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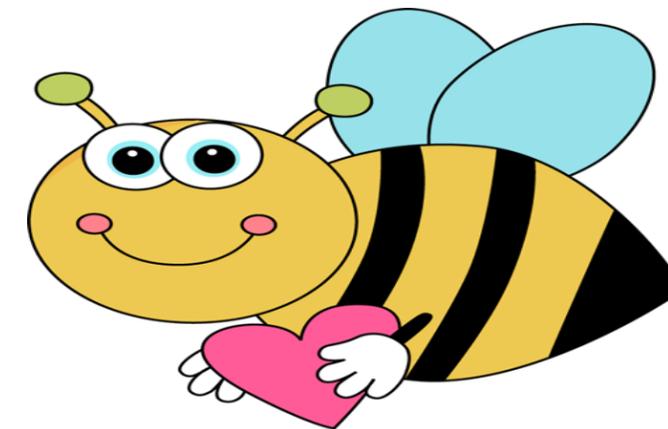
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GWRRRA FL2-B2



Chapter FL2-B2 NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING MONTHLY

CLUB MOTO: Safety First, Fun Always

GATHERINGS

3rd Thursday

Perkins Restaurant

5921 Fruitville Road Sarasota, FL 34232

Starts at Eat @ 6:00 Meet @ 7:00 PM Monthly

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CHAPTER “FL2-B2” CALENDAR

2018 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS

See the web sites

Road Captains.....Really??

I have been hearing a lot about Road Captains lately and I thought it might be a good topic while we have so many of our members here at home.

Are Road Captains an absolute bottom line determining factor for a “Lead” or “Drag”, (Tailgunner)?? Hmm.... I can even see the heads bobbing and shaking from where I am sitting. Well let’s just say this. You are on a ride. RC in the lead and RC drag. Group of 7 approaches a traffic light, 3 make it through. Now the group is split. Is there a new RC for the new lead and drag? Yes? No? Maybe? Hmm.... We reach a conundrum. Were all 7 riders RCs? Could there have been new members in that group? Now what? I know, the speculations could go on and on.

I have searched the Rider Ed Program Handbook for an answer but this is where I find the reference to RCs as “Lead/Drag”. The Road Captain Course, when discussing the responsibilities of the different positions, makes it a point to stress that the Lead and Drag positions are Road Captains. It is further referenced in the Team Riding Seminar and the Team Riding Manual that the Lead and Drag positions should be filled by Members that have completed the GWRRA Road Captains Course. This, of course, is the safest and most ideal situation for a safe and FUN ride for all. So, as you can see it is highly suggested in these two seminars by the statements where it stresses and states that these two positions should be filled by a Road Captain. However, it is not mandatory.

What is the answer?? Well, let's do our best to get all our members into a Road Captain Course and a Team Riding seminar! Not everyone must “lead/drag” a ride but, at least everyone would understand the mechanics of a safer ride in order to be more comfortable and have more FUN!

Lets Ride Safe, Ride Aware,

Rick & Pam Northrop

Sr. District Educators

From the Lead Sharks

Bill & Barb Baner

I would to say “Thank You” to Bo, for leading the First Calendar Chapter Ride as the new Chapter Ride Coordinator. For those of you that went, the “Mystery Breakfast Ride” was a HUGE SUCCESS !!!!. Bo took us on some great back roads and would not let us know where we were going until the last minute (which was pulling into the parking lot of the restaurant) We all had a lot of FUN and enjoyed the day. We look forward to the next Chapter Ride, scheduled on February 17th to the Chili Cook-Off at the Fort Meyers Chapter. We will be leaving the Mobil Station at 9 am. Of course Barb will be making her award winning Chili and hope some of you will be bringing yours too. This year’s competition is judged by all attending members.

If you haven’t done so already, please fill out the Chapter Ride Calendar. I will send out a copy of it via email. We need everyone’s participation in filling in the open weeks. Let’s go to your favorite restaurant, park, beach or your favorite scenic ride.

Please mark March 22nd - 24th on your calendars. These are the dates of the Florida District Rally. Our Chapter also volunteered to help out with the District Games. Please let Barb know if you can volunteer with us and some FUN Together.

See you at our next Ride or Chapter Meeting.....

Ride Safe,

Bill & Barb Baner

Chapter FL2-B2 Directors



Bo
Knows



Helmet Concepts

Brain injury in a crash is caused by the forces created in linear and angular vectors. The linear we all understand. The angular is the rotational force caused by the object pivoting around a specific point commonly known as a pivot point.

New studies by a firm, 6D Helmets, is doing significant research in methods of reducing these forces during the events of an impact. Current certification technology is based on the knowledge of how the impact fractured the skull. 6D is developing new designs based on their research and results.

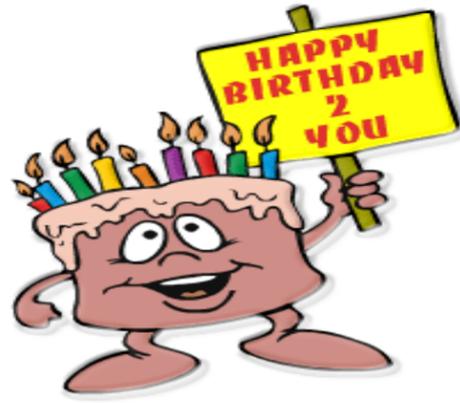
This technology extends into the field of sports safety as well as related to the finally recognized chronic traumatic encephalopathy, CTE, injuries particularly noticeable in football.

Please read the article with Bob Weber, 6D co-founder, in Road RUNNER magazine, February, 2017, pp. 94 - 95.

This will lift your awareness and understanding of how important your helmet is. Further, follow the development of your future and likely much safer helmets.

EVEN IRONMAN WEARS A
HELMET





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Bo Nepip 13 Feb

Rose Ragland 22 Feb



None



Suncoast Charities for Children this week announced the dates and location for next year's [20th annual Thunder By the Bay Motorcycle Festival](#). The free four-day festival will take place Feb. 15-18 at the Sarasota County Fairgrounds, with a Bikes on Main Block Party in downtown Sarasota on Friday, Feb. 16. The 2017 Thunder By the Bay festival [took place in Lakewood Ranch](#) after many years of events in downtown Sarasota.



A big thanks to Bo for taking us on another Magical Mystery Breakfast. A good time was had by all.

GWRRA FL2-G

CHAPTER CHILI CHALLENGE

WHEN

Saturday

February 17, 2018

11am—2pm



WHERE

Haus of Trikes & Bikes

401 Fowler Street

Fort Myers, FL 33907

Pick a chef and send them to Fort Myers to represent your chapter.

1 Grand Prize, Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals

Best Chapter Chili in Florida— \$100.00

People's Choice Award— \$50.00

NO ENTRY FEE

Enter as many people to cook as you would like. Multiple submissions are allowed.

Best Chapter Chili will be judged by independent judges. FL2-G will not be eligible to enter this portion of the contest.

Each person attending will receive a ballot to cast their vote for the People's Choice Award. Each chili station will be assigned a number which will be the number the attendees will use on their ballot. At 1:00 pm the votes will be counted and at 1:45 pm the winner will be announced.

FL2-G members will be hosting cooks for the cook off. This will allow them to arrive the day before to prepare their chili. Accommodations will be provided strictly on a first come first serve basis.

Don't forget. Bring all your friends to cheer you on and have a good time.

[Cooks contact our Coordinators to reserve your spot & accommodations.](#)

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