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GWRRA Region A  
Chapter FLI-A2  
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## Thank You



It is hard to believe three years have passed since Hugh took on the position as chapter director. It has been a memorable time for our family. The little girls have grown into motorcycle enthusiasts and our teenager still goes for rides with her dad. When the opportunity allows, I even get a chance to ride.

Apart from the rides, there is such a feeling of family. I remember the first month in Tallahassee; we attended a chapter Christmas party. I felt welcomed and saw first hand why my new husband talked so much about the Gold Wing chapter.

I have always appreciated the support various members have given to my fundraisers for Capital City Kiwanis Club and the Alzheimer's Resource Center. It is wonderful to see such different organizations come together for a mutual cause. I know we both look forward to our continued involvement in the club.

Your thoughtfulness and gracious gift to Callaway Gardens is truly appreciated. I have always heard how beautiful it is and look forward to a get-a-way with my husband. On behalf of Hugh and I, thank you.

*Marcy and Hugh Waller*

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Next Chapter Meeting:

**New!** Florida Buffet  
August 12, 2004  
6:30 Eat, 7:30 Meet

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## WHAT YOU MISSED!

- **John Ferrell** won the 50/50.

- **Jimmy Godwin** suggested we change **Departure point # 3** to the Shell gas station on the corner of Woodville Highway and Capital Circle due to construction on Crawfordville Road. All agreed.

- **We are updating the Member Roster.** Please see the form on page 4. If you **do not have e-mail and have not already sent Vanessa Shivers your updated information**, please fill out the form and send it in.

- **Hugh Waller** gave a Certificate of Appreciation to Carolyn Campbell for her terrific contribution and support as Sunshine Lady.

- **Carolyn Campbell** handed out the Sunshine Flower and Card Guideline and discussed the increasing difficulty of sending flowers for the currently approved rates. The members voted to raise the rate to a minimum of \$ 35.00 for in-town and approximately \$ 50.00 for flowers wired to out of town locations. Currently, Sandras Flower Shop provides this service for us at very reasonable rates and Carolyn reports the service is excellent.

- **Hugh Waller went to jail.** See the article on page 4.

- **The Bike Show is great P.R.** for our club and one of the few times we get to do some community-wide promotion. We could use a few more bikes. Contact Hugh Waller or Lenton Stephens to sign up. A good variety is always welcome.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### August Birthdays

Arnold Watts	08/01
Jack Henderson	08/05
Ray Henley	08/07
Pat Ventry	08/07
Jesse Hodsdon	08/14
David Ventry	08/15
Carol Harris	08/28
Ken Rouse	08/28

### August Anniversaries

Charles & Linda Couch	08/14
David & Pat Ventry	08/14

### September Birthdays

George Walsh	09/02
Ann Rollo	09/08
Linda Couch	09/12
Buck Harris	09/18
Sunny Andrews	09/27
Peggy Beverett	09/29

### August Re-up

Charles & Linda Couch

### Motorcycle Wisdom

Riding faster than everyone else only guarantees you'll ride alone

*And a note from Tom Fisher from the Hills of Tennessee*

Hello Tallahassee GWRRA!

My wife and I have settled in McMinnville, Tennessee, after moving from Tallahassee in September 2003. We miss our Florida friends but are making new friends here in the foothills.

We have begun attending meetings of the GWRRA chapter in Cookeville, about 24 miles north of where we live. It seems to be an active group with a variety of activities.

I have not been able to ride as much as I would like because of the effort required to get the house fixed up. But, I

## CD GOLDLINE

- **Lenton would like your input.**

Contact him if you have ideas for what you would like to do or changes you would like to see. This is YOUR chance to put in your 2 cents.

# Lenton Says - Don't Forget!

## BIKE SHOW SATURDAY AUGUST 7TH

- Have your bike at the Tallahassee Mall at 8:00 AM

- Enter through the Main Entrance facing Monroe St.

- **Do not** rev your bikes and race down the corridor!

- **Do not** bring coolers. (If you want to bring soft drinks and food keep them in your saddle bags, etc.)

- **Do not** rearrange the Malls benches for club use.

- Contact Lenton Stephens at [Lstephens@ene.com](mailto:Lstephens@ene.com) or call 539-5084 or call Hugh Waller at 562-4542 - [hewaller@earthlink.net](mailto:hewaller@earthlink.net) if you are going to participate and didn't sign up at the July meeting. They need to know how many bikes will be there.

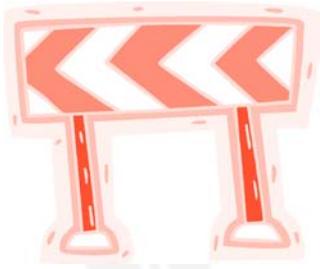
have discovered some really nice winding roads up the coves and over the hills that surround our home town.

This past weekend, I rode Highway 56 up to Altamont, Tracy City, and Monteagle. I saw a lot of trees and yard sales in progress! Great fun.

Ride safe and look forward to riding in Smoky Mountains in September!

Tom Fisher

Editor's Note: See Tom's Article on page 5.



## SAFETY CORNER

### Peer Pressure Is Easy-You Aren't

by JAMES R. DAVIS

All experienced group riders know that each individual in the group is responsible for their own safety. They know that in every group, one of them has the least experience or skill/control. Generally, they know that the group should ride to the skills of the least common denominator - the least experienced, or least skilled/controlled.

But sometimes you join a group for a ride and many if not all of them are strangers. Sometimes a new member joins your group and you have no idea what their skill level or experience might be. This should be a serious concern to the lead bike (often called the Road Captain - though not necessarily so.)

Since it's up to the lead bike to set the pace, how can that be done without knowing what the least common denominator is? Clearly this is an argument for a pre-ride meeting and some questions designed to find out as much as you can about who you are riding with.

But realities are such that even if you try to find out who has the least experience or least skill/control, the odds are that you will have trouble doing so. People have 'face', after all. People are reluctant to be seen as the weakest of the group. Worse, and we have seen tragic results of this recently, some people honestly believe they have better skills/control than they really do and are quite convincing about it with others.

From a lead bike point of view, a solution is readily at hand - always place a new member of the group in the last right-track position (sometimes called the 'slot') in front of the drag bike and have the drag bike observe how that person actually rides. Once the drag bike advises the lead bike that

the new person demonstrates adequate skill/control then that person is freed to ride anywhere they want to in the group. Until everybody in the group is at least seen to have reasonable skills/control while riding with the group, the lead bike has no business pushing any limits.

But the heading of this message regards peer pressure, and I would like to talk briefly about group dynamics that are dangerous precisely because of peer pressure. Even assuming that everyone in a group is well known to each other, there is still a least experienced, least skilled/controlled person there. That person usually feels that he/she has very little choice but to try to 'keep up', to try to not hold the rest of the group back. If nothing else, they often think that 'stretching' themselves is a learning experience.

And while it is definitely a learning experience, if you survive it, 'keeping up', or not holding the rest of the group back should NOT be part of the equation!! A brave person will acknowledge their weaknesses and not push the envelope aggressively, even if it means that the rest of the group will recognize those weaknesses. A smart person believes absolutely that THEY are responsible for their own ride/safety - and not incidentally, in not being a potential hazard to anyone else. These people ignore peer pressure to the point that they might not fit into a particular group - and that's just fine for all concerned!

But peer pressure is NOT the real danger - there is always peer pressure (sometimes thoughtless, sometimes just good natured competition, sometimes no more than shared courtesy.) It is

YOUR OWN PERSONAL pressure to perform that can be dangerous. I call that your 'head'. What I'm getting at is mental 'rightness' - being ready and prepared to do what you are about to do, and knowing it. If your head is not 'right', STOP and get it 'right' before you go another two feet on your motorcycle!!!!

After more than 30 years of riding motorcycles there are times when I simply feel that I cannot safely do something that I have done a thousand times before - sometimes the most trivial of things. For example, a few years ago I was on a tour to Tulsa, Oklahoma and our group had just finished a pit stop and were on our way back onto the road. We were on a parking lot that had a driveway with a relatively severe dip in it as it joined the main road where we then had to make a hard right turn to get underway. All the bikes ahead of me did just fine with that dip. But when it was my turn to negotiate that driveway I decided that my head was not 'right' and stopped my bike. I radioed to the lead bike that I would catch up in a moment, nothing was wrong. One minute later my head was 'right', confidence restored, and I took off and joined the group. Trivial embarrassment is nothing compared to an accident.

There is no doubt in my mind at all (NOW) that I could have made that exit from the parking lot without a problem. But this is one experienced rider that is not ashamed to say that when my head is 'wrong', I stop and wait until it gets 'right'.

**Peer pressure is easy - you aren't.**

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*Please* **GIVE US A CLUE!**



**Membership Roster Update - If you Don't have e-mail...**

and you have had a change in your member information **or** would like to add your name to our Birthday and Anniversary lists, please fill out the Roster Update Form and send it to:

Vanessa Shivers, 78 Dorothy Loop, Crawfordville, FL 32327

(If you have already contacted Vanessa by e-mail, you don't have to send this unless you want to be added to the Birthday and/or Anniversary list)

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Birthday Day/Month: \_\_\_\_\_

No longer a member, please take me off the Canopy Road Cruisers Membership Roster. \_\_\_\_\_

# Tuning A Gold Wing CB Antenna

by TOM FISHER

Ex-Tallahassee Cruiser McMinnville, TN

The CB is a useful tool when riding your Gold Wing because it provides the means to talk to other riders in your group or to monitor road conditions as described by passing truckers. A typical CB radio of the newer variety will be capable of tuning from channel 1 through 40 and may use either its own dedicated antenna or an antenna shared with the regular AM/FM receiver.

If the CB is not operating properly and your signal is not "reaching out," your antenna may not be tuned properly. If you buy a new antenna or have purchased a new (used) bike, you may need to have the antenna tuned. Your friendly motorcycle repairman may be expert in fixing the tires, transmission, and lights but may not know anything about tuning the radio.

Lenton Stevens contacted me with a situation meeting this description. His antenna was damaged, and he obtained a new top section. By removing the old section and inserting the new one, the antenna was detuned. Lenton asked me if I could help by re-tuning the antenna, and I was glad to assist.

Unless you are familiar with the operations of a transmitter, you may not understand the importance of routine maintenance for your bike's CB antenna and the need to periodically check the standing wave ratio or "SWR" of the antenna. The SWR is expressed as a ratio that varies from 1:1 to higher numbers

like 3:1 or worse. Higher ratios are bad, and it is common for a properly tuned antenna to have a ratio of less than 2:1. The chart shown as Figure 1 shows a radio tuned as a compromise across all channels. It is centered on channel 20. Figure 2 shows

tuning centered on channel 9 which provides a more reasonable SWR for channel 1 and 19. Remember, the transmitter will be more efficient in radiating a signal if the SWR is low on the transmission frequency.

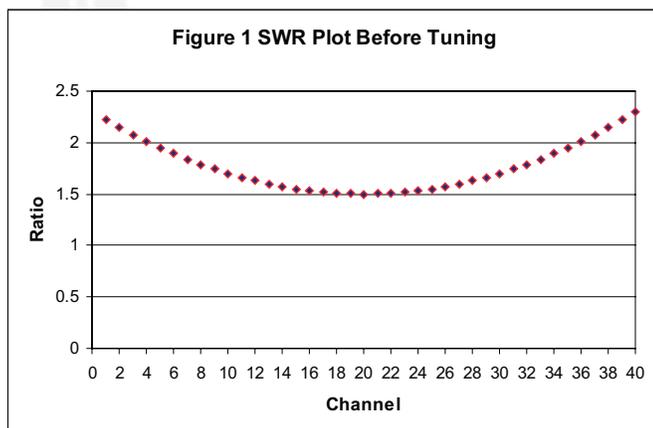
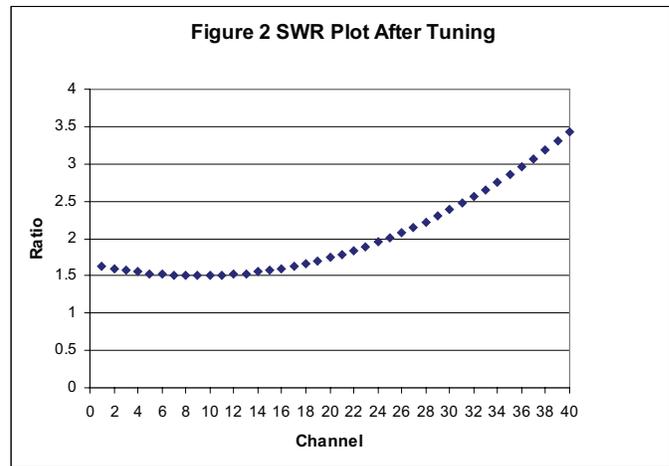
Without going into a lot of detail, the output of a CB transmitter is 52 ohms impedance, and this must be matched to the impedance of the antenna. Matching the transmitter to the antenna is accomplished on the Gold Wing by adjusting the length of the antenna while monitoring the SWR values on an SWR meter.

It was initially impossible to get Lenton's radio to tune properly. A check for continuity between the antenna and the end of the coax showed there was a break in the circuit. Lenton took his bike home and removed the seat and part of the trunk. He found that the antenna had become unplugged just inside the rear trunk, so the wires were reconnected.

Upon resuming the project, we removed the metal bracket in the trunk and cleaned the screw threads and surfaces where the plate connected to the bike

frame. This is important because the outside of the antenna coax must make a good connection with the frame to form what is known as the antenna "ground plane."

The antenna is adjusted by moving the upper-most tip



of the antenna in or out of the loading coil in the middle of the antenna. This should be done in 1/8 inch increments while monitoring the SWR on the SWR meter.

The typical CB is antenna broadly tuned, so the antenna will work fairly well over several channels. However, it cannot work equally well over 40 channels. The objective of the tuning operation is to find the point where the antenna gives the lowest SWR for the channels that you want to use most often. I recommend tuning for channel 9 so the CB will work fairly well on channels 1, 9, and 19.

Now that the antenna was properly connected, Lenton's radio demonstrated the typical broad tuning curve, and it was very easy to move the antenna top section until we had the lowest SWR at channel 9.

If you decide to make adjustments on your CB and antenna, remember that radio frequency transmitter voltages can cause injury. Never touch the antenna or coax cable wire while the transmitter is turned on (microphone "keyed"). If you do not feel competent to make these adjustments yourself, find someone who is experienced and knowledgeable about transmitters. *This article is written for your general information about the process of tuning a CB antenna. If you purchase equipment and attempt to undertake these adjustments, I do not assume any liability for damage to your radio, your bike, or personal injury.*

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## 2004

- August 7 Bike Show, Tallahassee Mall 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- August 12 **Chapter Meeting-Florida Buffet**  
Eat 6:30 PM-Meet 7:30 PM
- August 19 Pond House Restaurant in Bainbridge-Depart # 1 at 6:30 PM
- September 9 Chapter Meeting-Golden Corral-Eat 6:30 PM-Meet 7:30 PM
- September 16 O'Neil's in Thomasville- Depart # 6 at 6:30 PM
- October 14 Chapter Meeting-Golden Corral-Eat 6:30 PM-Meet 7:30 PM
- October 21 Savannah's at Waukulla Station-Depart # 3 at 6:30 PM
- November 04 Chapter Meeting-Golden Corral-Eat 6:30 PM-Meet 7:30 PM
- November 11 Chicken Pileau at Coon Bottom-Depart # 1 at 6:30 PM
- December 09 Christmas Party will take the place of meeting -Tentative
- December 16 No Dinner Ride

### Heads Up! New Meeting Place for August

Florida Buffet is located at 2800 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, FL. If you are coming from Capital Circle, East side of town it will be on your right. If you are coming from the Monroe Street side of town, it will be on your left before Capital Circle so if you cross Capital Circle East heading away from Tallahassee, you went too far.

## DEPARTURE POINTS

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

HOPE EVERYONE  
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4TH OF JULY



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# FLORIDA DISTRICT & REGIONAL RALLIES 2004

### August 14

Open House  
Champion Honda  
Leesburg, FL

### Sept. 9-11

**Region A Rally**  
Helen, GA

### Sept. 24-25

FLI-T  
Camp out & Poker Run  
Crystal River

### Oct. 1-2

**Panhandle Bandits**  
Annual Getaway  
Crestview

### Oct. 2

FL2-L  
Poker Run & Bike Show  
Lakeland

### Oct. 3

FLI-H  
Volusia Mall Show  
Daytona

### Oct. 14-16

Mississippi District Rally  
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### Oct. 23

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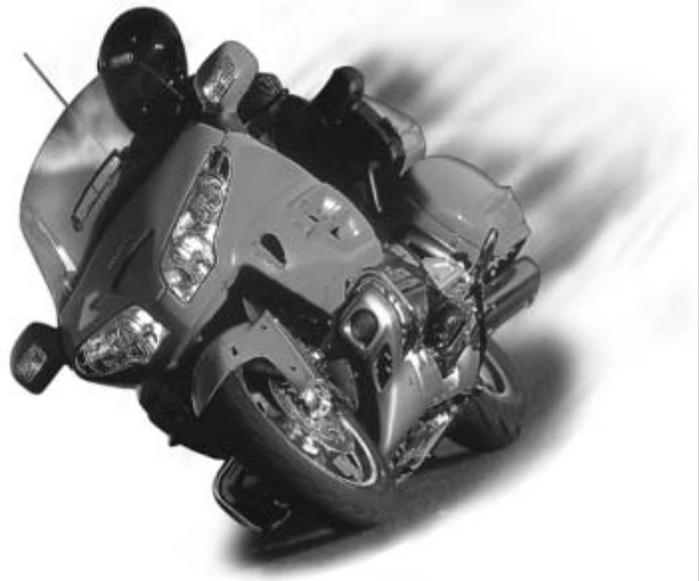
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