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Chapter FL1-A2 Information

General Membership Meeting

Second Thursday monthly

At

Golden Corral Buffet

Dinner at 6:30 pm

Meeting at 7:30 pm

Dinner Rides Every Third Thursday

Dinner Social Every Fourth Thursday

We miss you when you're not there!

**Welcome to all visitors and new
members!!!**

We're glad you're with us!!!

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"Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"



ED GOLDLINE

Hi Fellow Gold Wingers,

Sorry if you missed last months meeting. We only had ten members but had a great time with the annual auction of left over goodies from the Rally.

We had another great month of rides. We enjoyed a cancer benefit poker run at Milton. They donated the total day's proceeds to the Cancer Society (**Good Job Milton**). We had seven bikes and nine riders take part in The Spring Time Tallahassee Parade. Everyone had a great time and no one's bike overheating and boiling over or any other problems. After the parade we all enjoyed some great fellowship and food at Sonny's BBQ.

This past Saturday we (five bikes) enjoyed a run down to Sopchoppy to the Fifth annual Worm Grunting Festival. We watched the young man you see on the front page of Sunday's Tallahassee Democrat grunt up quite a few worms. After that we went back to U.S. 319 to get a little food (Wingers can't ride more than three hours without food) at one of the local seafood restaurants. We left there and proceeded to the Grand opening of the new cycle shop that the new owners moved from Monroe Street and ate more cookies and signed up for the free stuff. We were joined by John Buehler from Naples. John has been in Tallahassee about a month and is Director of the Fallschase development.

Welcome John! Hope you enjoyed the fellowship and will consider joining GWRRA. We pulled the old "new guy buys lunch" gag on him. He was willing but our sense of fair play kicked in and we backed off and paid for our own meal.

The company I am employed with is so short on help that they have been sending me out into the field to work. Last week I was in St Augustine all week. This week I will be in Orlando all week.

Charles and I got together after the Worm Festival and made changes in the schedule of the meeting and the dinner ride nights. The meeting will be Thursday night the Third week (21st) and the Dinner ride Thursday night the Second week (14th). Look for the e-mails from Charles and be at the meeting on the third Thursday night this month.

We have a lot of things to discuss regarding our budget, charity events, safety training events, Honda Hoot, Wing Ding, etc. Be there and have a say in the Chapter's plans.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Ride Safe,
Lenton and Leucetia Stephens

Safety Corner

From: Jim Zumbrunn
Rider Educator

Check It Out

Written by Robert Vaughan

Would you feel safe flying on a plane if you heard this conversation between the pilot and copilot:

Let's skimp on the checklists today. The plane looks safe enough.

Tires?

They didn't look flat so the pressure is probably OK.

Lights?

The ones I can see from here work.

Oil?

It was fine last week.

Brakes?

We have two, I'm sure at least one works.

Windshield?

It's not all that dirty.

I only slept four hours last night so let's not waste any more time here. Let's fly this baby!

You might think twice about going on the trip at all if your pilots weren't interested enough in safety to do a proper checklist.

Is piloting a bit that's carrying your spouse any less important? You know the answer.

Tires need the correct pressure to prevent overheating (read "Blowout"), excessive wear (read "Expensive"). Not looking flat isn't enough. The only way to know the tire pressure is as it should be is to use a tire gauge. Check the tires while they are cold. Write down the correct pressure for your tires and keep it in the bike.

Lights are something we don't think about until one goes out in a spot we can see from the rider's seat. Yet the taillight is what lets the car behind you see you before he runs over you. The co-rider can easily check the brake lights, taillights and turn signals while you sit on the bike and push a few buttons.

How important is your oil? (read "How Expensive Is Your Engine") No, you don't check the oil by looking at the engine temperature gauge. There is a convenient dipstick made just for that purpose. Don't be a dipstick – use the one on the bike.

Always using both brakes to stop or slow is the proper way to use brakes, but the wrong way to check them. If one of three brakes starts getting weak, the other two will hide this fact. Try using only the brake lever to check the one front brake that the lever operates. Then you will have an idea how that brake is working. Using only the brake pedal with an integrated braking system uses two brakes one front and the rear. Testing the brake pedal this way makes it easier to know whether one of these two brakes is not up to par. Of course the best way to check out all three brakes is during the bike's regular service.

Perhaps the windshield is the easiest of all to check. You can look at it as you are walking up to the bike. Are those but spots you see? It takes only a minute or so to clean them off. They may be only an annoyance in the daytime, but you need all the visibility you can get at night. Another time a dirty windshield really shows up is when you head directly into the sun. That's when you'll really wish you'd taken an extra minute or two to clean your windshield. When you have your cleaner out to clean

your windshield, you might also clean your face shield and your glasses. The the whole world will look brighter.

Your bike's checklist should be something you use before every ride, just as a pilot uses his before every flight.

From the Editor:

By Leucretia Stephens

Heard this on the country music radio station in Lake City:

Before you start criticizing someone –

Walk a mile in their shoes.

Then you can run fast and they'll be barefooted!!

GWRRA NEWS

2006 FLORIDA EVENTS

April 8	FL1-B Rally	Brandon
April 9	FL2-R Gourmet Goulash	Clewiston
April 22	FL1-X Poker Run	Keystone Hts
May 26-27	FL-Y Poker Run	Gainesville
June 17	FL1-J Bug Run	Jacksonville
October 8	FL1-H Bike Show	Volusia Mall
October 20-21	Bandit Getaway	Crestview
November 4	Four Chapter Spaghetti Social,	Orange Park FL
November 4-5	Florida Rider Fair	St. Petersburg FL
November 11	FL1-L2 Poker Run	Wesley Chapel FL
November 18	FL1-A Poker Run	Tampa
December 9	FL1-S Mingle & Jingle	Zephyrhills FL

2006 DISTRICT EVENTS

May or June	Horizons Class	Kissimmee FL
September 1-2	Region A Rally	Perry FL

2006 REGION & NATIONAL EVENTS

May 4-6	South Carolina District Rally	Spartanburg SC
June 15-17	Georgia Rally	Rome GA
July 3-6	Wing Ding	Nashville TN
October 12-14	Mississippi District Rally	MS

2007 DISTRICT EVENTS

January 20	FL2-L Pirate Fest	Lakeland FL
January 28	Multi Chapter Breakfast	Flagler Beach FL
February 17	FL2-B2 Spaghetti Social	Sarasota FL

LOCAL DINNER RIDE SCHEDULE

4/20	Whitney's Too – Bainbridge	Meet @ #1 at 6:30
5/18	Homecoming – Thomasville	Meet @ #6 at 6:30
6/15	Tara's – Colquitt	Meet @ #1 at 6:30
7/20	Seminole Wind – Lake Seminole	Meet @ #1 at 6:30
8/17	Nicholson's Farmhouse – Havana	Meet @ #1 at 6:30
9/21	Farmer's Market – Thomasville	Meet @ #6 at 6:30
10/19	Paces – Bainbridge	Meet @ #1 at 6:30
11/9	Chicken Pilau – Coon Bottom	Meet @ #3 at 6:30
12/14	Chapter Christmas Party	TBA at 7:00

April Birthdays

Emily & Kirstie Waller – 4/2
Janice Gargus – 4/17

Frank McKenzie – 4/4
Wayne Hicks – 4/24

Cliff Mathis – 4/12
Bob Lumsden – 4/30

April Anniversaries

Greg & Carolyn Campbell – 4/9
Wesley & Vanessa Shivers – 4/21
Ken & Mary Lee Rouse – 4/24

Arnold & Mary Watts – 4/14
Bus & Donna Daniels – 4/23

May Birthdays

Ann Langley – 5/3
John Ferrell – 5/10

Lauren Waller – 5/5
B. J. Allen – 5/12
Belinda Hicks – 5/30

Charles Couch – 5/9
Virginia Hart – 5/28

May Anniversaries

Wayne and Belinda Hicks – 3/30

KUDOS

To George Walsh for landing us a spot on TV promoting our rally at Pat Thomas Park!!!

WELCOME

Invite your neighbors and friends to our meetings! We'd love to have them visit!!!

NEW BIKE CLUB

Check out Charles Couch's new bike!

Notes From Last Meeting

What You Missed If You Weren't There:

Swap Shop

FOR SALE: 18 Cubic Foot Dart Cargo Trailer. Candy Red, Excellent Condition. Chrome Light Bar, Wheels and Hub Covers, Cargo Rails on top, Cooler w/cover, Spare Tire. \$1000

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