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Well, as you are reading this Bill & I are packing up and heading out for the month of September. We will be going by motor home, however we are towing the bike behind us. We will be heading to the North Carolina District Rally near Maggie Valley for the 1st week. Bill & I will be teaching a class on Friday at the rally on GroupWorks. The following week, we will be meeting up with some friends east of Nashville camping for a week. We then will be going to Dillard Georgia for the Georgia District Ride In. We are looking forward to that, as we will meet up with Ty Taylor, Nancy Moriarty, Dan & Kathy Moro and David & Susan Lovelace. This is will be great FUN! The following week we will be going to a Corp of Engineer campground in Georgia near the Alabama border camping with Nancy Moriarty and Dan & Kathy Moro. How much trouble can we get in? From there the last week-end in September the beginning of October, we will be going to the Alabama District Rally. We are all looking forward to getting away!

With getting away, our September Gathering will be held via ZOOM this month on September 13th. We have a lot to discuss on this zoom gathering, so please make a point to join us! You will receive the invite via zoom and email.

Since the majority of us are gone traveling – we don't have anything on the calendar as far as rides. However, if someone decides they want to go on a ride - please let Claudia know and she will put it on GroupWorks for you. I know it has been so hot to ride.

Please put on your calendars - thoughts: Holiday Party and the Santa Sleigh Ride. Don Hotchkiss is reaching out to Highland Elementary to see where they stand this year. We have toys / stuffed animals, stockings that we all have been storing for over a year - we would like to distribute to them. I have been checking around for places to hold a holiday party. I will need a minimum of 40 people. Can we get that? Again, log in for the Zoom call on September 13th so we can all discuss these items and more rides.

We will be posting pictures of the rallies and adventures for all to see. We are only a phone call and email away if you need anything.

Thank you for all you do!

Cheryl Smith
Sr Chapter Director FL2-A

**September Gathering will be via Zoom
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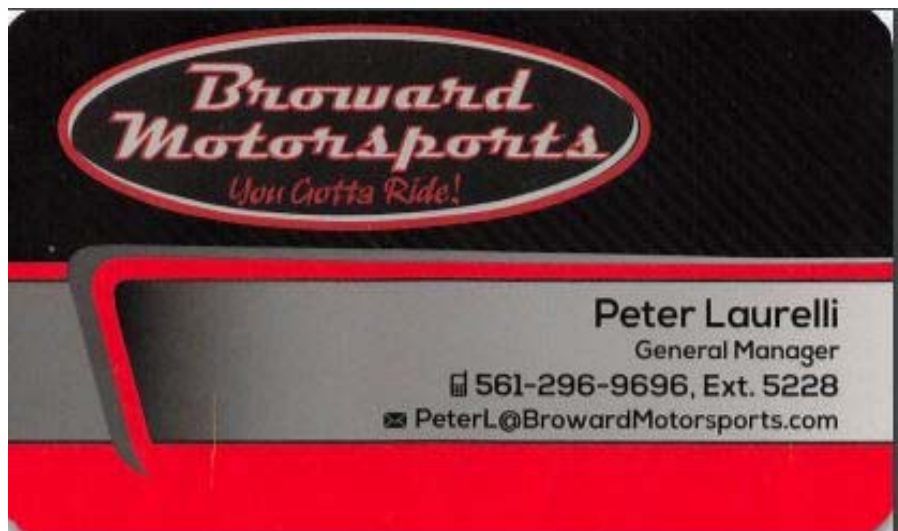
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Labor Day 2021 will occur on Monday, September 6. Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers and is traditionally observed on the first Monday in September. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894. Labor Day weekend also symbolizes the end of summer for many Americans, and is celebrated with parties and street parades.

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Bill & Cheryl Smith Florida District Directors



For most of Florida it has been hot and humid in August. It has also been rainy with some storms coming from Hurricane Fred before and during landfall in the panhandle. Just before that happened many of us attended the Celebration of Life for Former Assistant District Director and District Motorist Awareness Coordinator Nate Kinion. Danelle was surprised and thrilled with the GWRRA turnout. Folks were there from Team GWRRA, Alabama, Pensacola, Ft. Walton Beach, Panama City, Wesley Chapel, Tampa, Brandon, Palm Coast, Daytona Beach, Melbourne and West Palm Beach. The ceremony was held at the American Legion Hall in Panama City. The Legion did a wonderful job honoring Nate and presenting a precisely folded American Flag to Danelle. There were light refreshments after the ceremony. Everyone at the gathering before and after the ceremony got to look at pictures of Nate's life and share their memories with each other. Danelle has a good support system with friends and family. She said she would be at the 2022 District Rally as she should be ready by then. We hope she is able to attend so more of you can share our GWRRA family love with her.

The Florida District has a new District Motorist Awareness Coordinator and Assistant District Director! Fred and Karen Kennedy of FL1-D Pensacola have stepped up to the District Team in these positions. You can find their article in this newsletter. Please help us in saying congratulations and supporting them in their new duties.

As of this writing Cheryl and I are preparing to leave for about 5 weeks and attending some GWRRA District Events. We start off with the North Carolina District Rally, Wings Over the Smokies, September 2 – 4 then going to the Georgia District Ride In September 16 - 18 and finally the Alabama District Rally September 30 – October 3 camping in our motor home at each of the events. We hope to see some of you at each of these events and don't forget to bring your Rider Education Raffle Tickets to sell!

Speaking of Rider Education, District Educator Dominick DeSiato has been putting on range riding courses and Assistant District Educator Claudia Vega has been putting on Medic First Aid Classes. Contact Dominick if your chapter wants a riding course and contact Claudia if your chapter wants a Medic First Aid course. Also contact them if you are interested in becoming a GWRRA Rider Ed Trainer. They can get you started and explain the process.

We still have plenty of Rider Ed Raffle Tickets to distribute and sell. Please contact Dominick and Diane to get some to sell! These ticket sales are how we can offer FREE Rider Ed courses to all of our Florida members.

Continue reading the next page with important information from Jere Goodman, Director of GWRRA and more information from around Florida.

Important news from GWRRA Director Jere Goodman –

One of our Districts received a letter from PicRights International Inc on behalf of Reuters News and Media Inc.

On the District Website (Not Florida) in one of their posted MAP Power Points, was a picture of the motorcycle group, Hells Angels. Reuters holds the rights to that picture. PicRights is seeking Image License Validation. In the absence of a license, the image must be removed and a compensation fee of \$350.00 must be paid. There is always the possibility that the compensation can be negotiated and PicRights provides contact information.

PicRights probably has a team that searches the Internet for these types of licensing violations.

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Please be sure that your Website, Newsletters, Flyers, etc do not contain unlicensed imagery.

SAVE THE DATE! We are planning the First Ride of The Year to Shrimp R Us in Welaka again. Of course it will be January 1st, 2022 at noon! A Flyer will be out in plenty of time for you to preregister.

On January 8th and possibly the 9th we will start the Chapter Conference via Zoom again this year. Please hold the date(s) to attend. One thing we found out from last year, FL2-L Lakeland held the call in the CD's home using their smart TV and everyone in the Chapter that wanted to join in came and had a FUN gathering. We could see them and they could see us while only taking up one window in the call. If you can, this seems to be the way to make the Conference more FUN for the chapters and more folks will attend! If you can, please consider this method when we announce the times and send out the Zoom invitations.

That's right; it's Right Around The Corner! March 17th – 19th, 2022 is the Florida District Gathering of the Wings! Please go to <http://www.gwrraflorida.com/rally.html> to get your rally registration and make your hotel reservation. Please do both ASAP for us because it makes it a whole lot easier planning YOUR Rally!

Lastly Cheryl and I thank all of our Volunteer Leaders for your efforts keeping everything together during the last year and a half. Please keep up the wonderful job you are doing for your Chapters, the District and GWRRA. It's because of you and our members that we have the BEST DISTRICT IN GWRRA!

Bill & Cheryl Smith
FL District Directors

The Membership Enhancement Corner

The deadline for updating information in the GWRRA Gold Book is Thursday October 21, 2021. Member dues must be current as of December 1, 2021 to be included in the 2022 Gold Book. Updates can be made by calling the GWRRA Home Office at 1-800-843-9460 during business hours. Did you know the Gold Book is also available in digital form by going to goldbook.gwrro.org and that a new texting service code is being added?



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Dominick & Diane DeSiato District Ride Educators



Hello all,

Florida District Riding and MFA Classes are available upon request to maintain your Levels status. For ARC and TRC Classes contact Dominick at Dominickfide@gmail.com. For MFA Classes contact Claudia at rvega19854@gmail.com.

We conducted an ARC Class on July 27th in Ocala. Six members attended. It was hot with a "feels like temperature" of about 100. When I rode home the TPMS screen on my bike showed that the temperature of my rear tire was 116 degrees. We scheduled that class on that particular date because that was the date the members attending requested. I would prefer to conduct the outdoor riding classes in the cooler months. I think we should wait until October to resume. Currently we will be limiting the size of the Riding Classes to only 6 motorcycles, as I am the only available ARC Certified Instructor in Florida at this time. If we acquire another ARC Certified Instructor we can increase the size of the classes to as many as 12 motorcycles. The same restrictions apply to the TRC Classes.

The procedures for requesting a class will be conducted in the following manner: A Chapter Director or CSEA can survey their group to see which of their members want to take either the ARC or TRC. They should also decide on a tentative date for the class. This information is to be forwarded to me so I can check on the availability of a riding site. If all is agreed upon, I would then want the CD or CSEA to collect and hold a \$30.00 deposit which is refundable upon completion of the course. If a Chapter does not have enough members to fill a class I will advertise the Class on Group Works to get enough members to fill the Class. I also take individual member requests which I will keep in a file pending enough members to fill a class.

Florida is in need of Rider Instructors for both the ARC and TRC Riding Courses. I have been teaching Riding Classes for 25 years. It has been both rewarding and fun to teach these classes. You, as an Instructor will learn invaluable safety information and riding techniques that you will pass on to your fellow GWRRA Members. If you are interested in becoming a Rider Instructor please contact me and I can advise you how to proceed. There is a GWRRA Rider Instructor Course scheduled for November 17th -20th, 2021 in Athens, AL. If you are interested please contact me as soon as possible. Space is limited and paperwork must be submitted in a timely manner to qualify.

We are here to assist you with your training needs.

Ride Safe!!

Dominick & Diane

What are those Letters they keep saying?

What is DD? Dunkin Donuts? NOPE - it stands for District Director. Bill Smith is the District Director and he oversees and helps all the chapters in Florida.

What is MEC? Member Enhancement Coordinator. Bill Smith is the Chapter Membership Enhancement Coordinator. He reaches out to folks who need to renew their membership and contacts new members that have joined GWRRA and welcomes and invites them to participate with us.

What is CD? Chapter Director. Cheryl Smith is the current Chapter Director for FL2-A.

What is RE? Rider Education. Dominic & Diane DiSiato from Tampa are our District Ride Educators and setup ride classes for Florida GWRRA members.

What is ARC? Do we need to build one? Nope it stands for Advance Rider Course. We offer those free for GWRRA Members in Florida.

What is TRC? Trike Rider Course, free course offered to Florida members for Trike Riders.

What is DUC? Duck? Nope District University Coordinator. John Cain from Melbourne is our District University Coordinator and sets up different classes that are offered from GWRRA.

What is a District? Districts are states. IE: Florida District, Georgia District

What is Buck A Ride? Different chapters have different amounts. This is a FUN thing that you can join in on, everytime you go on a ride, you can purchase one ticket for you and one for your co-rider (if applicable). At the next chapter gathering, we draw one of those tickets and if your name is called and you are at the gathering, you win the ride pot.

What is 50/50. Chapter Gatherings we offer tickets to purchase for a chance to win 50% of the money collected.

What is MFA - Medic First Aid, Contact your Chapter Director for interest in a class!

Sometimes we forget when we talk with all our acronyms that not everyone knows what we are saying.



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5	6 Happy Labor Day!	7	8	9	10	11 Patriots Day
12	13 Zoom Gathering	14	15	16 GA District Ride-In	17 GA District Ride-In	18 GA District Ride-In
19	20	21	22 1st Day of Autumn	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 AL District Rally		

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