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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 Gold Wingers,

Boy what a month. We had a great Wing Ding experience. Leucetia or I had never been to one before. I had heard about the events, the vendors and all the fun activities.

Most everyone going had left by the time we could get away but we had made arrangements to ride up with Pat & Dave Ventry. On Saturday Morning we met them on Hwy 84 in Bainbridge. We had a good ride to Cullman Alabama where we spent the night. Good thing we had reservations since there was a youth baseball world series going on and kids were everywhere.

Sunday morning we loaded up and headed out to Nashville. Dave told "Myrtle" (his GPS) to take us to our destination with no interstate travel. She took us on some beautiful back roads. We arrived around lunch time. The resort had overbooked for Sunday night and had moved Pat & Dave down the road. Leucetia and I checked in early but were told our room wouldn't be ready for some time. We all went down to registration to pick up our stuff and find out where we would have to be at 7:30 Monday morning since we had to work the onsite registration desk. That didn't happen because there were too many volunteers; so we were given the morning off. After walking around the Resort and seeing where everything was and enjoying the indoor gardens, we decided to go check on our room. Pat & Dave headed to their hotel. To our delight they gave us a room an hour early so we unloaded our stuff.

First shock! The room was beautiful and large, BUT the bed was Murphy bed (a fold into the wall) bed six inches off the floor. After a little screaming and shouting they agreed to move us Monday morning. The next room wasn't as large but it had a real bed over looking the gardens

Sunday PM was the talent show, not a whole lot but funny.

Buck and Carol, George and Pat, Ed and Peggy, had arrived by then and we enjoyed their company. Brian arrived a short time later to join the fun.

Monday we attended the opening ceremonies, walked in the chapter directors parade, visited vendors, did the poker run(drew cards) and ate a lot.

Second Shock!! Monday pm we had signed up for a GWRRA country evening bus/dinner ride. This was advertised as a family type fun park. Upon arrival we had to stand in line for an hour or more to get to the food. Once in line we found out it was not all you could eat, but one trip only thru the food line. But they left desserts out in the open so we took advantage of that and ate two or three each. After finally picking up our own food we got the honor of sitting in an open barn with no air conditioning, just a few fans and plenty of heat. They had a band playing (not bad) and a dance floor. The cost for this was 40.00 per plate and 10:00 for the bus ride. Ed remarked, "Eight dollars for the food and \$32 for the ambiance. As soon as we ate we all headed to the parking lot to the A/C in the bus. We quickly loaded the bus and headed back to hotel. Our bus driver missed the a turn off and went several miles out of the way going to the park but managed to get us back to the hotel without any detours.

Tuesday was better! We met The Nashville Chapter C and some other Chapter C's for a guided back road ride to Henry Horton State Park for a joint Chapter C's lunch. Food was great and about 80.00 cheaper than the Monday night dinner. Brian left us at this point and headed back to the mountains to try out his new \$3300.00 front end job he purchased the day before. After lunch we drove back to the resort for more vendors, naps, and other rally stuff. Around three to five we lined up our bikes for the Bike Parade to ride to see fireworks.

A big thanks to George who went over earlier and made arrangements for those of us riding in the parade to carry a state flag at the front of the parade. This allowed us to be staged under a very large canopy (in the shade). The wait from staging time to parade time was several hours. HOT, HOT

in the sun, on asphalt. We set a new record for Wings in a parade (1283?). After arriving at the Titans stadium there was entertainment and some vendors. But, they didn't know much about wingers. One vendor sold drinks, another sold sandwiches, another funnel cakes, etc. Lines were VERY long, But, again thanks to George I had plenty of time to go back to the Hotel and get our trailer and cooler the before parade started. A Canadian drill team performed for us; one father/son team, and one 71 year old. Since we were in for another two hour wait before fireworks (hot) Leucetia and I found a guide (a winger with GPS) that knew the way back to the resort. We went back to the A/C and watched fireworks on TV, in comfort.

Wednesday was a Rally day, vendors, games, and entertainment, eating with friends and fellow chapter members. It rained most of the day. Some traveled by car to wineries, malls, etc. They had a band playing that evening so we went dancing. George and Pat can cut a rug with the best.

The Lighted bike show was rained out Wednesday night. We all decided not to enter our bikes. They gathered the lighted bikes under the canopy and tried to judge them there. They took us over on buses to see judging but didn't provide return transportation. It was taking so long for the judging we walked back to the Hotel. About 300 yards. Pat Gordon still had her dancing boots on and suffered for it..

Thursday was more of the same; vendors, seminars, eating - till 2 Pm. From 2-4 pm we had entertainment, band, singing, throwing balls all over the place, etc.. Thanks to Jack for saving all his Bandits seats together for the Closing Ceremonies.

We really had a ball regardless of some of the mishaps we endured.

Billings Montana same time next year for Wing Ding 29.

We spent the next week in Branson with family. Great time by all. The two day ride home on the bike was hot, 105 degrees both days. It took Leucetia two days to cool down. She says we won't make the mistake of taking a long trip on the bike in July again. Next year I have to tow the bike if I want her to go.

Looking forward to Our Mall Bike Show.

See You There

Ride Safe, But Ride-Enjoy
Lenton and Leucetia Stephens



*From: Jim Zumbrunn
Rider Educator*



From The Chief Bandit's House

by Jack Birge, Assistant District Director

Once again Betty and I want to thank the 57 folks who worked the morning shift, opening day at Wing Ding. I would also like to thank those of you who volunteered to work, but weren't needed. We received praise all the way down from National to District. In fact, National Staff stated this was the best run opening day in six years and I would attribute this to you guys leading the way. I counted a total of 88 folks attending from the Panhandle and found out after returning home there was a new couple from Crestview who attended that we missed counting. That makes it 90!

The Region A rally (August 31st – Sept 2nd) is fast approaching and the Panhandle is tasked with taking charge of the Lighted Bike Show which is scheduled for Friday night downtown at 2100. I have delegated this responsibility to Wes

Davis, CD of FL1-O and he will be looking for a few good folks to help him. As always, we Bandits will be cooking pancakes and sausage on Saturday morning from 0800 to 0900, which is a couple of hours later than in the past. Since there will be no tables to clean or keep setup, I won't need as many folks to help this year. Cooks, servers and a few to clean up will be the basic needs. This kitchen is a lot smaller than we are used to, but we will overcome and have some fun at the same time. I know a lot of you in the Panhandle will be making a day trip due to the closeness of the rally site this year. We will be looking for you there.

Some other events in the area you might be interested in attending are as follows. Chapter FL1-A2 over in Tallahassee has their annual Mall show schedule for Saturday, August 12th. They have been having this event for several years and use it as an excellent public relation tool and even sell a few tickets for the Gold Wing raffle. If you have the time ride on over and support the Bandits on our east side. Then the 16th of September the "D" team from Pensacola will be having their Mall Show, which also will be the **final Bandit Getaway Planning Session prior to the event in October.**

As of the first of July there are a total of 611 folks here in the Panhandle who are members of our organization, but only about one third are active in the six chapters. It's their choice, of course, but they really do not know what they are missing by not participating with the active members do they???

There are a lot of folks who have not signed up for the Annual Bandit Getaway. Remember this is your event to host for others and also make some operating funds for your chapter. There are eleven vendors signed up already and we expect more, outstanding poker run, food, music, parade, games and giveaways just to name a few things offered. Make sure this major event is on your calendar, October 20th & 21st, 2006.

Until next time, ride safe and have fun!!!

Jack & Betty



If You weren't At WIM, You Missed It!

by Karen E. Share Webmaster

GWRRR Chapter FL1-A2, Tallahassee FL

If you didn't make the fourth American Motorcyclist Association Women In Motorcycling (WIM) conference June 30 to July 3, 2006, you *missed out!* Women (and some men) from at least 48 states and a few foreign countries attended the Conference in Athens, Georgia.

My husband, Mike and I rode up on Thursday, June 29th on our 1100cc Honda Shadows. After a hot ride and a small side trip getting lost in Athens we finally got settled at the Days Inn.

The Conference included demo rides by Harley-Davidson and Buell, Honda, Kawasaki, Ducati, BMW, Yamaha, KYMCO and Ridley. Since Harley and Buell were major sponsors they got a prime location in front of the Athens Classic Center. The other manufacturers set up in the parking garage/

Mike rode a Harley *Screamin' Eagle ultra Classic Electra Glide*, a Yamaha 1300cc *Road Star* and a KYMCO 500cc scooter. Of course he especially liked the \$32,000 Harley! I rode a Harley *Softail Deluxe*, Honda VTX 1300, Yamaha 1100cc *V-Star* and a KYMCO 250cc bike. All of the bikes had some good features. I'll take one motorcycle a la carte, please!

The only pictures that I took were of a bike named "The Vibrator". However, these photos are not suitable for publication in a family-oriented newsletter. ☺

There were lots of vendors, especially those selling women's riding apparel. Mike bought me a t-shirt that says "Does This Bike Make My Butt Look Fast?" We also came home with lots of freebies.

We attended several great workshops. "Don't Primp, Get Prepped," which was taught by the President of Motor Maids, concerned basic mechanics and getting your bike ready for a road trip.

An excellent workshop on accident scene management was presented by a registered nurse. This is vital information we all need to know in case we have to handle a mishap before first responders arrive. There is also a seven-hour course for laymen and advanced courses for EMTs or above taught by an EMT in Navarre, FL. For more information see the Accident Scene Management, Inc. website at <http://www.accidentscene.org>.

Three women who finished the Iron Butt rally (11,000 miles in 11 days) at different times presented a seminar on how they prepared their BMWs and themselves. A few of their tips:

- Know when to stop!
- Put on your rain suit before it rains!
- Stay away from trucks!

There are also shorter Iron Butt rallies for those into that kind of torture. For fore information see <http://www.ironbutt.com>.

An excellent mechanical workshop was presented by Ducati's southeastern U.S. regional service manager. He gave technical tips applicable to all makes in a jovial style.

Sunday afternoon the Athens Harley/Buell/Honda/Yamaha/Suzuki dealer hosted a street party with a great band and free burgers and dogs.

We would have liked to participate in the Asphalt Assault, a motorcycle skills course taught by certified instructors, but it was just too dang hot! There was also a day-long riding school at the Atlanta Track hosted by World Champion Kevin Schwantz and other national champion instructors.

Even Mike enjoyed the rally. He said, "Women! Bikes! Gotta love this!!" If you have the chance to attend the next WIM rally, don't miss out!

From the Editor:

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.

GWRRR NEWS

2006 FLORIDA EVENTS

September 23	FL1-F Benefit Poker Run	Port St. John FL
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

Aug 31-Sep 2	Region A Rally	Perry FL
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2006 REGION & NATIONAL EVENTS

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 10	FL1-M Anniversary	Clearwater FL
February 17	FL2-B2 Spaghetti Social	Sarasota FL
March 15-17	Florida District Rally	Kissimmee FL

LOCAL DINNER RIDE SCHEDULE

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

August Birthdays

Arnold Watts – 8/1
Bill Talbott
David Ventry – 8/15

Jack Henderson – 8/5
Pat Ventry – 8/7
Carol Harris – 8/28

Ray Henley – 8/7
Jesse Hodsdon – 8/14
Ken Rouse – 8/28

August Anniversaries

Charles & Linda Couch – 8/14

David & Pat Ventry – 8/14

September Birthdays

George Walsh – 9/2
Buck Harris – 9/18

Ann Rolla – 9/8
Sunny Andrews – 9/27

Linda Couch – 9/12
Peggy Barber – 9/29

September Anniversaries

None

KUDOS

TO
Karen Share
For the excellent article on WIM!

TO
George Walsh
For exemplary service at Wing Ding

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 Dianne Zumbrunn

June Notes:

7:30 pm Lenton called meeting to order

Carol gave devotion

Lenton welcomed visitors and Jack Birge, Assistant District Director of Florida

Wing Ding:

- Approximately 72 attendees from the Panhandle
- Sunday, if pre-registered pick up package – or register. Expecting 16,000 people
- 1:30 pm Couple of the year, Alabama couple represents Region A
- Talent show Sunday night @ 7:00 pm
- Monday @ 7:30 am is a briefing about work schedule – Panhandle has 8-11:00 am shift.

August 18th & 19th to Jekyll Island (\$7 gambling ship and meal)

Region A Rally in Perry, Florida Labor Day weekend

Mississippi – regarding accommodations, Western Inn online only and Legacy Oak Villas Gated Condos – 2bd/3nite \$321 per couple.

Bandit Getaway – 3rd weekend in October, 20th & 21st at Spanish Trail Park

- July 15th meeting
- Six chapters to participate
- Friday night – Elvis
- Saturday – poker run
- \$5 each, please register
- Vendors attending

Registration forms were available for Bandit Getaway, Region A Rally, Perry and Buccaneer Bash, Jekyll Island.

Sweet Potato festival discussion, nephew inherited property, still going strong. Vendors will be there.

Plaque presentation to Jim Z for Relay for Life best poker hand and Dianne Z. for longest distance co-rider to Gainesville Rally. Ten FL1-A2 members attended.

Tallahassee Mall Bike Show discussion regarding flyers to be printed.

FL1-A2 Rally next year Feb 23rd & 24th – get flyers ready.

Wing Ding people were requested to stay after to coordinate trip.

Sonny asked question to Jack Birge regarding Gold Wing logo changes (helmet or winged eagle) all are official. Points will not be deducted in competition if different versions are used, but couples must match.

Lenton discussed Marvin's storage shed, buy new larger. Chapter to pay ½ and Marvin to pay ½. Discussion of 24'x12' with an \$800 discount.

July Notes:

7:25 pm Brian called meeting to order

Carolyn mentioned she received an e-mail through Vanessa about a member having surgery but could not remember who. Did anyone know anything about it? She then opened the meeting with devotion.

Brian mentioned he had a stack of flyers available, i.e., Bandit Getaway (Need people to pre-register), Bike Show (to be held 8/12), Jekyll Island trip – Buccaneer Bash (the Saturday after the Bike show, 8/19 – will probably stay at St. Simons).

Charles and Bob C. asked if newsletter could be e-mailed. Brian said he will talk with Lenton regarding that request.

Books of tickets to win a Gold Wing were offered for sale.

Charles Couch – Thursday dinner ride to Seminole Wind for buffet \$9.95. Route 253 outside Bainbridge.

Saturday ride – Brian is going to Perry, leaving at 7:15 pm from Walgreen's on Hwy 27.

Dianne (Treasurer) – states balance of \$2897.87. some money pegged for Marvin's shed.

Victor asked if cards were available to let people know about our organization. Jim passed out some he had.

Brian did drawings for Calendar/Greg won, gardening tools/John won, 50-50/Jim won

Brian again asked people to notify him about attending the Jekyll Island – Buccaneer Bash

Meeting adjourned.



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 'Ruffriders' is the text 'Clothing & Apparel' in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font.

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