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RAMBLING THOUGHTS

For those of you that missed it, the **BANDIT GETAWAY** in Crestview was a great success! I rode over Friday morning, Oct 3rd, with beautiful blue skies and cool temperatures. **Lenton and Leucetia Stephens** joined me later that afternoon. **Charles Couch** led a group over Saturday morning with **Pat Gordon, George Walsh, and Emma Wood**. **Mike DeShazo** also made it Saturday and he happened to be the 400th member to register. **Dean and Ann York** were also present as well as **Marcy** and all my girls. Saturday morning, Lenton and myself ran the Poker Run, about 80 miles, which also was a real poker run with stops to draw a card. The route brought us to the highest point in Florida, and to a little town called Wing, Alabama!

Some upcoming events that I will try to attend and hope that many of you will join me are the FL1-X Spaghetti Social, Orange Park on Nov 22; FL1-A Buggy Bottom, Keysville on Nov 29; FL1-S Mingle and Jingle, Zephyrhills on Dec 13; FL1-L Lighted Bike Ride, DeFuniak Springs on Dec 13. As you can see, those last two are on the same date so maybe some of us can go to one while another group can go to the other.

This month we will start the ball rolling for our rally in February. There will be a staff meeting scheduled to discuss this event and other planned activities for 2004. Date will be set at the November 6th Chapter Meeting. Everyone is welcome! For all of you newer members, helping with one of the committees for the rally is a great way to get to know your chapter members and have some fun too!

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Next Chapter Meeting:

Western Sizzlin'

November 6th (1st

Thursday of the month)

1630 North Monroe Street

6:30 Eat, Meeting to Follow

in the Back Room

Welcome

Carolyn & Greg Campbell's daughter Naomi, husband Kenneth and grandchildren Pam and Austin were guests. Kenneth has bought Greg's Kawasaki 1500 and they have been enjoying taking trips together.



Wedding Bells

will be ringing July 2004 for Jack Schardine and Carol Ergenbright. Jack made the announcement at the October 9th meeting to everyone's delight. Contact Jack for details if you plan on being in West Virginia next year about that time. You are welcome to help them celebrate this wonderful occasion. Congratulations to Jack and Carol from all of your Canopy Road Cruiser friends.

What You Missed

October 9th Highlights

-**Colleen & Jim Ruehl** gave a presentation on Operation Christmas Child that sponsors the Shoe Box Gift Children's Charity in connection with Samaritan's Purse International Relief. There will be a Motorcycle Run November 15, 2003. See additional information in this issue.

- **Carolyn & Greg Campbell's** granddaughter Pam Branch won the 50/50.

-**Hugh** reports there was a good turnout for the Bandit Getaway and they had a wonderful time even though the Vendor participation was a bit light. He would like to encourage our Chapter to participate more next year in this Panhandle regional event.

-At a recent breakfast ride, **Charles Couch** suggested we have a visual directory of our club members. I always thought this would be a good idea for both new and old members. What do YOU think? Feedback wanted (or at least a good picture of Wayne Parmer and Wayne Hicks so I can tell which is which when I get photos.)

Wishing you wonderful rides!

Faith

Motorcycle Wisdom

-When you're riding lead—don't spit.

November Birthdays

Bryan Eiler	11/03
Jesse Beverett	11/04
Bob Carraway	11/11
Ann York	11/12
Rita Hodsdon	11/30

November Anniversaries

Wayne & Margaret Parmer	11/12
Cliff & Corinne Mathis	11/27

December Birthdays

Greg Campbell	12/02
Corinne Mathis	12/12
Mercy Henderson	12/18
Ben Hart	12/22

December Anniversaries

Hugh & Marcy Waller	12/05
Steve & Sheila Carroll	12/17
Ben & Virginia Hart	12/19
Gary & B.J. Allen	12/21
Jerry & Ann Langley	12/22

November Re-Up

Richard Lussier
George & Mary Ann McKee
Arnold Watts



Time to update our records.

If you have joined in the last year (November 2002 to October 2003) and are not on our Anniversary, Birthday or Re-up list and would like to be, please send me that information. ;We don't get the Birthday & Anniversary information from GWRRA. The Re-up list includes people that are GWRRA members but may not be members of our club.

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Attention Members:

November 6th Meeting

WILL BE AT THE WESTERN SIZZLIN'

This will be the 1st Thursday of the month instead of the 2nd Thursday.



Riding out from under them could be a big mistake!

by James R. Davis - The Master Strategy Group.

You are out in the country and an electrical storm blows in. There is no civilization (read: shelter) for a hundred miles. should you ride out the storm? If not, what should you do?

No doubt you have heard that because your tires are made of rubber, and because rubber is not a good electrical conductor, so long as you keep your feet on the pegs, lightning will not hit you, since it cannot find a path to ground through you and the bike. **Wrong!**

Though rubber is a pretty good insulator at the normal voltage levels we mere humans deal with, it is not very effective against the voltage in a lightning bolt. On the other hand, you may also have heard that if a lightning bolt hits a car the occupants are safe because the car is riding on rubber tires, etc. Actually, this is almost true! So long as the occupants stay away from anything metal they will more than likely survive a lightning hit without any injury whatever.

What protects occupants of a cage is not their rubber tires, but the fact that they are enclosed in a metal container. If a lightning bolt hits the surface of the car it spreads around the occupants – *not through them* – and goes to ground.

A lightning bolt that hits you or your motorcycle is a different matter entirely. Let me give you an idea of magnitudes we are dealing with here. The master fuse on your bike handles about 30 amps before it blows. An average lightning bolt produces a current of about 20,000 amps. Even 30 amps can easily kill you because it disrupts your heart's electrical system and the heart then simply stops working. Your heart doesn't stand a chance against a lightning bolt.

Anyway, if you are out in the open on your bike when lightning flashes begin, and if you can hear the thunder caused by those flashes in less than three seconds from when you see the flash, it's time to stop your bike and get off it, immediately find low ground, but *not* under a single or small group of trees. Squat on the ground with your legs together, head lower than back, but *not* touching the ground. Do *not* lay on the ground. (*Editor's note: In theory, this probably works. In reality, there's no way I could do this!*) Let your clothes get wet! In this way, if you are hit, the majority of the electricity will follow the moisture of your wet clothes around your body. **Do not get up until thunder following a lightning flash is at least five seconds after the flash.**

Incidentally, lightning can and does hit the same place twice - frequently.

If there are more than five (5) seconds between the lightning flashes and when you hear the thunder, head for shelter. This is the only time trying to ride out from under an electrical storm makes any sense. Best shelter of course, is a hard covered surface connected to ground with metal. Get under it and wait out the storm.

New Member Profile:

Ron Brower

Occupation

Retired ATT and Government Consultant
Owner of Brower Communications-
Government Consulting

Wife-Fran

Children-Heather and Matt

Years Riding-43

Bikes owned-Intruders, Kawasaki
Concours, several Harleys, & Valkyrie

Current bikes-Harley V-Rod
and 02' Goldwing

Recent Trips-03' Honda Hoot

Best Road-Deals Gap

Ron just likes to ride and he likes the
Canopy Road Cruisers because the club has
nice people. Well, we think you and Fran
are pretty nice too Ron.



Barber Motorcycle Museum



Top: Bob Carraway (Bob-o-lou) puts the statues in perspective.
Bottom: Jack Schardine checking out one of the interesting exhibits.



Bob Carraway, Charles Couch and Jack Schardine couldn't wait till next year to check out the newly opened Barber Motorcycle Museum in Birmingham, Alabama. And who could blame them! You can tell by that great shot of Jack that this place is awesome. While they were in the neighborhood, they checked out the accommodations at the 29 Dreams Campground. The facilities are great if you really like camping and don't mind roughing it a bit, but if you want bathroom facilities it is suggested you make reservations at one of the nearby motels. If you're one of those people that has to make 2 or 3 trips every night your going to want the motel! These fabulous photos are *courtesy of Bob-o-lou. (Bob Carraway)* He even sent them to me by e-mail, big enough to print! Way to go Bob-o-lou!



Above: Charles is either indicating "five more minutes" or practicing his high-five, we're not sure which.

Charity Ride Junkies

There are a whole bunch of reasons why people ride. For me (an indoor-type of person by nature) doing the charity rides makes getting a sore butt worthwhile. Well, in all honesty, it's not nearly as much of a problem since Len got his much more comfortable Valkyrie. His new job responsibilities require us to stay close to home on a lot of weekends, so we took advantage of beautiful weather and a chance do a little riding October 5th. The 2nd Annual Chrome Divas Poker Run benefitting Tallahassee Memorials Woman's Pavillion fit the bill. I got a great Press Release from Carlotta Stauffer, but don't have room for all of it here, so the short version is: **300 bikes participated and \$7,620 was raised exceeding last years donations.** Carlotta says, "This money will purchase items not covered by insurance, such as comfort kits, wigs and smocks." We ended up at the Moon. Good thing because that's where the food and the band was! Jett Blue played. They were great and I'd go see them again! Jim & Milt's and Smokey Bones provided the barbecue dinner. Both were good, but I managed to get some chicken from the **Smokey Bones folks and it was excellent!** I think we should put them on the Dinner Social List. (That's the restaurant report for this month, folks.) We ran into (not literally) some other club members that were helping to support this worthy cause. I could swear I saw Wayne Hicks hovering 'round the Harley shop, but he disappeared before I could make my way through the crowd. Maybe he was just a figment of my imagination! We ran into Jesse Beverett at the Yamaha shop looking at a new bike for Peggy.



WING DING 2003 *by Pat Gordon*

Pat & George left Tallahassee, Florida, June 27th and headed for Wing Ding 2003 in Madison, Wisconsin. So far they have met some vendors from Hawaii heading for the Wing Ding festivities, weathered a thunderstorm and learned alot about finding restaurants in Wisconsin. The journey continues...

Monday, June 30th, we were up at 6:00 our time. The hotel has a nice buffet for breakfast, the only meal they serve. After breakfast we walked over to the convention center to register, and pick up our information packages. There was nothing else happening, but registering on Monday. We then drove to Spring Green, Wisconsin, which is about 40 Miles from Madison through the country side and farms to “The House on the Rock”, an architectural wonder of a house, built in the “40’s” on chimney rock. The owner collected items from all over the world, such as Oriental art, musical instruments, dolls, model ships of all kinds, guns, carousels, antiques, crown jewels, circus miniatures and too much to see in one day. Four or five



House on the Rock, Spring Green, Wisconsin

hours is needed to see it all. Somewhere along the way I lost one of the two cameras I was using. I hoped that someone would turn it in, maybe a fellow Goldwinger found it, but no such luck. It was not an expensive camera but I had already taken about fifteen pictures and hated to lose them.

On the way back to Madison, we

stopped in Black Rock at the “Shoe Box”. The owners claim that it is the largest shoe store in the Midwest. I didn’t find any bargains there, but George did. Dinner was at Perkins in Madison, then return to the hotel for the evening at 9:00 pm. From the news on TV we learned that there was a tropical storm hitting Louisiana, so it was probably still raining at home.

Tuesday after breakfast, George washed the bike; then we waited for the vendors to open at 9:00. We made it around to most of them. At the vendors we bought event shirts, head rags, jumper cables and touch up paint. We left by 12:30 for lunch at Denny’s. Then back to the convention center by 4:00 to line up for the parade which started at 6:00.

The parade wound around Oregon (not the state, but a small town next to Madison) and ended up at a park for a party. The citizens lined the street to wave at us. There was food, music and some local merchants with their wares at the city park. We left at 8:30 before the fireworks. We had dinner at the Parkway family restaurant. So far this trip we were not impressed with the food.

Of course we have to order just certain things that are on our diet. We were back to the hotel by 10:00 pm.

Wednesday we were up at 7:30 and ate breakfast at the hotel. At breakfast we met a couple from Michigan who gave us a Michigan state map and marked spots for a scenic ride. I have heard about how beautiful the upper peninsula of

Michigan is and we wanted to ride that way after the convention. They were very informative and I hoped we would have the time to take the ride after Wing Ding.

We walked through the exhibitors and vendors again. George found a chrome frame to mount on the trailer hitch to hold a cooler. We met Mark and his friends from Hawaii at their booth and bought two Hawaiian shirts that were printed with Goldwings. He gave us a good deal. George continued to look for air cooled riding pants, but couldn’t find any that fit him. Later we drove into town and took a tour of the capital building. It is the most beautiful State Capital anywhere. It is all beautiful marble from all over the world. It was built in 1905 and cost six million dollars to build at the time. The tour guide was quite informative and we marveled at the workmanship and beauty of the building. On the garden like grounds of the capital they were preparing for the weekly free concert. People had arrived early and spread their blankets on the ground.

After we drove around town and past the University of Wisconsin, it was back to the hotel to get ready for the dance party. The Diamonds group sang and played 50’s and 60’s music as they did last year at Wing Ding. It was quite entertaining and brought back old memories. It was over at 9:30. I guess they think us old folks can’t stay up too late.

To be continued in next issue

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This story is about 4 pages long so I’ve decided to do it in installments.

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2003 Tentative Schedule

- CHANGE** November 6 Chapter Meeting - **Western Sizzlin'**
N. Monroe St., (first Thursday of the month)
Eat 6:30, Meet 7:30 PM
- November 13 Dinnner Ride - ChickenPileau, Coon Bottom
Depart from # 1 - 6:30 PM
- CHANGE** November 20 Dinner Social-Location to be announced
Eat at 6:30 PM
- December No dinner ride or dinner social scheduled
- CHANGE** December 11 Christmas Party at Edenbrook
\$ 6.00 each and bring one gift per person attending.

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

Contact **Charles Couch** to get on the Barber Museum Excursian list planned for May 2004 (850) 562 - 1399 or e-mail: honda@nettally.com

Other Events

November 2, 2003 - Ride For Kids - Dunellon, FL

For more information, please call (800) 253-6530, or visit teir website at www.ride4kids.org

November 15, 2003 Motorcycle Run Benefit for: Operation Christmas Child

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- November 8**
FL1-H2 Wing Fest
Winter Garden
- November 22**
FL1-X Spaghetti Social
Orange Park
- November 29**
FL1-A Boggy Bottom
Keysville

December 6 & 7
Rider Ed Fair
St. Petersburg

December 13
FL1-S Mingle & Jingle
Zephyrhills

December 13
FL1-L Lighted Bike Ride
DeFuniak Springs



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