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Chapter FL1-A2 Information

General Membership Meeting

Second Thursday monthly
At

China Super Buffet
2698 North Monroe
Dinner at 6:30 pm
Meeting at 7:30 pm

Dinner 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



ED GOLDLINE

Hi Fellow Gold Wing Lovers:
Sure hope everyone has been able to avoid the flu this year.

It looks like everything is slowly falling in place for our Lake Side Rally the 19th & 20th at Lake Talquin! We enjoyed a great ride over to The Chili run (Wes, Jill and their chapter did a great job). The rain held off and the temperature was a bit chilly, but we had a ball. Great fellowship with a lot of good GWRRA friends we don't see often enough! Great Chili's also. I actually won a couple game items! Sounds like I might recycle them at our Rally as I don't have an 1800!!

Several have been sick or injured this month, Thanks goodness it didn't involve a motorcycle!
Debbie Bailey under went surgery and is doing better.

Sonny Rollo has had a stress test in preparation for back surgery!

Steve and Suzanna Conrader spent a week in bed with a virus of some kind.

Rosalie Myers fell (running a compeative race), says she doing ok. She's a tough cookie

KUDOS to her for volunteering to be our chapter Motorist Awareness person. We'll get her started right after the Rally .She does a lot of public speaking for the other organizations she is involved in.

Look forward to see everyone on Saturday's ride, after which we will stop and check out the Rally supplies at the shed at Marvin's!

Leucertia has (we hope) her last visit (if x-rays show enough bone growth) Wednesday before the monthly meeting in Orlando! If we don't see you Saturday we'll see you Thursday the 15th at our chapter meeting. Pray all goes well, it's been 17 months.

Don't forget to drop off you rally gifts to Peggy or bring them to the meeting, Peggy need to have them asap.

Kudos to all who are stepping up to make sure we put on a fun Rally! Thanks Guys and Gals.

Until Then
Ride Safe and Enjoy the Ride

Lenton and Leucetia Stephens



MASTERING THE U-TURN

By Jerry Palladino (Motorman)

Recently some friends and myself took a Sunday afternoon ride to Ybor City. Ybor, for those of you who don't know means, NO PARKING in Spanish. Once there, as usual, we had a tough time finding a parking space. In order to actually park, we had to make several quick U-turns on the narrow streets. Since I was leading, I could see in my mirrors the dirty looks my friends gave me as I led them on several U-turns in an effort to find the elusive parking spot. Their grumblings over the quick turns inspired me to write these tips.

As I have stated before, just about all production motorcycles are capable of making a U-turn in well under 20 feet. That means that you can U-turn on just about any two lane road including the narrow streets in Ybor City. Here's the technique you need to apply. If you are about to make a left hand U-turn, keep your foot firmly on the rear brake, keep the clutch in the friction zone and roll on the throttle. Dip the bike towards the right curb, then quickly and smoothly turn you head completely around to the direction you want to go. At the same time you are turning your head, you should be pushing on the right grip turning your handle bars as far as possible and leaning the bike to the left. The same technique applies if you are making a right U-turn

To practice this maneuver find a parking lot with back to back parking lines. You will find the white lines of the parking spaces are placed 10 feet apart. At first, use three parking spaces. Start with your motorcycle towards the left side

of the first parking space, then ride forward towards the right of the opposing parking space. Turn your head completely around as you turn the handle bars and make a 30 foot U-turn. Keep practicing this making your turn tighter each time till you can eventually turn using only two of the parking spots. That will give you a 20 foot U-turn and enable you to make a U-turn on just about any street.

Practice this maneuver equally to the right and to the left. You may find that making a right hand U-turn seems to be more difficult if you are right-handed. That means you practice the U-turn to the right more than to the left and you will get comfortable making the U-turn in both directions. The real key to this maneuver is to look where you want the bike to go. Remember, if you look at the curb or the end of the pavement on that narrow street, that's where you will go. So, at all costs, avoid that temptation. With about 3 hours practice, you should be able to turn on any street whenever you feel like it with total confidence. Good Luck!

A.D.D. Report

From: Nate & Danelle Kinion

Hope everyone had a Happy New Year. Mardi Gras and Valentine's Day are soon approaching.

We want to welcome the new Chapter Directors and Assistant Chapter Directors for the Panhandle who took over this year and were recognized at the Chapter Conference:

FL1-L - Panama City - Dick & Jenny Smith, Chapter Directors
Ron & Pam Hunley, Assistant Chapter Directors

FL1-A2 - Tallahassee – Steven & Suzanne Conrader, Assistant
Chapter Directors

FL1-E2 – Ft. Walton Beach - Danny and Becky Donaldson, Senior
Chapter Directors, Bruce and Annie Brooks,
Assistant Chapter Directors

FL1-D – Pensacola - Mike and June Walker, Chapter Directors

We also want to welcome Melody Grammer, FL1-A, Tampa as the new MAD Coordinator and Kay Durham as the new MAD Coordinator for FL1-L2, Wesley Chapel, Tom and Judy Weimer as Ft. Walton Beach, FL1-E2's new MEC Coordinators and Dee Wessler as FL1-D, Pensacola's new MEC Coordinator, Tim Poppell as the new Rider Educator for FL1-D, Pensacola and Genene Poppell as the new Treasurer for FL1-D, Pensacola.

Congratulations to the new Couples of the Year: FL1-Q, Milton – Don and Pauline Prideaux, FL1-D, Pensacola - Ray and Joan Jernigan.

District Directors Bill and Gina Berry's first Chapter Conference was a success with around 280 members present. We put on a MAD program on Saturday afternoon with 61 attendees. We showed a power point presentation and two videos. Congratulations to Gayle Schupp, ACD, FL1-O, DeFuniak Springs, for winning 50/25/25 on Saturday and Jill Davis, CD, FL1-O for winning 50/25/25 on Sunday. We want to thank Assistant District Directors Bill and Cheryl Smith and Harry and Lynn Anderson along with Glenda Eldred from Ocala for helping us sell 50/25/25 tickets on Saturday.

Congratulations to Don and Pauline Prideaux for winning the costume contest at the Lakeland Fireballs Mardi Gras Rally.

The FL1-O, DeFuniak Springs Chilly Run will be January 30, 2010 and FL1-A2, Tallahassee's Lake Side Bike Rally will be February 19-20, 2010. Don't forget the Florida District Rally will be March 11-13, 2010 in Kissimmee. Hope to see you at a rally soon.

Nate and Danelle

**TODAY IS A GIFT THAT'S WHY IT'S CALLED THE
PRESENT**



2010 GWRRA EVENTS

FLORIDA/GEORGIA/ALABAMA/MISSISSIPPI EVENTS

Feb 19-20	FL1-A2 Lake Side Bike Rally	Tallahassee FL
Feb 25 – Mar 7	FL1-H Goldwing Getaway	New Smyrna Beach
Bike Week	FL1-G Touring Florida Back Roads	Daytona FL
Feb 27	FL2-G Touring Florida Back Roads	Fort Myers FL
Mar 11-13	Florida District Wing Gathering	Kissimmee FL
Mar 27	FL2-B2 Spaghetti Social	Sarasota FL
Apr 1-3	Alabama District Rally	Huntsville AL
Apr 10	FL1-B Road Rally	Seffner FL
Apr 17	FL1-B Road Rally	Seffner FL
Apr 18	FL1-E2 American Diabetes Association Poker Run	Ft. Walton Beach FL
Apr 18	NE Florida Ride For Kids	Jacksonville FL
Apr 24	FL1W Green Eggs and Han	Orlando FL
May 1	Multi Chapter Poker Run (FL1-A, FL1-D2, FL1-M, FL1-K2)	Tampa FL
May 18	FL1-Y Chapter Rally & Poker Run	Gainesville FL
Jun 17-19	Georgia District Rally	Hiawassee GA
Jun 30-Jul 3	Wing Ding	Des Moines IA
Sep 16-18	Region “A” Rally	Eufaula AL
Oct 9	FL1-X Chapter Rally	Orange Park FL
Nov 6	FL1-D Green Frog Getaway	Pensacola FL
Dec 11	FL1-S Mingle & Jingle	Zephyrhills FL

LOCAL DINNER RIDE SCHEDULE

(All Rides Depart at 6:30 pm)

- Feb 25 – OB’s Country (Greenville) meet at #5
- Mar 18 – Farmer’s Market (Thomasville) meet at #6
- Apr 15 – Wakulla Springs Lodge (Wakulla Springs) – meet at #3
- May 20 – RJ’s House of Catfish (Lake Talquin Dam) – meet at #7
- Jun 17 – Pond House (Bainbridge) – meet at #1
- Jul 15 – Seminole Wind (Thomasville) – meet at #6
- Aug 20 – Tarrer Inn (Colquitt) – meet at #1 - NOTE date on Friday
- Sep 16 – Coastal Restaurant (Panacea) – meet at #3

Oct 21 – Homecoming (Thomasville) – meet at #6
Nov 18 – Whippowill (Lake Talquin) – meet at #7
December – Christmas Party – TBA

ALL RIDES DEPART AT 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 - BP 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

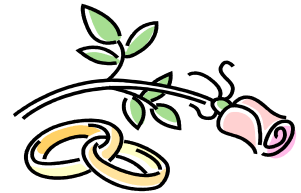
Carolyn Campbell – 2/3
Hugh Waller – 2/12

Karen Share – 2/3
Margaret Parmer – 2/22

Durell Daniels – 2/8
Gary Allen – 2/27

February Anniversaries

None



KUDOS

To Phillip Neely for selling so-o-o many Gold Wing Raffle Tickets!!!

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