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#### General Membership Meeting

Second Thursday monthly  
At  
Seminole Wind  
Dinner at 6:30 pm  
Meeting at 7:30 pm

#### Dinner Rides Every Third 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**



Hi Fellow Gold Wing Lovers:

October was another busy month. We have made so many trips to central Florida to see Leucetia's doctor that my car can drive itself there and back.

We enjoyed two weeks in the Smokey Mountains. Saw some great colors in and around the Dragon and up on the Blue Ridge Parkway. The colors on the general park area were not very colorful. Did get in some great riding and site seeing. And as usual there were at least three motorcycle wrecks on the Dragon by crotch rocket riders in a hurry.

Nate & Danelle Kinion attended our October meeting to encourage more of us to get active in our chapter.

I thank those of you who are willing to help out when I ask, with the rally etc. This is a great bunch of people (just no one wants my position) and I hope to have an assistant by the November meeting. It would really hurt to leave and see you all disband!

Leucetia and I have not made any immediate plans to move and really dread leaving this group of friends. We will be here at the very least, another year – maybe longer.

Don't forget our Christmas Party December 3rd at Wakulla Springs – time 6:30. We will have the gift exchange again. We always have a good time with that.

Look forward to enjoying a great ride with you soon!

Until Then

Ride Safe and Enjoy the Ride

Lenton and Leucetia Stephens



*Ultimate Street Strategies*

## **Riding Strategies**

Riding a motorcycle into traffic without a game plan is ignorant at best, suicide at worst. A continuous mental process of absorbing information analyzing it, and preemptively using it to avoid mistakes is crucial to a rider's survival. There are several formal driving strategies. Each is an organized system to process information, each attempts to identify and avoid hazards, and each is fairly simple to use. Most skilled riders have invented or adapted one or more of them to their own riding style and their own needs.

If you don't yet have a riding strategy, the best place to begin is in a Motorcycle Safety Foundation basic or experienced rider course. Each course includes a substantial mental component along with practice using that component. Both courses use the Search, Evaluate and Execute (SEE) sequence as a tool for dealing with any sort of hazard. Both place heaviest emphasis on the "evaluate" stage of the process: playing the "What if?" game, in which riders imagine and prepare for any number of possible scenarios that might put them at risk. Both also work hard to ensure clear mind and body communication, accurate information collection and perception, and swift and purposeful reactions to possible hazards.

Other formal strategies exist, as well. The best I've seen was explained in *Motorcycle Roadcraft*, a handbook for police riders in Europe. This is a very physical strategy that takes the whole of Scan, Identify, Predict, Decide and Execute (SIPDE) and Scan, Plan, Act (SPA) and combines them into one step: Information. From there, the rider then makes adjustments based on the most important physical aspects of his or her relationship to the hazard: Position, Speed, Gear, and Acceleration, in that order. It's not that this strategy downplays the information/SEE stage, but rather assumes you already use it, just as I assume it in this article.

While this article assumes you already use riding strategies based on formal training, research and experience, I believe a few strategies could be addressed in more detail in many of the available resources. I don't mean to imply that these are the particular mental constructs you must use if you are to have a riding strategy. These are merely good places to begin. Every rider eventually develops his or her own. It's just important to have a good place to start, and to know one or two that work for other people.

# A.D.D. Report

*From: Nate & Danelle Kinion*

It looks like autumn is finally here and time for some good riding weather.

On October 3, we attended the Fun Day put on by FL1-Q, Milton at Hual's Bikes to Trikes in Cantonment, FL. There was a build your own hot dog lunch, entertainment, games, raffles and members of the Bikers Against Child Abuse for which this fun day was put on to raise money for their organization. We had a good time socializing with old friends and making some new ones. There were 100 people present and \$500 was raised for BACA. Someone from Milton won the tires!

Our sympathy goes out to the Milton Chapter in their loss of a member last month and also the member's wife was severely injured. Please keep them in your prayers.

Some of our Motorist Awareness Coordinators are stepping down at the end of the year so if your Chapter does not have a MAD Coordinator, please try to find a volunteer for this important position – to help save lives.

October 15-17, we attended the Mississippi District Rally in Tupelo, the first time it has not been on the Coast in over 20 years. We spent the night in Jackson on Wednesday night. On Thursday morning, we rode the Natchez Trace to Tupelo. We stopped at the craft center and also French Creek, where we had a nice lunch. We took pictures at the Ross Barnett Reservoir and saw lots of wild turkeys, some deer and even a wild boar!

Despite the rain and the cold weather, there were 1,096 participants at the rally. There were indoor and outdoor vendors, games, seminars, competitions, a poker run, raffles and 50/25/25. There was a block party with hot dogs and hamburgers on Thursday night. On Friday night, there was a costume contest before the very entertaining talent show with several Elvis impersonators.

On Saturday afternoon, we visited the home where Elvis was born and lived until he was 3 years old. We also saw the Church he attended and the Chapel that was built in his memory.

Before closing ceremonies, the District staff put on a history of the District Directors since the District began which was very interesting. There was a drawing for a guitar from the hardware store where Elvis' Mother Gladys bought him his first guitar. Margie Hodge won the guitar and we are sure Jim was very happy about it! No one deserves it more than these GWRRA Ambassadors, who were Mississippi District Directors for many years. The Mississippi District Rally will be held in Tupelo again next year.

Don't forget the Florida District Rally in Kissimmee March 11-13, 2010 with the theme "Believe in Wing Magic."

We hope everyone has a nice Thanksgiving. We look forward to seeing you on a ride soon.  
Ride safe.

Nate and Danelle

**TODAY IS A GIFT THAT'S WHY IT'S CALLED THE  
PRESENT**

# Fun Report

September 2009

Johnny really wanted me to join him on this motorcycle ride, The Trail of Tears. He thought I would really enjoy. I admit I was very skeptical, I mean *Oklahoma*? Why would I want to go there.

But we headed to Cherokee in the rain. Went to Macon and spent the night in the rain. We got up in the morning in the rain. This is the week Atlanta was getting 2" per hour.

When we got Cherokee, did I mention in the rain, we met John Ferrell and friends. Because of the weather, we left the bike parked at the motel and walked across the street for dinner.

All the bikes met at the park morning in Cherokee and left for Chattanooga with patrol cars and Indians leading us with flags. Quite the pomp and circumstance.

When we got to Chattanooga, bikes were maybe 20 miles long with 2 deep. It made for a spectacle.

When we rode parallel to the Nantahala River, the river was full of rafters. What a treat they had, seeing the bikes on the highway and behind them the Smokey Mountain Railroad Train came by with passengers waving like crazy.

John and his friends left for home after Chattanooga. His bike was hydroplaning in the water so he felt they should head on home.

Through-out all the little towns people stood on the streets waving and cheering and waving flags. We are literally in a 5 state parade. I was waving with both hands.

At Florence, Alabama, the end of the weekend trip, there was a great reception of people waiting for us plus vendors and ceremonies. We stopped for lunch in Helena, Arkansas. Helena is the home of Riceland with hundreds of thousands of rice and soybean fields.

During lunch, television helicopters flew overhead and they motioned for us to wave at them (Johnny and I) so we are on a local television station in the news.

Those that could continued to Oklahoma and our crowd diminished greatly however we were still a sight. We had patrol cars leading us all the way and stopped traffic on the route. It takes quite a bit of planning and involvement of all the towns.

So many small desperate towns, dilapidated and desolate, no work, huge factories closed and I wonder how America came to this. So I was glad to be able to place smiles on their faces with our bike and "truck trailer".

If I ever go into the witness protection agency look for us in Okmulgee, Ok as that is where we will request to go. What a neat town. . It has rolling hills and green fields and trees. The people were so friendly. A huge rain cell came in so we had to leave the celebration early which I hate as that is why we came, to honor our Native Americans.

And we met so many nice biker friends. We were the attraction of all the bikes. Everyone came by to see our trailer. Amazing. The entire trip they remembered us.

When we woke up it was cold and drizzly. *What joy*. It had been warm and raining, now cold. It has rained every single day. But we have the right clothing, the hard thing is trying to decide how to get home and miss the Memphis, Birmingham, Atlanta area so we head down through Texas. We ended up in Diamond Jacks Casino in Shreveport, La . The casino was HUGE, and maybe 50 cars in the parking lot. There were several casinos there- nice, big, modern buildings and they were all empty.

The next day we spent well over an hour in a service station waiting for the thunder and lightening to subside prior to arriving in NOLA. On the way down we saw Murphy and Shell and several other oil processing plants. And acres and acres of sugar cane.

We wanted to see how NOLA is fairing after Katrina. There is a lot of new construction, many new modern buildings, but you can still many moldy buildings and they still have a lot of empty apartment buildings. I wonder if this City will ever be reborn. But what is going up looks

really good and the French Quarter, although there are still a lot of empty buildings is thriving. I wonder if NOLA will ever be completely rebuilt.

On went on our way to Panama City for Thunder Beach and to meet friends of ours; it stopped raining, but man! Now it was it hot. Can this country stand another Katrina?

A tidbit, the roads in our country are awful! Just about every state need big repair. Years and years and years of neglect.

But we are booked for next year. Wouldn't miss it for the world.

Janice & Johnny



## **2009 GWRRR EVENTS**



### **FLORIDA/GEORGIA/ALABAMA/MISSISSIPPI EVENTS**

Nov 1	SW Florida Ride for Kids	Sarasota FL
Nov 7-8	Horizons Course	Daytona FL
Nov 14	Florida District Rider Ed Fair	St. Petersburg FL
Nov 14	FL1-X Spaghetti Social	Jacksonville FL
Dec 12	FL1-S Mingle Jingle	Zephyrhills FL

### **2010 GWRRR EVENTS**

Jan 9-10	CD Conference	Kissimmee FL
Jan 16	FL2-L Rally	Lakeland FL
Jan 24	FL1-F Multi Chapter Breakfast	Titusville
Jan 30	FL1-O Chili Run	DeFuniak Springs FL
Bike Week	FL1-G Touring Florida Back Roads	Daytona FL
Mar 11-13	Florida District Wing Gathering	Kissimmee FL
Mar 27	FL2-B2 Spaghetti Social	Sarasota FL
Apr 17	FL1-B Road Rally	Seffner FL
Apr 17	FL1-X Chapter Rally	Orange Park
Apr 18	FL1-E2 American Diabetes Association Poker Run	Ft. Walton Beach FL
Apr 18	NE Florida Ride For Kids	Jacksonville FL
Apr 24	FL1W Green Eggs and Han	Orlando FL
May 1	FL1-L2 Multi Chapter Poker Run	Wesley Chapel FL

# **LOCAL DINNER RIDE SCHEDULE**

**(All Rides Depart at 6:30 pm)**

11/19 - Whippowill – Lake Talquin – meet at #7

## **Departure Points**

- #1 - Hardee's at North Monroe Street & Capital Circle NW
- #2 - Circle K at Hwy 20 & Capital Circle West
- #3 - Circle K at Woodville Hwy & Capital Circle SW
- #4 - Shell Station at Woodville Hwy & Capital Circle SW
- #5 - CITGO Station at Hwy 90 & I-10 East (Cross Creek)
- #6 - Publix at Thomasville Road (Hwy 319) & Bradfordville Road
- #7 - Pilot Truck Stop at I-10 West & Hwy 90



## *November Birthdays*

Bryan Eiler – 11/3  
Ann York – 11/12

Jesse Beverett – 11/4

Bob Carraway – 11/11  
Rita Hodsdon – 11/30

## *November Anniversaries*

Wayne & Margaret Parmer – 11/12



# **KUDOS**

Thanks to Janice Gargus and the Ladies for arranging our November Chapter Trip to Pine Mountain Area on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Hope all attend!

# **WELCOME**

Invite your neighbors and friends to our meetings! We'd love to have them visit!!!

# **NEW BIKE CLUB**

*Notes From Last Meeting*

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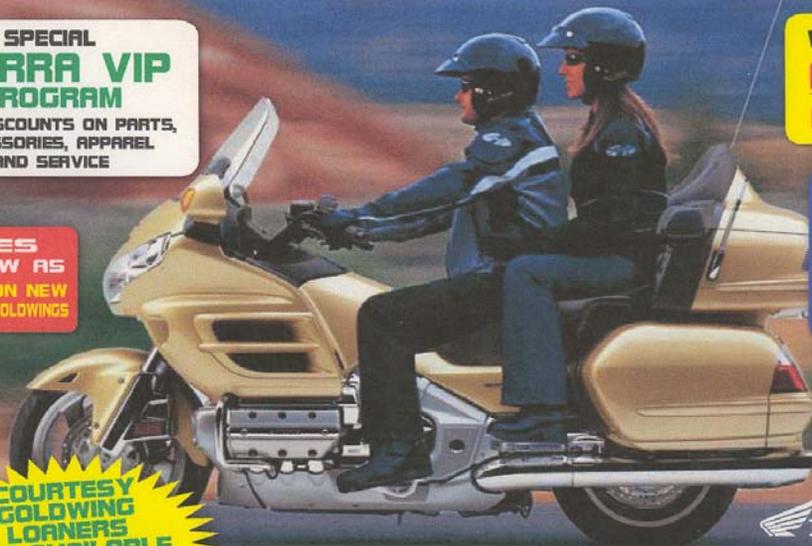
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