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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

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:

First I'd like to THANK everyone for the flowers, calls, visits and cards of concern while I was in the hospital this month.

Thanks to Bob and Charles for the great rides. We especially enjoyed our ride to Panama City last Saturday, in spite of a shower or two. The cool air was a welcome relief from the usual hot days of summer. We had excellent participation in spite of the summer heat.

We attended a poker run in Bainbridge to help them support the local Salvation Army food bank and to promote our Charity Poker Run, "Curis'n for St. Jude," Saturday, August 2nd. All proceeds will go to support St Jude Cancer Research Hospital for Children. Since St Jude's was formed by the late comedian Danny Thomas, cancer survival rates among children rose from 20% to around 80%. St Jude never asks parents to pay anything over what their insurance will pay, and treats those without insurance for free. It's about saving children's lives.

Thanks to all (over 20) who attended the organizational meeting at our house Thursday, July 31st to finalize plans for the Charity poker run Saturday.

Ride Safe and Enjoy the Ride

Lenton and Leucetia Stephens



*From: Jim Zumbrunn
Rider Educator*

Having An Escape Plan By Jerry Palladino

I was recently asked about how to avoid one of the most frequent types of motorcycle accidents, the vehicle that turns left in front of you, violating your right of way, and what you can do about it.

This is a tough one. I am not trying to avoid the question, but the best answer is, it depends on the situation. If, for instance, you are driving on a two lane road, approaching an intersection where you spot a vehicle that you believe may pull out in front of you, first you should be covering your brakes whenever there is a possibility that another vehicle may violate your right of way. For instance, if you are north bound and the vehicle is southbound and about to make a left hand turn, the best thing may be to first, brake hard then release the brakes and swerve to your left going around the back of the vehicle. Of course, if you are going slow enough to stop, do so and avoid the swerving maneuver.

A good idea is to practice the stop and swerve maneuver in a parking lot so that when this situation arises, you will know what to do. In this same situation, you are on a four or more lane road with a busy intersection you may have only one choice. That would be to stop prior to hitting the vehicle as swerving to the left could cause a head on collision with oncoming traffic and swerving to the right could cause a collision with a vehicle going in the same direction with you.

In other words, if there is an escape path, make sure you turn your head and eyes to that escape. Never become fixated on the left turning vehicle or you will surely hit it. There is no hard and fast rule on this situation. The best thing to do is practice your braking. Concentrate on the front brake. Practice braking from 20 mph to 60 or 70 mph in a controlled environment such as a deserted road or parking lot. In a panic situation, you will always revert to your training. If you never train, you will only have panic and dumb luck to rely on. Practice, practice, practice. Practice is the key.

A.D.D. Report

From: Nate & Danelle Kinion

On Wednesday, July 2nd we left for Greenville, SC, for the 30th Anniversary Wing Ding. About 20 miles north of Newman, GA we had a flat tire. We just wanted to remind everyone that you need Rescue Plus added to your Rescue package because without it, your trailer will not be towed. We found out the hard way.

We shopped the vendors at the Carolina Center on Thursday and talked to old friends and made some new friends. Danelle attended the Co-Rider Seminar to update her MasterTour Rider designation.

On Friday, July 4th we lined up for the grand parade to try and beat the Guinness Book of World Records for the "Largest Parade of Honda Motorcycles." There were lots of people out watching the parade despite the heat and the threat of rain. There were 849 motorcycles. 685 of which were Gold Wings. We did not beat the record of 884, but we had fun anyway. Afterward we watched the fireworks in downtown Greenville.

On Sunday, the Florida District sold tickets in the morning and the closing ceremonies were in the afternoon with the "Crawfish Band" and dancing. Statistics and drawings were given between sets. There were 11,264 people at Wing Ding, GWRRA recruited 295 new members, 195 liters of blood were donated, 400 people took the Rider Education courses and Florida won largest district attendance. Afterward, the volunteer workers were invited to an ice cream social.

If you did not make it to this Wing Ding, you missed a good time. The Wind Ding 2009 will be in Tulsa, Oklahoma

We want to congratulate Loraine Cerna, Newsletter Editor, and Tim and Genene Poppell, Chapter Directors of FL1-D, Pensacola on winning the June Agee Memorial Chapter Newsletter Award for the Second Quarter of 2008.

Don't forget, coming September 11-13, 2008 is the Region A Rally in Dothan, AL. If you have not made your reservations, you need to do so as soon as possible or you might not be able to get a room.

Ride Safe.

Nate and Danelle



30th Annual Wing Ding Greenville, South Carolina

By Pat Gordon

On Wednesday, July 2nd, George and I met Buck and Carol, and Dave and Pat for breakfast at the Village Inn to ride together to Greenville for Wing Ding. Lenton & Leucetia had gone the day before and other members of our club left Thursday.

We arrived at the Carolina First Center at 4:30 pm to get our registration package. We previously had attended the 2001 Wing Ding in Greenville, but much has changed since then. New development everywhere with a revitalized downtown area. We relied on Buck's GPS or better know as "Mrs. Know-it-all" to get around town.

The official opening was Thursday, July 3rd. Many activities, meetings and seminars were planned, but the 300 vendors were what we go for. In the evening there was a street party downtown. The main street was blocked off and there were food vendors and a band. At 9:30 the light parade began with such a display of lights, some you wouldn't believe.

Friday George decided to go for the poker run. So Lenton got our little group together for a tour using the poker run maps.

The tour was through North Carolina Mountains, we planned on about three hours ride, but it turned into a seven hour ride. It was cool in the mountains and beautiful. Somehow we got lost and also were held up detouring around Brevard, where the streets were blocked off for their Fourth of July parade. We stopped for lunch, which took up entirely too much time due to bad service. We were anxious to get back to Greenville to ride in the Grand Parade. George and I got back to the convention center tired and hot, just in time to follow another biker, who was also late for the line up for the parade. We followed him and his mother, who had large flags on back of his Gold Wing, to the line up. Good thing he was a local person, because we would have never found the line up parking lot.

The Grand parade did not break the record of Gold Wings this year. The judges do not include trikes in the count and I am sure there were bikes that came late that were not counted as we were not counted also. The parade wound for eight miles through neighborhoods of Greenville where the local folks stood waiting and waving.

The parade ended downtown and another street party. Main Street is lined with shops and restaurants of all kinds. The downtown park has waterfalls, flowers and walking path and a suspension bridge. The creek that once was a river runs through town, ducks and Canadian Geese swim in the creek and the water falls areas. It is quite beautiful. Flat river rocks where children played and waited for the fireworks show. George and I found a spot near the falls on the grass to wait for the show to begin. We waited three hours until 10:15 pm with the other 100,000 people to see the fireworks, which lasted about 20 minutes.

Saturday after breakfast we rode back to the Carolina First Center to go shopping at the many vendors. George bought a F4 windshield for the Harley and had it shipped home. Carol and I were interested in the jewelry and clothes. For lunch we went back to the bar-b-q place that Buck had found on the Internet. The name of the restaurant is Bucky's. He and Carol ate there three times. It is so good. We wanted to take some home with us or have it delivered. They cater, but not to Tallahassee. The cooks were very friendly and gave us a tour of the cooking area where large smoke ovens were full of pork roast that they roast very slowly for many hours.

That evening on the way back to the hotel after dinner we hit a pothole on the highway which knocked off the speaker cover from the Gold Wing.

Sunday the 6th of July was the last day, so we went through the vendors once again. George had a Bling Ding dash put on the bike. It is all one piece including the speaker covers to replace the lost one.

Closing ceremonies began at 2:00 pm at the Bi-Lo Center. The Crawfish Band entertained with a variety of music. Country Western and oldies. The drawing for the Gold Wing was last. No one we knew won it. And everyone left at 4:00 pm. The parking lot was a jam of bikes with only one exit and no one to direct traffic.

The best part of Wind Ding is seeing all of those Thousands of individualized motor bikes, meeting people from different parts of the country and the world, and sharing good times with our friends.

We drove to Augusta, Georgia in the rain to visit my daughter, granddaughter and son-in-law. Everyone else in our group went different directions. We had a nice visit with family and drove home Monday to Havana.

Wing Ding is in Tulsa, Oklahoma next year and we already have hotel reservations and are looking forward to a great ride there. We have not been to the Tulsa Wind Dine, but have attended the last twelve.



2008 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS



Sep 6	FL1-A Picnic/Auction	Tampa FL
Aug 16	5 Chapter Poker Run	Tampa FL
Sep 11-13	Region "A" Rally	Dothan AL
Oct 16-18	Mississippi District Rally	Biloxi MS
Oct 25	FL2-E Annual Picnic & Benefit	Clewiston FL
Oct 31-Nov 1	Panhandle Getaway	Panama City FL
Nov 2	Ride for Kids, Sarasota County Technical Institute	
Nov 8	FL2-A 30 th Anniversary "BizzardRun" West Palm Beach	
Nov 15	Florida District Rider Ed Fair	St Petersburg FL
Dec 6	FL1-S Mingle Jingle	Zephyrhills FL

2009 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS

Jan 10-11 CD Conference

Kissimmee FL

Jan 17	FL2-L Chapter Rally	Lakeland FL
Jan 25	FL2-D Four Chapter Breakfast	Melbourne FL
Feb 8	South Florida Ride For Kids	
Mar 12-14	Florida District Rally	Kissimmee FL
Mar 29	FL1-E2 Am Diabetes Assoc. Poker Run	Orlando FL
April 18	FL1-W Green Eggs & Ham Poker Run	Orlando FL
May 9	FL1-F2 Poker Run/Motorcycle Rally	Ocala FL
Nov 14	Florida District Rider Ed Fair	St Petersburg FL

LOCAL DINNER RIDE SCHEDULE
(All Rides Depart at 6:30 pm)

Aug 21	Seinyard's	Woodville	#4
Sep 18	Crawdaddy's	Thomasville	#6
Oct 16	R J's House of Catfish	Hwy 20	#7
Nov 13	Chicken Pilau	Coonbottom	Due to heavy traffic drive individually
Dec	Christmas Party	To Be Announced	

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 Crawfordville 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



August Birthdays

Arnold Watts – 8/1
 Bill Talbott – 8/7
 Dave Ventry – 8/15

Jack Henderson – 8/5
 Pat Ventry – 8/7
 Carol Harris – 8/28

Ray Henley – 8/7
 Jesse Hodsdon – 8/14
 Ken Rouse – 8/28



August Anniversaries

Charles & Linda Couch – 8/14

Dave & Pat Ventry – 8/14

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

**KUDOS
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 Leucetia:

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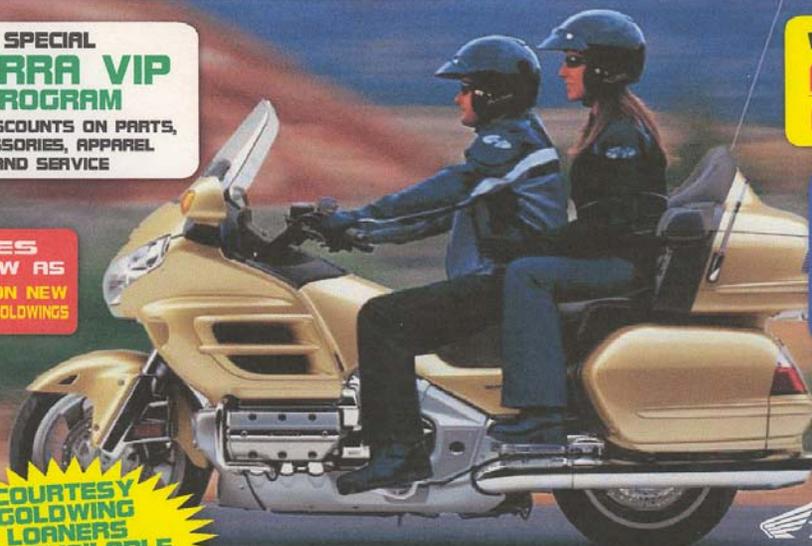
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