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Chapter FL1-A2 Information

General Membership Meeting

Second Thursday monthly
At

China Super Buffet
2698 North Monroe
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



ED GOLDLINE

Hi Fellow Gold Wing Lovers:

The Region Rally at Eufaula was great. The camp grounds are beautiful. They keep the grounds clean and mowed, rest rooms / showers were clean and air-conditioned. The lodge was beautiful after being closed for several years for remodeling! A dozen or so vendors were on hand with a good selection of goodies for the bikes! TJ was there and I was able to get him to pin stripe my new helmet!

A special thanks to Ed & Peggy for helping with the Registration on opening day!

We had a lot of fun meeting a lot of new GWRRA friends at the registration booth.

A lot happened this month.

Johnnie, Janice, John Ferrell and others made the Trail Of Tears ride. Johnnie & Janice made the whole ride to Oklahoma and points beyond! We'll look forward to a full report either at our meeting or in the newsletter next month!

Charles and Linda made a trip to Texas to visit their son.

Marvin and Jo Nell, Leucetia and I had a great cruise to Mexico, Costa Rico, and Panama. The weather in the Yucatan almost caused us to miss the Western Caribbean Sea . Carnival had rerouted us to Nassau and other ports. We were not very happy but just before sailing they changed their minds and went back to the original route! We got to see some of the ancient Mayan ruins in Mexico. Saw Banana plantations (Delmonte's) , Rain forests, monkeys, sloths and a lot of lizards in Costa Rico. In Panama we were able to take a train ride form the Caribbean Sea to the Pacific Ocean in one hour! There we saw ships make their way thru some of the locks.

Sonny Rollo had a wire installed in his spine to help control pain! It was a trial run and Sonny felt it helped a lot. They removed the test wire and will install the permanent one on the 22 of this month.

Pray it all goes well for Sonny!

Pray for Ann Rollo also as her Dad is 94 and under Hospice care! Sonny said he was not eating and on oxygen!

See you at the meeting Thursday the 14th.

.Lenton &Leucetia Stephens

Safety Corner
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Rider Education Article

by Gene Knutson

International Director, Rider Education



Safety is No Accident--Count to Three!

It doesn't take me long to find a topic for another article. All I need to do is get on my trusty Valkyrie and take a ride. Yesterday was a beautiful day, and so I told my bride that it was time for some "throttle therapy", and off we went.

During the course of only riding about 70 miles, we had no less than four (4) cars try to ruin my day. While sitting at a major intersection and waiting for the light to change, I watched as car after car came through the light well after it had turned red for them and green for us. Just as I took my foot off the brake and started to roll, you guessed it, here comes that late arrival wanting to turn left against the light.

This happens all too much, and is the reason I started "counting to three" before rolling on from a stop. All of us have heard the saying, "Look Twice Save a Life"! By counting to three it delays me moving long enough to let the "car driving zombies" complete whatever moves they are going to make.

Next time out, try it and I think you will find it helps. Not only will you reduce the risk of someone running over you, but your stress level will be reduced also. Yes, I used to be one of those that watched the light, and as soon as the light turned yellow for the other lane, I was in gear, off the brake, and on the throttle!

Far too many times, that jack rabbit start put me in a position that didn't need to happen. Sure, my light was green, but I sure didn't want to be "Dead Right".

So, as we get a little older, and want to continue doing so, take the extra time to Look Twice, and still count to Three! You will be amazed at how much nicer the ride is.

Till next time, **Safety is No Accident!**

A.D.D. REPORT

From: Nate & Danelle Kinion

Well, Labor Day and the summer are behind us and Fall is here in all her glory.

On September 11, we attended the Zippity Do Dah Funday at Milton in the Baghdad Community Center. There were 113 in attendance with 10 Chapters attending, plus representation by the Patriot Guards. They raised \$1,600 for the Honor Flight of Santa Rosa County, which flies World War II veterans to Washington, D.C. to see the World War II Memorial. There were three veterans from World War II there, one from the Army, one from the Navy and one from the Marines. They had the Freedom Truck and the Veteran's Trike for viewing. They had a silent auction, word games, indoor games, music and hot dogs with all the trimmings, 50/50, and a grand prize of \$200.00, which much to my surprise, I won. The Florida District Couple of the Year, Denis Turcotte and Darla Williams were in attendance. They had an escorted Blackwater River tour ride. It was a hot day but everyone had a good time.

On September 16-18, we attended the Region A Convention in Eufaula, AL. There were 657 in attendance. The Lakepoint Resort is a great place for a convention having just been completely renovated about a year ago. The weather was beautiful, if a little hot, and it was fun watching the ducks and geese on the water, as well as an alligator.

They provided us with a barbecue dinner on Thursday night. They were expecting 400 and 500 showed up. Afterward was the pajama party and costume contest. Kudos to the wait staff in the dining room who worked round the clock to make sure we were all fed three meals a day. On Friday, there was an ice cream social and afterward a talent show. Ron and Becky Lees from South Carolina were named

Region A Couple of the Year. Congratulations to them being the first ever Couple of the Year from South Carolina to win a Region A competition.

There was one rain shower right before the lighted bike parade to downtown Eufaula but did not interfere at all. Fun was had by all.

Don't forget on November 6 the Green Frog Getaway in Pensacola and March 17-19 the 32nd Annual Florida District Gathering of the Wings in Kissimmee. Hope to see you at a rally or convention soon.

Ride safe

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



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As we write this, the 2010 Region "A" Convention/Rally has just concluded at the fabulous Lakepoint Lodge in Eufaula, AL. We rallied for 3 days, the 16th, 17th and 18th of September and what a great time we had! We'd have to pronounce it a near total success with a whopping 657 delegates in attendance, up substantially from last year at Dothan.

The Lakepoint Lodge went above and beyond what we expected to handle the influx of delegates as demonstrated at our dinner served on Thursday evening. We had planned for around 350-400 in attendance but instead had 490 show up to eat. The kitchen and wait staffs had everyone served at their tables within an hour. How's that for service! The lodge rooms, cottages and cabins were all in great shape after the 2 and ½ year rebuild and remodel. Many of the delegates told us how impressed with the facility they were.

We conducted a Trike Rider Course at the convention/rally, with some 24 riders and co-riders partaking. Our thanks to our Region "A" Ride Educator, Chuck Reed and his band of instructors (see Chucks article for details) who worked so hard in the extreme heat on the range to successfully conduct this course.

We had a police-escorted lighted bike show and parade that left the Lakepoint Lodge and traveled into downtown Eufaula and back. Many of Eufaula's citizens lined the streets to watch the procession go by. There were 56 bikes taking part in this event and there were no incidents; everyone returned safely to the Lodge. Our thanks to Region "A" Motorist Awareness Coordinator Ray Erickson and Alabama District Director Roy Fosnight for making this a success. This a great demonstration of safe riding practices as all the guidelines of safe group riding were employed and full safe riding gear was mandatory for all those participating.

We had 10 fantastic vendors (see Jim Jackson's article for details) staged in the parking lot on the north side of the lodge who had just about everything you'd want for your Wing. In today's down economy, it's often tough to get the number of vendors you'd like for a rally, but we were real happy with the folks we had and look forward to having them back next year. Many of them donated nice prizes as well.

We offered courses in Medic First Aid, Membership Enhancement and Leadership Training. Many delegates took advantage of these classes and improve their skills and knowledge about GWRRA. We also offered a great hospitality suite run by the Georgia District staff (thanks Carlos and Dee) and members which was stocked with lots of tasty snacks, cookies, brownies, and beverages.

We enjoyed a fun pajama party, ice cream social, bingo, a

bike show and lots of other fun activities. The Florida District helped with games, Mississippi worked ticket sales and registration and South Carolina handled the talent show (thanks to Charles Coleman and Buddy Summer). We profoundly thank all the delegates who attended and we thank all the Districts for the invaluable assistance they provided to us to make this rally a success.

We also selected our new Region “A” Couple of the Year, Ron and Becky Lees from South Carolina. Ron and Beck have worked long and hard in behalf of GWRRA over the years and will make excellent representatives of Region “A” at Wing Ding in Knoxville next year. See Lynn and Lyn Edwards article for details.

We have contracted with the Lakepoint Lodge for a return engagement next year. We’ll hold our 2011 Region “A” Convention/Rally September 15th-17th at the Lodge with lots of great training and social activities. We’re going to try for a two-wheeled ERC next year (something not held at a Region rally in my experience) in addition to MFA, MA and Officer Training. We passed out next years event flyers at closing ceremonies and the Lakepoint Lodge sold out (except for the cabins) in just a couple of hours! This is surely a testimony to the great time our delegates had at this rally.

Next up on the agenda is the Mississippi District Convention/Rally in Tupelo, October 14th-16th. This was a great rally last year so come on out and join us in Elvis’ birthplace for promises to be a lot of fun. Nan and I, along with the Region staff will see you there!

Lastly, please recall our Region “A” Officer’s Meeting at the Lakepoint Lodge December 4th and 5th. Please plan on arriving Friday evening (the 3rd) so we can begin Saturday morning. Saturday afternoon will be devoted to new and important information from the Home Office to be presented by our National Leadership Training Directors, Dave and Kathy Orr. Sunday morning will be devoted to answering any questions that remain and getting us focused on our goals for 2011. Districts should plan on bringing their ADDs, REs, MA Coordinators, MECs LTs, and Treasurers, along with anyone else you’d like to have attend. As always, this is an approved District business expense. We will provide a beverage set up (coffee, tea, water and assorted sodas) in

the meeting room for your convenience.

Bob & Nan

Fun Report

GWRRR NEWS

2327 GWRRR officers completed the Officer Certification Training Program.



FLORIDA/GEORGIA/ALABAMA/MISSISSIPPI EVENTS

Oct 2	FL1-H Poker Run	Daytona FL
Oct 9	FL1-X Chapter Rally	Orange Park FL
Oct 14-16	Mississippi District Rally	Tupelo MS
Oct 23	FL2-G Pancake Breakfast	Fort Myers
Oct 24	FL1-M Bowling Event	Clearwater
Oct 30	FL1-H2 Howl-O-Ween Harvest Picnic	Orlando
Nov 6	FL1-D Green Frog Getaway	Pensacola FL
Nov 7	Tampa Bay Area Ride For Kids	Brandon
Nov 13	FL1-L2 Poker Run & Fun Day	Wesley Chapel
Dec 11	FL1-S Mingle & Jingle	Zephyrhills FL