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Chapter FL1-A2 Information

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:

It's been another month and Leucetia's had the second surgery on her arm. This surgery is supposed to do the trick as far as her getting full use of her arm back. We see the doctor again Oct 7th to see if any bone growth has started?

We've had some great rides this month. Thanks to Charles and Sonny for the rides. We enjoyed one week end with two other riding groups, one from Tallahassee and one from Cairo Ga. Met a lot of other riders and made some new friends. This last weekend 13 of us met at Roy's Seafood Restaurant in Steinhatchee. I had been in Tampa for a Bucs game Friday PM and rode to meet up with the chapter; who rode down from Tallahassee, for a great lunch. Since it was the last weekend for scalloping we saw several hundred boats head out of the bay! I rode over 650 miles Friday and Saturday. It was beautiful riding weather, with several rains on my way to Tampa.

This week, since The Seminole Wind (from Thomasville / Cairo) opened a new restaurant in Tallahassee, we will meet there to determine if we want it to become our regular meeting place. Their food in the Cairo and Thomasville store is outstanding!

Thursday, Friday and Saturday is the annual Region Six Rally in Dothan. We had a ball last year and hope to see you there.

Christmas is just around the corner followed by our Annual Chapter Rally at Lake Talquin. We'll discuss both at the meeting Thursday pm.
Hope to see you Thursday pm

Until Then
Ride Safe and Enjoy the Ride

Lenton and Leucetia Stephens



BACK TO BASICS – HEAD & EYES

BY Jerry Palladino (Motorman)

I've gotten a lot of e-mail lately stating some of my readers missed the first few motorman columns. Being it never hurts review the basic techniques involved, here goes.

The first thing you must master is head and eyes. What this means exactly, is that wherever you look, that's where the bike will go. The reason the phrase head and eyes is used is that if you turn your head to the right but your eyes look straight ahead, the technique WILL NOT work. Both your head and eyes must turn in the direction you want the bike to go. Never look down unless you want to go down. Head and eyes does take practice to become second nature. The good news is that you can practice this technique every time you are on your motorcycle. Simply pulling out of your driveway, for instance, if you are turning to the right, turn your head and eyes to the right, look down the road where you want the motorcycle to go and you'll immediately notice you will be making a much tighter turn than normal. When you stop at a stop sign and are about to make a left hand turn, turn your head and eyes to the left, avoid looking at the curb or the center line of the road and focus on where you want the bike to end up and you will find you will never drift towards the curb or the center line of the road. You can even practice this technique on a bicycle by making U-turns on the street in front of your own home.

The second technique you must learn is how to use the friction zone. The friction zone is the area on the clutch between fully open and fully closed. In other words, as you let the clutch out and the bike starts to move, you're entering the friction zone. An easy way to become accustomed to riding the bike in the friction zone is to practice the slow race. That is simply going as slow as you possibly can without releasing the clutch completely.

The third technique is the proper use of the rear or controlling brake. When the motorcycle is in the friction zone, keep your foot on the rear brake and feather it as the bike starts to move. By doing this you are making the motorcycle think it's going faster than it is. When you apply power and keep your foot on the rear brake, it keeps the motorcycle from falling over at low speeds which is where most people have a problem. I've never heard of anyone having problems balancing their motorcycle at 50 or 60 MPH. If you don't use these techniques at 5 or 10 MPH the motorcycle feels clumsy and wants to fall over on it's side. AVOID using the front brake at all costs when riding at parking lot speeds, as applying the front brake at 5 or 10 MPH with the handle bars turned even slightly, will pull you to the ground like a magnet. Of course, once above parking lot speeds, you must use the front brake as well as the rear brake, as 70% of your braking power comes from the front brake.

A.D.D. Report

From: Nate & Danelle Kinion

Labor Day is almost here and the end of the summer season. Hope you have been surviving the summer by drinking lots of water and getting some riding in between the raindrops.

A big thank you for a great job goes to Ed and Jeanette Carr for their two years as Florida District Directors. We enjoyed being on their staff. Congratulations to Bill and Gina Berry, the new Florida District Directors, who will take over at the Region A Rally in Dothan in September. We look forward to working with them.

We want to congratulate Dick and Jenny Smith of LF1-L, Panama City for becoming the Assistant Chapter Directors to Danny and Libbie Pippin. Also, congratulations to John and Gayle Schupp of FL1-O, DeFuniak Springs for becoming Assistant Chapter Directors to Wes and Jill Davis.

We hope to see you all in Dothan September 10-12, 2009 and don't forget the Florida District Rally in Kissimmee March 11-13, 2010 with "Believe In Magic" as the theme.

Nate and Danelle

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



2009 GWRRA EVENTS



FLORIDA/GEORGIA/ALABAMA/MISSISSIPPI EVENTS

Sep 10-12	Region "A" Rally	Dothan AL
Sep 19	FL1-A 15 th Anniversary Picnic	Lutz FL
Sep 27	FL1-M Charity Bowling Event	Largo FL
Oct 3	FL1-Q Zippity-Do-Dah Event	Cantonment FL
Oct 10	FL1-H Charity Run (Our Children First)	Daytona FL
Oct 15-17	Mississippi District Rally	Tupelo MS
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
Dec 12

FL1-X Spaghetti Social
FL1-S Mingle Jingle

Jacksonville FL
Zephyrhills FL

2010 GWRRA EVENTS

Jan 9-10	CD Conference	Kissimmee FL
Jan 16	FL2-L Rally	Lakeland FL
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 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)***

9/17 – Farmer’s Market – meet at #6
10/15 – Nicholas Seafood – St. Marks – meet at #4
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



September Birthdays

George Walsh – 9/2
Buck Harris – 9/18

Ann Rollo – 9/8
Sunny Andrews – 9/27

Linda Couch – 9/12
Peggy Barber – 9/29



September Anniversaries

NONE

October Birthdays

Jack Schardine – 10/2
Pat Gordon – 10/17

Lenton Stephens – 10/13

Dean York – 10/14
Jerry Langley – 10/30

October Anniversaries

Dean & Ann York – 10/14

Mike & Karen Share – 10/18

KUDOS

Thanks to Sonny Rollo for holding our August meeting (while Lenton & Leucetia visited her doctor in Orlando). Also for leading several Saturday rides while Charles was out of town.

THANKS SONNY

WELCOME

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

NEW BIKE CLUB

Former and soon to be new member Phillip Neely
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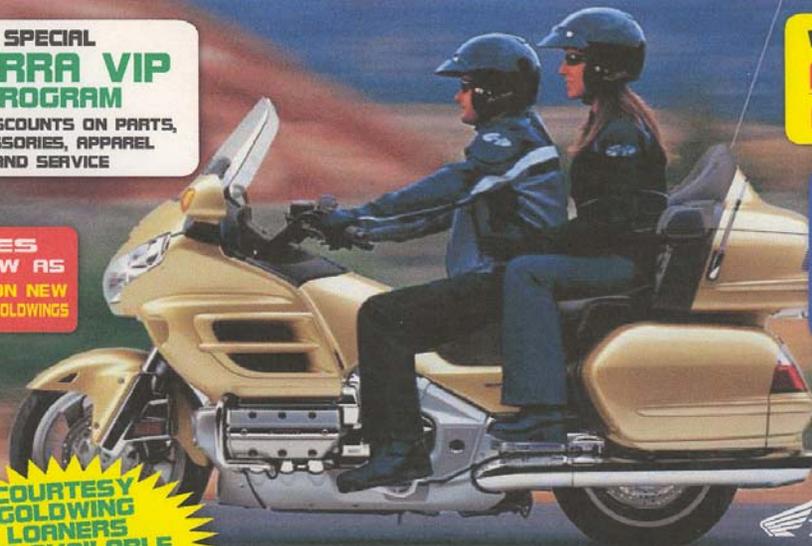
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