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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

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



CD GOLDLINE

Hi Fellow Gold Wing Lovers:

Life's been a blur since Sept 20th when Leucetia had her accident. We spent six weeks with a doctor in Thomasville trying to get her arm to begin healing. After that we contacted a surgeon in Orlando that our daughter works as a surgical nurse for. He implanted a steel rod in her arm so it would start to heal.

We missed getting out a newsletter in Oct. & Nov because Leucetia can't type yet.

Our chapter has had quite a number of physical problems this year among our membership. Charles Couch had a hip replaced; Leucetia had Colon and arm surgery; I spent a week in hospital; Pat Ventry had knee surgery; Sonny Rollo has a knee replaced; Greg Campbell had some stints installed; and I think George Walsh and Buck Harris both had hospital stays also. There are probably others I missed but we pray all are better now. We were able to have our Nov. meeting and had several visitors—Nate & Danelle Kinion (ASD's for the Panhandle) Tom & Wanda Tittle (Panama City) ; and Dan & Judy Allen, Stan & Debbie Bailey (friends of Greg & Carolyn Campbell's). Dan and Stan are members or soon will be and we hope they choose to join us here in Tallahassee.

The chapter has had regular rides each week which Leucetia and I missed due to her complications with her arm healing.

We have our Christmas Party all lined up for Dec. 19th at Maries Livingston's again this year and hope all our members can attend. Also, Jon Ferrell has made arrangements for those of us who have a trike to ride in Havana's Christmas Parade on December 13th.

We also have an overnight trip planned in Jan. to Andersonville and Plaines GA, The last trip the chapter had to Plaines they stopped and ate at a BBQ place and ran in to President Jimmy & Roseline Carter. Maybe we'll be as lucky this trip.

I personally want to THANK all our members who have been so good this past year to help out the chapter with all our endeavors from the Rally, the Charity Poker run and everything we choose to do as a chapter. Also for all

the helping hands given to each other during personal difficult times. You are a great group of FRIENDS. We want to extend to all A Merry Christmas Holiday and a Fantastic New Year to all! Love YA!

Ride Safe and Enjoy the Ride

Lenton and Leucetia Stephens

Safety Corner
safety corner

From: Walt Overlander

Successful Cornering

Cornering on a motorcycle is much different than what takes place if you are a driver in a car. Cornering for motorcyclists requires a skillful handling of the situation, or simply stated, a little more finesse.

If you have ever been involved in a motorcycle training exercise, then you have heard the terms: "slow, look, press, and roll." The implementation of these terms is essential to good cornering. *Slow* before the turn, so that you are not braking into the turn. *Look* through the turn, so that you know where you are going and where you want the motorcycle to end up. *Press* the handgrip by pushing into the turn, or press left to go left, which causes the motorcycle to lean in the direction of the turn and therefore begins to turn in that direction. *Roll* the throttle on so that you have power to the rear wheel, enough power to maintain present speed or slightly increasing speed.

I see too many riders braking all the way into or through a turn because they came into the turn too fast. The motorcycle suspension is designed to go around corners with power to the rear wheel, driving it forward. When the rider comes off of the throttle in a turn the suspension is "relieved" and gets loose and wiggly. That is unsettling to the rider, and I suppose some riders think that is normal. On the other hand, when a rider hits the corner at the right speed and is able to

use power all the way around the bike “sets” and feels like it is going around on a rail, giving the rider a feeling of confidence.

A while back I was riding with a group at Deals Gap. The bike in front of me, during our first run, was a brand new Gold Wing 1800 with a fairly new rider and co-rider aboard. He and his wife were excited and having a good time. However, I noticed that as he approached most of the turns he was braking into the turn, sometimes as much as a third or even half way around the turn. Then he would be off the brakes and back onto the throttle. The transition did not look smooth, and he was not moving as fast as the riders in front of him.

After a break and over a soft drink, I engaged him in conversation about proper braking. I emphasized braking before the turn, getting off the brakes before the turn started, and using power to the rear wheel all the way around each and every turn.

The transformation was dramatic. During the next run he was perfect, and moving much faster. He was keeping up with the riders in front of him and moving through the turns much smoother.

The next time we stopped, his wife came to me and stated: “That was so much smoother and much more comfortable. I was relaxed and able to take pictures through the whole trip.” (She got some really good ones too.) Her husband then walked up and explained to me that he was also more stable and did not “wobble” around in the middle of the turn, making him uneasy.

Remember folks. If you get into a turn too fast and are breaking, you are using additional traction. You only have so much traction available and a lot of it is being used to keep the tires from breaking loose in the turn. Braking could cause you to use up more traction than you have available, resulting in a slide out. So slow *before* the turn.

A.D.D. Report

From: Nate & Danelle Kinion

It is hard to believe that 2008 is almost over. We have enjoyed our first year as Assistant District Directors for the Panhandle and look forward to next year.

A big thank you goes to Danny and Libbie Pippin, Chapter Directors, FL1-L who were able to get the fairgrounds at no charge for the Panhandle Getaway. They both worked very hard setting everything up.

We want to thank the following chapters for their preparation in the Panhandle Getaway:

Panama City – helping set up the 116 game prizes, providing items for goody bags, manning the food tent, handling registration and working the car/bike show.

Pensacola – running the indoor games and helping set up and giving out prizes, making the certificates for the car show, providing a tent, working the car/bike show and help in providing grand prizes

Ft. Walton Beach – running the no-ride poker run and the bike games, coordinating the vendors and help in providing the grand prizes

Tallahassee – providing items for goody bags, stuffing 400 goody bags, providing tents, setting up and helping with registration

Crestview – providing the ballots for the car/bike show, hosting the Hobo Stew on Halloween, selling 50/50 and grand prize tickets and providing a tent

Thanks to Region A for donating bags left over from the Region A rally

We had 182 in attendance and the weather was beautiful both days. We want to thank all five Chapters and the Alabama members who donated game prizes.

Make your reservations now for the Florida District Rally in Kissimmee on March 12-14, 2009. We look forward to seeing you there.

We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Ride Safe.

Nate and Danelle

2008 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS



Dec 6

FL1-S Mingle Jingle

Zephyrhills FL

2009 GWRRA EVENTS

Jan 10-11	CD Conference	Kissimmee FL
Jan 17	FL2-L Chapter Rally	Lakeland FL
Jan 25	FL2-D Four Chapter Breakfast	Melbourne FL
Feb 8	South Florida Ride For Kids	Pompano Beach FL
Feb 14	FL1-T Poker Run	Inverness FL
Mar 12-14	Florida District Rally	Kissimmee FL
Mar 26-28	Alabama District Rally	Pelham AL
Mar 29	FL1-E2 Am Diabetes Assoc. Poker Run	Ft Walton Beach
April 4	FL1-B Road Rally & Fun Day	Seffner FL
April 18	FL1-W Green Eggs & Ham Poker Run	Orlando FL
Apr 30-May 2	South Carolina District Rally	Myrtle Beach SC
May 9	FL1-F2 Poker Run/Motorcycle Rally	Ocala FL
June 11-13	Georgia District Rally	Hiawassee GA
Nov 14	Florida District Rider Ed Fair	St Petersburg FL

LOCAL DINNER RIDE SCHEDULE

(All Rides Depart at 6:30 pm)

Dec 19 Christmas Party Marie Livingston's 6:30 PM

Departure Points

- #1 - Hardee's at North Monroe Street & Capital Circle NW
- #2 - Circle K at Hwy 20 & Capital Circle West
- #3 - Circle K at Woodville Hwy & Capital Circle SW
- #4 - Shell Station at Woodville Hwy & Capital Circle SW
- #5 - Citgo Station at Hwy 90 & I-10 East (Cross Creek)
- #6 - Publix at Thomasville Road (Hwy 319) & Bradfordville Road
- #7 - Pilot Truck Stop at I-10 West & Hwy 90



December Birthdays

Greg Campbell 2nd



December Anniversaries

Hugh & Marcie Waller-5th
Gary & BJ Allen-17th

January Anniversaries

Ray & Linda Henley-11th

KUDOS

WELCOME

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

NEW BIKE CLUB

Rumor has it we have several new proud trike owners. Besides Carolyn Campbell, Ann & Dean York, Marvin and Jo-Nell Culverson and Leucetia Stephens, we now have Ed Budzyna, Ken Rouse, Bob-O-Lou Carraway, Terry & Sylvia Barineau, Robert & Cathy Cornelliuss, and now John & Flo Frerrell.

Notes From Last Meeting

What You Missed If You Weren't There: Plans were made for our Christmas Party. Also planned the January trip to Andersonville and Plaines(contact Charles Couch for details). We also discussed our February 2009 Bike Rally at Pat Thomas park.

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