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Great Rally

Despite bad weather, our rally was quite a success! Thanks to all the members who pitched in to help, we again managed to have a fun event. Due to the low turnout of visiting participants, we changed the rules, to open up the games to our members making them eligible for door prizes. Our hats off to the one vendor who braved the rain, wind, and lighting, Jim The Ringman. We even had some people show up on bikes including a group of five from the Miami chapter.

On February 15th we had 19 members show up at the Lake City rally. Several of our members won door prizes. We had a beautiful ride coming back to Tallahassee on Hwy 90.

On March 1st, I left Tallahassee to meet my brother in Orlando where he was renting a Harley and we would go to Daytona. The weather was severe enough as I traveled east on I-10, that I contemplated turning around and getting my truck. However, I saw other bikers on the road which motivated me to stay on the wing! Marcy rode back with me March 2nd where we took all backroads, turning a 4 hour trip into a 7 hour trip, but was much more enjoyable!

Spring is just around the corner, which means a lot of great riding weather. Don't forget the District Rally in Tampa March 27-29. I'm still looking for 3 volunteers to help me sell 50/50 tickets at this event.

Ride Safe,
Hugh
Chapter Director

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Western Sizzlin
North Monroe Street
6:30 Eat, 7:30 Meet
Florida District Rally
March 27-29

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What you Missed

February 13th Meeting Highlights

- **Hugh Waller** presented **Karen Share** with a Certificate of Appreciation from the District for the FLI-A2 Canopy Road Cruisers website.

- **Carolyn Campbell** had the winning "Get 10 Extra 50/50 Tickets" GWRRA number. Look for a new winning number in this issue.

- Run down and discussion on how the Rally plans were coming along.

-Wing Ding - you must be present to win the Gold Wing this year.

-District Rally - our part is selling the 50/50 tickets. Contact **Hugh** to help.

-Winner of this month's 50/50 is **Carolyn Campbell**. See those extra 50/50 tickets did pay off! CONGRATULATIONS!

-**Vanessa Shivers** has a new source for shirts. Very reasonable price. Call or e-mail her for information. (See front for contact information.)

- **Charles Couch** passed out flyers for the 29 Dreams Motorcycle Resort and brought us up to date on the plans for the trip to the Barber Motorcycle Museum in Birmingham, AL

-Please let me know if I missed any door prize contributors. Only outside contributors were listed in this issue.

- Working with **Vanessa**, and **Carol** at the Registration table was a great experience. Thanks for your patience.

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Motorcycle Wisdom

-It takes more love to share the saddle than it does to share the bed.

Sunshine

Do you know a member with illness or death in their immediate family? Call Carolyn Campbell, Sunshine Chairperson, 997-4901 or e-mail: campbelc@sbcglobal.net (Please note Carolyn now has E-Mail!)

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

April Birthdays

Emily & Kirstie Waller	04/02
Frank McKenzie	04/04
Cliff Mathis	04/12
Janice Gargus	04/21
Wayne Hicks	04/24
Bob Lumsden	04/30

March Anniversaries

Wayne & Belinda Hicks 03/30

April Anniversaries

Greg & Carolyn Campbell	04/09
Arnold & Mary Watts	04/14
Wesley & Vanessa Shivers	04/21
Gus & Donna Daniels	04/23
Ken & Mary Lee Rouse	04/24

Time to Re-Up

March - NONE

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“Cars Frequently Pull Out In Front of Me”

The greatest risk to all motorcyclists is the violation of your right-of-way by the driver of another vehicle. This is not to suggest that other hazards are not important, but the Hurt Study reported that “The failure of motorists to detect and recognize motorcycles in traffic is the predominating cause of motorcycle accidents. The driver of the other vehicle involved in collision with the motorcycle did not see the motorcycle before the collision, or did not see the motorcycle until too late to avoid the collision.”

Rider Resource # 4

One-third of all intersection accidents involve car drivers turning in front of other drivers and reporting that they didn't see the other car. The incidence of such accident configurations is higher for motorcyclists.

Detection Problems

Why does this happen more often with motorcyclists? There is no clear-cut answer. But there is a great deal of conjecture and many theories. It is known that the problem centers on at least three potential factors.

1. Detection of the motorcyclist! People truly fail to detect a motorcycle in the traffic environment.
2. Human visual-perception limitations. People fail to attach valid,

*Rejected gap analysis—the gap that the motorist rejected (chose not to pull into the path of the motorcyclist) was actually measured in terms of time and based on the speed that the test motorcyclist was traveling.

meaningful relationships to what they observe. Their matching, comparing and association of the information they gather yields them inaccurate conclusions.

3. Misinformation. The observer sees a motorcycle, then identifies it in the same category as a bicycle or moped. They don't view motorcycles as threats to their safety.

Suggested Treatments

Why car drivers turn in front of motorcyclists more often than they do other vehicles may be caused by their judgment of the speed of the approaching motorcycle and the amount of space between their vehicle and the motorcycle. A research study conducted by the University of Michigan developed some detectability treatments to both the motorcyclist and motorcycle. Some of the more promising ones were tested in a “rejected gap analysis” study funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in 1978-79. The study, “Conspicuity on Driver Behavior,” found three treatments to be quite effective:

1. Headlights on.
2. High-visibility fabric for the rider's upper torso and a

brightly colored helmet.

3. Modulation of the motorcycle headlight.

These treatments are not listed in degree of their importance. None of the three were found to be more effective than the other two.

No one is sure what role failure to observe plays in this issue, but capturing the attention of those drivers who otherwise wouldn't see you is an important objective. To even stand a chance that they won't turn in front of you, you first have to be detected. Consider high-visibility upper torso clothing, a colorful helmet and a headlight modulator. This is not to suggest that these items are “cure-alls” for the problem, but they proved positive in a scientific research project and, combined with other strategies, can be effective survival tactics.

When all is said and done, riders are ultimately responsible for their own well-being in traffic. It helps to know that the most prominent, overall characteristic of multi-vehicle accidents involving a right-of-way occurs more than half the time. Information, detection devices and an understanding of timing, positioning, and the use of space can help a rider manage situations and aid their survival in traffic.

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“Safety Is for Life!”

Rally Pix

Bob Carraway says, "Step right up! Here's your chance to win Door Prizes Galore" or something like that. Whatever it was, he was doing a great job.



Special Thanks goes to our one Vendor that braved the elements with us, Jim Bullock.



Register, toss the dice and put your Grand Prize and 50/25/25 tickets in the "ticket tumblers".



Ray Henley, Carol Harris, Vanessa Shivers and Faith Martin worked the registration table along with Charles Couch (not pictured).

The games were great fun. Field Events were cancelled, but Jack Schardine kept plenty busy helping with the games.



Karen and Mike Share enjoyed the afternoon respite from the rain.





◀ Our wonderful Rally visitors.



◀ Charles checks out the great door prizes.

Cakes, pies, brownies, muffins and a plethora of other goodies. The Sweet Treats table had something for everyone. ▶



▶ Gus, Richard, Mattie and our undaunted guests from Milton enjoyed the wood burner. Too bad we didn't have marshmallows to roast.



▲ Lenton Stephens and Sonny Rollo took a well-earned break at the Hot Dog Tent.

◀ The day ended with Door Prizes, Grand Prize and 50/25/25 Drawings. Hugh does the honors while Charles, Emily, and Kirstie hand out the goodies.



◀ Karen, now known as # 35 really racked up the loot! We appreciate your support.

See the list of our non-member door prize contributors on the next page. Please patronize whenever possible. We couldn't have a Rally without them.

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- March* 20 RJ's House of Catfish (Hwy 20 by the Talquin Dam)
Leave from # 2 (Circle K-20 & Capital Circle) at 6:30 PM
- March 27-29 FLORIDA DISTRICT RALLY 2003
Download flyer at:
<http://home1.gte.net/eeporter/index.html>
- April 12 Spring Cookout - Holiday Campground, Panacea
- April* 17 Worley's Bar-B-Que - Cairo, GA
Meet at # 6 - 6:30 PM
- April 26 Barber Motorcycle Museum - Birmingham, AL
Camping at 29 Dreams Motorcycle Resort
\$ 35.00 per night for two occupants.
Contact Charles Couch to sign up.
- May* 15 Seminole Wind Restaurant, Spring Creek Rd.
Meet at # 1 - 6:30 PM
- June* 19 Wakulla Springs Restaurant - meet at # 3 - 6:30 PM
- July 17 Croley's, Whigham, GA - meet at # 1 - 6:30 PM
- August 2 Bike Show at Tallahassee Mall
- August* 21 Forgotten Coast Seafood Shack - meet at # 3 - 6:30 PM
- September* 18 Brantley's, Thomasville, GA - meet at # 6 - 6:30 PM
- September Chapter Campout - Panacea - Date open
- October* 16 Spring Creek Restaurant - at # 3 - 6:30 PM
- November 6 Chapter Meeting (first Thursday of the month)
- November* 13 ChickenPileau, Coon Bottom - meet at # 1 - 6:30 PM
- December No dinner or dinner social scheduled
- December Christmas Party at Edenbrook (Date open)
\$ 6.00 each and bring one gift per person attending.

* Scheduled Dinner Rides

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

- March 15 Ride For Life Poker Run- Monticello
More Information: Margaret Talton - (850) 997-0107
- June 21 Dale Green Memorial Fund Day
North FL Fairgrounds
10:00 AM — 6:00 PM
www.dalegreenmemorialfundday.org

2003 Poker Run Dates

March 14 & 15
2003 Irish Getaway
Dublin, GA.
<http://shamrockroadriders.tripod.com>

May 17
FL1-F2 Poker Run
Ocala

May 24
FL1-Y Casino Poker Run
Gainesville

April 26
FL1-D Submarine Races
Gulf Breeze

District Rallies 24th Annual

February 28 - March 9
FL District/FL1-H
Goldwing Getaway
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Hiawassee, GA

September 4-7, 2003
Region "A" 2003 Rally
Alpine Helen, GA
www.gwrra-regiona.org/RArally.shtml

September 18-21, 2003
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Oct. 16-18, 2003
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