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## CD Goldline



### THOUGHTS

It's the night before a trip on the wing,  
I'm all excited, I'm going to a rally,  
Can't wait to browse through the vendors,  
Hope I can resist buying anything,  
We all know that is hard to do,  
For a winger among vendors,  
Is akin to a kid in a candy store,  
Maybe there's an accessory I need,  
Just one more !  
Looking forward to seeing old friends,  
Talking about great rides, country roads,  
Delicious eateries, and whether we're exceeding our  
wings capacity carrying load,  
No matter how old I get,  
Or the number of motorcycle events I attend,  
I never tire of riding two wheels,  
For it's the therapy in life I choose.

Ride Safe,

*Hugh*

Chapter Director

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## LAST MINUTE UPDATE

Lenton Stephens will be the new Asst. Chapter Director.

## Next Meeting: April 10th

Western Sizzlin

North Monroe Street

6:30 Eat, 7:30 Meet

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Positions available: contact Hugh to get involved!

## What you Missed

About this Issue: Hugh left for the FL District Rally Friday and due to my printer being disassembled on Monday he could not proof this issue. I don't know how long it will be out of commission, so I elected to print the Newsletter as is this weekend. Please advise of any omissions and/or corrections to be included in the next issue.

### March 13th Meeting Highlights

**- Chapter Director Hugh Waller, said the Rally was a definite success in spite of the bad weather. If you want to know exactly how successful, Hugh has the figures.**

**- Karen Share** had the winning "Get 10 Extra 50/50 Tickets" GWRRR number. Look for a new winning number in this issue.

**- We had 40 Visitors** in addition to our own members at the Rally. Miami, Tifton and Milton were some of the places represented.

**-Wing Ding** - you must be present to win the Gold Wing this year.

**-Winner of this month's 50/50 was Charles Couch.**

**-Vanessa Shivers** has a new source for shirts. Very reasonable price. Call or e-mail her for information. (See front for contact information.)

**- Charles Couch** passed out flyers for the RV Campground in Birmingham for those that want to take their R.V.'s instead of staying at the 29 Dreams Motorcycle Resort. So far 18 people have signed up for the trip to the Barber Motorcycle Museum.

**-Our April 12th Chapter Campout** at Holiday Campgrounds in Panacea was discussed. Hot Dog lunch - No charge. John Ferrell agreed to do his ever-popular Beer Chicken again. The cost is split 50/50. Members will pay \$ 5.00 per plate.

**- The Gainesville Chapter** is holding their shindig at the Alachua County Fairgrounds. See the Calendar.

**- R. J.'s House of Catfish** does not accept Credit Cards. Just in case you ever need to know.

*Faith*



### April Birthdays

Emily & Kirstie Waller	04/02
Frank McKenzie	04/04
Cliff Mathis	04/12
Janice Gargus	04/21
Wayne Hicks	04/24
Bob Lumsden	04/30

### May Birthdays

Ann Langley	05/03
Lauren Waller	05/05
Charles Couch	05/09
John Ferrell	05/10
B. J. Allen	05/12
Virginia Hart	05/28
Belinda Hicks	05/30

### April Anniversaries

Greg & Carolyn Campbell	04/09
Arnold & Mary Watts	04/14
Wesley & Vanessa Shivers	04/21
Gus & Donna Daniels	04/23
Ken & Mary Lee Rouse	04/24

### May Anniversaries

Johnny & Janice Gargus	05/10
Jack & Mercy Henderson	05/22
Sonny & Ann Rollo	05/30

## Time to Re-Up

### April

Gus Daniels  
Buck & Carol Harris  
Lenton Stephens

## Motorcycle Wisdom

**-Only Bikers understand why dogs love to stick their heads out car windows.**

## Sunshine

Do you know a member with illness or death in their immediate family? Call Carolyn Campbell, Sunshine Chairperson, 997- 4901 or e-mail: campbelc@sbcglobal.net (Please note Carolyn now has E-Mail!)



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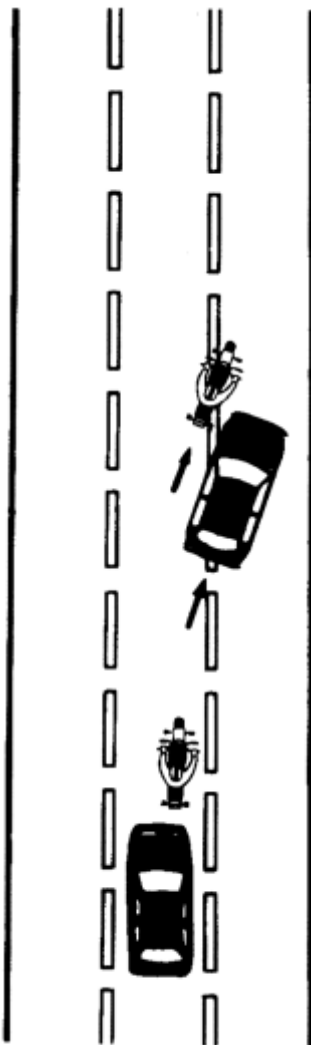
# “Street Riding Strategies”

Part 1

## Rider Resource # 5

*It might seem that most motorcycle accidents occur on the super-highway, or on twisty mountain roads, but that isn't the case. According to the 1980 Motorcycle Accident Factors Study (the “Hurt Report”), the vast majority of motorcycle accidents occur on city streets. Ninety percent of all motorcycle accidents occur in the city or suburbs. And 74% are collisions with other vehicles, mostly passenger cars. So, avoiding accidents is primarily a matter of knowing how to avoid collisions with cars. Let's analyze several typical urban accidents and see how we can avoid them.*

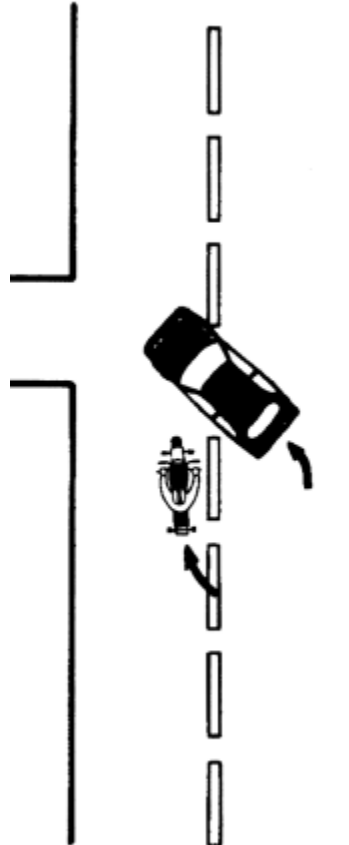
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### The Shark

You are riding down a wide arterial street, and observe a car moving up close behind you. The car tailgates you for several blocks, and you decide to move out of the way. Just as you swing into the other lane, the tailgater also changes lanes. What can you do to avoid a crash?

When you observed the tailgater, you should have taken steps to move out of the way sooner. You could have signalled and pulled off to the right, or made a very obvious and gradual lane change to the left. When moving away from such “sharks,” signal early and make definite moves so that the driver is fully aware of what you are doing.



### The Creeper

Riding a suburban street, you come up behind a slow-moving car. You would like to pass, but the driver keeps speeding up and slowing down, and you delay getting around. After several blocks, you are frustrated by the slow pace, and decide to accelerate on by. Just as you pull out to pass the creeper, the driver makes a sudden left turn into a driveway. There's no room to stop or swerve.

The driver's erratic pace should have warned you that he was looking for something, possibly a street address, and was not observing following traffic. You should have

predicted that the driver might turn or stop suddenly, and you should have decided to separate yourself from this hazard. You could have dropped back at least two seconds. You should never pass at an intersection or any other location when the car could make a turn in front of you. When you do pass a slower driver, beep your horn to warn him of your action.

# More Rally Pix and Contributors

(or “Things I didn’t have room for in the last issue”)

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**Lenton Stephens**  
Anyone that rode their bike, certainly deserves to have their picture taken with it. Lenton was a lot of fun when we were picking out the winning prize tickets.

I don’t know what Gus was doing but it was great meeting him for the first time. What a nice guy.



A respite from the rain, just in time.



To order shirts and caps, contact Vanessa at: [v.shivers@worldnet.att.net](mailto:v.shivers@worldnet.att.net) or call 926-7080. The current version is red with the logo embroidered in white on the front and printed on the back.



# Jim Bullock Gold Wing Rings

*February 22 dawned gray and foreboding with the promise of lightening laced thunderstorms and warnings of possible tornados. We continued to set up canopies and organize door prizes, food and games in hopes that the weather would break long enough to lure the more intrepid riders and supporters to our annual Rally. Our one lone Vendor pulled in on his burgandy Gold Wing rig and set up shop.*

**A**n undaunted Jim Bullock

checked in promptly at 8:00AM and set up his display of rings crafted from what appeared to be large 6-sided stainless steel hex-nuts. They glistened even under the dark skies that threatened to soak anyone unlucky enough to be making the trek from the games, door prize and food area to the registration table at the other end of the parking lot. I admired the tenacity of our lone vendor as various club members took short breaks from their posts to check out his wares.

Jim hails from Brunswick, Georgia, a scenic coastal community near St. Simons Island. According to the map on the Internet, that's about 237 miles east of Tallahassee and takes around four hours to make the trip from there to here.

Jim is good at what he does both as a craftsman and a vendor. He knows that telling the story about how he makes his rings adds interest for rally goers while they look over the variety he offers. Handing me a promotional postcard, he explained how he transforms the hunk of stainless steel into his works of art. Jim obviously knows the value of marketing materials. The more I looked at the card, the more I wanted to know.

Jim worked for Allstate Insurance before he retired from the 9:00 to 5:00 routine. One of his customers was retired from the Navy and crafted rings for Masons' lodge members. In return for Jim's expertise in matters of running a business, he offered to teach Jim the fine art of making rings. Jim didn't act on the offer right away, but finally he decided to take his friend up on it. The first ring was such a success, it sold right away, and so did the second. He decided to make the rings part time for extra money and to give himself a hobby. Then he applied for a license to make Gold Wing Rings. A year ago he retired from Allstate and the ring business was so good, he decided to go full time.

Jim averages one or two rallies per month and his website brings in additional business. Jim's beautifully designed selections include not only the two standard GWRRA designs but a wonderful rendition of a Gold Wing Motorcycle. Visit Jim's website at [www.goldwingrings.com](http://www.goldwingrings.com) you'll be pleasantly surprised to find Navy, Navy Chief, Viet Nam Veterans, EMT, Firefighters, Marines and more. Rings are available in both Mens' and Ladies' sizes and are priced at \$ 69.00 including tax. You can solve your next gift dilemma with a quick call or e-mail to Jim. Knowing your **current** ring size is the most important information you can provide. Take a trip to your local jewelry store if you don't know.

If you missed **our** rally, look Jim up at the next event. Your sure to like what you see.



# AMA Acts To End Health-Care Bias Against Riders

Contributed by Karen E. Share

PICKERINGTON, Ohio — Following intense efforts by the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA), legislation has been introduced in Congress to end health-care discrimination against motorcyclists.

In the '90s, Congress passed a law meant to bar employers from refusing to cover motorcycle-related injuries in the health-care coverage they offer employees. But federal bureaucrats reversed that law, writing rules to allow health-insurance discrimination against motorcyclists and others who engage in legal activities like skiing, snowmobiling, ATV riding or horseback riding. This new legislation would correct that action.

The bill, introduced by U.S. Sens. Russ Feingold (D-Wis.) and Susan Collins (R-Maine) on February 14, would "promote health-care coverage parity for individuals participating in legal recreational activities or legal transportation activities."

Specifically, the bill states that "a plan or issuer may not deny benefits otherwise provided for the treatment of any injury solely because such injury resulted from participation of the participant or beneficiary in an activity such as motorcycling, snowmobiling, all-terrain vehicle riding, horseback riding, skiing or other similar legal activity."

Those words came out of meetings between aides for the senators and the AMA's team in Washington, D.C., that also included officials of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. The bill also has the endorsement of the All-Terrain Vehicle Association, the American Horse Council and the American Snowmobilers Association, among others.

Ed Moreland, AMA vice president for government relations, said the threat of losing health-care benefits is enormous.

"Medical bills from an accident can easily total tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars," he said.

"Without insurance, that can amount to a devastating blow to any rider."

Riders and others who want to end this type of insurance discrimination are urged to send letters to their federal lawmakers asking them to support the Feingold-Collins bill. An easy way to send your message is to use the AMA Rapid Response Center at [www.AMADirectlink.com](http://www.AMADirectlink.com).

"We succeeded in this effort years ago, only to see our efforts reversed by federal agencies," Moreland said. "Now, we have a second chance to protect all motorcyclists from health-insurance discrimination. We need to take advantage of this opportunity."

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The American Motorcyclist Association is a nonprofit organization with more than 250,000 members. Established in 1924, the Association's purpose is to pursue, protect and promote the interests of motorcyclists, while serving the needs of its members. For more information, visit the AMA website at [www.AMADirectlink.com](http://www.AMADirectlink.com).

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**\$ 200.00.**

Call Jerry Langley (850) 984-5618

## 2003 Tentative Schedule

- April 12 Spring Campout & Cookout - Holiday Park & Campground, Panacea
- April\* 17 Worley's Bar-B-Que - Cairo, GA  
Depart from # 6 - 6:30 PM
- April+ 24 Crystal River, West Tennessee Street - 6:30 PM
- April 26 Barber Motorcycle Museum - Birmingham, AL  
Camping at 29 Dreams Motorcycle Resort  
\$ 35.00 per night for two occupants.  
Contact Charles Couch to sign up.
- May\* 15 Seminole Wind Restaurant, Spring Creek Rd.  
Bainbridge, GA. - Depart from # 1 - 6:30 PM
- May+ 22 Longhorn Steak House, N. Monroe St., Eat at 6:30 PM
- June\* 19 Wakulla Springs Restaurant - Depart from # 3 - 6:30 PM
- June+ 26 La Fiesta, Apalachee Parkway - Eat at 6:30 PM
- July\* 17 Croley's, Whigham, GA - Depart from # 1 - 6:30 PM
- July+ 24 Roadhouse Grill, N. Monroe St. - Eat at 6:30 PM
- August 2 Bike Show at Tallahassee Mall
- August\* 21 Forgotten Coast Seafood Shack - Crawfordville  
Depart from # 3 - 6:30 PM
- August+ 24 B. Merrill's, East Lafayette St. - Eat at 6:30 PM
- September\* 18 Brantley's, Thomasville, GA - Depart from # 6 - 6:30 PM
- September+ 25 King Buffet, Apalachee Prkwy. - Eat at 6:30 PM
- September Chapter Campout - Panacea - Date open
- October\* 16 Spring Creek Restaurant - Depart from # 3 - 6:30 PM
- October+ 23 Marie Livingston's, N. Monroe St. - Eat at 6:30 PM
- November 6 Chapter Meeting (first Thursday of the month) Eat 6:30,  
Meet 7:30 PM
- November\* 13 ChickenPileau, Coon Bottom - Depart from # 1 - 6:30 PM
- November+ 25 Golden Corral, N. Monroe St., Eat at 6:30 PM
- December No dinner or dinner social scheduled
- December 13 Christmas Party at Edenbrook (Tentative)  
\$ 6.00 each and bring one gift per person attending.

\* Scheduled Dinner Rides + Scheduled Dinner Socials

## Departure Points

- # 1: Hardees, N. Monroe
- # 2: Circle K, Highway 20 & Capital Circle
- # 3: Circle K, Crawfordville Highway & Captial Circle
- # 4: Chevron, Highway 98 - Woodville Highway
- # 5: CITGO, Hwy., 90 - I-10 east (Cross Creek)
- # 6: NEW Publix, Thomasville - Bradfordville Roads
- # 7: Williams Truck Stop on Hwy 90 West

## Community Events

- April 10-13 Rally In Tally - Benefitting - Kids Incorporated of Big Bend and Sgt Dale Green Memorial Fund Day
- June 21 Sgt. Dale Green Memorial Fund Day - N. FL. Fairgrounds  
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

### 2003 Poker Run Dates

#### April 26

FL1- D Submarine Races  
Gulf Breeze

#### April 26

FL1- F Sock Hop  
Titusville

#### May 17

FL1-F2 Poker Run  
Ocala

#### May 24

FL1-Y Casino Poker Run  
Gainesville

### District & National Rallies

#### FLORIDA DISTRICT RALLY 2003

(March 27, 28 & 29)  
Crowne Plaza Hotel  
At Sabal Park, Tampa, Florida  
**April 3-5, 2003**

Alabama District Rally  
Lakepoint Resort Lodge  
& Convention Center  
US 431 North

Eufaula, AL 36072

#### May 1-3, 2003

SC District Rally  
Crowne Plaza Greenville  
851 Congaree Rd.  
Greenville, South Carolina

#### June 12-14, 2003

Georgia Wing Fling Masquerade  
Hiawassee, GA

#### July 1-4, 2003

Wing Ding XXV  
Madison, Wisconsin

#### September 5-7, 2003

Region "A" 2003 Rally  
Alpine Helen, GA  
[www.gwrra-regiona.org/RArally.shtml](http://www.gwrra-regiona.org/RArally.shtml)

#### September 18-21, 2003

NC District Rally  
Fletcher, NC

#### Oct. 16-18, 2003

Mississippi District Rally  
Biloxi, MS

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