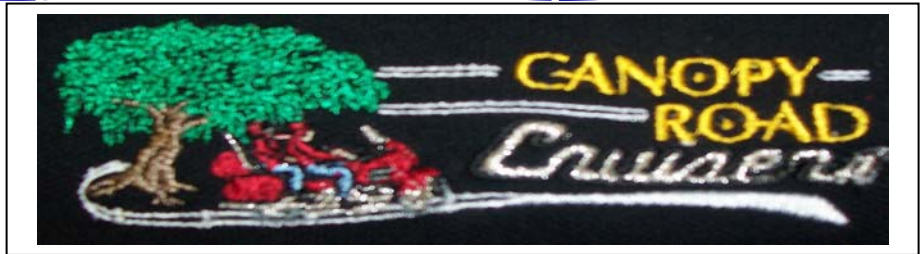


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Chapter FL1-A2 Information

General Membership Meeting

Second Thursday monthly
At
Golden Corral Buffet
Dinner at 6:30 pm
Meeting at 7:30 pm

Supper 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 Canopy Road Cruisers,

We are just back from the Florida State Rally in Kissimmee . If you missed it you missed the best State Rally in years. Vendors galore including the same vendors we had at our Rally. The chrome people even had ordered and saved me the pieces I wanted at our Rally and she didn't have in stock. "The Bike gets what it wants"! Course I may have to skip a few meals!! The hotel was the best I ever stayed at for a State Rally, the Gaylord is the only hotel nicer we've stayed in. Games, poker runs, hospitality room and the entertainment was great.

Leucertia and I both took and passed the Road Captain's course. The only thing better would have been some other members from our chapter there to enjoy it with us. One night we rode bikes to the NE side of Orlando to a daughter's home.

Everyone liked the location so well contract negotiations are already started for next years rally.

There were a few vendors under a tent, behind the main group of vendors. Next year that will not happen. They will be rearranged so everyone is in line with everyone else.

We had a great trip even if I did turn over my trailer. We had stopped in Chiefland for gas, pulled into the medium to wait out the traffic. Leucetia doesn't start out as fast as I do, so when I saw a big gap in traffic I pulled out a little fast , I clipped the center Island with my left rear tire, I felt it but it didn't pull hard so I kept going. The trailer has a swivel hitch and I never felt it pull at all. Suddenly I knew I heard a scrapping sound to my right, looked over my shoulder and the trailer was sliding up right next to me, trying to pass me, I think?? I stopped , got off, went around, stood it upright and got back on bike and continued down the road like nothing was unusual. Us men are cool like that! (I really didn't want to see everyone making fun of the stupid guy on the bike.) But a BIG THANKS to the gentlemen in the pick up who got out of his truck to help me!!

Looking forward to Saturdays ride to The Bike Show In Destin, at the Bass Pro Shop.

Hope to see you all there.

Thanks Again Friends,

Ride Safe and Enjoy

Lenton and Leucetia Stephens



From: Jim Zumbrunn

Rider Educator

KNOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

"Accident" implies an unforeseen event that occurs without anyone's fault or negligence. Most often in traffic, that is not the case. In fact, most people involved in a crash can usually claim some responsibility for what takes place. Consider a situation where someone decides to try to squeeze through an intersection on a yellow light turning red. Your light turns green. You pull into the intersection without checking for possible latecomers. That is all it takes for the two of you to tangle. It was the driver's responsibility to stop. And it was your responsibility to look before pulling out. Neither of you held up your end of the deal. Just because someone else is the first to start the chain of events leading to a crash, it doesn't leave any of us free of responsibility. As a rider you can't be sure that other operators will see you or yield the right of way. To lessen your chances of a crash occurring:

- Be visible – wear proper clothing, use your headlight, ride in the best lane position to see and be seen
- Communicate your intentions – use the proper signals, brake light, and lane position
- Maintain an adequate space cushion – following, being followed, lane sharing, passing and being passed
- Scan your path of travel 12 seconds ahead

- Identify and separate multiple hazards
- Be prepared to act – remain alert and know how to carry out proper crash-avoidance skills. Blame doesn't matter when someone is injured in a crash. There is rarely a single cause of any crash.

The ability to ride aware, make critical decisions and carry them out separates responsible riders from all the rest.



From The Chief Bandit's Hideout

by Jack Birge, Assistant District Director

Betty and I have just returned from another great Florida District Rally with over 1400 fellow Gold Wings attending. What a way to start the rally season off.

The lighted bike show was almost rained out, but just prior to show time the rain stopped long enough for the judging and parade, then the bottom fell out again. This event is always a crowd pleaser and thanks again to the judges who helped me make this successful event take place.

The Panhandle Bandits made a great showing again, not only in numbers, but in taking home numerous awards. Special recognition was given to Ken Grant and Jim Wells from FL1-D for their ongoing Safety Training Classes here in the Panhandle; the Pensacola Naval Air Station for continued support and allowing us to use their ranges to have our safety classes; and Pensacola Motor Sports for their long time support of the District Rally.

Chapter FL1-D received a cash award for high visitation mileage and Mascot and 1st place in Color Newsletters. Milton also received reserved seating at closing ceremonies for 2nd place in selling raffle tickets, they sold over 4000 and would have sold more if the tickets had been available. Only 35 tickets separated 1st and 2nd place, how about that folks. It will be interesting to see who comes in first next year.

It's possible that next year's rally will be at the same location which is a really great place to have our event.

Folks from all over will be comparing other rallies to ours with all we had to offer and the great live entertainment the staff arranged. With Jim Hubbard on Friday night and "Elvis" (Al Joslin) on Saturday prior to and after closing, both to a full house in the Grand Ball Room. I would like to point out that both of these professional performers are GWRRA members, Jim a member of FL1-E2 and Al a member of FL1-Q/

Don't forget to check the event calendars each month and visit your extended family members, Betty and I will see ya at most of them.

Jack & Betty
Florida Assistant Directors



By Leucetia Stephens

I would welcome an article from you! Have you been on a ride that you enjoyed? Have you learned some helpful little tidbit? Have you had any beneficial learning experience? Maybe you'd just like to share the joy of the experience of riding. This is your newsletter! Please share your experience with the rest of us.

2007 EVENTS

April 14	FL1-B 4 th Annual Road Rally/Fun Day	Valrico FL
April 21-22	Horizons Program	Ocala FL
April 28	FL1-W Green Eggs & Ham	Apopka FL
May 3-5	South Carolina District Rally	Spartanburg SC
May 5	FL1-T 20 th Anniversary Poker Run	Crystal River FL
May 26	FL1-F2 20 th Anniversary Poker Run	Ocala FL
June 14-16	Georgia District Rally	Rome GA
Jul 4-7	Wing Ding	Billings MT
Aug 31-Sep 2	GWRRA 30 th Anniversary Party	Nashville TN
Sep 8	FL1-A Picnic/Auction	Tampa FL
Sep 13-15	Region A Rally	Perry FL
Oct 11-13	Mississippi District Rally	Biloxi MS
Oct 13	FL2-N Rally/Fund Raiser	Cocoa Beach FL
Oct 26-27	Annual Panhandle Bandit Getaway	Panama City FL
Nov 3	FL1-X 4-Chapter Spaghetti Social	Orange Park FL
Nov 10	FL1-L2 Rally/Poker Run	Brooksville FL
Nov 17	Florida District Rider Ed Fair	St. Petersburg FL

2008 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS

Jan 19	FL2-L Pirate Fest	Lakeland FL
Jan 27	FL2-N Five Chapter Breakfast	Cocoa Beach FL
Apr 19	FL2-g 25 th Anniversary	Fort Myers FL
May 23-24	FL1-Y Rally/Poker Run	Gainesville FL

LOCAL DINNER RIDE SCHEDULE

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
Gus & Donna Daniels – 4/23

Arnold & Mary Watts – 4/14

Wesley & Vanessa Shivers – 4/21
Ken & Mary Lee Rouse – 4/24

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

Johnny & Janice Gargus – 5/10

Jack & Mercy Henderson – 5/22

Sonny & Ann Rollo – 5/30

KUDOS

To our entire Chapter for a “SUPERIOR”
job to accomplish our best Rally in years.

SPECIAL KUDOS

to those who personally donated prizes
Charles Couch

WELCOME

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

NEW BIKE CLUB

Someone out there needs a new bike? Don't they??

Notes From Last Meeting

What You Missed If You Weren't There:
By



Lenton Stephens
Various 1500 Parts
Seat, chrome corning light covers, etc.

The logo for 'Ruffriders Clothing & Apparel' features a silhouette of a person riding a motorcycle on the left. To the right, the word 'Ruffriders' is written in a large, red, cursive font, with a red gear icon integrated into the letter 'R'. Below this, 'Clothing & Apparel' is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font.

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