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REMINISCING

It's Thanksgiving morning and I am thinking about past years when we use to have our rally the weekend before the turkey holiday. It took place at Bells Campground on west 90. We always had a big bonfire burning pallets supplied by **Marvin Culverson**. It was a lot of fun with great fellowship among motorcycling friends. **Sonny Rollo** always led a ride on Thanksgiving morning up into Georgia to witness some good old fashioned "cane grinding".

When I think about all the memorable times I've had since moving to Tallahassee in 1991, most of them involve something I was doing with the chapter. Whether it was sitting around the bonfire at our rally, a breakfast ride to Lunker Lodge that turned into a lunch and supper ride covering 300 miles, or just good fellowship at a chapter meeting, it was an enjoyable time.

I hope the chapter can continue to create those kind of memories for everyone, because that is really what this association is all about. Sometimes it takes a little planning and a little work to have those fun events, but the good memories will last forever. And when the day comes that we can't ride anymore, those memories will give us a smile as we sit in our rocking chair thinking of the "good old days".

Ride Safe,
Hugh
Chapter Director

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You've got Color!

I hope you enjoy this month's slightly more colorful Christmas Newsletter. It is my Holiday gift to the club. As you may have noticed in the November issue we are now including photographs. This is possible because of the ability to print the newsletter from a laser printer instead of a copy machine. I would love to include a headshot of each of our contributing editors.

Next time you see Peggy Barber (Beverett) thank her for running off the Rally Flyers. Her assistance was very much appreciated. Vanessa Shivers and I will be supplying additional copies. Hugh has 250 copies available for your distribution needs.

December is upon us and we are all looking forward to the Christmas Party being hosted again by Edenbrook.

For those of you who have not been able to attend our September and October meetings, a lot has transpired. Plans for the February Rally have been put in motion. We've had several visitors including the new owner, Brian Poggie and members of his staff from The Cycle Shop. Their presence has given Canopy Road Cruiser Members a chance to ask questions regarding the availability of Parts, Service and Accessories.

I'm looking for a new Member Profile for our January issue. Getting to know more about you is half the fun! We look forward to more photos. Articles can be sent to me as a plain text (.txt), rich text (.rtf) or a WORD (.doc) file at aries12@comcast.net. Or if you miss me at a meeting or would rather send hard copy, the address is: Faith Martin, Longview Studios, 2123 Longview Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32303.

Wishing you wonderful rides!



We'd like to welcome R.D. & Linda White to our Chapter. We hope to see you often.

Time to Re-Up

from January 2002 printout.
December

Jesse Beverett & Peggy Barber
Bryan Eiler & Sheila West
Ken Rouse

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December Birthdays

Greg Campbell	12/2
Corinne Mathis	12/12
Tom Fisher	12/14
Mercy Henderson	12/18
Ben Hart	12/22

Next Month's Birthdays

Chris Moore	01/03
Sheila Carroll	01/13
Donna Daniels	01/13
Lettie Stith	01/13
Gus Daniels	01/18
Steve Carroll	01/23
Wesley Shivers	01/24

December Anniversaries

Hugh & Marcy Waller	12/05
Steve & Sheila Carroll	12/17
Ben & Virginia Hart	12/19
Gary & B.J. Allen	12/21
Jerry & Ann Langley	12/22

Next Month's Anniversaries

Ray & Linda Henley	01/11
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Getting Good Visual Information

Our first line of defense is our eyes. Although good vision alone is no guarantee for defense, it is the principal input to our computer, the brain.

Studies indicate that 90% of our impressions of the driving scene are visual. To focus on a specific event or item in traffic, we have to rely on our central vision, which is only a cone

measuring 3° in width in the central part of our sight. Our central vision is used for such things as estimating distance and reading details in the traffic scene.

Peripheral vision, although not as sharp as central vision, is more sensitive to light and movement than is central vision. It helps us detect important information coming into the traffic scene, even though we are not looking directly at such objects.

Visual Cues and Eye Movement

What visual cues are actually used in driving? Vision research at the Ohio State University answered this question by devising a method to describe a

vehicle operator's visual search process. This was done by means of an eye-movement recording system. This device recorded where the driver was looking while driving along the highway.

The recording system allowed the researchers to document eye-movement patterns. They determined that inexperienced operators have an active search pattern with many fixations on unimportant clues. With experience, this progresses to an in-out pattern, sharing fixations for near lane position with glances ahead. The pattern exhibited by experienced riders is more desirable and effective.

Learning Good Eye Habits

The ultimate goal in eye movements while operating a motorcycle would be a pattern of far ahead fixations in the projected path of travel, using side vision to maintain lateral positioning.

Since this pattern is essential for valid perception, the question becomes, "How do you develop good eye habits?" There are at least three concepts that are critical to developing good eye habits:

1. Concentrate (focus) on your intended path of travel and move in traffic maintaining adequate margins in all directions.
2. Aim your vision well ahead by keeping your eyes up.
3. Force your eyes to move frequently so that you receive a wide field of information.

In the ideal visual search process, our

Congratulations to **Tom Fisher** on his Retirement. We hope Tom will have more time to do his favorite things.

eyes function in a series of rapid, jerky movements. They fixate ever so briefly in between the movements. These fixations are rapid and last only between one-tenth and three-tenths of a second. The eyes gather visual information during these brief fixations.

Bad Effects on the Visual Search Process

Physical limitations adversely affect this visual search process:

1. Fatigued operators tend to fixate lower and to the right, thus limiting their vision to only a small portion of the overall scene.
2. Alcohol-impaired operators fixate straight ahead and don't move their eyes often.
3. Accident data indicates that alcohol is a contributing factor in at least 50% of the motorcycle-accident fatalities.

These limitations degrade our ability to see potential hazards that can result in higher risk taking. Getting good visual information is critical for riders because everything that follows involves decisions based on that information. The key is to practice moving our eyes quickly and frequently to gather information. Knowing what is critical requires good judgment based upon knowledge and skill.

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"Safety Is for Life!"

From Wedding Hell to Marital Heaven

by Karen E. Share



Actually this was taken in Hell, Grand Cayman Island. It was so named for the bizarre lava rock formations.



On October 17, we were all packed and ready to head to Miami for our wedding and honeymoon. **Johnny Gargus** picked us up and gave us a ride to the airport, and everything was on schedule.

We checked four bags full of everything we needed for the wedding tomorrow and our week-long western Caribbean cruise. I had to check my wedding dress as the DC-9 had no hang-up room inside, and the box was too big to carry on. So far, *no problems!*

The AirTran flight stopped in Tampa and continued on to Miami. We arrived in Miami on time at 1:10 PM, *no problem.*

We proceeded downstairs to the baggage claim area. Here comes our luggage... *one... two... three.* Where is the wedding dress? The carousel continued turning, so it must be coming!

Mike finally suggested that I go to the baggage claim office. The AirTran representative immediately knew what I was talking about; Tampa had already called and said they took our box off the plane by mistake!!! :-O

I told her I was getting married *tomorrow*, and needed the dress. She said no problem, it would be on the 7:00 PM flight. We went to the hotel and waited... *no dress.*

I began calling AirTran first thing in the morning until they opened at 9:00. Don't panic yet, I said, it will be here. They said the delivery company had it, call them.

OK, I called Global Trucking, and they said they have one to two hours to make a delivery. I bit my tongue and explained that I was getting married



I Do!

TODAY, and needed my dress! We were supposed to meet the wedding consultant at the pier at 11:30 am, and be married around 1:00 PM.

Sweat time. We had breakfast, I put on my make-up, and hallelujah! the dress arrived at 10:45. Surely it was wrinkled after being in the box for a day!!

We grabbed a cab to the nearby pier, jumped out, gave the porter our luggage, and ran into the building. We had to carry on all of the wedding

necessities since we wouldn't see our luggage again until that afternoon.

We made it through security with all of our goodie bags, boxes, etc. and were looking for the wedding consultant when Mike said, "hey, I don't think this is the right ship". Sure enough, our boat was at the other end of the pier!

OK, we dashed back through security, through another security gate, and we found the security desk where we were supposed to meet the consultant.

“Oh, she was here 20 minutes ago”, the officer said. *Cripes!!!*

Back up the escalator, the cruise line employee told us to wait in the lobby with a few hundred other passengers, they would get the consultant. By the way, the Coast Guard is inspecting the ship, and boarding will be delayed at least an hour. Needless to say I could have choked someone, *after* I stopped crying!!

We finally got on the ship, Mike donned his tux and I climbed into all the bridal regalia. At about 3:00 PM the ceremony started, and it turned out lovely! Check out the pictures and story on our web site, <http://www.mikekaren.com>.



At 8:00 PM the *Mercury* set sail for Grand Cayman where we toured Stingray City, Hell, and the turtle farm. We then visited Mayan ruins in Cozumel/Playa del Carmen and Progreso, Mexico. Our last stop was in Key West; we'll have to ride back there some time!

Thanks to the digital camera the Chapter gave us, we took over 200 pictures of the wedding and honeymoon. Check out the full story on our web site!

We are now enjoying marital heaven, continuing our mad love affair and close friendship. ❤️



That afternoon we walked around the ship in our finery and received gushing congratulations from everyone we saw. And when we entered the formal dining room we received a big round of applause!



Mr. and Mrs. Share pose on the dance floor of the Navigator Lounge on the Mercury.

We had to include something motorcycle-related, so we found 1:18 scale bikes almost like ours on the Internet. Actually they were Harleys, but who knew?

Other than our nervousness, the service went off smoothly. It was held in the beautiful Navigator Lounge on deck 12 aft of the *Celebrity Mercury*. We incorporated Irish readings and blessings into the service in honor of Mike's heritage. Our rings bear the Irish Claddagh, which symbolizes love, loyalty, and friendship.

The wedding included lighting a unity candle and a Celtic loving cup ceremony. We then cut the cake and had a champagne toast to our continuing love and friendship.



May you share the joy of this moment for all of your days.

**...more to celebrate.
Karen E. Share**

has received her Associate Webmaster Certification. Congratulations, Karen your having a banner year.

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Weddings Galore!

Congratulations go out to Jesse Beverett and Peggy Barber. The knot tying ceremony was held in the beautifully quaint town of Helen, Ga.



If you missed Pensacola...

Heads UP

Emma Wood announced at the November 7 meeting, the Tallahassee Police Department will be sponsoring a Rider Training Class in

Tallahassee. For those of you that missed the GWRRA Sponsored class in Pensacola, here is a second chance to get some great coaching and pointers on riding with Safety in mind.

We want **YOU** to be
our **Featured**
Contributing Editor

Local Rallies and Events

2002

December 8 (Sunday) Toys For Tots Ride - 11:00 AM
 Leave from Tallahassee Motorcycle Works-260 Hannon Mill Rd. off S. Monroe. Ride ends at Hooters. Bring one new unwrapped toy for each rider and passenger.

December 12* **Christmas Party at Edenbrook - no monthly meeting.**

December 19 No Dinner ride - Happy holidays!

December 26 Dinner social - Angelo's, Panacea. Eat at 6:30.

* Members Only (and significant other)

Bring one gift per person for the gift exchange. (If two people attend the party, bring two gifts) \$ 10.00 limit. Do not label gifts.

2003

January 9 Monthly meeting at Western Sizzlin' - 6:30 eat, 7:30 meet

January 16 Dinner ride - Homecoming Restaurant, Thomasville

Leave from # 6 - 6:30 PM

February 22 Chapter Rally

Many flyers are available at the meeting from Hugh Waller or David Ventry. Call Charles or the Telephone Coordinators for more information on scheduled and unscheduled rides!

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December 14

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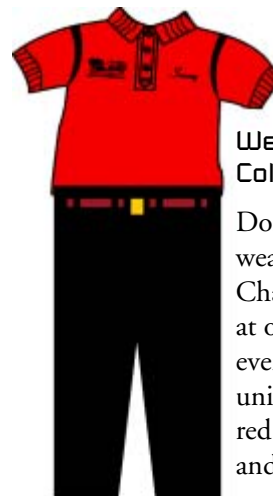
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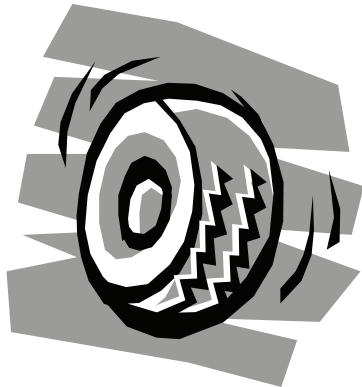
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