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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:

Chapter FL-Q Milton won the first quarter of 2008's newsletter award. Keep up the good work Diane. Diane Libertini is Milton's outstanding news letter Editor.

May was another great ride month. Beside our usually good Saturday rides we joined Pensacola and Panama City on May the 16 & 17th for a weekend trip to Birmingham and the Barber's Motorsport Museum. Charles & Linda, George & Pat, Dave & Pat, Keith, and I had a great weekend. Besides the Museum we enjoyed a great ride through the hills to a dam. We also enjoyed several evening meals with the other attendees from Pensacola and Panama City. It was nice to see Nate and Danelle (our ADD's) join us also.

Thanks to George Walsh and Tim Poppel from Pensacola for the arranging the trip.

I spent 10 days in South Florida and missed our May meeting. Thanks to Charles Couch for filling in for me.

Panama City was gracious enough to come to our May meeting. Their visit was enjoyed by all. Thanks for the Hot Potato plaque. Last weekend I was able to meet Charles Couch, Bob Carraway and Hugh Waller at the Gainesville Rally at the airport. George and Pat tried to attend but had some problems with their bike and had to go back home for the car. They arrived in Gainesville as closing Ceremonies were going on. Which, started an hour early to avoid the afternoon showers. George and Pat would have made the closing if I knew my way around Gainesville and gave better directions. Thanks for trying. Charles won the trophy for the longest distant rider.

Well my job is sending me back to Margate (just north of Miami) for an undetermined time period.

We didn't have a ride this Saturday due to Bob and Charles riding to WV with a group of older riders! (just Joking). Hope to see you at a ride real soon and that Leucetia will be able to ride soon.

Ride Safe and Enjoy the Ride

Lenton and Leucetia Stephens



*From: Jim Zumbrunn
Rider Educator*

A GOOD DEFENSE

It's been said that the best offense is a good defense. Well, when riding a motorcycle, a good defense is exactly what you need, if you want to live to be a ripe old biker.

Here's scenario #1. You're cruising down the left lane of the highway, the vehicle in front of you signals a left hand turn. Of course, you are looking way ahead, as you should be, and you can see the left turn lane approaching. The vehicle starts to move into the left turn lane and now the question is, where should you be? I would say, if you're like me and you like to ride in the left portion of your lane, you should now move as far right in your lane as you can. The reason I say this is because so many times I've seen the driver decide at the last second to change his mind and suddenly pull back into the left lane. You can almost bet he neither knows you are there, or cares. If you move to the right part of your lane, start covering your brakes and get prepared for him to move back into the left hand lane, you will at least have half a chance of being able to squeeze by him and the car to your right. Always plan for the worst and be prepared for it.

Here's scenario #2. You are on a three lane highway heading north, there's an island which separates the roadway from the southbound three lanes and there is a break in the island which allows cars to cross from one side to the other. You see an SUV in the island waiting to make a left hand turn. What you can't see is the vehicle to the north of the SUV which is trying to pull into your side of the roadway. If you can't see that vehicle, you can bet that vehicle you can't see is going to pull right out in front of you. You should always be prepared for a situation like this. Remember, he might end up with a dented fender, but you would be lucky to survive such a situation. What should you do? Well, it's just common sense. Slow down as you approach the break in the road, cover your brakes, check your right side rear view mirror and prepare to either brake or swerve. Remember, you can't do both at the same time. Plan ahead in your mind what you are going to do. The same thing applies if a vehicle to your right is attempting to pull onto the highway in your path from a side road. If you always plan for the worst, you'll be ready when it happens, because after all, you've got a plan.

Remember, when you are riding a motorcycle, you need to be defensive. It could mean your life.

A.D.D. Report

From: Nate & Danelle Kinion

Congratulations are in order for Diane Libertini, Newsletter Editor, FL1-Q – Milton, for winning the First Quarter of 2008 June Agee Memorial Membership Enhancement Division Newsletter Award from the National office as well as to the CD's, Walter and Jane Vaughn.

We left on Griday, May 16th with three members from FI1-L, Panama City, to meet up with Pensacola and Tallahassee Chapters in Birmingham. We all toured the Barber Motorsports Museum on Saturday. There were 8 members from Tallahassee and 13 from Pensacola who made the trip. A big thank you goes to Pensacola CD Tim Poppell for setting up this trip and inviting the other Chapters in the Panhandle (as well as Danelle and I) to come along. It was a good trip despite the rain on the way up there.

Don't forget to put on your calendars the upcoming rallies: Wing Ding, July 2-6 in Greenville SC; the Region Rally in Dothan AL, September 11-13; and the Panhandle Getaway in Panama City FL October 31 – November 1.

Ride Safe.

Nate and Danelle

Fun Report

GWRRA NEWS

2008 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS



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 FL
Aug 16	5 Chapter Poker Run	Tampa FL
Sep 11-13	Region "A" Rally	Dothan AL
Oct 16-18	Mississippi District Rally	Biloxi MS
Oct 25	FL2-E Annual Picnic & Benefit	Clewiston FL
Oct 31-Nov 1	Panhandle Getaway	Panama City FL
Nov 2	Ride for Kids, Sarasota County Technical Institute	
Nov 8	FL2-A 30 th Anniversary "BizzardRun"	West Palm Beach

Nov 15
Dec 6

Florida District Rider Ed Fair
FL1-S Mingle Jingle

St Petersburg FL
Zephyrhills FL

2009 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS

Jan 10-11	CD Conference	Kissimmee FL
Jan 17	FL2-L Chapter Rally	Lakeland FL
Jan 25	FL2-D Four Chapter Breakfast	Melbourne FL
Feb 8	South Florida Ride For Kids	
Mar 12-14	Florida District Rally	Kissimmee FL
Mar 29	FL1-E2 Am Diabetes Assoc. Poker Run	Orlando FL
April 18	FL1-W Green Eggs & Ham Poker Run	Orlando FL
May 9	FL1-F2 Poker Run/Motorcycle Rally	Ocala FL
Nov 14	Florida District Rider Ed Fair	St Petersburg FL

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

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



June Birthdays

Johnny Gargus – 6/1
Emma Wood – 6/20

Vanessa Shivers – 6/15
Len Martin – 6/24

Linda Henley – 6/17
George McKee – 6/29



June Anniversaries

Bob & Ann Lumsden – 6/3

Lenton & Leucetia Stephens – 6/23

Buck & Carol Harris – 6/25

July Birthdays

Mike Share – 7/5

Sonny Rollo – 7/29

July Anniversaries

Marvin & JoNell Culverson – 7/17

Jesse & Rita Hodsdon – 7/24

**KUDOS
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:

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