

# —CANOPY— ROAD Cruisers

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION



GWRRA Region A  
Chapter FL-1-A2  
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## CD Goldline



Let's get ready to

# RUUUUUUMBLE !!

Spring is definitely here and summer is just around the corner! Those of you that missed our ride to the submarine races in Pensacola yesterday missed a beautiful ride and a great chapter rally put on by FL1-D. **Wayne Hicks, Greg and Carolyn Campbell**, and myself all won numerous door prizes. We also won a plaque for the chapter that traveled the farthest with at least three or more bikes!

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Lenton and Leucetia Stephens for becoming our new Asst. Chapter Directors. I am confident that they will do an outstanding job and I look forward to working with them. Take a look at Lenton's article in this issue.

May 3rd is the spring cookout event at Edenbrook Assisted Living Community where our chapter is invited to show our bikes to the residents and maybe take a few for a ride. They have great food and it's a lot of fun! Hope to see a lot of you there.

Ride Safe,  
*Hugh*

Chapter Director

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### Next Meeting: May 8th

Western Sizzlin  
North Monroe Street  
6:30 Eat, 7:00 Meet

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## What you Missed

### April 10th Meeting Highlights

- I wasn't at this meeting, but Vanessa has contributed the information. Thank you Vanessa!

### - The Newsletter garnered the First Place prize in the Florida District GWRRA Newsletter Competition.

\$100.00 in prize money was awarded to the club with \$ 50.00 going to um...me. Next stop, the Region A competition.

### Editorial and photo contributions would be greatly appreciated.

- **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. I also want to thank Karen for her continuing support by contributing articles and helping me correct oversights in the Newsletter.

- There was no 50/50 due to "no tickets". The winning GWRRA # will be held over for this month's meeting. So, whoever you are...you get a second chance!

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

- **The trip to the Barber Motorcycle Museum was cancelled. They will not be open. It is tentatively being rescheduled for next year.**

-The **Spring Cookout** was delicious and the weather was great. A little breezy, but comfortable with a light jacket. If you missed it, plan on coming next year.

- No new changes in the Dinner Ride or Dinner Social calendar.

- **Bandit Getaway - October 4, 2003** in Crestview. You can pre-register now. More information in the next issue.

Wishing you wonderful rides!

*Faith*



### May Birthdays

Ann Langley	05/03
Lauren Waller	05/05
Charles Couch	05/09
John Ferrell	05/10
B. J. Allen	05/12
Virginia Hart	05/28
Belinda Hicks	05/30

### June Birthdays

Johnny Gargus	06/01
Vanessa Shivers	06/15
Linda Henley	06/17
Emma Wood	06/20
Len Martin	06/24
George McKee	06/29

### May Anniversaries

Johnny & Janice Gargus	05/10
Jack & Mercy Henderson	05/22
Sonny & Ann Rollo	05/30

### June Anniversaries

Bob & Ann Lumsden	06/03
Lenton & Leucetia Stephens	06/23
Buck & Carol Harris	06/25

## Motorcycle Wisdom

-Bikes don't leak oil, they mark their territory.

**Get 10 Extra 50/50 Tickets!**

If this is YOUR GWRRA #

**073108**

## What does it take to win First Place

(besides 9 to 12 hours of intense work)

Here's a rundown of the point system.

Categories - Color or Black & White

(I decided to "Go for the Gold" and absorb the extra it cost to produce full color.)

### FRONT PAGE

GWRRA Logo	5 pts
Chapter Name or Designation	3 pts
Region & District	3 pts
Month/Year	3 pts
Newsletter Title	3 pts
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<b>Extra Credit Item</b>	
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Humor	5 pts
Pleasing to the Eye/Easy to Read	10 pts
Association Name Spelled out	3 pts
Articles by Members	5 pts
Spelling/Grammar	10 pts
<b>Extra Credit</b>	
Activity/Member Photos	3 pts

Total Points Possible Including Extra Credit Items = 109

Special Editions for Judging Purposes Will Not Be Accepted

Only Winners of District Competitions will compete for Region Title

NOTE: Newsletters sent via the Internet or e-mail are acceptable as long as they are the exact copies of those that are sent (mailed via USPS, or handed out at the monthly meeting if that be the case). Not everyone has a computer, but everyone does receive the US Mail.

(Editor's Note: A hard copy is sent to Ed Porter who is in charge of the Florida District Newsletter Competition)



# “Street Riding Strategies”

Part I - Continued

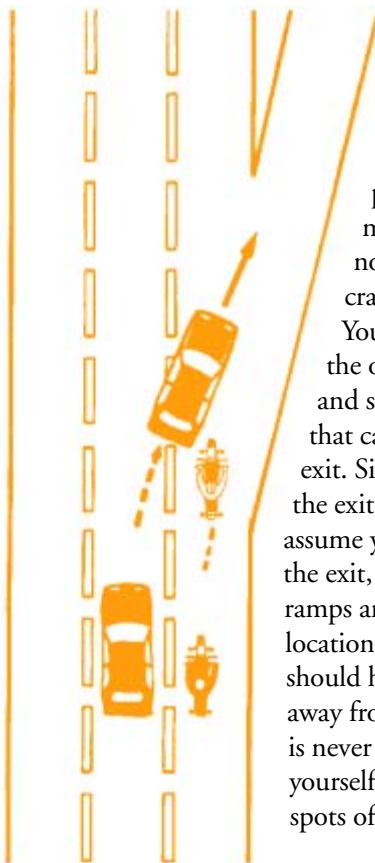
## Rider Resource # 5

*It might seem that most motorcycle accidents occur on the super-highway, or on twisty mountain roads, but that isn't the case. According to the 1980 Motorcycle Accident Factors Study (the “Hurt Report”), the vast majority of motorcycle accidents occur on city streets. Ninety percent of all motorcycle accidents occur in the city or suburbs. And 74% are collisions with other vehicles, mostly passenger cars. So, avoiding accidents is primarily a matter of knowing how to avoid collisions with cars. Let's analyze several typical urban accidents and see how we can avoid them.*

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### Off-Ramp Dodger

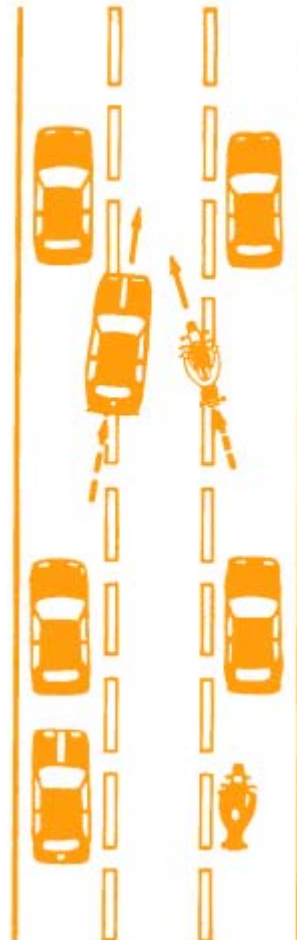
You are riding on a downtown section of freeway, in the far right lane. Just as you are about to pass an off-ramp, a car in the lane to your left darts across your path and brakes hard to make the exit. You have no room to brake and a crash may be imminent. You could have observed the off-ramp approaching, and should have predicted that cars around you would exit. Since you are riding in the exit lane, drivers may assume you are going to ride off the exit, too. Knowing that off-ramps and on-ramps are prime locations for collisions, you should have decided to move away from the exit lane. And it is never a good tactic to allow yourself to ride in the blind spots of cars around you.



### The Lane Changer

You are riding in the right lane of a three-lane arterial. You decide to pass a slower-moving car ahead by changing lanes to the left. Just as you change lanes, a car in the far left lane also decides to pass.

Whenever changing lanes, position yourself so that you will still have road space after the change. You should have observed the car two lanes over, and predicted that the driver might also wish to change lanes to pass slower traffic. You could have decided to wait a moment before moving, or you could have dropped back one car length to avoid a possible collision. It is also a wise tactic to signal at least three seconds before the move, and to turn your head to observe surrounding traffic.



## Valkyrie Fever running rampant

### New Bike

for Wild Woman West  
(aka: Sheila West)

Caught between a Food Mart and  
McDonald's, what's a girl to do!  
Good News Sheila, McDonald's has  
just come out with three nutrition  
conscious Salads.



## Spring Cookout Holiday Campground



Hugh, Marcy, Kirstie and Emily Waller, John & Flo Ferrell, Anne and Sonny Rollo, Emma Wood, Greg & Carolyn Campbell, Len & Faith Martin, Mike & Karen Share, Marvin & Jo-Nell Culverson, and Wayne Parmer (man cooking fish), all enjoyed a good time and delicious meal at Holiday Campground. Sheila West, Bryan Eiler, Pat Gordan (sporting a leg brace) and George Walsh came down to chat and Carol & Buck Harris stopped by to say "hello". I apologize to anyone I may have missed.

# Leucretia Stephens deserves Iron Butt Award

*Leucretia Stephens, wife of Lenton Stephens and new GWRRA member gets "broken into" cruising on 14 hour day trip to Eufaula, Alabama*

My wife Leucretia, had never been on our bike more than two or three times before Saturday. We left our house on West 90 at 7:30 AM and rode to Hardee's on North Monroe to have breakfast and meet other club members for the ride to Eufaula. Since we were just going to ride up, stay a couple hours and probably be back by 4:00 PM or so, she felt she would brave it out.

About 8:30 AM the crew mounted up and headed out. Our first rest stop was scheduled for Blakely, Georgia (about 85 miles from our starting point). We had almost 100% cloud coverage with 30% chance of thunderstorms. I believe we had six bikes with three two-up for a total of nine (9) riders when we left Hardee's.

At Hwy 27 N and the 84 bypass around Bainbridge we meet up with Bob O Lou (Bob Carraway) who rode the rest of the way with us. Our stop at Blakely didn't come any too soon for Leucretia as her back was getting tight, and she welcomed the break. After about twenty minutes we mounted up and headed on to Lake Eufaula. Going thru Blakely we passed by one of our H & R offices but didn't stop, for fear we would have to work.

At Blakely we switched over to Hwy. 39 and followed it up west Georgia till we reached Eufaula. Bob O Lou warned us that he had already seen rain and to be ready for it, but we made it to our destination without a drop.

Eufaula was having their Heritage Days Festival and south bound traffic was at walking speed. We stopped and ate lunch and continued on to Lakepoint State Park just north of town where the Rally was in progress. We enjoyed a couple hours browsing, seeing old friends and spending money. I bought Leucretia a helmet cord so she could hear the rest of us talk. (We had lost hers?)

Heading south to Eufaula, put us smack dab in the middle of the Heritage Festival "parking lot". We moved one mile in twenty minutes, which prompted us to make a u-turn back north to find a way around the vehicle clogged main route. Finally, we found a way to get across to the east side of the river and came back down to 39, where we had crossed over that morning, and crossed back over into Alabama again. This put us to the south of the traffic.

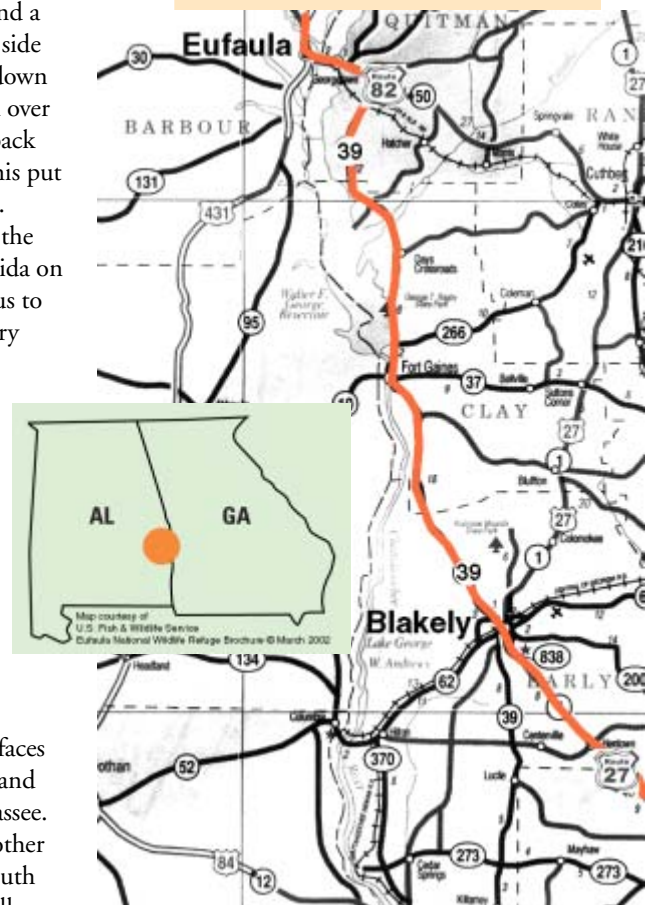
Hugh had traveled down the west side of the river to Florida on a previous trip and wanted us to see the scenery. We had a very enjoyable ride back to Chattahoochee where we stopped to eat again!

I guess we lucked out because the weather service had issued hail warnings north of us and we had black clouds and rain east and west of us, but only had to ride about five miles in a light rain.

After a good hour of socializing and stuffing our faces we mounted up once again and headed east on 90 to Tallahassee. We lost Bob O Lou and another at Quincy as they headed south on 267. We continued on till we got almost to Midway where Leucertia and I left the group. It was about 9:30 PM when we parked the bike in our carport.

Leucretia felt like she had earned the Iron Butt award. I guess I was tired also because we lost an hour with time change and slept till 10:00 Sunday. We both enjoyed the ride and look forward to the next ride.

## Where IS Eufaula, Alabama



Here's a peek at the trail less traveled starting just below Blakely, Georgia.

### **Additional - Things to Do**

The Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge located 7 miles north of town provides a unique blend of wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities.

## Member Profile - Hugh Waller, Chapter Director

Contributed by Hugh Waller, Chapter Director

**I was born in England** Feb. 12th, 1957. My father was in the army at that time and my mother was from France. I spent a large part of my younger years in Europe because my father was stationed in France, Germany, and England during the 50's and 60's. It was during one of our tours in Germany where I first became acquainted and excited about riding motorcycles. My father had acquired a dirt bike. I don't know what size or what brand it was. I was about 8 years old and my father would put me on the seat in front of him so I could hold on to the handlebars. He would even let me turn the throttle. I remember us blasting up a hillside and throwing dirt with the rear wheel. That excitement of having the wind in my face and feeling the power when turning the throttle made a lasting impression on me that is still with me today.

The first motorcycle I had, which was shared with my brother Pat, was a 50cc Puch that we rescued from a barn at a relatives house. It was an Austrian made bike that could be purchased from Sears. The motor needed to be rebuilt so my Dad ordered the parts and I remember I could hardly wait for those parts to come in so we could get that thing running! I was about 14 at the time. The following year I received a brand new HODAKA 100B. Most people have never heard of that brand of motorcycle. It was a company from Oregon called PABATCO, which stood for Pacific Basin Trading Company. They started making small trail bikes in the late 60's and closed down in the late 70's or early 80's. They were great bikes but couldn't compete with the big four from Japan. After having that bike for only about six months, it was handed down to my brother Pat and I was given a 1972 HONDA CB350. It was gold metalflake with a black stripe down the side of the gas tank. This was my first real street bike and first bike with a four stroke motor. I didn't have to mix oil with my gas anymore! That bike only lasted about six months because my father took it for a ride and a carload of teenagers turned right in front of him and totaled the bike. Luckily my dad was not seriously hurt thanks to wearing a helmet. The bike went under the car and my dad flew over the car landing headfirst on the asphalt.

I then purchased a 1972 KAWASAKI 250 ENDURO, which was a street and trail

bike. I had that bike until I went to the Military Academy in 1975. In 1977, while home on spring break I bought a KAWASAKI KX250, which was a motocross bike. Of course that bike had to stay at my parents house because I was not allowed to have that while in West Point, but every time I went home on leave I had a bike to ride.

After graduating from West Point, my first duty station was in Germany. I had sold my KX250 to my brother, so I started shopping for another dirt bike. I couldn't afford much with my measly \$700/month 2nd LT's pay, but I finally found a used KTM 350 dirt bike. I hardly ever rode that bike while in Germany, but at least I could sit on it in the basement. I left Germany in 1982 and went to my next duty assignment at Fort Myers, Va. I had sold the KTM before leaving Germany, so once back in the States, I started shopping again for another bike, but this time I was looking for a street bike because I wanted to do some traveling on two wheels. I settled on a 1982 HONDA CB900 CUSTOM. It was a beautiful two tone burgundy color with shaft drive and a ten speed transmission. It had five gears low range and five gears high range.

In 1984 after getting out of the army, I spent two months on that 900 traveling to the west coast and back. I saw some beautiful places during that trip to include places like the Grand Canyon, Yosemite National Park, Death Valley, Mesa Verde National Park, Zion National Park, and many beautiful backroads all across the country. It was during this trip that I saw and met some people riding the new Honda Goldwing 1200 Aspencade. I thought to myself, that was a great touring motorcycle. Four years later while living in Orlando, I bought my first Goldwing, a 1984 1200 Aspencade. However, I still loved dirt bikes, and during the seven years I lived in Orlando I bought two more, a 1979 Honda CR250 MOTOCROSS and a 1984 KTM 250 ENDURO race bike.

In 1995 while attending the WING DING in Greenville, S.C., I traded my 1200 for a 1994 dark teal Aspencade 1500. In 1998 I sold that bike while Marcy and I were going through the process of adopting Kirstie. In May of 2001 I bought my present bike, a GL1800. I hope to have many more years of riding on two wheels and hope you do too!

## Swap Shop\*\*

### FOR SALE:

**1982 Gold Wing**, 20,000 miles, damaged in front end collision. No front wheel or fork. Engine, frame, instruments, rear suspension and wheel in good condition. \$ 700.00 or best offer.

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**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**

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Jack Schardine (850) 212-1930

## 2003 Tentative Schedule

May*	15	Seminole Wind Restaurant, Spring Creek Rd. Bainbridge, GA. - Depart from # 1 - 6:30 PM
May+	22	Longhorn Steak House, N. Monroe St., Eat at 6:30 PM
June*	19	Wakulla Springs Restaurant - Depart from # 3 - 6:30 PM
June+	26	La Fiesta, Apalachee Parkway - Eat at 6:30 PM
July*	17	Croley's, Whigham, 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

## 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

June	21	Sgt. Dale Green Memorial Fund Day - N. FL. Fairgrounds 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
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\*\* Swap Shop is free to all current members of Chapter FL1-A2. Please send new ads, corrections and deletions to Faith Martin - aries12@comcast.net or call 850 562 9480 and a copy to Karen Share - sharek@freenet.th.fl.us

### 2003 Poker Run Dates

#### May 17

FL1-F2 Poker Run  
Ocala

#### May 24

FL1-Y Casino Poker Run  
Gainesville

#### September 27

FL1-C Bikertoberfest  
Apopka

#### October 4

FL1-O Bandit Getaway  
Crestview

#### October 5

FL1-H Mall Bike Show  
Daytona Beach

#### October 11

FL1-T Open House/Poker Run  
Crystal River

### District & National Rallies

#### May 1-3, 2003

SC District Rally  
Crowne Plaza Greenville  
851 Congaree Rd.  
Greenville, South Carolina

#### June 12-14, 2003

Georgia Wing Fling Masquerade  
Hiawasse, GA

#### 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](http://www.gwrra-regiona.org/RArally.shtml)

#### September 18-21, 2003

NC District Rally  
Fletcher, NC

#### Oct. 16-18, 2003

Mississippi District Rally  
Biloxi, MS



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