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Vacation

Marcy, the kids and I are leaving tomorrow for our annual summer trip to Michigan. This year we will be taking a side trip to Niagra Falls. I've always wanted to see this natural wonder, so I'm finally going to do it.

On May 31st **Charles Couch** led us on a beautiful south Georgia country roads ride. That same evening, a few of us met at the Senior Center for some great food and dancing. This event raised money for the Alzheimer's Research Center.

This issue marks two years as your Chapter Director, and ten years as a GWRRR and Chapter FL1A2 member. I've enjoyed this organization immensely, mainly because of the wonderful people, and I'm looking forward to many more years. I appreciate all the chapter members who give their time in keeping the chapter running and making this a fun group.



Photo courtesy of Michael Mayer

Senior Center Alzheimer's Fundraiser

Ride Safe,
Hugh
Chapter Director

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Next Meeting: July 10th
Golden Corral
North Monroe Street **NEW!**
6:30 Eat, 7:00 Meet

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Welcome to visitors

Evie & Rick Friend, Keith & Brenda Kephartt. It was great to see James & Ferrell Graham from Monticello back again. We hope you'll join us often.

What you Missed

June 12th Meeting Highlights

- **Karen Share**, our hard-working WebMaster, will be entering our website into the upcoming Web competition. **Please give her your support.** Send in pictures of you and your bike so she can complete it by the August 1st deadline.

- **Rick Friend** won the 50/50 pot. **Charles Couch** was the GWRRA # pick of the month.

- A large contingency from **Panama City** joined us for the evening. Before the night was over they handed over the "Hot Potato" plaque. Now it's our turn to go a visitin'.

- **Charles Couch** reminded us of the Dale Green Memorial Fund Day coming up June 21st and encouraged us to support this worthy cause.

- **John Ferrell** had a great suggestion for a Saturday ride to Tarrer Inn in Colquitt, GA. Although, they are not normally open for dining Saturday. **John** indicated they would be willing to be open for a special event. Check out their website at: <http://www.tarrerinn.com/dining.html>

- New **Tell Us Your Story** outline has been developed and posted to the website to encourage easier participation in contributing to the Newsletter.

Wishing you wonderful rides!

Faith



July Birthdays

Mike Share	07/05
Sonny Rollo	07/29

July Anniversaries

Marvin & Jo-Nell Culverson	07/17
Jesse & Rita Hodsdon	07/24

August Birthdays

Arnold Watts	08/01
Jack Henderson	08/05
Ray Henley	08/07
Pat Ventry	08/07
Jesse Hodsdon	08/14
David Ventry	08/15
Carol Harris	08/28
Ken Rouse	08/28

August Anniversaries

Tom & Lindea Fisher	08/10
Charles & Linda Couch	08/14
David & Pat Ventry	08/14

July 10th Meeting Change

The July monthly meeting will be held at the **Golden Corral**. Same time - Eat 6:30 PM

If enough members like the change we will make it permanent.

Can you guess who hit the double nickel?



We won't leave you wondering too long who the birthday boy is. Check the back page for the answer.

Motorcycle Wisdom

--A good rider has balance, judgment, and good timing. So does a good lover. (AMEN!!!)

Get 10 FREE

50/50 Tickets at the next meeting, if this is Your GWRRA # 096786



“Street Riding Strategies”

Part II

Rider Resource # 6

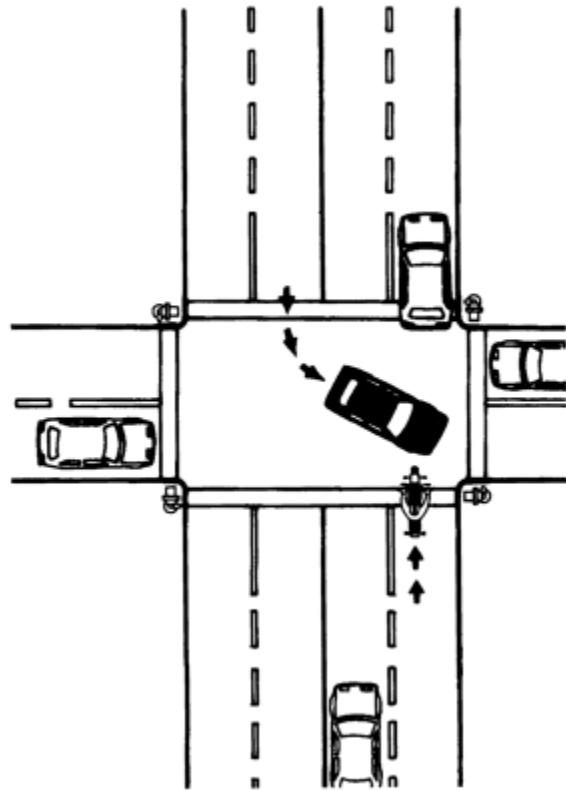
Considering that the majority of motorcycle accidents are collisions with passenger cars at urban intersections, we should know all we can about how and where such accidents occur. Let's examine some typical urban collisions.

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The Basic Left-Turner

You are approaching a four-way intersection along a busy arterial street. You are aware that cross traffic might not stop for the light, and that pedestrians might step out against the signal. There are cars waiting to turn. Just as you arrive at the intersection, the car in the opposing left turn lane jumps the light and swerves across your path. You can't stop in such a short distance.

Although there are many potential hazards at the intersection, the left-turning car is your major concern. The most frequent of all motorcycle/automobile accidents are collisions with left-turners. You should have predicted that the car ahead might turn left in front of you, and reduced speed by shifting down and applying a little front brake. Slowing just 10 mph reduces your stopping distance almost in half, and covering the brake lever reduces the reaction time. Once you've slowed, keep an eye on the car in case you have to change position or stop quickly.



Did You Know?

There are links in the electronic version of the Newsletter. Move your cursor over the e-mail addresses on the first page and you'll see it change to a little hand with a + on it. Please take advantage of this because it took me a long time to figure out how to make this feature work!



Florida Panhandle

Bandit Getaway

6 Chapters - FL1-O, FL1-A2, FL1-L, FL1-E2, FL1-Q, FL1-D

Crestview, Florida

October 3, 4 & 5, 2003

Flyers Available - PDF at

www.canopyroadcruisers.com/flyers.htm

Old Spanish Trail Park

Stillwell Boulevard, Crestview, Florida

Vendors, 50/50 Games, Food, 1800's Dress, Jail Cell, Main Street Dance, Square Dancing, and Poker Run. For more information call: Jill Davis at 850 682-9215

**A few
words
from
Jack
Birge**

REGION RALLY UPDATE:

Betty and I have just returned from the Ga. Rally and wanted to brief everyone on the changes for the upcoming rally in Helen, Sept 4-7. The rally is still going to be in Helen but with some major changes you should be aware of and please help me to inform the Bandits.

The rally site and vendors will be located on the North end of town at the "Remember When Theater". This is the place that we always start the mountain ride on Friday night and the old car place. The Fest Hall, located on the South end of town will not be used at all this year.

There will be a horse drawn carriage shuttle (free) operating Thursday, Friday and Saturday from the motels located in the South end of town. There is only one motel within two blocks of the site and that is the Hampton Inn. Betty and I stopped there this morning on the way home to check it out. A very nice place on the river with parking under the building. As of this AM, there are some rooms available and I went ahead and made reservations for Betty and myself. I will be canceling my room at the Southern Inn located too far away from the site as far as I am concerned.

If any of you have reservations already, you might want to consider changing as we did. Don't wait too long because I heard a lot of people say they were also changing. The rate is \$ 75.00 for any style room, phone # 706-878-3310. More on the rally Saturday at Crestview's meeting.

Jack and Betty



July Feature Story

by Faith Martin



Deal's Gap Meets It's Match

The Deal's Gap Dragon won't think twice about munching a Harley for Breakfast, making a quick snack of a BMW and feasting on Sushi for dinner. But another dragon might give it a little indigestion!

Even under the best of conditions riding the Dragon's Tail leaves a lasting impression on riders and sometimes their machines as well. Riding skills and stamina are stretched to the max. With 318 turns and curves to navigate over the 11 mile stretch between North Carolina's Maggie Valley and Knoxville, Tennessee the trek can take it's toll on both rider and bike in short order. Mix in some foul weather and you've got adrenalin pumping full-blast.

"The trick to traversing the winding road safely" says Len Martin, "is staying focused on your riding and the road and the next turn. The new Valkyrie handled with nary a wobble, slip or slide on the rain-slick pavement. Its road gripping capabilities and handling couldn't be beat." Len says, "I got real good at riding in the rain. Having good tires with plenty of tread didn't hurt any."

State Troopers, tow trucks, battered bikes and riders by the roadside were constant reminders that a wandering mind can lead to a wandering bike sliding down the mountainside or into a rock-clad inside turn.

Bryan Eiler and Sheila West can attest to the energy-drain as they made the trip not once but numerous times. Their lodging for the week was on the North Carolina end of the trail. Bryan says, "one rider was trapped under his Gold Wing for two hours before someone found him." A good reason to ride in pairs.

In spite of the rainy, misty weather, the group of 7 riders managed to work in a trip to the 2003 Honda Hoot and The Wheels Through Time Motorcycle Museum in Maggie Valley, www.wheelsthroughtime.com. Dry asphalt on Thursday gave them great riding and a chance to enjoy the scenery.

Attention New Members:

In an effort to make sure we have all the pertinent information we need to get you on our mailing lists, I've developed a little CRC New Member Card so we can make sure we have the correct information until we receive a new master list from GWRRA. Also, we have a Biography form available so we can get to know you better. Contact: Faith Martin - aries12@comcast.net

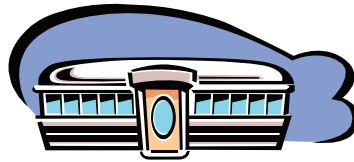
The summer riding season is here and plans are being made to visit favorite rallies and enjoy vacations. So while your planning your get away, mark your map so you won't get pulled over for something you could have avoided. This month we take a look at Alabama and North Carolina. As you can tell, this is in no particular order.

Motorcycle Laws for Alabama

- Safety Helmet-required by law
- State Funded Rider Education-Available for all eligible applicants
- Eye Protection-No restriction
- Daytime Use of Headlight-modulating headlight permitted
- Passenger Seat-Required if carrying a passenger
- Passenger Footrests-Required if carrying a passenger
- Passenger Age Restrictions-None
- Helmet Speakers-No restrictions
- Periodic Safety Inspection-None
- Mirror Left(L) Right(R)-Required by law
- Radar Detector-No restriction

Motorcycle Laws for North Carolina

- Safety Helmets-Required by law
 - State Funded Rider Ed-Available for all eligible applicants
 - Eye Protection-No restriction
 - Daytime Use of Headlight-Required by law-modulating headlight permitted
 - Passenger Seat-Required if carrying a passenger
 - Passenger Footrests-Required if carrying a passenger
 - Passenger Age Restrictions-None
 - Helmet Speakers-No restrictions
 - Periodic Safety Inspection-Required by Law
 - Mirror Left(L) Right(R)-Required by law
 - Radar Detector-No restriction
- Information provided by the AMA website at: <http://www.ama-cycle.org/amaccess/laws/>*



Canopy Road Cruisers Restaurant Ratings

Here's *your* chance to put in *your 2¢* on *your* favorite restaurant. Tell us where YOU want to go (or don't want to go).

Extra points for a menu. 😊
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1 helmet - Yuk, don't ever go there even if your starving.

2 helmets - Only if there aren't any other choices.

3 helmets - Pretty Good, I'd go back again. Food was tasty and the service wasn't too bad and the price was reasonable.

4 helmets - Absolutely stupendous, great food **and** great service.

Wakulla Springs Restaurant

Five reviews - 3 1/2 helmets



Everyone said the food was great. Maybe this should be an annual event? Thanks to Charles & Linda Couch, Vanessa & Wes Shivers, Lenton Stephens, Carolyn & Greg Campbell and Joseph Haley for sending in reviews.

FOR SALE:

Kuryakyn triple exhaust extensions; used, very good condition for GL1500
\$ 60.00

Stop and Go tire patch kit - new
\$ 30.00

Chrome windshield trim with Kuryakan lighted bird and bug deflector, installed \$ 65.00

Orville Sage custom windshield for GL1500, tinted with large engraved eagle, with engraved wind wings, installed \$ 175.00

Call Sonny Rollo at (850) 562-4293

FOR SALE:

Trunk Organizer Pouch. Brand new, still in package, for GL 1500.
\$ 25.00

1500 Passenger Floor Board Extensions. \$ 35.00

GL 1500 Fairing Side Vent Covers. \$ 5.00

GL 1500 Trailer Wire Harness.
\$ 20.00

GL 1500 Seat Rain Cover.
\$ 10.00.

Call Hugh Waller at (850) 562-4542

FOR SALE:

Air Rider Headsets for 2 helmets with full hook-ups & new batteries.
\$ 200.00.

Call Jerry Langley (850) 984-5618

FOR SALE:

1997 Time-Out Motorcycle Camping Trailer

Chrome swivel hitch

11lb. propane tank

\$ 2,000.00

Jack Schardine (850) 212-1930

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2003 Tentative Schedule

July	10	Chapter Meeting - Golden Corral - eat 6:30 PM
July*	17	Whitney's Too - Bainbridge, GA - Depart from # 1 - 6:30 PM
July+	24	Roadhouse Grill, N. Monroe St. - Eat at 6:30 PM
August	2	Bike Show at Tallahassee Mall
August*	21	Forgotten Coast Seafood Shack - Crawfordville Depart from # 3 - 6:30 PM
August+	24	B. Merrill's, East Lafayette St. - Eat at 6:30 PM
September*	18	Brantley's, Thomasville, GA - Depart from # 6 - 6:30 PM
September+	25	King Buffet, Apalachee Prkwy. - Eat at 6:30 PM
September		Chapter Campout - Panacea - Date open
October*	16	Spring Creek Restaurant - Depart from # 3 - 6:30 PM
October+	23	Marie Livingston's, N. Monroe St. - Eat at 6:30 PM
November	6	Chapter Meeting (first Thursday of the month) Eat 6:30, Meet 7:30 PM
November*	13	ChickenPileau, Coon Bottom - Depart from # 1 - 6:30 PM
November+	25	Golden Corral, N. Monroe St., Eat at 6:30 PM
December		No dinner or dinner social scheduled
December	13	Christmas Party at Edenbrook (Tentative) \$ 6.00 each and bring one gift per person attending.

* Scheduled Dinner Rides + Scheduled Dinner Socials
Vanessa Shivers does a wonderful job of sending out information about new rides and cancellations in the weekly e-mail Newsflash.

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

2003 Poker Run Dates

September 27

FL1-C Bikertoberfest
 Apopka

October 3, 4, & 5

FL1-O Bandit Getaway
 Crestview

October 4

FL2-L Poker Run & Bike Show
 Lakeland, FL

October 5

FL1-H Mall Bike Show
 Daytona Beach

October 11

FL1-T Open House/Poker Run
 Crystal River

October 12

FL1-D2 Angelus Home Fun Day
 New Port Richey

November 8

FL1-H2 Wing Fest
 Winter Garden

November 29

FL1-A Boggy Bottom
 Keyville

District & National Rallies

July 1-4, 2003

Wing Ding XXV
 Madison, Wisconsin

September 5-7, 2003

Region "A" 2003 Rally
 Alpine Helen, GA
www.gwrra-regiona.org/RArally.shtml

September 18-21, 2003

NC District Rally
 Fletcher, NC

October 16-18, 2003

Mississippi District Rally
 Biloxi, MS

Dec 13, 2003

FL1-S Mingle & Jingle
 Zephyrhills



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