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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**

**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**



**ED GOLDLINE**

Hi Fellow Gold Wing lovers,

Oct was a blur. We enjoyed a week at the beach, Three days at the Getaway and two weeks in the mountains. We had three weeks vacation to use or lose.

The Getaway a blast! Thanks to Marvin and Jo Nell for coming over and joining in the fun.

Bob and Nan where there along with Ed and Jeanette Carr. Several other guests where there also. Sorry, but too many to name.

Thanks to all who joined in the fun. The Games were great, food was great, poker run was great and the fellowship with fellow Bandits was unsurpassed. Thanks to Danny and Libby for being the Host Chapter. I want to especially Thank All the other Chapter Directors and fellow Bandits who worked so hard to make our outing a success in spite of the weather.

Looking forward to another great Getaway next year. Efforts are being made to get a week that won't interfere with other outings.

A special welcome to our new AAD for the panhandle, Nate & Danelle Knion. They have been hard workers for some time and now will even get to work even harder trying to keep us all up and running smoothly, and they will do a Great job, I'm sure.

See you at the Holiday Party,

Ride Safe and Enjoy  
Lenton and Leucetia Stephens

**Safety Corner**  
*Safety Corner*

*From: Jim Zumbrunn  
Rider Educator*

## **How Motorcycle Riders Can Maintain Traction to Avoid Skids and Slides**

Traction is one of those things you'll really miss when it's gone. Here's how a motorcyclist can detect the warning signs that can cause a motorcycle to lose traction and skid or slide. From the April 2005 issue of *Motorcycle Cruiser* magazine. By [Art Friedman](#).



Traction is a concern anytime you are on a [motorcycle](#). Some part of your mind should be addressing it whenever you ride. It is a primary issue when you are braking or cornering, a moderate concern while you are

accelerating, and still of a little interest when you are riding straight at a steady speed. It can even be an issue when you stop and put your foot down.

Actually, it isn't traction you are thinking about. Your mind is worrying about all those things that can eliminate traction—water, oil, coolant, [diesel fuel](#), gasoline, sand, dirt, plasticized sealants, ice and tree sap, to name a few.

Your first line of detection is normally your eyes, but sometimes slippery stuff can be deceiving. Occasionally an oil slick looks like a tar patch. Sand can look like a slightly different pavement composition. Diesel fuel or coolant can appear as just a slight, nearly invisible sheen on the road.

Shade can hide a slippery hazard or actually create it. After a dewy night in our local mountains, the road sometimes stays wet and glazed until the sun reaches it. However, during the winter months, the low sun may never dry off some corners, and even in the afternoon riding into a shaded corner can produce a slick surprise. If it gets cold enough after the sun goes down, that leftover moisture can freeze. (Using one of those key-chain thermometers as a zipper pull on your jacket can provide information about whether temperatures are near freezing.) Even on a warm, dry day, a shaded corner can be hazardous, especially if you are coming from bright sun. The shade can hide sand or dirt, and I have seen more than one rider crash in a dark dusty corner.

Experience can help you learn the signs of slick surprises, but there are things you can do to help. For one thing, avoid polarized glasses, which can hide the shine of something slippery. Use your nose to smell spilled fuel, coolant and oil. (If you don't know what coolant, oil and diesel fuel smell like, you should learn.) If you smell any of these things, you slow down and move away from the part of the road you suspect to be contaminated. Many times they are not visible.

### **Where Does the Goo Go?**

Lubricants and other automotive fluids are normally the slickest stuff you'll encounter on the road. [Cars](#) and trucks are the usual source of spilled fluids, though they used to leak a lot more. We were always advised to avoid the center of the road, where the oil usually fell, especially in heavy traffic areas and major intersections. That's still good advice, especially when it's wet. Heavy traffic areas that are covered and protected from the elements—tunnels and toll booths, for example—are almost always slippery when it rains. The rain doesn't fall directly on the road surface to wash the oil away but instead drops off the wet vehicles that pass through, giving you that super-slick oil-on-water mixture. The curving tunnel at the west end of U.S. Interstate 10 where it becomes Pacific Coast Highway, which adds an off-camber turn to the equation, is a classic and scary example. Most riders will eventually encounter a toll booth on a rainy day, and if they don't remember how slick they can be, they probably will when they put their foot down or at least when they accelerate away.

In corners, fuel or oil is likely to get thrown to the outside, so if you smell or suspect a spill, you can usually avoid it by staying to the inside. Staying to the inside also gives you more room to straighten up without running out of lane. On the other hand, moving to the outside as you enter a corner and staying there until you can see all the way through the turn allows you to look farther down the road and gives you more time and distance to adjust for any potential hazards. This latter approach is the one usually recommended, and if you enter the corner with some speed margin to allow you to tighten your line if needed, it gives you the most options.

What do you do if you see a strip of oil in a corner you will have to cross? Slow down and tighten your arc before you reach it and cross it as upright as possible with no brakes and the throttle in neutral. The oil will stay on your tires for a few rotations, so continue with caution, avoiding hard turns or braking. Of course, unless you have encountered one of those oil traps someone deliberately dumped in the middle of a corner (increasingly common in Southern California), the line of fuel or oil is likely to simply follow the bend of the corner all the way through. You will have to decide whether to ride inside or outside of it. In a right-hand bend, staying inside is usually the best idea, especially if you can see it goes all the way through the corner. In a left-hander, staying clear of the line of spilled fluid might place you too close to the oncoming lane, so you'll have to decide if there is enough room to stay safely inside of it. In any event, the best approach is to slow down so your need for traction is reduced and you can straighten up to cross the slick as needed.

### **Slippery Subject**

Lots of things land on roads and make them slippery, and some things are there permanently—manhole covers, metal bridge gratings, paint, railroad tracks, cattle guards and those plasticized sealants some road-

maintenance agencies use to seal cracks. They offer little traction when dry and almost none when wet—and many of these metal items are the first places where ice forms on wet, cold days.

While some of these metal components could probably be designed to provide better traction, those plasticized crack sealants are clearly the work of some motorcycle-hating devil. While most tar strips are slightly slippery, the newer composites offer all the traction of the inside of an alligator's nose. Sometimes you can avoid them, but other times they spread over a corner and seem to cover more surface than the regular pavement. The only thing to do in that case, especially when it's wet, is slow down and call or write the local road department.

"Go soothingly on the greasy mud, for therein lies the skid demon." That remark has been attributed to everything from Asian road signs and motorcycle manuals to Mark Twain. Whoever said it, it is good advice for motorcyclists who think the demon may be lying in wait. Slow down, straighten up and don't accelerate or brake any more than you absolutely have to, and he'll probably let you go.



.Saturday rides have been great. Let's as many as can come our and enjoy each other and the great weather



See Lenton's Article for news.

## ***2007 EVENTS***

Oct 7	FL1-H Mall Bike Show	Daytona FL
Oct 11-13	Mississippi District Rally	Biloxi MS
Oct 13	FL2-N Rally/Fund Raiser	Cocoa Beach FL
Oct 19-20	Annual Panhandle Bandit Getaway	Panama City FL
Nov 3	FL1-X 4-Chapter Spaghetti Social	Orange Park FL
Nov 4	Ride For Kids, Sarasota Technical Institute	
Nov 10	FL1-L2 Rally/Poker Run	Brooksville FL
Nov 11	FL2-O 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party	Stuart FL
Nov 17	Florida District Rider Ed Fair	St. Petersburg FL
Dec 15	FL1-S Mingle Jingle	Zephyrhills FL

## ***2008 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS***

Jan 4-6	CD Conference, Hampton Inn	Daytona Beach FL
Jan 19	FL2-L Pirate Fest	Lakeland FL
Jan 26	FL1-O Annual Chilly Run	Crestview FL
Jan 27	FL2-N Five Chapter Breakfast	Cocoa Beach FL

Apr 5	FL1-B Annual Fun Day	Brandon FL
Apr 6	FL1-E2 Annual Charity Poker Run	Ft. Walton Bch FL
Apr 19	FL2-G 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Fort Myers FL
May 3	FL2-Z Night at the Oscars	Palm Beach FL
May 17	FL1-Y Rally/Poker Run	Jacksonville Bch FL
May 23-24	FL1-Y Rally/Poker Run	Gainesville FL
Nov 15	Florida District Rider Ed Fair	St Petersburg FL

## ***LOCAL DINNER RIDE SCHEDULE***

- 10/18 Crawdaddy's (Thomasville) Meet at #6 at 6:30 pm  
 11/8 Chicken Pileau (Coonbottom) Meet @ Harvey's Grocery Store  
 in Havana at 6:30 pm  
 12/? Christmas Party – TBA

<i>November Birthdays</i>		
Bryan Eiler – 11/3 Ann York – 11/12	Jesse Beverett – 11/4	Bob Carraway – 11/11 Rita Hodsdon – 11/30

<i>November Anniversaries</i>		
Bill & Mary Talbott – 11/01	Wayne & Margaret Parmer – 11/12	Cliff & Corinne Mathis – 11/27

<i>December Birthdays</i>		
Greg Campbell – 12/2	Corinne Mathis – 12/12 Ben Hart – 12/22	Mercy Henderson – 12/18

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



To Marvin & Jo Nell Culverson for their help at the

Bandit Getaway

**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

**Swap Shop**