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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



Hi Fellow Gold Wing Lovers:

First I'd like to extend (again) our heart felt sympathy to Bob Carraway on the passing of his mother this month. There just no way to be prepared to lose a parent.

The New Year has started out with so much going on its hard to decide what to do next. Bad weather and poor health prevented us from attending Crestview's "Chili Run", but I understand they had a lot of fun in spite of the weather. Thirteen riders made the ride anyway. There was lots of chili, hot coffee, hot tea & hot cocoa to warm up the bones.

We have had several great rides this month. The seafood run to Roy's Saturday was great! Charles, Ed, George, Dave & Pat Ventry, Steve & Susan Conrader (on their new ride) Leucretia & myself had a beautiful ride. It was cold starting out, but was a shirt sleeve ride home. Sorry to hear Bob-O-Lou was sick and couldn't make it. Hope no one else was sick.

Next Saturday we will ride to the Park to check out the Rally site. Afterwards it's off to Ed & Peggy's lake place to enjoy their invite to lunch. Thanks guys-- this is two years straight (had a ball last year). This is what GWRRA is all about—Friends & Fun.

Our Rally will be on us before we know it. It'll be a blast seeing friends from all over the state. As soon as we get the Rally behind us we will plan a weekend trip to Birmingham to "Barbers Motorsports Museum." I'm looking forward to the Fun and Fellowship.

Ride Safe and Enjoy
Lenton and Leucretia Stephens



*From: Jim Zumbrunn
Rider Educator*

Crashes Involving Motorcycles

By Jerry Palladino (MOTORMAN)

Most single vehicle crashes involving motorcycles, occur while negotiating a curve. Accident investigators have found that the crash is almost always the riders fault and was not due to sand or gravel on the road along with other obstacles. Investigators have also found that in most cases, the motorcycle was capable of making the curve at the speed the rider was traveling. So, why did the rider crash????

What generally happens is the rider believes he/she is going too fast to complete the turn so they hit the brake with the bike leaned over, consequently, the bike slides out from under the rider or the rider releases the brake and high sides. Some riders will hear the pegs scrape, and panic, and straighten the bike up and run right off the road. Others will simply look at the edge of the road and of course, the bike will go where you are looking and you will ride off the edge of the road. To avoid these situations is very easy. First, become familiar with the maximum lean angle of your bike. Do so in a parking lot at low speeds. You will find that scraping the pegs still allows you to maintain control and is not a reason to panic and straighten up the bike. Second, NEVER brake hard in a turn with the bike leaned over. If you're going to have to brake hard, you must first straighten the bike up even if it means going into the opposing lane. The safest procedure for negotiating a curve is to place the motorcycle in the portion of the lane which gives you the most visibility around the turn. Quite simply, if the road curves to the right, you should be in the left side of your lane looking to the end of the curve and visa versa. You need to look as far to the end of the curve as you possibly can and keep your head level with the horizon.

NEVER look at the line in the road or the vehicles coming in the opposite direction. Your braking should be done before entering the curve. Now, go find a winding road and have some fun practicing this technique.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S CORNER

From: Nate & Danelle Kinion

Congratulations to Ed and Jeanette Carr for an outstanding first CD conference as Florida district Directors.

We want to congratulate Danny and Libbie Pippin of Panama City and Lenton and Leucetia Stephens of Tallahassee for getting their Senior Chapter Director designation. We also want to congratulate Carlos and Loraine Cerna for stepping up to the ACD for Pensacola. Carlos is the webmaster and Loraine is the newsletter editor also.

There are several Chapters in the Panhandle that have positions that need to be filled. If you want to make a difference in Your Chapter, Think about taking an officer position. It is fun and fulfilling.

Don't forget that Tallahassee is having their mini rally on February 22-23 at Lake Talquin. There will be chili around a bonfire on Friday night and a poker run, vendors and games.

On January 26th, we attended Crestview's Chilly Run. It was a cold, rainy day but there was a nice turn out, people from South Florida as well as Alabama and 13 bikes that went on the run. There were several different kinds of chili with all the fixings and dessert. Also, enough hot chocolate, hot tea and hot coffee plus two heaters to keep us all warm. They played 50/50 and gave away quite a few door prizes. Congratulations to Wes and Jill and their members for a job well done.

Nate & Danelle



By Jo-Nelle Culverson

Marvin and I have been members of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association and the local chapter, Canopy Road Cruisers, for seventeen years. We have thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship and camaraderie of all of the members of the Canopy Road Cruisers, as well as the many other people of other chapters that we have had the pleasure of meeting over the years. Riding the Goldwing is one of our favorite things to do and has provided us many, many hours of enjoyment.

Two years ago, after a second back surgery for me, I thought my riding days had come to an end. I talked with my surgeon and he told me that he did not like to tell his patients to stop participating in an activity that they enjoyed, but always suggested they ask themselves what the risk is worth. Consequently, I stopped riding.

We had heard so many comments against converting the Goldwing into a trike that we didn't even consider that as an option – maybe the male ego came into play just a little, too. Since I would not be riding anymore, we decided to sell the Wing. After all, Marvin had his Drifter to go on rides with the "Guys." So, sell we did!!

We still participated in Chapter activities but not as wholeheartedly. Then we began to talk with Trike owners every opportunity that we had. We came to realize that all of the owners of Trikes **absolutely love** them, and most of them had a trike due to a physical limitation of some type. **What a revelation!!!**

In our way of thinking, if converting a Goldwing into a trike could give me back the joy and pleasure of riding again, it would be worth trying. Once again we became the owners of a Goldwing. Still, after forty plus years of riding a two wheeler, the decision to convert the Goldwing into a trike did not come without reservations. There are several different styles of trike kits to choose from, and this is a personal choice. After looking at four or five styles and riding several different ones, the California Sidecar is the kit we chose. In May of 2007 we took the Wing to Trikes by Tony in Inverness for them to work their magic (what a great group to do business with – would not hesitate to recommend them).

Sure, Marvin had to compromise the ability to lean around those great curves for the stability the trike provided, but we are in full agreement, that converting the Goldwing into a trike was the right decision for us.



2008 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS



Feb 22-23	FL1-A2 Annual Mini-Rally	Lake Talquin
Feb 29 – Mar 9	FL1-H Gold Wing Getaway	New Symrna Beach
Mar13-15	Florida District Rally	Kissimmee
Mar 22	FL1-Q Charity Run	Milton
Apr 3-5	Alabama District Rally	Mobile AL
Apr 5	FL1-B Annual Fun Day	Brandon FL
Apr 6	FL1-E2 Annual Charity Poker Run	Ft. Walton Bch FL
Apr 19	FL2-G 25 th Anniversary	Fort Myers FL
May 3	FL2-Z Night at the Oscars	Palm Beach FL
May 17	FL1-X Biennial Country Fair Poker Run – Orange Park	
May 23-24	FL1-Y Rally/Poker Run	Gainesville FL
May 31 – Jun 1	Horizons Seminar	Ocala FL
June 12-14	Georgia District Rally	Athens GA
June 21	FL1-v It's Five O'Clock Somewhere	Jacksonville Beach
July 3-6	Wing Ding 30	Greenville SC
Sep 6	FL1-A Picnic/Auction	Tampa
Sep 11-13	Region "A" Rally	Dothan AL
Nov 2	Ride for Kids, Sarasota County Technical Institute	
Nov 8	FL2-A 30 th Anniversary "BuzzardRun" West Palm Beach	
Nov 15	Florida District Rider Ed Fair	St Petersburg FL

LOCAL DINNER RIDE SCHEDULE *(All Rides Depart at 6:30 pm)*

Feb 21	Terry Lynn's	Bainbridge	#1
Mar 20	Coastal Restaurant	Panacea	#3
Apr 17	Farmer's Market	Thomasville	#6
May 15	Pond House	Bainbridge	#1
Jun 19	Angelo's	Panacea	#3
Jul 17	Pace's	Bainbridge	#1
Aug 21	Seinyard's	Woodville	#4
Sep 18	Crawdaddy's	Thomasville	#6
Oct 16	R J's House of Catfish	Hwy 20	#7
Nov 13	Chicken Pilau	Coonbottom	Due to heavy traffic drive individually
Dec	Christmas Party	To Be Announced	

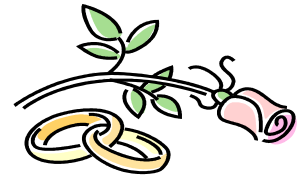
Departure Points

- #1 - Hardee's at North Monroe Street & Capital Circle NW
- #2 - Circle K at Hwy 20 & Capital Circle West
- #3 - Circle K at Crawfordville 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



February Birthdays		
Carolyn Campbell – 2/3 Hugh Waller – 2/12	Karen Share – 2/3 Mary Ann McKee – 2/16 Gary Allen – 2/27	Durell Daniels – 2/8 Margaret Parmer – 2/22



February Anniversaries
NONE

March Birthdays		
Leucetia Stephens – 3/2 Mary Lee Rouse – 3/5 Mattie Lussier – 3/9	Marvin Culverson – 3/3 Carol Ergenbright – 3/6 Sheila West – 3/12 Richard Lussier – 3/31	Jo-Nelle Culverson – 3/5 Ann Lumsden 3/8 Wayne Parmer – 3/24

March Anniversaries
Wayne & Belinda Hicks – 3/30

KUDOS

To Jo-Nelle for writing her “Fun Article” with such a short notice.
Thanx!!!

WELCOME

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

NEW BIKE CLUB

Notes From Last Meeting

What You Missed If You Weren't There:

By Leucetia

The meeting was called to order. Everyone introduced themselves to our new members: Cliff Mathes, Mike Seagraves, Steven and Suzanne Conrader.

We had a guest speaker from Powersports of Tallahassee. They have purchased and Honda store on Pensacola and expect to have a full inventory in 60-90 days. There are plans for a new building.

Plans for our February Rally were discussed and further planning was finalized. We will all meet and ride to Pat Thomas Park to scope it out for our Rally then to Ed and Peggy's lake place for hamburgers Saturday, February 9th. Committee members were appointed – same as last year. Everyone who is available will come Friday morning to set up the tents and tables. We will serve chili Friday night and have a bonfire. Everyone is to bring their favorite recipe of chili and a dessert.