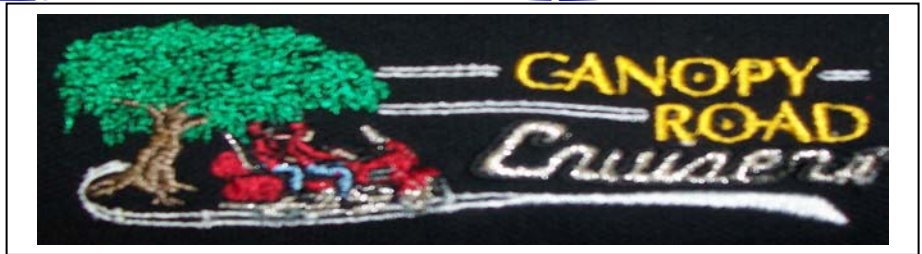


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General Membership Meeting
Second Thursday monthly
At
Golden Corral Buffet
Dinner at 6:30 pm
Meeting at 7:30 pm

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



Hi fellow Canopy Road Cruisers,

I want to take this opportunity to thank all who helped in any way to help put on our best Rally in YEARS. This happened because you took an interest and worked to make it happen. All of what you did was so much help, prize collections, the letters for request of prizes, notifying the paper, contacting vendors (best turn out I've seen for any of our Rally's), the sorting of gifts, door prizes, setting up tents, cooking /selling food, selling tickets, stuffing gift bags, the games, security, the Mountain ride, fire wood, to taking down / packing up: everything. I am sure there are some jobs not mentioned, but - THANK YOU ALL.

I also want to Thank all our guests. So many rode long distances in the Pan handle, from central Alabama to Central Florida - all who made it such a success. We sure hope you enjoyed coming as much as we enjoyed hosting the event.

I got a few goodies for my bike and Leucetia got her chrome mirrors and some more lights added to her new ride. We got to see some friends we hadn't seen in a while. It sure was good to see George Walsh well enough to come out and join us.

I just know if you missed it you missed a great time and great fellowship. I know of several of our fellow Bandits who weren't able to come out because of health problems—WE MISSED YOU and hope you are better now. In case you weren't able to get to Marvin's house Saturday to help load the new shed, go by some time and look it over. It's really nice and very well built.

I want to Thank Marvin and Jonell for letting us keep our stuff in their old shed all these years. We are helping to pay for the new shed as a way of, not only thanking them for all their past help, but, also for allowing us to continue to store our stuff on their property.

We're looking forward to the State Rally next week in Kissimmee. Hope to see you there.

See you Thursday evening for our regular meeting. Auction Time!

Thanks Again Friends,

Ride Safe and Enjoy

Lenton and Leucetia Stephens



From: Jim Zumbrunn

Rider Educator

Gray Matter

by Jackie Vaughan

It's that time of year again. It begins in the evening and continues until mid morning. That misty gray stuff that covers the landscape and coats the road with a thin film of moisture. Carl Sandberg wrote poetry about it; motorcyclists curse it. It's fog.

Fog can turn the best road into a slippery beast whose breath blinds the rider. While there are some techniques to control the monster, there are times when it's wise simply to get off the road.

Some riders measure the density of the fog by how far they can see ahead. They use the stripe method. If they can see twenty stripes ahead, the fog is only moderate. Ten stripes mean a fairly nasty fog. When it gets down to two or three stripes, it's time to pull off the road.

One technique some riders use it to tuck in close behind the vehicle ahead. This is great unless the car suddenly slams on the brakes and gives the biker a tour of his trunk and back seat. And what does it mean

when those tail lights suddenly vanish? Perhaps that he's closed the garage door. It is better to increase following distance to four to six seconds. This will allow the rider to react to any unexpected hazards.

Since visibility is limited, it would seem better to use high beams to see further. However, fog is composed of millions of tiny droplets of water, and each of these is like a minuscule mirror, throwing the full power of the high beams right back into the rider's eyes and further limiting his ability to see. Low beams allow the rider to see.

It is easy to overdrive a motorcycle's headlight under the best of circumstances. When it is foggy, there is only one thing to do-slow down!

Fog is made of water, and that gets on the road, making it very slick. Riders should avoid sudden changes in direction and speed. Braking and acceleration should be done slowly. Corners and turns should be made as close to vertically as possible.

And keep the gray matter in the brain working at full power.



From The Chief Bandit's Hideout

by Jack Birge, Assistant District Director

Betty and I attended the Annual Mini-Rally hosted by FL1-A2 this past weekend and enjoyed another laid-back relaxing event. The location on Lake Talquin is perfect for those of us who like to getaway and relax. For those who did not attend, you might want to consider attending next year. Hats off to Lenton and the members from A2 for an excellent job hosting.

Here it is March again, which means the start of rally season with our great District leading the way, the 15th thru 17th in Kissimmee. We, staff have many great things planned for your entertainment; you are bound to like most of them. Unheard of at District Rallies, we are providing a concert on both Friday and Saturday evenings. Come and join the fund, Betty and I will see ya there.

Don't forget to put the 10th on your must do calendar for Milton's Annual Poker Run (**RELAY FOR LIFE**), and the 25th for Ft. Walton's first Annual Poker Run (**DIABETES ASSOCIATION**). Even if you don't want to ride, come visit and leave a check for these worthwhile charities. Looking for help on your taxes, both of these events can be claimed as tax deductions. For more info, contact myself, Walter in Milton, or Danny in Ft. Walton.

If you haven't heard this year, the Florida District is placing emphasis on **visitation**. The recruitment of new members is still important, but keeping folks happy so they will continue to renew their membership is our goal. One sure way is to get out there and visit other chapters, meet new folks and join in their events. This keeps your chapter alive and from getting boring. Try it; you might like it.

The annual Bandit Getaway date has been set for October 26th and 27th; location will be in Panama City at the County Fair Grounds, more details later as they develop.

See ya at the next Panhandle event,

Jack & Betty
Florida Assistant Directors



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.



2007 EVENTS

March 2-11	FL1-H Goldwing Getaway	New Smyrna Beach
March 3	FL1-W Breakfast/Brunch	Apopka FL
March 10	FL1-Q Annual Charity Poker Run	Milton FL
March 15-17	Florida District Rally	Kissimmee FL
March 25	FL1-E2 Charity Poker Run	Ft. Walton Bch FL
March 29-30	Alabama District Rally	Mobile AL
April 14	FL1-B 4 th Annual Road Rally/Fun Day	Valrico FL
April 21-22	Horizons Program	Ocala FL
April 28	FL1-W Green Eggs & Ham	Apopka FL
May 3-5	South Carolina District Rally	Spartanburg SC
May 5	FL1-T 20 th Anniversary Poker Run	Crystal River FL
May 26	FL1-F2 20 th Anniversary Poker Run	Ocala FL
June 14-16	Georgia District Rally	Rome GA
Jul 4-7	Wing Ding	Billings MT
Aug 31-Sep 2	GWRRA 30 th Anniversary Party	Nashville TN
Sep 8	FL1-A Picnic/Auction	Tampa FL
Sep 13-15	Region A Rally	Perry FL
Oct 11-13	Mississippi District Rally	Biloxi MS
Oct 13	FL2-N Rally/Fund Raiser	Cocoa Beach FL
Oct 26-27	Annual Panhandle Bandit Getaway	Panama City FL
Nov 3	FL1-X 4-Chapter Spaghetti Social	Orange Park FL
Nov 10	FL1-L2 Rally/Poker Run	Brooksville FL
Nov 17	Florida District Rider Ed Fair	St. Petersburg FL

2008 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS

Jan 19	FL2-L Pirate Fest	Lakeland FL
Jan 27	FL2-N Five Chapter Breakfast	Cocoa Beach FL
Apr 19	F:2-g 25 th Anniversary	Fort Myers FL
May 23-24	F:1-Y Rally/Poker Run	Gainesville FL

LOCAL DINNER RIDE SCHEDULE

March Birthdays

Leucetia Stephens – 3\2
Mary Lee Rouse – 3\5
Mattie Lussier – 3/9

Marvin Culverson – 3\3
Carol Ergenbright – 3\6
Sheila West – 3/12
Richard Lussier – 3/31

Jo Nell Culverson – 3\5
Ann Lumsden – 3\8
Wayne Parmer – 3/24

March Anniversaries

Wayne & Belinda Hicks – 3/30

April Birthdays

April Anniversaries

KUDOS

To our entire Chapter for a “SUPERIOR”
job to accomplish our best Rally in years.

SPECIAL KUDOS
to those who personally donated prizes
Charles Couch

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:

By



Lenton Stephens
Various 1500 Parts
Seat, chrome corning light covers, etc.

The logo for 'Ruffriders Clothing & Apparel' features a silhouette of a person riding a motorcycle on the left. To the right, the word 'Ruffriders' is written in a large, red, cursive font, with a red gear icon integrated into the letter 'R'. Below 'Ruffriders' is the text 'Clothing & Apparel' in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font.

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