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FUN IDEAS FROM OUR GWRRA MEMBERS

FLORIDA DISTRICT CHAPTER FL-1-FL2

We deliberately mix up where we sit at Gatherings and a veteran member always sits at the table with new members. We do this same seating on picnic rides too. We also always have a new member or guest draw the 50:50, ride lotto and other drawings. We did a raffle within a raffle for Gold Wing Tickets last month and we had the new member draw the winning ticket. He drew my name and I had won this same drawing at the Christmas Party three months earlier so I said draw another name. The chapter would not hear of that. So I split the 134 tickets with the new member who drew my name. We had a great laugh about it and he got 62 Gold Wing tickets too. Mike, Marion and myself make it a point to welcome guests and mentor any new members for several months after they join us. It has to be about the guests and new members – it's not about the chapter officers – it's about the members.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT CHAPTER X

First time in a year most of us had been able to attend. We played "Two truths and a lie". Since we we're getting acquainted again everyone played and the group guessed what was a lie! Fun to learn some things about friends! No prizes for this but so fun!

FUN RIDES FROM OUR GWRRA MEMBERS

In Louisiana, we gather Chapters from south Louisiana in a selected town where the “Colors Ride” begins. While the Chapters are gathering in south Louisiana, the Chapters in north Louisiana are doing the same in their selected city. Bikes are grouped by color at each meeting location. Yellow, white, blue, black, red, and so forth are put in their individual groups. If you have single colors, we group them together and referred to them as the “Rainbow Group”. Ride leaders and drag bikes are selected for each group of colored bikes. If you have too large a group of any color bikes, we split them into two groups. We then start the ride. The two groups are usually 250 miles apart when the ride starts. We ride to the center of the state with each group riding 125 miles. If possible, we try to gather as one large group and ride together to our eating place. We have had the local police escort us those last 10 miles. We enjoy our meal together and depart as individual Chapters or riders and head home. Some of our riders will travel 100 miles to our starting point, 125 during our colors ride, then maybe another 200 plus miles home. A lot of riding, but a lot of fun. Bathroom stops and places to eat are found in advance.



NEW HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT CHAPTER G

John & Carole Sheehan, Marc Charette and Dale Bickford pulled the bikes out of winter hibernation into the blue sky, sunshine filled day. First leg was up Route 153 which was in pretty good shape. A few frost heaves but overall a nice ride. The orange Subaru slowed them down for a while but finally pulled off around Eaton Lake. Continuing into Conway they hung a left to go up the Kanc. The traffic was almost nonexistent on the Kanc but there were lots of cars parked in the pull offs with hikers out enjoying the day. It is probably a good indication that the hiking trails and campgrounds will be packed again this year.