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Next Chapter Meeting:

**Edenbrook/
Christmas Party**

December 11th

Corner John Knox

& Meridian

Eat - somewhere between

6:30 & 7:00ish. Meeting & Gift

Exchange to follow

Ride Safe,

Hugh

Chapter Director

The holidays are upon us! Shopping, traveling, eating too much, spending time with relatives, and reflecting on how lucky we are to have the freedom to ride our motorcycles as much as we can ! As I write this we are all getting ready for Thanksgiving and the long weekend. Unfortunately I won't get to do any riding, but I hope some of you can.

This past weekend Marcy and I attended the Spaghetti Social event in Jacksonville put on by chapters FL1X, FL1P, and FL1V. We had perfect riding weather and the food was excellent!

Don't forget our Christmas Party on December 11th at Edenbrook and the two events on December 13th, Mingle Jingle in Zephyrhills put on by FL1S, and the Holiday Light Parade in DeFuniak Springs put on by FL1L from Panama City. We will send out information on departure times for these events in the near future.

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Editor's Notes

by Faith Martin



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Other Stuff

Welcome

Jimmy & Janet Godwin.

We hope you will join us often.

What You Missed

November 6th Highlights

-**Buck Harris** was the 50/50 winner.

-**Wayne Parmer** was the GWRRA # for November.

- **Hugh Waller** reports that he had his ECM changed out at The Cycle Shop. All went well and it was a good experience.

-**After** much thought and discussion it has been decided we will **not** reserve the 29 Dreams Motorcycle Campgrounds for the group trip next May. It was felt that motel accomodations providing more convenient bathroom facilities would be better.

-A Chapter ride is being planned for January 3rd to Julia Mae's Restaurant in Carrabelle.

-Chapter Members will be eligible for Door Prizes at our Rally in February, but not for the Grand Prize(s).

-Changes-the hard copy has already been sent out for this month. There are a couple of changes that have made it into the digital copy.

-The ride to Julia Mae's will be January 10th instead of the 24th.

-Ed Padgett has replaced Jack Schardine for the Games at the Rally.

Wishing you wonderful rides!

faith



Time to update our records.

If you have joined in the last year (November 2002 to November 2003) and are not on our Anniversary, Birthday or Re-up list and would like to be, please send me that information. We don't get the Birthday & Anniversary information from GWRRA. The Re-up list includes people that are GWRRA members but may not be members of our club.

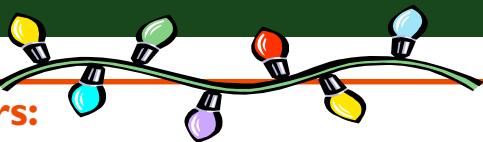
Attention Members:

Christmas Party - Thursday, December 11th,

Edenbrook - corner of John Knox & Meridian.

\$ 6.00 per person.

(The club will cover the other half.)



Coming to the Christmas Party?

RSVP Hugh Waller by Thursday, December 4th.

Bring 1 unlabeled, wrapped gift for each person attending for the gift exchange. (One person-bring 1 gift, 2 people-bring 2 gifts, etc.

\$ 10.00 to \$ 15.00 price range)

December Birthdays

Greg Campbell	12/02
Corinne Mathis	12/12
Mercy Henderson	12/18
Ben Hart	12/22

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

January 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

January Anniversaries

Ray & Linda Henley	01/11
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Rally Committees / Assignments

Flyer Update & Printing & Signs

Faith Martin

Door Prizes

Wesley & Vanessa Shivers

Tickets

Charles Couch

Games

Bob Carraway & Ed Padgett

Poker Run & Entertainment

Hugh Waller

Vendors

Sonny Rollo

Site Setup & Cleanup

Marvin Culverson

Registration

Vanessa

P.A. System

Mike Share

Security

Jim Godwin

Food?

Call or e-mail the Committee Chairmans to volunteer to help.

Motorcycle Wisdom

-If she changes her oil more than she changes her mind—follow her.



Safety Corner

by Faith Martin



Group Riding Etiquette

It's not just a matter of "being nice", it's a matter of safety!

The recent group ride benefitting the Women's Pavilion was enjoyable—for the most part. Except for one long stretch of highway, where another couple was oblivious to group riding etiquette and safe riding rules.

Since this was a very large group, the sponsoring club wisely broke it down into more manageable, smaller groups. But as we all know, as a Poker Run progresses riders decide to pair up with others somewhere along the route, or start sooner or later than their original groups.

And so it was, we found ourselves riding next to a couple that kept pulling up on our right side and then dropping back. I guess this little game made the slow ride a little more exciting for them.

Even as a fairly inexperienced co-rider, I had noticed the left, right, left staggered pattern riders in front of us had set. It didn't really dawn on me the importance of staggered spacing until I experienced the uncomfortable feeling of another bike constantly pulling up beside us, speeding ahead and then dropping back again. It crossed my mind that if we had to make a defensive maneuver to the right track for some reason, we would have no where to go if at that particular moment they decided to pull up next to us again! This was more than an "etiquette" issue, this was a safety issue. At times, Len tried



to adjust the spacing by pulling ahead a bit closer to the bike in the right track ahead of us, but that didn't seem to deter the thrill-seekers in the least. Then Len tried to slow down and let them take over our position. That didn't work either. They simply were not interested in finding their own slot. We endured this behavior all the way down Thomasville Road until finally we arrived at the next "draw another card stop", CycleNation. We made sure to leave with a different group of riders. Pulling up beside a GoldWing at the exiting stoplight, we figured we would be pretty safe. The remaining ride was great and without incident.

Perhaps along with the instructions on how to get to the next stop and

the legal release forms, there should be a few words about "Rules of Group Riding", so everyone will know what is expected of them.

The Master Strategy Group is in the process of compiling all of their riding tips into a book, which will include the "Guidelines for Group Riding for Street Bikes". This is a must read for any group that regularly sponsors or participates in group rides. The Guidelines would make an excellent hand-out for new members and ought to be made available at every Motorcycle Dealership.

You can request a copy of this 16 page document to be e-mailed to you. <http://www.msgroup.org/GUIDE.html>

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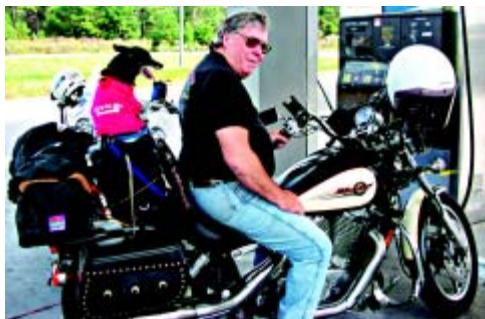
Happy Anniversaryfest! By Karen E. Share

After slamming down breakfast, we headed out for Flagler Beach at about 9:15 a.m. on Friday, October 17th. What could be more fitting than to spend our first anniversary at Biketoberfest?

We reminisced about the panic we were in this time last year when we flew to Miami, got married on a cruise ship, and set sail on our honeymoon. We also thought about our last trip to Flagler Beach where we rode through a driving rainstorm at night. Whew!

The weather was perfect and the ride was perfect until we took a wrong turn on US 1 in Bunnell and ended up in Ormond Beach! We pulled over and a local gave us directions to A1A, which also happened to be The Loop.

We made our way across the motorcycle parade on US 1 and turned northward. Woodstock (the dachshund/Chihuahua) got so excited by all the bikes that she jumped out of her box! Luckily Mike checked his rear view mirror and saw her dangling on



Woodstock poses for photos at a gas stop in Live Oak. Her sweater says, "bad to the bone"!

the saddlebags. After recovering from the heart attack, he pulled over and secured the dog.

We had planned to ride The Loop anyway. How gorgeous! Who would believe there is a strip of untouched Florida between US 1 and A1A?

We checked into the motel, made the necessary grocery run, and relaxed. The constant drone of bikes on A1A was psyching us for the day to come.

That night the motel was invaded by the Misfits Riding Club from outside of Atlanta. They looked like regular bikers to us, and rode some pretty nice scoots! Fortunately they were not the loud partying type.

Saturday I led Mike 21 miles down A1A into Daytona to see what Biketoberfest is all about! First we hit the Main Street parade. Then we headed over to the Speedway to check out the demo rides. Honda only had Gold Wings and VTXs, nothing Karen-sized, so we headed back to Daytona Beach.

We lucked out and parked in front of the Ocean Center for free! After a quick run through the vendor show we walked over to Main Street, where we caught Len Martin! The hush money



What is Len Martin doing on Main Street???

was enough to cover our motel bill.

We soaked in the craziness of Main Street and walked to the end to see the American Chopper trailer. We took pictures of the bikes built on our favorite TV show. Across the street we took more pictures of Jesse James' West Coast Choppers. We then bought our first Boot Hill t-shirts; now we are *real* bikers!

Upon returning to the Ocean Center we found that half of the bikes got parking tickets! Luck-

The famous spider bike (left) and fireman's bike (right) built by Orange County Choppers on American Chopper.



Mike & Karen on Main Street

ily they must have run out of tickets before they got to our row.

Sunday we rode all the way down A1A to see and be seen. Woodstock is always a big hit on the bike! We stopped at the Ponce Inlet lighthouse and rode back along the intracoastal waterway. Some of the mansions were unbelievable!

Back at the motel Mike found out that our neighbor was a guy he worked with for many years at Channel 6! Several hours of reminiscing about the "good old days" ensued.

We stayed in Flagler Beach an extra two days to enjoy the beach. While it was good to be amongst our "own kind", we also enjoyed the peace and quiet when the bikers left. What a great anniversary!



The view from our motel balcony.





WING DING 2003

by Pat Gordon

Pat & George left Tallahassee, Florida, June 27th and headed for Wing Ding 2003 in Madison, Wisconsin. So far they have met some vendors from Hawaii heading for the Wing Ding festivities, weathered a thunderstorm, learned a lot about finding restaurants in Wisconsin, visited the "House on the Rock", bought goodies from the Wing Ding Vendors and enjoyed a concert by the Diamonds. The journey continues...

Ghursday we awoke to rain and wind around 5:30. It was over by the time we finished breakfast. We walked back to the convention center to check our numbers for the drawings. George got a spot of paint retouched on the Goldwing by TJ while I did some laundry. We had a nice lunch at the Coliseum bar and grill; then toured all of the back roads and small towns in the area.

New Glarus is a Swedish settlement on highway 69. We walked around town and stopped to cool off and get a drink at The New Glarus Hotel, which

We just missed the annual Heidi Festival held there the previous week.

We then drove on to Darlington and Mineral Point, an old mining town and up highway 23 to Spring Green and Richland Center to Vettesnik Power Sports, bike shop that George wanted to see. The back roads had been flooded earlier and we had to take a long detour around through country roads while the highway was being repaired. We drove back to Spring Green for dinner at the oldest continuously operating restaurant which began in 1858.

There we met Doris and Dick, two Goldwingers that were staying in the area. We arrived back in Madison to late to enter the light parade around the parking lot of the convention center, but watched it from our hotel window.



had been built in 1852. In New Glarus there are seventeen brightly painted cows from Switzerland placed around town. I photographed several of them.

Friday, July the 4th started out with an early morning rain storm and high winds. We got up at 7:00, when the storm was over. The wind had knocked over several bikes in the parking lot. The cover on our Gold-

wing was partially blown off, but the seats were still covered and dry. After breakfast at Denny's we went back to the vendors for the last time and George bought riding shorts and a fork brace (super brace) and had it installed. It is supposed to save on tires and eliminate cupping and increases stability. When the installation was complete, we started to leave the area, but the bike would not start. George walked the bike over to Gary at "The lighthouse" which was near by and he jumped the battery. The neutral switch wasn't in all of the way.

The closing ceremonies started at 3:00 to 5:00 with awards to the oldest and youngest riders, the longest distance rider and largest district in attendance, etc. We had to stay until the end for the drawing of the Goldwing. The winner had to be present this year at the time of the drawing. Then back to the hotel to rest. We stayed the night and planned to check out the next morning. A lot of attendees had checked out of the hotel already. We found the restaurant we were looking for earlier in the week, George's Chop House, very fancy at the Holiday Inn in a newly developed business end of town. After dinner we drove to local area park for a fireworks show. Thousands of people turned out for it.

To be continued in next issue

Editor's Note:

This story is about 4 pages of text so I've decided to do it in installments.



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Local Rallies and Events

2003 Tentative Schedule

December

December 11

No dinner ride or dinner social scheduled

Christmas Party at Edenbrook

\$ 6.00 each and bring one gift per person attending. 6:30 p.m.

2004

January 10

Three Chapter Ride to Julia Mae's in Carrabelle



Departure Points

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

Contact **Charles Couch** to get on the Barber Museum
Excursion list planned for May 2004 (850) 562 - 1399
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Other Events

Tallahassee, FL - Toys for Tots December 7, 2003

12/7/03 - Annual Toys for Tots
Motorcycle Parade Tallahassee, FL.
Register at Tallahassee
Motorcycle works 9:30 a.m.
Ride Leaves at 11 a.m.
Parade will be around
Capital Circle, ending at
Hooters. Bring a new
unwrapped toy to donate.
Also, please bring can food
items and receive a raffle
ticket to win door prizes.



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Coming to the
Christmas Party?

RSVP Hugh Waller

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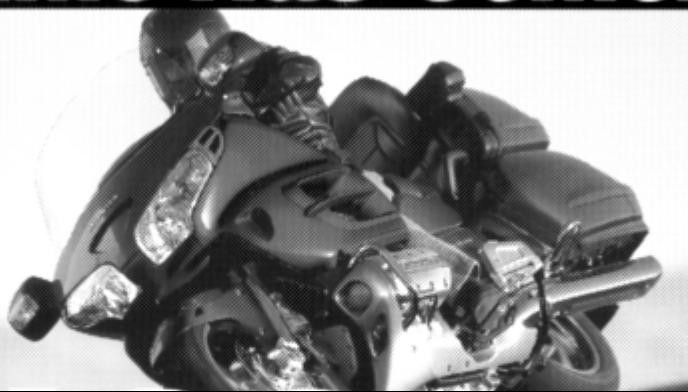
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