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RALLY, RALLY, RALLY

Once again our annual Rally/Poker Run is upon us. Even though it takes some work on our part as the host Chapter, the event is always fun and rewarding. I look forward to seeing smiling faces and shaking hands or getting hugs from visiting Chapter members, as well as seeing some of our own

members that we don't get to see the rest of the year! As I mentioned in the last meeting, our Poker Run this year will have actual stops to draw cards, so I am looking for volunteers to man those stops along the route. Also the last stop will be at the CYCLE SHOP where they will be offering free food. Please call me if you can volunteer for the Poker Run so I can set up a date and time to show you where the stops are.

Another area where we need help is with soliciting for door prizes at some local businesses. If you can help with this, call Wesley Shivers at 421-1334.

February 14th, one week before our Rally is the Lake City Rally at Interstate Cycles. I'm sure we will be planning a ride to that event, so stay tuned for a time and departure point.

If you can't help with the Rally this year, still come out and visit and enjoy the event!

Ride Safe,
Hugh
Chapter Director

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Next Chapter Meeting:

Golden Corral
February 12, 2004
6:30 Eat, 7:30 Meet

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Positions available: contact Hugh to get involved!

Welcome to

Bob & Grace Schmeelcke

formerly of Chapter FL1-F2, Ocala

Attention Members:

Please bring Door Prizes to the February 12th meeting so Wesley & Vanessa can log them and prepare the necessary paperwork. If you secure Door Prize donations, please assure the donor that their names will be in the Newsletter indicating their generous support. Please support the businesses that support us!

What You Missed

January Meeting Highlights

-The upcoming Rally was the main topic of conversation.

-**Jim Guy** a representative from the newly formed Extended Circle Animal Haven gave a short overview of what the organization does and how they felt their participation in our Rally would be beneficial.

** Editors Note: We have decided time is too short to incorporate an additional co-sponsor for the upcoming event and will handle the Poker Run with The Cycle Shop this year.

-**Hugh** read a Thank You note from Jo-Nell Culverson for the Peace Lilly sent by the club in memory of her father, who passed away over the holidays.

-The Florida District Rally is March 18-20. Hugh has dollar tickets. The proceeds are used for Rider Education.

-We handed out a year long Calendar of Events to post on your refrigerator or other convenient location. It lists the meetings and scheduled Dinner Rides. If you would like one, let me know. I'll be happy to send one out.

-If you have a sign request for the Rally, contact me. Many of last years signs were damaged by the rain.

-**Charles Couch** wasn't there and we didn't have a 50/50.

Wishing you wonderful rides!

February Birthdays

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

February Anniversaries

None

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

March Anniversaries

Wayne & Belinda Hicks 03/30

February Re-up

Ray Henley



Time to update our records.

If you have had a change of e-mail address or phone number recently, please let either Vanessa or me know so we can update our records. I'd like to update the club directory, but we haven't had any responses so it's not progressing very well.

Rally Committees / Assignments

Flyer Update & Printing & Signs

Faith Martin

Door Prizes

Wesley & Vanessa Shivers

Tickets

Charles Couch

Games

Bob Carraway

Poker Run

Hugh Waller w/Cycle Shop

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

-There's something ugly about a NEW bike on a trailer.



Dumping a Bike is No Sin

By James R. Davis

I have a suspicion that many here think that dumping a bike is to be avoided at all costs. That dumping a bike is extremely dangerous. That experienced riders simply don't do such a thing.

Nonsense! I do not know anybody who has a few years of experience on two-wheels who has failed to dump their bike, or who will not sooner or later do so.

To dump a bike should be an embarrassment, and is the stuff we kid each other about, but it need not be dangerous.

After a very long ride, I have seen very experienced people stop, get off their bikes and start to walk away from them - without having put their side stands down. I have seen people mount a bike that was parked on a right-biased slope and have the bike fall over to the right as a result. I have seen loose gravel cause a foot to slip away and the bike lay down before an eye could blink. But in virtually every case, there was neither damage to the bike nor to the rider.

It is no sin to dump a bike, but it is stupid and dangerous to end up under that bike!

The VERY FIRST riding lesson I give a person who is moving up to a larger bike is how to dump it. If they are not, yet, riding a big bike, I even let them learn this lesson using my GoldWing.

I have them take the bike onto a grassy area with relatively firm ground and, with the engine turned off, I have them lean the bike slowly over to the left. I have explained before we

do any of this that what I want them to learn is that there comes a point in leaning the bike where the center of gravity of the bike will move past the side of their tank and that most of the weight of the bike will be on their 'down' leg. That at this point NOBODY can hold up a GoldWing and that to try to do so can result in injury! That they are to decide for themselves when they have reached that point and then to STOP TRYING TO HOLD UP THE BIKE. They are to let go of the lower grip, QUICKLY step on the high peg and step as wide away from the bike as possible with their 'down' leg as the bike lays down.

If they do this correctly they will find that they remain standing, one foot on the ground, the other on the high peg, with the bike between their legs on its side.

It usually takes no more than two tries to get this right - the first try usually finds them landing on their hands. (If they do, I remind them that they might want to let go of the lower grip before it pulls them to the ground <G>.) But by the second time they get the idea that they have to *let go of the lower grip*, shift their weight VERY FAST to the high peg and step away with the other leg. This 'move' tends not to be forgotten long after it is learned.

With the bike down they then observe, at least for Wings, that it usually does not even leave its wheels because of the engine and saddlebag guards, and that neither is there damage to the bike. This goes a long ways towards increasing confidence.

The next lesson, of course, is *how to pick up* a 900 pound bike. <G>

By the way, I extend this lesson into a discussion of when you should keep your feet on the pegs and when you can safely step away from a bike that is going down: If the bike is moving faster than you can walk, keep your feet on the pegs! If it is going slower than that, stand on the high peg and let the bike fall between your legs and walk (hop) away from it.

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Editor's Note: This was procured from the Internet, which accounts for the "internet shorthand". <G> stands for "grin".

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More Christmas Party Pix

Photos courtesy of Len Martin



Right: Ferrell looked radiant at the gift exchange.



Above: Hugh & Marcy Waller and Len & Faith Martin. Thanks to Mary Lee Rouse for snapping this one for us.



Wesley & Vanessa Shivers arrived a little late, but made it in time to enjoy dinner and the festivities. At the table behind them are Sonny Rollo, John & Flo Ferrell.



Linda Couch, Mike & Karen Share and...Charles (Couch)! We didn't get all of him, but what we did get was priceless!

Right: Janice Gargus
"Hm...I think it's a keeper."



Left: John Ferrell, thinking "Gee, did I bring this?"



Oh...I like this! Better hide it Mary Lee. Nothing is safe with this crowd.



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, enjoyed a concert by the Diamonds, toured the quaint Alpine town of New Glarus, and enjoyed an entertaining fireworks show. The next leg of the trip included the Michigan Dunes and Mackinaw Island. The journey continues...



Monday we're up at 7:30, had breakfast at Kewadin Hotel then toured the Tower of History where you can see all over the locks, river, mountains and Michigan's oldest city. Then we boarded the "Valley Camp" Freighter Museum, built in 1917.



Valley Camp Museum

The freighter museum has on exhibit the only major artifacts from the Edmund Fitzgerald shipwreck. You can see how the crews lived and worked on these ships at that time. The quarters were very cramped and sparse. Sault Ste Marie is at the end of Interstate 75 where it ends at the International Bridge. The bridge was opened in 1962 and remains an important border crossing between the United States and Canada.

We drove back to St. Ignace and went through the Fort Michilimackinac,

after crossing the Mackinaw Bridge which is five miles across. The Fort was built by French soldiers and fur traders in 1715. Archaeological digs are still in progress there. There is so much to see in this area and a lot of history. Some day I would like to return to see the things we missed.

Dinner was at the Depot and karaoke afterward. St. Ignace is quite a tourist town. It was looking like rain so we rushed back to where the bike was parked which had been left uncovered.



Ft. Mackinac

We then drove back down the main street to the hotel that we had found earlier.

Tuesday, up early again for complementary breakfast and to catch the ferry at 8:00 for a ride to Mackinaw Island. We lined up to get tickets for carriage ride as soon as we landed on the island. Cars are not allowed on the island. All transportation is by bicycle, horse carriage or foot. The tour took us to the Fort Mackinac, which was built by the British on a high bluff overlooking the harbor during the American Revolution. We also toured the Butterfly Conservatory, and the horse and carriage drove us through a

National Forest and around the island while giving us some historical information. We walked back down hill from the Governor's House to town at the end of the ride. Lunch was at a pier side restaurant. We then looked thru some gift shops. There are too many fudge and ice cream shops and we were still on the diet. The ferry left at 2:30 and we returned to hotel to rest and hear some news. The sky was looking cloudy, but the sun was shining again at 5:30. It was time to clean the bike a bit and load in some new CD's. We drove to Cheboygan to Walmart for



more Adkins bars and to have dinner at a local restaurant on Main Street. This diet was killing me with dry overcooked meat and salads. After dinner we drove back to Mackinaw City and walked around shops.

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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Rally Needs

Bring Your Door Prizes to the February 12th Meeting

We need 4 Volunteers (or volunteer couples) for the Poker Run card draw sites. Approximately 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Supplies will be provided, but bring your own chairs, a clipboard or other hard surface for writing on and munchies. Works best with two people.

We need a volunteer to help Bob Carraway with the Games.

Local Rallies and Events

2004

February 12 Chapter Meeting - Golden Corral - Eat 6:30 PM,
Meeting 7:30 PM

February 21 FL1-A2 Rally - Ramada Inn North, Tallahassee

February 26 Farmer's Market-Thomasville-Depart #6 at 6:30 PM

March 11 Chapter Meeting-Golden Corral-Eat 6:30 PM,
Meeting 7:30 PM

April 08 R J's Catfish Pad-Lake Talquin Dam-Depart #2 at 6:30 PM

April 15 Nicholson's Farm House-Havana-Depart #1 at 6:30 PM

April 30 Trip to Barber Museum, Birmingham, Alabama

**May 01 Contact Charles Couch (850) 562-1399 or
honda@nettally.com**

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
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Florida District & Regional Rallies

2004

Feb. 7
FL1-M
Spaghetti Social
Clearwater

Feb. 14
FL1-J2
Poker Run
Lake City

Feb. 14
FL1-W
New Chapter Kick Off
Apopka

Feb. 21
FL1-A2
Poker Run
Tallahassee

Feb. 27 - Mar 6
FL1-H
The Goldwing Getaway
New Smyrna Beach

Mar. 18 - 20
Florida District Rally
Kissimmee
Grand Prize
1800 GoldWing
donated by
Honda of Leesburg

Apr. 3
FL1-B
Poker Run and Fun Day
Brandon

Apr. 17
FL1-R
Rally/Poker Run
Dunnellon

Apr. 24
FL1-X
Hug Contest & Poker Run
Orange Park



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