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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"



CD GOLDLINE

Hi Fellow Gold Wingers,

Thanks to Charles, Bob-O-Lou, Brian, Jim & Dianne, and Dean & Ann for making the trip to Gainesville to support their Rally / Poker Run. Everyone had a great time (except those who were coming by Interstate Cycles to meet up with me and had to sit on I -10 for an hour and half while the police / fire department cut people out of the car which crossed the medium and hit a truck pulling a fifth wheeler). Thank God for watching over them. I had left three hours earlier to get my speed odometer repaired by Interstate Cycles. It broke the previous Saturday and I couldn't get anyone locally to look at it for two weeks; couldn't wait that long to have it fixed.

A big THANKS to the Interstate Cycle Shop (Honda) for placing me first on the list Saturday morning, ½ hour before they were open for business, so I could make the Gainesville Rally. I was able arrived 45 minutes before the rest of the members due to the accident on I-10. Gainesville has always supported us at our Rally's and we were happy to return the favor. Dianne Zumbrunn won a trophy for the farthest distance traveled by a co-rider. I won several game prizes including safety glasses, a large frisbee, a nice leather vest, a nice candle, and a deluxe set of pliers. Several of these prizes will be going to the Bandit Getaway.

As usual we had several excellent Saturday rides. I really enjoyed the trip to Gainesville and to the Dothan Flea Market. I wish Leucetia and I could have stayed around and made the trip back with everyone, but we still had to travel to Orlando (our youngest Grandchild was one year old and we didn't want to miss that party either.)

The last time I checked we have ten members attending Wing-Ding. Leucetia and I are excited about the trip and are looking forward to our first Wing Ding. We have been very busy the last three months and didn't schedule any tours or anything else, so we'll just do and see everything we can. I'm sure we will be busy just taking in the sites.

PLEASE if you haven't registered for The Region A Rally in Perry (August 31-Sept.2) and OUR OWN Bandit Getaway in Crestview (Oct. 20-21) PLEASE do so and let's all support both events. Both are very close to Tallahassee and a lot of fun. Let's have the largest Panhandle Chapter at both events.

I spoke to the mall representative today and was assured Saturday August 12th was a go for our annual Mall Bike Show.

Ride Safe, But Ride-Enjoy
Lenton and Leucetia Stephens



*From: Jim Zumbrunn
Rider Educator*

By Robert Vaughn

STOP THE MACHINE

Scheeeeeeech!!

Beeeeeeeeep!!

“Did you see that car? He came from behind that 18-wheeler and ran the red. I almost hit him.”

Has this ever happened to you? Ever wonder just how fast you can stop your bike?

With a few good techniques and a little practice the answer is a lot faster than you think. The two main techniques are squeezing the front brake rapidly instead of grabbing it, and taking advantage of the weight shift to use even more front brake. The practice takes just a few minutes in a parking lot about three times a year.

As you start braking, about half of your weight is on each wheel. If you apply both brakes hard without grabbing the front brake, your weight will shift forward and you can squeeze the front brake even harder, while you let up a little on the rear. It takes only about half a second for your weight to shift so you can add more front brake. It is because of this weight change that about 70% of your braking power is on the front. When all the extra weight shifts forward, the front tire gets harder to lock. While the rear gets easier to lock.

If you ever lock the front tire, release the front brake and come right back down on it. This is exactly the opposite of what you want to do with the rear if it locks. You can release a locked rear if you're perfectly straight, but if you've turned sideways and you unlock the rear wheel, you can do a highside – not something you do for fun!

A parking lot is the perfect place to practice – an empty parking lot that is. No need to terrorize the populace while they're trying to use the lot. Start out at 10-15 miles per hour. The techniques are the same for any speed, but you don't need as much room to practice if your speed is lower.

When you go back to the streets, you need to add only one more technique – looking out for the other guy. If you're braking hard, this means checking your mirrors before you start, to make sure you're not being tailgated. If you're in a situation where you might have to brake suddenly, cover both brakes to cut your reaction time to about half. This shaves a few feet off what by now is your already – impressive stopping distance.

Rain can affect your stopping distance more than it affects your technique. You can't stop as quickly in the rain. Because you can't brake as hard, not as much of your weight shifts forward. That means braking less hard overall and using a smaller percentage of front brake. Otherwise, techniques are the same.

Having some jerk with the brains of a carburetor pull out in front of you while you're turning around in a parking lot adds another factor – stopping in a curve. When this happens, straighten the handlebars and the bike. Then stop. Don't try to mix the two.

These few techniques and a little practice should get your stopping off to a good start.

From the Editor:

By Leucetia Stephens

I would welcome an article from you! Have you been on a ride that you enjoyed? Have you learned some helpful little tidbit? Have you had any beneficial learning experience? Maybe you'd just like to share the joy of the experience of riding. This is your newsletter! Please share your experience with the rest of us.

GWRRA NEWS

2006 FLORIDA EVENTS

June 17	FL1-J Bug Run	Jacksonville FL
September 23	FL1-F Benefit Poker Run	Port St. John FL
October 8	FL1-H Bike Show	Volusia Mall
October 20-21	Bandit Getaway	Crestview
November 4	Four Chapter Spaghetti Social,	Orange Park FL
November 4-5	Florida Rider Fair	St. Petersburg FL
November 11	FL1-L2 Poker Run	Wesley Chapel FL
November 18	FL1-A Poker Run	Tampa
December 9	FL1-S Mingle & Jingle	Zephyrhills FL

2006 DISTRICT EVENTS

May or June	Horizons Class	Kissimmee FL
Aug 31-Sep 2	Region A Rally	Perry FL

2006 REGION & NATIONAL EVENTS

June 15-17	Georgia Rally	Rome GA
July 3-6	Wing Ding	Nashville TN
October 12-14	Mississippi District Rally	MS

2007 DISTRICT EVENTS

January 20	FL2-L Pirate Fest	Lakeland FL
January 28	Multi Chapter Breakfast	Flagler Beach FL
February 10	FL1-M Anniversary	Clearwater FL
February 17	FL2-B2 Spaghetti Social	Sarasota FL
March 15-17	Florida District Rally	Kissimmee FL

LOCAL DINNER RIDE SCHEDULE

6/15	Tara's – Colquitt	Meet @ #1 at 6:30
7/20	Seminole Wind – Lake Seminole	Meet @ #1 at 6:30
8/17	Nicholson's Farmhouse – Havana	Meet @ #1 at 6:30
9/21	Farmer's Market – Thomasville	Meet @ #6 at 6:30
10/19	Paces – Bainbridge	Meet @ #1 at 6:30
11/9	Chicken Pilau – Coon Bottom	Meet @ #3 at 6:30
12/14	Chapter Christmas Party	TBA at 7:00

June Birthdays

Johnny Gargus – 6/1
Emma Wood – 6/20

Vanessa Shivers – 6/15
George McKee – 6/29

Linda Henley – 6/17

June Anniversaries

Bob & Ann Lumsden – 6/3

Lenton & Leucetia Stephens 6/23

Buck & Carol Harris – 6/25

July Birthdays

Mike Share – 7/5

Sonny Rollo – 7/29

July Anniversaries

Marvin & JoNell Culverson – 7/17

Jesse & Rita Hodsdon – 7/24

KUDOS

To Jim Zumbrunn for submitting excellent Safety articles!!

WELCOME

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

NEW BIKE CLUB

Someone out there needs a new bike? Don't they??

Notes From Last Meeting

What You Missed If You Weren't There:

The meeting commenced at 7:20 pm. There were 19 in attendance. Door prizes were: Candle, Rainex, Screw Driver Set, Picture Frame. Bob Carraway won the 50/50 drawing. Newsletters for April and May were distributed. Birthdays and Anniversaries were announced. Upcoming events were announced.

Bandit Getaway was discussed. Our duties at the event are Security and Rest Room Detail. Everyone is encouraged to register in advance.

Tentative date for our Mall Show was discussed. Lenton is to check for August 12th. It was decided that we would use last year's flyer with a change of date.

Discussion of next year's rally: to be held weekend of February 24th, to have a two day rally, to remain at Pat Thomas Park, further details to be discussed at next meeting. Tallahassee Powersport is willing to donate a set of tires. We are to discuss a member discount with them.

We are to plan a weekend campout in the fall. Sonny Rollo will coordinate with Pat Thomas Park.

Discussion of our chapter duties for registration at Wind Ding.

Discussion of replacement of the shed we use for storage at Marvin's house. It was decided that it must be portable, costing approximately \$1000 and must have Marvin's approval.

JoNell donated Canopy Road Cruisers Golf Shirts which were auctioned off.

Swap Shop

FOR SALE: 18 Cubic Foot Dart Cargo Trailer. Candy Red, Excellent Condition. Chrome Light Bar, Wheels and Hub Covers, Cargo Rails on top, Cooler w/cover, Spare Tire.
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