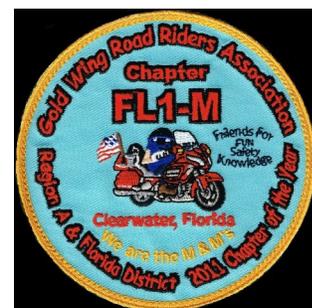




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KICK TIRES

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

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CHAPTER DIRECTORS MESSAGE

February was another busy month for Chapter FL1-M, filled with a variety of fun rides and activities. We have been taking full advantage of the peak riding season and enjoyed several rides this month, including a Crystal River ride to Peck's, a visit to the Lipizzaner Stallions in Myakka City and our first "Sadie Hawkin's Day" Ride to Siesta Key. If you couldn't make any of those rides, please join us in March when we have more great rides planned. The Jacaranda Inn in Avon Park on March 6 is a personal favorite of mine. And we have rides scheduled to see the Manatees in Apollo Beach, to visit Bok tower in Lake Wales and another trip that will wind up at Parksdale for strawberries before our Northerners go home.

Other highlights in February included our annual Chapter Auction, which was a lot of fun with 45 members in attendance. The Early Bird Dinner Theater show, "Too Many Cooks", which 37 attended, was hilarious and the food was great! We held ERC/TRC Training on February 21 with both classes full. Everyone said they learned something new and had a good time while doing it.

Other than that, we are also in the midst of preparations for the District Gathering in Orlando at our new host hotel, the International Palms Resort, March 17-19. The deadline for preregistration is March 10, so if you plan to attend the Rally, please see that your registration is postmarked by that date.

Also, please remember to let Kim know if you need to change or cancel your room reservation no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 12.



CPR/First Aid Training is scheduled Sunday, April 3 at Park Royale at 1:00 p.m. Those of you who have been notified that you are due for CPR/First Aid, please note the date and plan to attend this important class.

Please enjoy this month's Newsletter which further details our recent activities. The Chapter M Team is working hard to plan interesting rides, educational programs and a variety of events. As always, your ideas and suggestions for rides and places to visit are welcome!

Ride Safe,

Curtis and Kim Palmore
Chapter Directors FL1-M

CB or Helmet to Helmet Intercom?

Safety perspective

By: James R. Davis

Cash and I did a short ride a couple of days ago and while out on the road I had the pleasure of chatting with a couple of truckers using my CB.

I told them that I could only get a range of about a mile using the CB on my motorcycle and asked what kind of range they get with their rigs. Typically, the responses said, 'a couple of miles'. But then a BIG BOOMING response came in from a trucker who obviously had an illegally amplified CB rig and he said that he easily gets five miles.

That's when I realized that there are riders (motorcyclists) out there who seem to think that the only difference between CB's and helmet to helmet chat devices is cost. ??? (I mean, by definition you are not restricted to chatting with only one person when you have a CB.)

But that is certainly not the biggest difference between those choices. Your potential audience using a CB is vastly larger than one, and the majority of those you can talk to are in one way or another professional drivers when you use a CB.

You cannot imagine how good it feels when you are 1,000 miles away from home on a road you've never been on before trying to find a particular exit and you simply change your CB to channel 19, key it and say: "Any drivers out there who can give me some local information"? (They ALL call themselves 'driver' - a term of respect between them.) If you are within range, you are almost certain to get a friendly "What do you need to know? Come back." And shortly after that you will no longer be lost.

Remember what I said in the beginning? There are drivers out there who can handle ranges of five miles! That's five times what most motorcyclists can handle. Indeed, the area covered by a CB that can transmit 5 miles is close to 78.5 square miles while one that can transmit only 1 miles is only 3.1 square miles, so you could say that the more powerful rig is 25 times more powerful. However you are on a road that is pretty straight and receivers will almost certainly be on that road - either ahead of you or behind, so it is, from a PRACTICAL point of view, 'only' five times more powerful.

Since getting local information is not all you can do with your CB, you might want to consider the value of these things that you will hear by just listening on your CB:

'Smokey westbound at mile post 260'

'Debris in the fast lane westbound at mile post 260'

'Drivers, you might want to take the loop around I-10 as there is a major jam eastbound near the Galleria'

'Driver of that red Mack eastbound near mile post 185, you got your ears on? You are shedding rubber on your left side.'

Sure, you will hear a lot of colorful - really nasty - stuff as well. They are not all 'good guys', but they ARE all professional drivers and you can learn a lot from just listening.

Well, you can unless you saved a few bucks and opted for a helmet to helmet intercom rig.

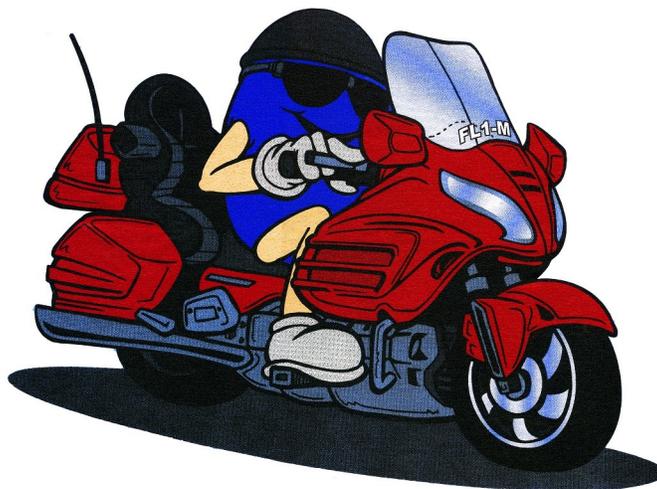
FRS (Family Radio Service) rigs were introduced in 1998, I believe, and have both technical as well as range advantages over CB. They will become, in my opinion, the preferred rig for motorcyclists in time but for now what you need is to be able to reach the widest possible audience and that means the CB remains the best traveling solution until the FRS gains popularity.

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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



FL1-M

March

All riders meetings (RM),
unless otherwise noted will be
at WaWa's on the
corner of East Bay and US 19

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 CPR/First Aid MenReg Building 8:30 AM	2	3 Kick Tire Village Inn 2525 Gulf to Bay Eat at 6 PM Meet at 7 PM	4	5 Manatee Ride Lunch at Liberios Cafe RM 8:45 AM
6 Jacaranda Inn Avon Park RM 8:45	7 \$ Breakfast Ride RM 9 AM District Practice Paradise Shores 7 PM	8	9	10 Kick Tire Country Skillet 2839 Roosevelt Blvd Eat at 6 PM Meet at 7 PM	11	12 Barney's \$ \$Recruitment 10AM - 2 PM Surprise Ride RM 1 PM
13 Honey Do Daylight Savings Time Begins	14 District Practice Paradise Shores 7 PM	15	16	17 \$ 18 \$ 19 \$ Florida District Rally March 17, 18, 19th International Palms Resort International Drive, Orlando		
20 Parksdale Farms RM 9:45 AM	21 Breakfast Ride RM 9 AM	22	23	24 Chapter Gathering Cozy Corner 1700 S Missouri Eat at 6 PM Meet at 7 PM	25	26 \$ BOK tower Lake Wales RM 9 AM
27 Easter	28 Team Meeting 7 PM Park Royale	29	30	31 Kick Tire Parkside 8180 49th St Pinellas Park Eat at 6 PM Meet at 7 PM	Chapter Golf Meets each Thursday at Chi Chi's 3030 McMullen Road Tee Time 7 AM	



CHAPTER FL1-M

Chapter Auction

February 7, 2016—Submitted by Kim Palmore

The “Pot Luck” lunch was outstanding! Everyone brought their tastiest dishes, and the table groaned with delicious food. The ice cream sundae bar was a big hit



Great bargains,
Great food,
Great friends!
What a FUN day!!!



Thanks to Tracy Dunn for building the laptop, pictured at right, for the Auction!



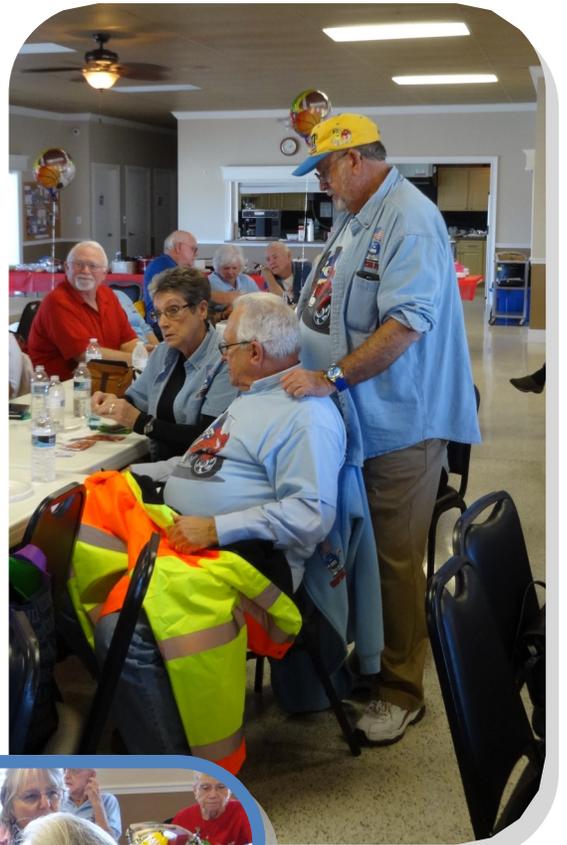


We all enjoyed previewing the goodies to be auctioned.





Thank you to
Bob Winter,
former
Chapter M'r
who drove all
the way from
Brooksville to
be our
Auctioneer!





Sharon Dunn was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation at the February 11 Kick Tire for her talents as a "Shopping Scrounge". Many thanks to Sharon for collecting the items for the Auction throughout the year.





Early Bird Dinner Theater

February 12, 2016



37 Chapter M members enjoyed the comedy, “Too Many Cooks”, at the Early Bird Dinner Theater.



Here are some photos of the fun!







We sure enjoyed seeing Buzz & Betty Probus (Above) this year. Hope they will stay longer next year.

Submitted by Kim Palmore

A Visit to See the World Famous Royal Lipizzaner Stallions

February 27, 2016

Submitted by Kim Palmore

On a beautiful Saturday morning, we made our way to Myakka City, Florida, to visit the Herrmann Royal Lipizzan Ranch. The Lipizzan Stallions have wintered in Sarasota since the 1960's and can be observed in dressage exhibition and training. Here Colonel Herrmann's daughter, Gabriella Herman, now continues her father's legacy which she describes as "living art and poetry in motion".

The Lipizzans were bred in the 16th Century by the Hapsburg Royal Family of Austria. A Herrmann ancestor, a knight, was given a Lipizzan stallion as a gift 300 years ago.





These magnificent stallions were bred as war horses during the Habsburg dynasty. During the dressage we saw some of the remarkable, intricate maneuvers the breed was trained for, such as the “Airs Above the Ground” maneuvers. In the *levade*, (pictured below), the stallion rears up on its hind legs at a 45 degree angle to gain height and give the rider, which would have been a military leader, a higher vantage point to observe the field of battle.





In another maneuver while on it's hind legs, the stallion lashes out with its front ones, striking an enemy in front of it. Then there's the maneuver where the stallion jumps in the air with all four and while still in the air kicks the hind legs to strike an opponent.





During the summer the Lipizzaners travel throughout the Northeast performing shows.



An ongoing breeding program is in place for the propagation of the breed which can be traced back to just 8 stallions recognized as the foundation bloodstock of the breed, all foaled in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. The colt peering through the fence above is 18 days old and is named “Jagger” because he is all “lips and legs”, according to Gabriella Herrmann. The Lipizzans aren’t actually white, they are gray. Interestingly, they are born black or brown and shed their hair gradually, turning white when they are about 6 years old. Jagger’s mother is a very rare brown Lipizzan mare, so he has a 50/50 chance of remaining dark colored.

Special Days

MARCH

Birthdays

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

APRIL

Birthdays

Ronny Schwager 12
Winnie McGill 13
Fran Read 13
Patty Traylor 13
John Knof 19
Mary Ann Claypool 20
Mary Ann Todd 23
Bill Lattanze 25



Anniversaries

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

Anniversaries

Bill & Winnie McGill 5
David & Zee Morgan 13
Buzz & Betty Probus 20

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

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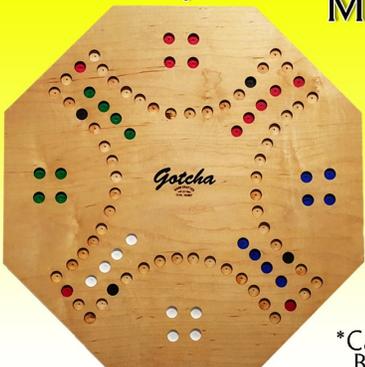
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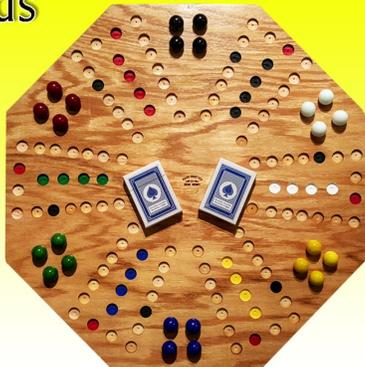
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Oak



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2016 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS

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	Billings, MT

**"MONEY ISN'T EVERYTHING,
BUT IT SURE KEEPS THE KIDS IN TOUCH"**

Submitted by Dave Pattison

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

April 10th 2016 Carnival Conquest 6 days out of Port Everglades (Ft. Lauderdale) to Montego Bay Jamaica, Grand Cayman, Cozumel

May 19th 2016 Carnival Victory 8 days out of Port Canaveral to Bermuda (3 days at dock 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 (brand new ship) 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. Fly home.

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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

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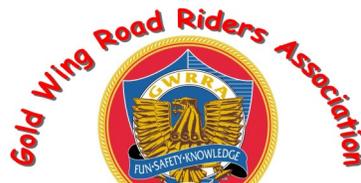
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