard requirement for anti-lock brake systems on all new cars.

They did so because studies showed a 0% decrease in the overall number of accidents when comparing ABS equipped cars against those without ABS, AND because these studies showed a 40% increase in single vehicle run-off-the-road accidents with ABS equipped cars. (Apparently your odds of getting into an accident if you lock your brakes in a car is less than if you do not - implying that if you lock them you will likely simply slide in the direction you were moving, but if you maintain some measure of (impaired) control you are likely to throw the vehicle into a path that takes you off the road.)

I think ABS makes sense for a cage, and maybe more sense for an 18-wheeler, but is of marginal value on a motorcycle EXCEPT IN THE EVENT THAT YOU ARE PRONE TO PANIC AND OVERUSE YOUR BRAKES (in which case ABS can easily save your life!). It affects stopping distance insignificantly. What it is intended to do is help maintain control if you ride over surfaces that provide uneven traction - such as a patch of ice. A cage could hit that patch with just one tire, or just the tires on one side, and braking and control could easily be lost as a result. If you hit ice with a motorcycle it will invariably be with both tires. Meanwhile, a slide is a slide is a slide.

On the other hand, if your bike is equipped with ABS you do not have to be as skillful with your brakes and if you want to eliminate the chance of locking either your front or rear wheels, ABS is just the ticket for you. (I think working at making your braking skills as good as possible is a better strategy for almost anybody.)

One other thing, you might consider ABS as a form of insurance. I, for example, have deer whistles on my bike as a form of insurance even though I have essentially no confidence that they are effective. If price is not an issue, and even if you are not totally convinced that ABS will save your life someday, it might be worth it to you to have ABS on your bike.

Obviously, these are just my opinions on the matter. I do not want to leave you with the impression that I'm

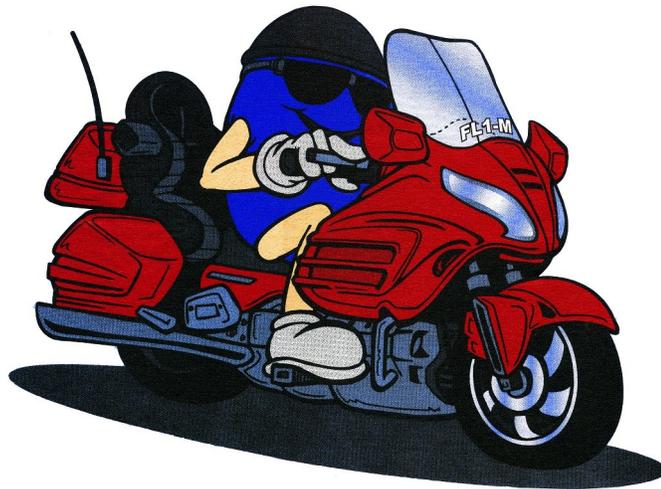
recommending against having ABS. Instead, I'd prefer you made that decision based on being informed and having realistic expectations.

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(James R. Davis is a recognized expert witness in the fields of Motorcycle Safety/Dynamics.)

Submitted by Tracy and Sharon Dunn



New Tires

NEED to GROW before you stress them

By: James R. Davis

Once again I heard well intentioned experienced riders only partially explain to some newbies that they needed to be careful after putting new tires on their bikes. They were told that this was because the new tires do not have as much traction on them until they are scuffed up a little.

It is not that I dispute that fact - new tires do provide less traction until the new-tire coating is worn off of them. But that is not the whole story and if no more is said about them an inexperienced rider could do something very foolish and dangerous if they rely simply on that information.

They could, for example, scuff the new tires using an abrasive just after mounting them and then take off to tackle some twisties. Lower traction would not, then, be a significant problem. But that is a far cry from saying that the new tires would be safely usable in stress situations as a result.

ALL new tires *grow* during the first hundred miles or so of use. It is absolutely essential that you allow them to do so before putting them to a stress test such as attempting to aggressively navigate a set of twisties. Why? Because it is the process of growing that results in a tight and secure bead to rim seating. If you put the tires to undue stress before their beads have seated to the wheel rims there is a possibility that you will experience a catastrophic loss of air while heeled over in a turn.

Rather than using an abrasive to convert a new tire into a used one, better by far to ride on them for a hundred miles or so. Besides, it's more fun doing it that way.

[New or used, before you stress your tires in the twisties you MUST allow them to get warm first. Traction available on a cold tire is significantly less than for a warm one. Similarly, if you are doing a lot of twisties and your tires get HOT, traction is diminished. Maximum traction exists only under normal operating temperatures.]

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Submitted by Tracy and Sharon Dunn

Triathlons 2016

Welcome to all new and returning members. As part of our fundraising activities we provide motorcycles for carrying judges during the bicycle portion of the triathlon. When media personnel are participating, additional motorcycles /trikes are needed.

Members from FL1-K2 that are joining our chapter have been supporting several triathlons throughout the year which we will continue to support. In the effort to insure continued support, Glenn Duncan has volunteered to assist in the organizing and management of the triathlon activities.

As the dates get close, we will request volunteers to participate. Here is a current list of events:

| | | |
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| February 7 | Chilly Willy Fort De Soto | 1-2 motorcycles |
| April 16 | Escape from Ft De Soto | 1-2 motorcycles |
| April 24 | St. Anthony's St. Pete | 15-18 motorcycles; 3-5 trikes |
| May 22 | Madeira Beach | 1-3 motorcycles |
| July 9 | Fort De Soto Triathlon/Duathlon Series #1 | |
| July 23 | Top Gun Fort De Soto | |
| August 20 | Fort De Soto Triathlon/Duathlon Series #2 | |
| September 24 | Fort De Soto Triathlon/Duathlon Series #3 | |
| October 8 | Lycra and Lace St. Pete | |



Submitted by Mary Claypool

BIKER BUILD OFF – January 22-24, 2016

We just finished up another Biker Build Off weekend at Quaker Steak & Lube. This is an important event for Rider Education because raffle ticket sales directly benefit each and every Florida GWR-RA member via the free education we receive in the form of Experienced Rider Courses, (ERC's) Trike Rider Courses, (TRC's), CPR, etc.

What a wonderful turn-out of volunteers we had over this 3 day event! Thank you to the 45 of you who braved the wind and cool temperatures over the weekend to help!

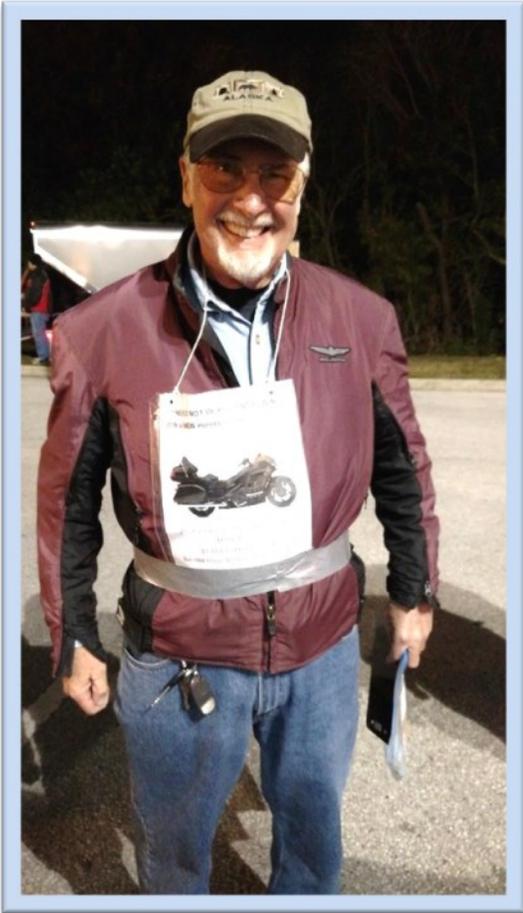
Set up was fast and efficient thanks to the assistance of Paul Begin, Tracy Dunn, Bob Reynolds, Joe Traylor, Jerry Costell, Jack Holzer and Cathy Sweeney.



THANK YOU ALL!!!



After a rainy start Friday morning which delayed set up, it was gusty with dropping temperatures throughout Friday and Saturday.

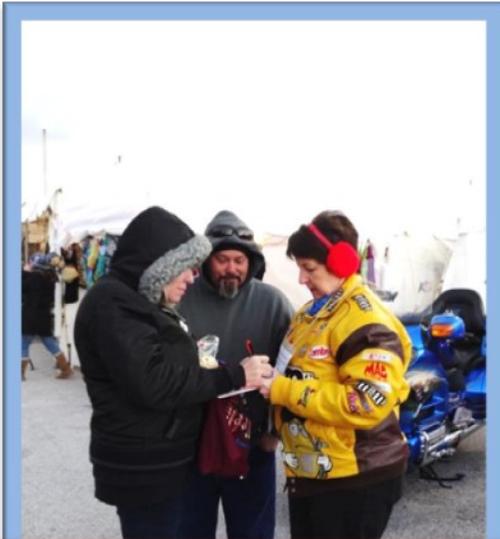


Just *how* windy was it? Duct tape became an essential tool as demonstrated by Charlie Nolan in this photo. We had to tape his sign to his jacket because it kept spinning around, twisting the cord around his neck.



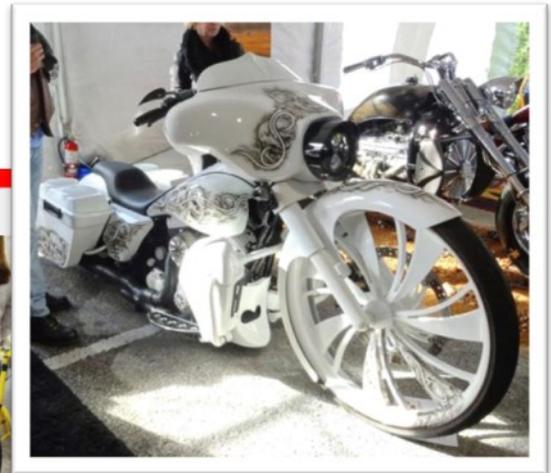
A big THANK YOU goes to Joe and Patty Traylor for lending their heater. It was certainly appreciated on Friday and Saturday!!! Hot chocolate and a cozy M&M "blankie" came in handy too!

Sunday was sunny with a big improvement in temperature and attendance at QS&L.



Thanks for all everyone did! Each of you who worked Biker Build Off will be entered in a drawing for two books of raffle tickets! The winner will be drawn at the next Kick Tire.

We still have about 500 tickets to sell before the District Rally in March. Next year we'll try to move our booth to a busier location. And, hopefully, the weather will be nicer.



Submitted by Kim Palmore

BBQ Ride to Arcadia



January 31, 2016

Charlie Nolan led 20 riders on 12 bikes on a great Sunday ride to Arcadia to visit Bullzeye BBQ. We enjoyed a perfect riding day starting out at 63 degrees in the morning and warming to 73 on the way home. We rode over the Skyway to Highway 64 and South to 70; then on to Arcadia.



We arrived at the restaurant a little early for our reservation, so waited outside for our tables to be ready.



This is a small restaurant with great food and prices. Plus, they honored a 10% discount because we rode our bikes. Can't beat that!



Dave Morgan was overcome at the sight of his ribs!



We saw more motorcycles on our ride today than we did cars! They passed us in ones, twos and large groups on the highway and were packed into gas stations and restaurants all along the way, testifying to what a beautiful Florida winter day it was for riding. Cathy Sweeney made friends with a group at Bullseye BBQ who were on Kawasaki crotch rockets and “got her pitcher took” with the gang.

We had a lot of fun with this giant chair outside the restaurant, as everyone practiced being "Edith Ann." The hardest part proved to be *getting into* the chair, as illustrated in this photo of Cathy being hoisted up by Art and Curtis.



Another fun day with good friends!



Submitted by Kim Palmore

Special Days

February

Birthdays

John Jalomo 4
Pat Tunney 7
Ron Lantz 8
Judy Vecchitto 8
Jean Garrison 17
Darlene Webb 17
Fred Hartley 19
Joanne Duncan 23
Barb Henry 27
Carol Schultz 28

March

Birthdays

Jennie Cox 3
Paula Tunney 5
Buzz Probus 6
Bob Price 10
Gary Ryan 26
JR Garrison 28



Anniversaries

Wayne & Ann Ruth 11
Dick & Mary Jane Riel 15
Dennis & Jennie Cox 20
Jim & Carol Schultz 23

Anniversaries

Ron & Kathy Jackson 1
LeRoy & Darlene Webb 9
Paul & Sue Bowser 22
Rob & Darlene Hunt 22

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.

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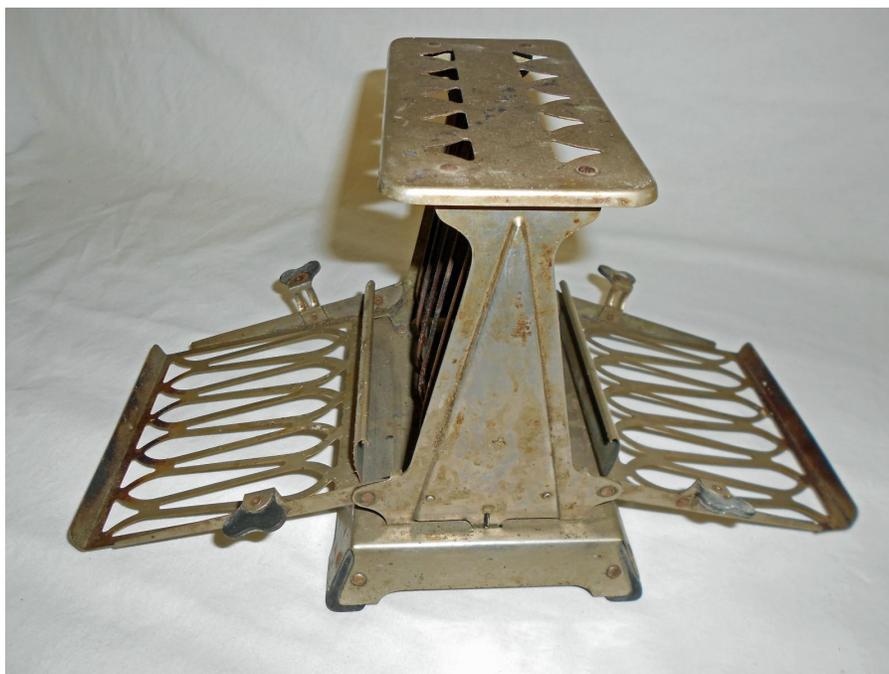
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Email answer to Margie Miller wmiller120@tampabay.rr.com



2016 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS

| | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Feb 6 | FL1-G Chapter Rally | Deltona |
| Feb 13 | FL1-H Multi Chapter Lunch | TBA |
| Feb 20 | FL2-G Chili Cookoff | Fort Myers |
| Mar 17-19 | Florida District Rally | Orlando |
| April 9 | FL1-A Poker Run | Seffner |
| April 16 | FL1-K Chapter | Flagler Beach |
| May 19- 21 | Alabama District Rally | Eufaula, AL |
| April 21-23 | Georgia District Rally | Dalton, GA |
| July 14-16 | So. Carolinga District Rally | TBA |
| Aug 31-Sep 3 | Wing Ding (corrected dates) | Billings, MT |

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.

PLANNED CHAPTER M CRUISES

Feb 21st 2016 Carnival Sunshine 13 days out of Port Canaveral to St. Maarten, Dominica, Barbados, Trinidad/Tobago, Grenada, Martinique, St. Kitts, St. Thomas

May 19th 2016 Carnival Victory 8 days out of Port Canaveral to Bermuda (3 days in Bermuda)

Nov 26th 2016 Carnival Paradise 5 days out of Tampa to Cozumel Mexico, Grand Cayman

Dec. 19th 2016 Carnival Paradise 5 days out of Tampa to Cozumel Mexico, Grand Cayman

Jan 22nd 2017 Carnival Vista 6 days out of Miami to Ocho Rios Jamaica, Grand Cayman

Feb 26th 2017 Carnival Pride 14 days (relocation) out of Tampa to Cozumel, Costa Rica, Panama Canal partial transit Aruba, Bonaire, St. Maarten, ends in Baltimore MD

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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.



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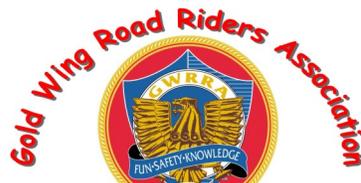
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