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GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION



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BRRRRR...

I'm sure this has been the coldest winter since I moved here in

1991. I'm not complaining though, because I actually enjoy this time of year. I feel much more energetic when it's cold than when it's hot and humid. Last Saturday a small, but brave (or foolish) group of us rode to Thomasville. We had a great lunch at the Farmers Market then visited The Honda Shop. There was **Charles Couch**, **Wesley Shivers**, **Lenton Stephens**, **Emily** and **myself** on bikes, with **Vanessa Shivers** in her little MG sports car and **Bob Carraway** in his truck. Those two kept reminding us how they had heaters.

Our Rally is just around the corner, and I'm looking forward to another great and fun event. I know that we will all pull together and

make this successful and worthwhile. Soon after our Rally is Daytona Bike Week, where many of our Chapter Members savor this International event with enthusiasm to match the magnitude of it's size. Ask **Sonny Rollo** how many years he has been going. Ask **Charles Couch** about all the behind the scenes events that has entertained he and many others year after year. Our Rally and Bike Week mark the kick-off of many motorcycle events that will follow as spring time approaches. Go out there on two wheels and enjoy.

Ride Safe,
Hugh
Chapter Director

Next Meeting: February 13

Western Sizzlin, N Monroe Street, 6:30 Eat, 7:30 Meet

Rally Date: February 22

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Rally News Update

- **Tables and Chairs** - We need at least 20 tables. Lenton Stephens is checking on the availability of chairs. Contact Lenton if you have tables or chairs you can lend.
- **PORTA POTTIES** have been requested for the Rally this year. George Walsh is checking on availability.
- **Each member** is requested to donate a Door Prize. As Karen said last year, re-gifting is a good thing.
- **Please support our Rally** by pre-registering. Registration forms will be at the February 13th meeting.
- **Door Prize Donation** - If you have contact with local (or non-local) businesses, ask for a donation. Charles says, make sure you take a Rally Flyer to validate who you are.
- **We will be using a nifty armband** system for registration and Door Prize Winners. Check with Charles Couch, he'll tell you all about it.
- **Prize change** - Cash Prize instead of plaques for the Largest Chapter (\$50.00) and the Poker Run Winner (\$25.00).
- **Rally Day** - Setup begins at 6:00 AM. Donuts and Coffee provided.
- **Wesley Shivers** needs volunteers to run the Door Prize Booth.
- **Jack Schardine** needs volunteers to help with the Games.

What you Missed

January 9th and Staff Meeting Highlights

-Wing Ding - you must be present to win the Gold Wing this year.

-District Rally - our part is selling the 50/50 tickets. Contact Hugh to help.

-Do we want to continue to have the Dinner Social? We voted at the Staff Meeting to continue the Dinner Socials.

-Spring and Fall Cookout at Pat Thomas Park on the Calendar for 2003

-Bike Show - Do we want to continue to do it even if the fee for using the Mall goes up to \$ 250.00? The prevailing thought is; it's a very important part of what the Canopy Road Cruisers is all about. Enjoyed by the community and we should definitely keep on doing it.

-Charles Couch had a great idea for a trip to the Motorcycle Museum in Birmingham, AL. It's reportedly one of the best (if not the best) and close to the 29 Dreams Motorcycle Resort.

-Everyone agreed we should continue having the Christmas Party at Edenbrook.

-Houseboat Ride on Lake Seminole was another great suggestion for an afternoon outing.

-10 FREE 50/50 TICKETS to the winning number posted in each issue of the Newsletter. The selected number will be the one on your GWRRA card. Look for YOUR number in this issue. Collect your tickets at the next Chapter meeting. **YOU** may be the lucky winner!

-Winner of this month's 50/50 is **Melvin and Wanda Schmidt**. Lady Luck was with them at their first meeting. CONGRATULATIONS!

-Vanessa Shivers has a new source for shirts. Very reasonable price - \$ 19.00. Minimum order is 12. Call or e-mail her.

Faith



February Birthdays

Carolyn Campbell	02/03
Karen Share	02/03
Durell Daniels	02/08
Hugh Waller	02/12
Mary Ann McKee	02/16
Margaret Palmer	02/22
Gary Allen	02/27

March Birthdays

Michael Mayer	03/01
Leucetia Stephens	03/02
Marvin Culverson	03/03
Jo Nell Culverson	03/05
Mary Lee Rouse	03/05
Carol Ergenbright	03/06
Ann Lumsden	03/08
Mattie Lussier	03/09
Sheila West	03/12
Wayne Parmer	03/24
Faith Martin	03/26
Richard Lussier	03/31

February Anniversaries

NONE

March Anniversaries

Wayne & Belinda Hicks 03/30

Time to Re-Up

February - NONE

Motorcycle Wisdom

-Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they CAN hold everything you need.

We saw lots of new faces at our last meeting. Welcome to **Melvin and Wanda Schmidt, Dan and Judy Allen and Karl Schroeder and Lisa Randolph**. We hope to see you often!

Sunshine

Do you know a member with illness or death in their immediate family? Call Carolyn Campbell, Sunshine Chairperson, 997- 4901 or e-mail: campbelc@sbcglobal.net (Please note Carolyn now has E-Mail!)



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Visual Perception - What is it?

Riding a motorcycle involves several rather complex functions. One of those functions is identification of critical cues in the traffic environment. This occurs in the search part of the mental system and is dependent on clear, accurate visual perception.

Visual perception is an active process in which we must purposely

participate in order to make it work accurately. Perception calls upon senses (mostly sight in riding a motorcycle) for input to our computer (brain). Our brain processes the information

to make it meaningful.

When traffic is light, weather conditions good, and visibility and space favorable, all that's necessary is that we choose a clear path and guide our motorcycle along it. Practically anyone can accomplish that. It's when things get hectic that the challenge increases. Our decisions become more critical and a mistake more costly. Since decisions are all made based on our perception, it is extremely important that we attach the correct meaning to what we observe.

Delayed recognition or inaccurate perception of impending hazards starts a process that leads to bad decisions and inappropriate

Technically, visual perception is making sense of the many visual stimuli we receive.

responses, which can end in a collision or other harmful event.

To hit a tennis ball, a player "looks" the ball onto the racket face. Golfers concentrate their eye focus on the ball as the club head impacts the ball. Baseball players look the ball all the way onto the bat as they get "good wood" on it.

Eye control is also a fundamental of riding a motorcycle. *The machine will go where your eyes are focused.* The obvious point to be made is - *look where you want to go.* It sounds trite and simple to even mention such a ridiculously basic premise. However, thinking that this visual concept is simple and easy can be a drastic mistake. It isn't easy to actually implement.

Sizing up your entry to a corner, then focusing on the small piece of roadway that represents your chosen apex, and finally swinging your eyes to the area of the exit where you will soon be, is all much more difficult than it sounds. Getting good at being able to concentrate your focus is directly related to the amount of practice applied. It's like perception -

we aren't born with it, we must practice.

Good, dynamic eye habits properly focused reduces the likelihood of being lulled into target fixation. That's the term generally associated with staring at an area or object to such an extent that it draws you to it. You run over the object you most want to avoid or you cross the area in a turn that takes you off your line. For instance, fixating on the edge of the roadway instead of on your intended path can take you onto that edge and trouble. Concentrate on the path you intend to take. Looking at the area you intend to follow not only contributes to a smooth negotiation of the curve, but you also pick up any road surface condition that may necessitate an adjustment of your line. When your eyes negotiate a smooth curve, the rider and machine follow the same path.

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"Safety Is for Life!"

Rider Education Coordinator position is open. Please contact Hugh Waller if you would like to learn more.



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Bike Spotlight

Every Canopy Road Cruiser Member is proud of their machine old or new. Send me a pix of your favorite ride and we'll put it in the Bike Spotlight.

New Bike Club



After talking about getting a new bike for a year, Len Martin finally took the plunge when he found this 2003 Valkarie to be a perfect fit. A great looking motorcycle and Honda's "no payments for three (3) months" cinched the deal. Definitely, an offer he couldn't refuse! Len says even though it has a lot more power than his 600 Honda Shadow, it's so well balanced, it handles like a dream. New windshield and a couple of HJC black helmets rounded out the necessary start-up equipment. This is a bike he'll keep for a long time.

2003 Tentative Schedule

- February 22 Chapter Rally - Ramada Inn North
- February 27 Dinner Ride - Mom's Sopchoppy
Leave from # 3 at 6:30 PM
- March 27-29 FLORIDA DISTRICT RALLY 2003
Download flyer at:
<http://home1.gte.net/eeporter/index.html>
- April 12 Spring Cookout - Pat Thomas Park
- April 26 Barber Motorcycle Museum - Birmingham, AL
Camping at 29 Dreams Motorcycle Resort
\$ 35.00 per night for two occupants.
Departure point to be announced.
- August 2 Bike Show at Tallahassee Mall
- September Chapter Campout - Panacea - Date open
- November 6 Chapter Meeting (first Thursday of the month)
- November 13 ChickenPileau - Dinner Ride
- December 13 Christmas Party at Edenbrook
\$ 6.00 each and bring one gift per person attending.

"Friends For Fun, Safety and Knowledge"

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

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

Community Events

- February 15 Leather & Lace Charity Ball,
Saturday American Legion Hall on Lake Ella,
will benefit the Children's Home Society.
www.chromedivas.com
- June 21 Dale Green Memorial Fund Day
North FL Fairgrounds
10:00 AM — 6:00 PM
www.dalegreenmemorialfundday.org

2003 Poker Run Dates

February 15

FL1-J2 Poker Run
Lake City

March 14 & 15

2003 Irish Getaway
Dublin, GA.
<http://shamrockroadriders.tripod.com>

May 17

FL1-F2 Poker Run
Ocala

May 24

FL1-Y Casino Poker Run
Gainesville

April 26

FL1-D Submarine Races
Gulf Breeze

District Rallies

24th Annual

February 8

FL1-M host six-Chapter Breakfast
Clearwater

February 28 - March 9

FL District/FL1-H
Goldwing Getaway
New Smyrna Beach

FLORIDA DISTRICT RALLY 2003

(March 27, 28 & 29)
Crowne Plaza Hotel
At Sabal Park, Tampa, Florida

September 2003

Region "A" 2003 Rally
Alpine Helen, GA

April 3-5, 2003

Akabama District Rally
Eufaula, AL

May 1-3, 2003

South Carolina District Rally
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