



Florida District

FUN in Florida is # 1



It is time to practice

Florida's # 1 Rule

Let's all meet and have

FUN

at the Florida District Gathering
of the Wings

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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!

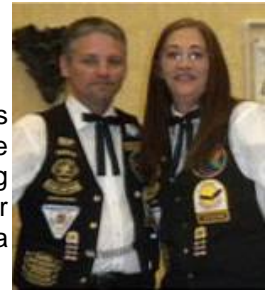
Bill and Gina
District Directors
Florida - #1 District

Florida's # 1 Rule
Have FUN!



How to have FUN at a Rally (Convention)

One of the great mysteries of GWRRA is “How to have FUN at a Rally”. We say this because we have been asked by New Members as well as seasoned Rally goers. Over the last couple of years, we have taught the Leadership Training seminar each March during the Districts Gathering of Wings. We figured it was time we talked about this mystery prior to the District Convention. The secret to having FUN at a Rally is...ah, you have to read a little more.



The District is providing a number of opportunities to have FUN. It starts at 8:00am on Thursday when the Convention opens. The vendors will be open on Thursday so you can get that much needed safety chrome or other items you must have or just want. There will be Indoor Games where you can't help but have FUN and could win some very nice prizes. You can take part in a number of Leadership Training & Rider Education seminars. If you would like to take a break, you can always visit the Hospitality Room for something to drink and a snack. If you are a current or past Couple of the Year, you should take part in the Couple of the Year Social. We know how much everyone likes ice cream. Well Thursday night you have a chance to have some ice cream courtesy of the District. Besides eating the ice cream, it is a great opportunity to sit and talk with people you haven't seen in a while or meet new people. If that wasn't enough, on Thursday night there will be a Lighted Motorcycle Display. It is amazing what people will do with lights and where they will put them on a motorcycle.

On Friday the day starts up at 8:00am again. The vendors will still be there in case you didn't pick up what you were looking for the day before. You can go back and play the Indoor Games because there will be a bunch of new prizes you could win. There is a full day of Leadership Training & Rider Education seminars where you could learn something new. Do you like Poker Runs? Well, you have the opportunity to just play a poker hand or you can get out on your motorcycle and ride one of the Poker Hand routes. Friday morning is the Couple of the Year Selection. This always proves to be interesting because Chapters will be there supporting their couples while others just want to watch the process. At 6:00pm it is time to eat. The District will be feeding everyone dinner. Now we all know there is nothing better than free food. The night will be capped off by the Talent Show. It doesn't matter if there is an individual, small group or large group; this is an opportunity to show your talent. If you don't want to participate, we can guarantee you will have FUN just watching the talent.

Though Saturday is the last day of the Convention, there are so many great things to do. This will be your last opportunity to get out to the vendors and play those Indoor Games. Leadership Training will be focusing seminars on things that not only can help you participate in GWRRA but can help in your regular life activities. You can participate in the Best Dressed, Chapter Shirt, Banner, Mascot, Scrapbook or Collage competitions. Or you can take that motorcycle you have put so much work into and enter the Bike Show. If you don't want to do that, you can join in or watch the District & Chapter Challenges. Then at the end of the day is the Convention's Closing Ceremonies. As we learned last year, the Closing Ceremonies have been shortened. At the Closing Ceremony you could be the luck winner of a Gold Wing, take home one of the 50/50 drawings or win one of the other prizes.

So as you can see the District is providing numerous opportunities to have FUN at a Rally. But that really doesn't answer the question on “How to have FUN at Rally”. The secret of “How to have FUN at a Rally” rests with YOU! You the individual, couple, group or Chapter!

At the Chapter Conference, a comment was made that all Rallies are the same and they tend to become boring. We will agree that there are a lot of the same things that happen at one of these events, but from our point of view they never become boring. The reason is, we know what we like to do to have FUN. So now all you have to do is figure out what things are FUN for YOU and do those things.

We look forward to seeing everyone March 17th - 19th at the Radisson WorldGate Resort in Kissimmee for the Florida District Annual Gathering of the Wings.

Until Next Month, Be Safe Out There!

Rick & Madalena Buck
District Leadership Trainers

Well hello. March is here and time is marching on. The way it's starting out, this year is going even faster than the last one. We have already conducted four ERCs and one TRC and for the first time in years we've also conducted a motorcycle Trailing course. During the course we were fortunate to certify two Rider Coaches as Trailing Instructors.



Our District Rally/Convention is just around the corner. Judy and I along with our new, energetic and capable Assistant District Educators Rick and Pam Northrop, are finally pulling all the strings together and hopefully we will be ready for the "Old Time Rendezvous".

We've gathered up lots of things like tires, afghans, helmets, gift certificates, scratch offs and a host of other things to raffle off and give away. All of us here on the District Rider Ed Team invite you all to stop by the "Old Time Rider Ed Trading Post" and we will do some serious down to earth trading for some knowledge and safety.

We have it all here at the Rider Ed Trading Post. We have barrels of patches and pins, training DVDs and seminars for your viewing pleasures. Now is the time to step up and get yourself certified in CPR/First Aid to move up in the levels programs. Or you could choose to take part in any number of the other seminars that are here for you. The best part about all of this is that it won't cost you one red cent of your hard earned bucks to take part in any of these things. All you have to do is show up and sign up to get smarter in a painless way. We have a host of Seminar Presenters, PLP Facilitators and GWRRA Rider Coach Instructors just waiting to serve you. So come on by the Rider Ed Trading Post and say hi to the Team.

Till Next We Meet, Keep the Shiny Side up and the Rubber on the Road!

Don & Judy Danbury
District Rider Educator
Senior Ride Educator

Good News / Sad News

We recently attended FL1-T (Inverness's) Gathering and were heartened to see 103 participants in attendance. Chapter FL1-S (Zephyrhills) visited with a large contingent which swelled the ranks. Also, it was very apparent that Chapter Director, Rachael Harris has done a great job of recruiting new Members. Jan and I were Participants in Chapter T early on in our GWRRA membership, and although the group at that time was fairly large, the Chapter numbers seem to have grown twofold. Congratulations to Rachael and all those who have contributed to this effort.



On a sad note, we are sorry to report that Chapter FL1-V (Jacksonville Beach) and the Gold Wing Road Riders Association have lost a very special Participant. Laura Roberts passed away on Saturday, February 12th. We first met Laura when she applied for her Level IV (Master) Co-Rider patch. She is fondly remembered as the ultimate Co-Rider, riding behind her son Doug as they toured the country. We would venture to say she logged more miles as a Co-Rider than most Riders do in their lifetime. She was a sweetheart whom you instantly liked and admired when meeting her. Doug, upon learning of her illness a few years ago, took it upon himself to see to it that his mother got to see this beautiful country of ours and to meet and make a vast number of new friends from coast to coast. Jan and I wish to convey our heartfelt condolences to Doug and family for this terrible loss. Laura and her beautiful smile will be greatly missed.

Ride Safe, Have Fun!

Joe and Gracie Mazza
Assistant District Directors, West Central

Be sure to be at the “Old Time Rendezvous” on March 17-19, 2011 at the Radisson WorldGate Resort, Kissimmee. There is still time to get a room, get preregistered, and get in on the FUN! We, on the District Team, work very hard to put on this event for YOU, our Delegates, Friends, and Family. So we say again, be sure to be at the “Old Time Rendezvous” on March 17-19, 2011 at the Radisson WorldGate Resort, Kissimmee!



So here we are in Canada in the gorgeous Canadian Rockies. Funny, they look a lot like the American Rockies, only in Canada. While we were there, we saw some more beautiful landscapes and even snow falling on the mountain peaks. It rained for a day so we were stuck at the campsite but the area is still very pretty. We stayed there for 4 days. On the way back to the U.S.A., a car coming from the opposite direction of a winding road was flashing its lights at us. First thing I thought of was Radar ahead! A typical South Florida response. Upon rounding another curve, a Big Horn Sheep was running on the road! A note to self, flashing lights may mean watch out for animals!

Back in Montana we headed back to LeLand Honda to pick up my hand guns. There was no charge. We asked if they could recommend a campground. Mrs. LeLand called around to find us a campsite and got us two sites nearby at a very nice place. We spent a few days there doing laundry, using their Wi-Fi, and washing the Bikes. We then headed for the North Cascades National Park. We made a wrong turn in a construction zone and went south toward Tacoma. When we found out we were headed in the wrong direction we found out that severe thunderstorms and funnel clouds were right behind us. We went back north on a different route and missed the rain. If we hadn't made a wrong turn we would have run through the severe storm! Mistakes can sometime be blessings.

We stopped for the night in Republic Washington and stayed at the Klondike Motel. It is a reasonably priced Mom and Pop place on top of the hill on their Main Street. The owner was extremely friendly offering us a bucket and rags to wash the bikes in the lot. After dinner a block down the street, we were walking back to our Motel and there were deer walking the street in town. Once at the rooms we sat outside enjoying the weather when we saw a very large Mule Deer watching us from across the street bedded down in a field. In the morning we continued on US 20 West which became the North Cascades Scenic Highway and boy was it ever scenic! We camped in the park a couple of nights and then headed toward Olympic National Park.

In order to get to this northwest corner of the State of Washington, without going way out of the way, we had to take a ferry. Closest small ferry was booked 2 weeks in advance so we headed a little further south to the Edmond / Kingston Ferry near Seattle. We waited on a 2 block long line and when we got to the toll booth we found out being on motorcycles we didn't have to wait in line. From the toll booth we went around everyone else and were put on the ferry first and parked up on the bow of the boat. We met a guy who had just bought a Gold Wing so I explained GWRRA to him and gave him an application. The trip across the water was about a half an hour. Once we disembarked we headed out to find a place to eat lunch. A traffic crash held us up for about 30 minutes, which doesn't help when you're hungry! Once on our way we found a great Dixie BBQ place in a small waterfront town and found the ribs and pulled pork very good. We continued on to Olympic National Park after lunch.

Next month we will get into the great diversity of Olympic National Park!

See you at the Wing Gathering!

Bill & Cheryl Smith
Assistant District Director, Southeast

Greetings from the Northeast...Hello Spring!!!

We can tell it is spring here in the Northeast because every day we see all kinds of motorcycles heading south for Daytona Bike week. We sure are glad to get this winter stuff over with.

The final schedule for the Florida District Rally (Convention) in Kissimmee, March 17, 18 & 19 has been approved. All of the preparations have been completed. All that's left is for YOU and a friend or two to attend. We have vendors, seminars, indoor games, Chapter Challenges, Couple of the Year selection, Poker Run and a 2010 Gold Wing to give away.



Of course we are planning the most FUN Rally Florida GWRRA has ever had, so YOU had better make plans to attend. We will again be coordinating the District Hospitality Room, providing coffee, iced tea and lemonade for attendees. Please help us by bringing snacks to share with all.

The Northeast Ride for Kids (April 9th) is the third year in Northeast Florida. These folks really need our support, so please help us make this event a success. For more information go to:

<http://www.pbtfus.org/rideforkids/events/2011/northeastflorida.html>

Hope to see you sooner than later.

Geno & Kathie Jette
Assistant District Director, Northeast

Hello Everyone

Jim and I wanted to thank everyone for all of their help during the Chapter Conference getting the financials up to date. We still have a few things that are pending before we can turn everything over to the Region Director. The MOUs and Appointment Worksheet turn in is going great as well. We will be contacting you if we have not received your Chapters paperwork.



The 990-Ns are going well! We have had a few issues regarding EINs and are currently working with the IRS to resolve those. After everyone's report have been turned over to the Region Director and accepted, we will be emailing the Chapter Treasurers a completed set of paperwork for the Chapter records.

We are already into the 2nd month of financials for the 2011 calendar year. If you have any problems or queries, please let us know. It is easier to locate and resolve a problem when you are looking at 1 or 2 months rather than a full year worth.

We want to congratulate all of the 2011 Chapter Couples of the Year. It is so exciting to receive such an honor. Please remember the special Meet and Greet at the District Convention (Rally) in March. We are looking forward to seeing all the current and past Couples of the Year.

We are asking all newly selected Chapter Couples of the Year to complete the Couple of the Year resume located on the District website. If you have decided not to participate in the District selection process, please initial the appropriate area and return the first page of the resume. If you are interested in participating great, just complete the resume, send us 5 copies and get it to us within the week. Time is running out and the deadline is fast approaching.

Please give us a call if you have any questions regarding the Couple of the Year process or questions regarding your financial paperwork. That's what we are here for.

See you at the District Convention (Rally)

Jim and Rebecca Iverson
District Treasurer
District Couple of the Year Coordinators

Well, here we are, writing our last article for the District Newsletter as your Florida District Couple of the Year.

This year, as Florida's District Couple of the Year, has flown by and we have enjoyed every minute of it. We were so honored to be selected and we have been so blessed by all of you this year as we have visited your Chapter Gatherings and events, gone on rides and socialized with you all at District and Region Conventions and Wing Ding.



By the time our District Convention takes place, we will have fulfilled our goal to visit every Chapter in the state. The first Chapter we visited after being selected last March was Ft. Lauderdale; the closest Chapter to our home at 120 miles. The last Chapter we will be honored to visit is Ft. Walton Beach, which is about 750 miles from our home!

In addition to visiting every Chapter in Florida, we visited 3 Chapters in New Jersey, 2 in Tennessee, 1 in Alabama, 1 in Ohio and 1 in Indiana. We attended the District Conventions in Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Mississippi, Wisconsin and North Carolina. And of course we were at Wing Ding and our own Region A Convention in Eufaula, Alabama.

We saw Elvis's birthplace in Mississippi, ate dinner across the table from a classmate of James Deans' in Marion, Indiana, and had a picnic lunch on the banks of the river in Neil Armstrong's hometown of Wapakoneta, Ohio. We rode the Blue Ridge Parkway, the Cherohala Skyway and a short stretch of Route 66. We saw wind farms, peanut farms, tobacco and cotton farms. We took a Duck boat ride in the Wisconsin Dells, rode over the bridges of Madison County, saw the Freedom Rock and John Wayne's birthplace and enjoyed the city of Des Moines. We saw the "Little Grand Canyon" in Georgia and went underground in Marianna at the Florida Caverns State Park. We've been to Bat Cave and Chimney Rock, Sullivan's Island and Shem Creek. We rode in sun, fog, wind, rain, even ice (ouch) and snow!

We shared our little "Southernmost Point" pins at every event we attended. In return we received pins and patches, a bib and even a stool sample from the Marysville, Tennessee Chapter. (You'll have to ask Denis about that one.)

Our GWRRA "family" has extended way beyond our pre-District Couple of the Year boundaries of the Miami, Ft. Lauderdale and Ft. Myers Chapters to include Friends for FUN, Safety and Knowledge all over the state of Florida, Region A and a large part of the country. Thank you ALL for making this year so very special for us.

Denis & Darla
Southernmost Couple of the Year
2010-2011 Florida District Couple of the Year

As I'm sure everyone is aware by now, it's almost CONVENTION TIME! If anyone isn't registered yet, now is the time to do it. Remember, and remind your Chapter Participants, that the deadline for preregistration is March 1st.



We still have a couple of opportunities to assist with putting on the event. Many of your fellow Chapters have already done their duty. If you haven't yet, please do it now! We need your Chapter volunteers. Still open are; Hospitality Room from 1 - 5pm on Thursday, Games from 11am - 2pm Friday and Games from 11am - 1:30pm Saturday. If your Chapter can help with these please email me at chotchkiss@cfl.rr.com as soon as possible. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

We look forward to this annual reunion of our Gold Wing friends. Be sure to be there! You'll be entertained so many ways you won't know how to get them all in.

Remember that magic word.... FUN!!!!

Cliff Hotchkiss
Assistant District Direct, East Central
District Rally Coordinator

It is almost that time again, the Florida District Wing Gathering in Kissimmee. We look forward to having FUN, FUN and more FUN. We hope to see a big crowd this year.



On January 29th, we attended the FL1-O (DeFuniak Springs) Chilly Run. There were 19 different kinds of chili, as well as, desserts of all kinds. It was a beautiful day in the 70's and two sets of motorcycles in groups of 30 each went on the Chilly Run. There were over 100 people present. There were representatives from Faith Riders of Mossy Head, several Chapters from Alabama, all the Florida Panhandle Chapters, our District Directors, and a large group of our Milton GWRRA friends. There were games and word searches, 50/50, bingo and grand prizes. Gina won the set of tires. It was lots of FUN with old friends. Wes and I talked about Motorist Awareness and asked people to donate \$1.00 as they left if they were interested in contributing for more handouts for the Motorist Awareness program. We raised \$75.00. We want to thank everyone who donated.

We want to thank Bob Rotach of Iowa for donating his 50/50 winnings at the FL1-L (Panama City) Gathering to the Motorist Awareness Division.

Don't forget the FL1-E2 (Ft. Walton Beach) American Diabetes Poker Run on April 3.

Hope to see you at a rally or convention soon.

Ride safe!

Nate & Danelle Kinion
Assistant District Director, Panhandle
Motorist Awareness Coordinators

Hello Again Everyone!

Here it is March, already! We've been able to attend several GWRRA events over the past few weeks. There has been a Motorcycle Skills Challenge put on by FL1-K2 in St. Petersburg and a Chili Cook-Off by FL2-G in Ft Myers. There was also an Officers Certification Program given by the District Leadership Trainers.



We are preparing for the 2011 GWRRA Florida Wing Gathering in Kissimmee on March 17th - 19th. "Old Time Rendezvous" is the theme. This should certainly develop into an interesting presentation. There will be the usual Rally entities, e.g. Bike Shows, Chapter Pride Competitions, lots of Vendors to satisfy most everyone's needs and desires for their Gold Wings. We will also be presenting you with the 2011 - 2012 District Couple of the Year, who will represent us in the Region "A" Couple of The Year Selection at the Region "A" Rally (September 15th - 17th) in Eufaula, AL. With all of this activity, it just has to be a FUN event. But, all of these FUN events can't happen without your support. Please remember what you signed up for at the Chapter Conference and be sure to be there when the time comes for your contribution. If we all do our part, everyone will have an enjoyable experience.

In addition to our event, Alabama District will hold their Rally/Convention March 31st - April 2nd in Huntsville, AL.

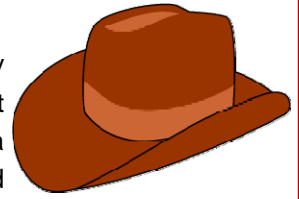
Before we get the opportunity to prepare another article for April we want to make you are aware of two events that are to be held in April. FL1-B, Brandon will hold their annual Road Rally in Seffner and Jacksonville will host the Northeast Florida Ride for Kids on April 9th. There are also several other events in April that all serve worthy causes. As you can see, there are always many ways you can have FUN with your Gold Wing and your Gold Wing family & friends. Check your GWRRA Calendars.

We will continue to attempt to keep you abreast of things that are happening in our area, and hope that you all will feel free to call upon us for help if you need it. Hope to see you all again somewhere soon.

Bruce Griffing & Mary Haight
Assistant District Directors, Southwest
District Membership Enhancement Coordinators

Hat Etiquette - compiled by Gina Berry

As a general topic, this is an area of heated debate in some circles as etiquette, like any other human social interaction, changes with the times and location. But the first Rule that is indisputable and critical is DO NOT mess with a person's hat. It was once overheard in a Texas bar that a man asked his cowboy friend, "Can I try your hat on?" The man just looked at him and said, "You wouldn't want me askin' to try on your underwear would you? So don't ask to try on my hat." A hat is a very personal item that you don't mess with. In some places, to touch a man's hat without permission, will get you pile-driven into the wall. You just don't do it. I might add that the same is true of touching a women's hat...You just don't do it!



Some standard, base-line points of etiquette for men:

- ◆ Any time you enter a building, the hat should come off.
- ◆ If it is an informal occasion you may put it back on but for a formal occasion it should stay off.
- ◆ When sitting down at a table for a meal, the hat should come off unless there is nowhere to safely lay the hat.
- ◆ When sitting down at a counter for a meal, the hat can stay on.
- ◆ Out on the range however, keep your hat on while you eat. If you take your hat off, another wrangler might step on it or spill food into the rim.

Hat etiquette for ladies is quite different from hat rules for men, except for the one indisputable and critical rule of "DO NOT mess with a person's hat.". Up until the 1950s/1960s, there were specific headwear guidelines to follow, but now manners and customs are less clear. Yet, any woman can learn to wear a hat. Hats are hip, cute, and sassy.



Baseball caps, trucker hats, beanies with twirly propellers, some fedoras, or anything Rastafarian do not fall into the regular rules. Rain hats, ski hats, and fur hats, for outdoor weather protection, also fall into a different category. Also, many headwear customs vary from country to country, so investigate dress codes and conventions before traveling to unknown parts of the world.

- Women's hats are fashion accessories and are part of their ensembles. Therefore, ladies are not required to remove their hats when going indoors.
- Women may wear hats at formal teas, luncheons, and wedding ceremonies/receptions.
- Women do not take fashion hats off during the National Anthem, though they must take off men's-style baseball caps, etc.
- Women are allowed to take off their hats, if they wish, in any of these circumstances.
- Traditionally, fashion hats are not worn with formal evening gowns or cocktail dresses. Women, instead, wear, Cocktail hats, veils (often attached to small hats), fancy combs or other embellishments, or beautiful scarves tied as headbands, when nothing else works.
- Where Women Don't Wear Hats - in their own homes or at a friend's home. However, this is not a hard and fast rule.
- When at a theater, women should remove large hats. It is common courtesy to remove hats when they might block someone's view of a stage or screen.
- Women remove their hats at work in an office.
- Women are not required to remove large hats in churches.

Now all of the above rules are frequently ignored or modified depending on the locale, the situation, the people, etc... So use your best judgment and if in doubt, stick to the above rules to be sure you're not offending anyone's sensibilities. However, don't ever forget the first Rule: DO NOT mess with a person's hat!

PASSPORT



Gold Wing Road
Riders Association

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES “PASSPORT PROGRAM”

Phoenix, AZ – Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) has announced a new program, called the “Passport Program.” The Program is geared to encourage the Members of GWRRA to ride more - mainly to GWRRA Chapter gatherings, events, rallies, their Honda Dealers, vendors, etc. The Program will Kick off officially in March, but is being announced now to encourage sponsorships of this Program.

Paul Hildebrand, Founder and COB of GWRRA, said, “This program will encourage more riding with our Members and also provide a vehicle for more camaraderie by having Members and providers getting together to sign/stamp their “Passports” and compare their travels!”

The Passport books have 64 pages, with 4 spaces on each page, for Members to get stamps/initials for each place they visit. GWRRA will be providing a special website for those Members who fill their Passports and send them into the GWRRA Home Office.

To capture those special travel moments, use this Passport when you go to GWRRA Events or Wing Ding. At each Event or Wing Ding (at any GWRRA booth), the Chapter Director, District Director or Region Director will apply a special stamp or initials (one per event) to recognize your attendance.

After completing the entire Passport, send it to the Home Office by July 31, 2012, for a chance to win a prize. The winners will be chosen randomly from all entrants.

Mr. Hildebrand goes on to state that “I am looking forward to seeing this Program bring *riding and camaraderie* back to the forefront of GWRRA!” GWRRA will support this Program through editorials in *Wing World* magazine; our FREE monthly e-Newsletter, *Wingin’ It*; and electronic media through our websites.

GWRRA PASSPORT PROGRAM All You Wanted To Know and More

Besides what is written in *Wing World*, in the actual Passport, and on the GWRRA Passport Web Page (<http://www.gwrro.org/passport.html>), here are some additional guidance regarding this new program.

Mike Stiger, GWRRA Director, sums it up by stating the following. “Let’s stay on point with regard to this new passport program. The Passport Program is to encourage Members to increase their riding and participation in GWRRA events and share the love. It is not about some prize they may be winning. I look forward to seeing the Chapters, Districts, and Regions use this Passport for their own purposes of promoting the “GWRRA Experience”. Let’s take and run with this tool and have lots of FUN!”

This program officially starts March 1, 2011 and will end on July 31, 2012. Passports can be dropped off at Wing Ding 34 or mailed to the home office when completed.

The following clarifies most of the questions that have been asked about this new Passport Program.

- What constitutes as an event is any scheduled event that any GWRRA Chapter, District, Region, or National conducts. This includes participating in all of your own home or local Chapter events.
- The preferred mode of transportation used for the passport is a Motorcycle or Trike. However, for our northern Members that only have a 5 month riding season, during inclement weather where a safer mode of transportation should be used, for health reasons, having to haul materials or supplies to the event, or any other reasonable reason, arriving in their car is fine.
- A Director, or their designated representatives, needs to sign the book.

One of the confusing issues regarding this new Passport Program was visits to Honda Dealers and Vendors. The inclusion of visits to your local Honda Dealer or accessory vendor wasn’t spelled out correctly describing the intent behind the statement. Visiting your local Honda Dealer or accessory vendor doesn’t constitute a GWRRA event unless these Dealers or Vendors are sponsoring the scheduled event. A Director, or their designated representatives, needs to sign the book.

**District Convention / Rally (March 17 - 19, 2010)
Seminar Schedule**

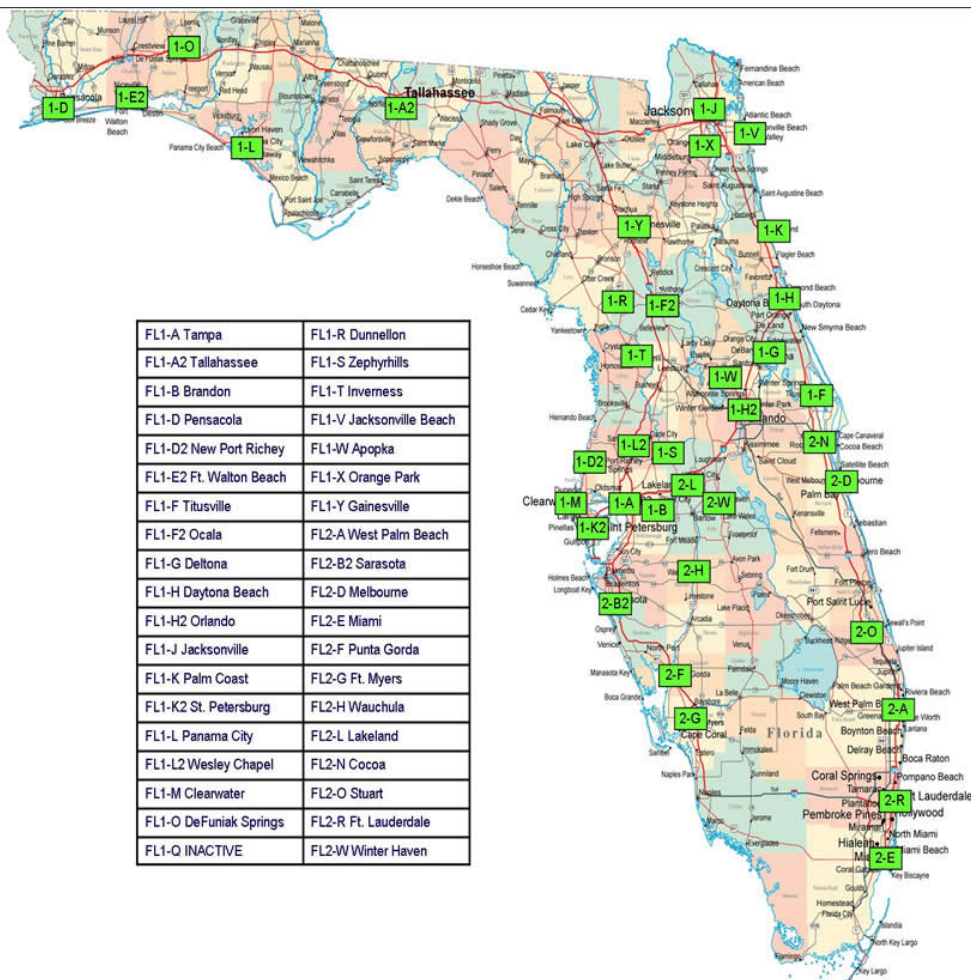
Thursday - March 17, 2011			
	SALON E	SALON D	SALON C
12:00-1:00pm	No Seminars	No Seminars	MEDIC First Aid
1:00-2:00pm			
2:00-3:00pm	Helpful Info for New Members		
3:00-4:00pm	How Can I Participate in GWRRA	Motorcycling for Mature Riders	

Friday - March 18, 2011			
	SALON E	SALON D	SALON C
8:00-9:00am	Training the Members	Trailerling	MEDIC First Aid
9:00-10:00am	What is the Rider Education Program	Co-Rider	
10:00-11:00am	No Seminars	Road Captain	
11:00am-12:00pm		No Seminar	
12:00-1:00pm		Motorcycle Crash Scene Response	MEDIC First Aid
1:00-2:00pm	Chapter of the Year Program	Team Riding	
2:00-3:00pm	Chapter Structure & Organization	Co-Rider	
3:00-4:00pm	History of GWRRA	TBA	

Saturday - March 19, 2011			
	SALON E	SALON D	SALON C
8:00-9:00am	Flyers for Fun and Profit	Road Captain	MEDIC First Aid
9:00-10:00am	Remembering Names	Co-Rider	
10:00-11:00am	Public Speaking 101	Motorcycle Crash Scene Response	
11:00am-12:00pm	No Seminars	No Seminars	No Seminars
12:00-1:00pm	Time Management	Road Captain	
1:00-2:00pm	Listening & Communicating	Motorcycling for Mature Riders	

Wing Gathering 2011 Chapter Responsibilities

Position	Day	Times	# of Mbrs.	2011
Registration	Thursday	8 AM - 12 Noon	4	Dist. Team
		12 Noon - 3 PM	4	FL2-D
		3 PM - 6 PM	4	FL1-H2
	Friday	8 AM - 1 PM	4	FL2-G
		1 PM - 6 PM	4	FL1-W
	Saturday	8 AM - 1 PM	2	FL1-G
50/25-25 Ticket Sales	Friday	8 AM - 1 PM	10	Panhandle Chps.
		1 PM - 6 PM	10	Panhandle Chps.
	Saturday	8 AM - 11 AM	10	Panhandle Chps.
		11 AM - 2 PM	10	Panhandle Chps.
Grand Prize Ticket Sales	Friday	8 AM - 1 PM	10	Panhandle Chps.
		1 PM - 6 PM	10	Panhandle Chps.
	Saturday	8 AM - 11 AM	10	Panhandle Chps.
		11 AM - 2 PM	10	Panhandle Chps.
Poker Run Table	Friday	8 AM - Noon	2	FL2-A
	Saturday	8 AM - Noon	2	FL2-A
Indoor Games	Thursday	12 PM - 4:30 PM	4	FL1-M
	Friday	8 AM - 11 AM	8	FL1-J
		11 AM - 2 PM	8	
		2 PM - 4:30 PM	8	FL1-L2
	Saturday	8 AM - 11 AM	8	FL1-V
		11 AM - 1:30 PM	8	
Chapter Challenge	Saturday	2:00 PM		*****
Bike Show	Saturday	10 AM - 2 PM		FL1-K2
Vendot Gate Security	Wednesday	11 AM - 12 PM (Fence)	4	*****
	Thursday	8 AM - 12 Noon	6	Dist. Team
		12 Noon - 2 PM	6	FL1-X
		2 PM - 4 PM	6	FL1-H
		4 PM - 6 PM	6	FL1-H
	Friday	8 AM - 11 AM	6	FL2-E
		11 AM - 2 PM	6	FL1-T
		2 PM - 4 PM	6	FL2-G
		4 PM - 6 PM	6	FL1-V
	Saturday	8 AM - 10 AM	6	FL2-L
		10 AM - 12 Noon	6	FL2-W
		12 Noon - 2 PM	6	FL1-A
		2 PM - 4 PM	6	FL1-K
	Hospitality Room	Thursday	10 AM - 1 PM	3
1 PM - 5 PM			3	
Friday		8 AM - 12 PM	3	FL1-H2
		12 PM - 2 PM	3	FL2-N
		2 PM - 4:30 PM	3	FL2-E
Saturday		8 AM - Noon	3	FL1-Y
		Noon - 3 PM	3	FL1-F2
Door Prizes	Friday	Noon - 6 PM	3	Panhandle Chps.
	Saturday	8 AM - Noon	3	Panhandle Chps.
		Noon - 2 PM	3	Panhandle Chps.



FL1-A Tampa	FL1-R Dunnellon
FL1-A2 Tallahassee	FL1-S Zephyrhills
FL1-B Brandon	FL1-T Inverness
FL1-D Pensacola	FL1-V Jacksonville Beach
FL1-D2 New Port Richey	FL1-W Apopka
FL1-E2 Ft. Walton Beach	FL1-X Orange Park
FL1-F Titusville	FL1-Y Gainesville
FL1-F2 Ocala	FL2-A West Palm Beach
FL1-G Deltona	FL2-B2 Sarasota
FL1-H Daytona Beach	FL2-D Melbourne
FL1-H2 Orlando	FL2-E Miami
FL1-J Jacksonville	FL2-F Punta Gorda
FL1-K Palm Coast	FL2-G Ft. Myers
FL1-K2 St. Petersburg	FL2-H Wauchula
FL1-L Panama City	FL2-L Lakeland
FL1-L2 Wesley Chapel	FL2-N Cocoa
FL1-M Clearwater	FL2-O Stuart
FL1-O DeFuniak Springs	FL2-R Ft. Lauderdale
FL1-Q INACTIVE	FL2-W Winter Haven

2011 Florida GWRRA Events		
Mar 17-19	Florida District Rally/Convention	Kissimmee
Mar 31-Apr 2	Alabama District Rally/Convention	Huntsville, AL
Apr 2	FL1-K Disabled American Veterans Poker Run	Palm Coast
Apr 3	FL1-E2 American Diabetes Poker Run	Ft Walton Beach
Apr 3	South Florida Ride for Kids	Deerfield Beach
Apr 9	FL1-B Road Rally	Seffner
Apr 16	FL1-W Green Eggs & Ham	Orlando
April 28-30	South Carolina District Rally/Convention	Charleston, SC
May 14	FL1-F2 Chapter Rally	Ocala
May 21-22	Horizon Program	Seffner
May 21	Armed Forces Day Ride to Shrimps 'R Us	Welaka
June 16-18	Georgia District Wing Fling	Duluth, GA
Jul 6-9	Wing Ding 33	Knoxville, TN
Aug 21-22	Officer Certification Program	TBD
Sep 15-17	Region "A" Rally/Convention	Eufaula, AL
Oct 8	FL1-A Poker Run	Tampa
Oct 13-15	Mississippi District Rally/Convention	Tupelo, MS
Oct 22-23	Horizon Program	TBD
Oct 29	FL1-H2 Howl-O-Ween Harvest Picnic	Orlando/Christmas
Oct 29	FL1-D Green Frog Getaway	Bear Lake

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