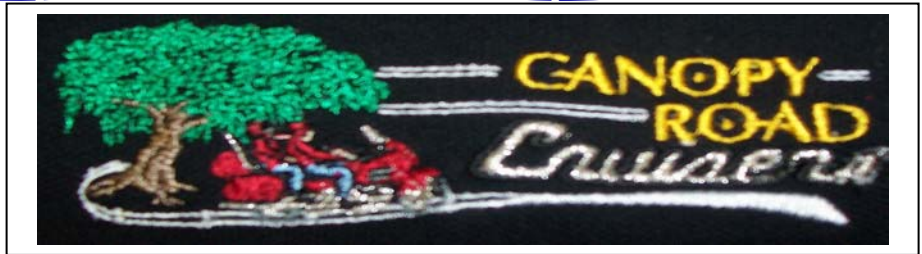


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General Membership Meeting

Second Thursday monthly

At

Golden Corral Buffet

Dinner at 6:30 pm

Meeting at 7:30 pm

Supper Rides Every Third Thursday

Dinner Social Every Fourth 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"



CD GOLDLINE

CONGRATULATIONS!!! And, a great big THANK YOU to everyone for a fantastic job at our 2006 rally. This one has been the most successful in a long time and definitely one of the most FUN. As usual yall worked like champs making a success of this rally. We'll report the details and financial facts to you at our meeting Thursday March 8th.

First, we want to extend apologies to Chapter FL1-L, Panama City and FL1-X, Orange Park for the mistake in counting attendance for the largest chapter. Chapter FL1-L had eleven in attendance, but we only had ten registration forms. Chapter FL1-X had ten in attendance and ten registration forms. Officially it was a tie. We made sure each chapter received the appropriate monetary award. Now we want to make sure each Chapter receives the recognition they deserve for the effort they expended on our behalf. We want you to know how much we appreciate your attendance and support of our rally. It wouldn't have been nearly as much fun without you there. Thanks and we look forward to seeing more of you.

We received a lot of positive feedback regarding the location of our rally. It seems everyone liked and appreciated the serenity and privacy of Pat Thomas Park. We'll be discussing WHAT we learned and how to make next year even BETTER at the Chapter meeting.

There are many Chapters within a few hours of Tallahassee that have an annual rally. For our Saturday rides we must make it a policy to send a group to each rally held within a few hours distance. This will give us a purpose for our ride and we will be supporting other Chapters just as they support us. We can't expect the support of other local Chapters at our events if we do not support their events. We need to improve our track record. Let us make it a priority to do a better job supporting our fellow Chapters this year.

Now to another rally! Our chapter had a better turnout for the District Rally this year than we've had in the past few years. George Walsh, Pat Gordon, Paul Sauls and Jim Zumbrunn joined Leucetia and me for a good time.

Ride Safe,
Lenton and Leucetia Stephens

Safety Corner

From: Jim Zumbrunn

If you have been riding very long at all you can relate to the article below. A few of you have experienced it up close and personal. The best way to avoid this is through continuing education and articles being shared like the one following.

How Was Harry Hurt?

Perhaps the most renowned study of motorcycle accident causes and countermeasures was done for the University of Southern California by researcher Harry Hurt. He investigated 900 motorcycle accidents and analyzed another 3600 motorcycle traffic accident reports. The Motorcycle Safety Courses developed by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation are designed largely to build the skills that the Hurt

Study found to be missing in the accident-involved rider. Looking at just a few of the Hurt findings allows us to see the essential things we can do to avoid an accident/

Who hits us? Most accidents involve a car violating our right-of-way. Most frequently the car turns left in front of the motorcycle.

Where do we get hit? Intersections are the most likely place for the motorcycle accident, with the car not only violating our right-of-way, but often traffic controls as well. Most accidents are on short trips such as shopping, errands, visiting friends, entertainment or recreation. Most accidents happen close to the trip origin. More than three-fourths of the hazards are within 45 degrees of straight ahead.

Why do we get hit? The main reason is that the driver of the other vehicle does not see us in time to avoid the collision. Alcohol is involved in almost half of the fatal accidents. Most motorcyclists are smart enough to separate riding and drinking. Unfortunately, too many car drivers on the road are more mentally challenged.

Why aren't we seen? Conspicuity of the motorcycle is the most critical factor. Conspicuity is most critical from the front.

How can we be seen? Accident involvement is significantly reduced by wearing of high visibility yellow, orange or bright red jackets. It looks as though we need to take extra care to make sure that we are seen. This means both the helmet (white or bright colors in the day and reflective material at night) and the jacket should be highly visible. It also means positioning our motorcycles where we can be seen in traffic.

How else can we avoid accidents? Just paying attention to our driving improves our odds. We should use extra care on any motorcycle on which we have less than five months experience. Motorcycle rider courses reduce accidents and injuries in accidents. The courses teach the braking and swerving skills found to be lacking in many accident-involved riders. In many states the Basic Rider Course also allows us to omit the on-street exam when we obtain our motorcycle license. Proper eye protection prevents the impaired vision which delays hazard detection.

How can we prevent injuries in an accident? WEAR heavy boots, jackets and gloves to reduce or prevent road rash. Full coverage helmets increase protection and reduce face injuries.

Knowledge is power!!! Now we know where and why we get hit. We know how to make ourselves seen and how to avoid both accidents and injury. It's up to us to put this knowledge to use.

This article was written by Robert Vaughan

March Birthdays

Michael Mayer – 3/1
Jo Nell Culverson – 3/5
Ann Lumsden – 3/8
Wayne Parmer – 3/24

Leucetia Stephens – 3/2
Mary Lee Rouse – 3/5
Mattie Lussier – 3/9
Richard Lussier – 3/31

Marvin Culverson – 3/3/
Carol Ergenbright – 3/6
Sheila West – 3/12

March Anniversaries

Wayne and Belinda Hicks – 3/30